



## A Little Farther Out of the Box

Last Sunday, we began our month-long series trying to worship out of the box. We started the series to avoid finding ourselves in a rut. It's so easy to get into a rut, but as you might have discovered in your own life, getting out can be a big challenge. This series is an attempt to prevent finding ourselves in a rut where we do the same thing over and over and it becomes dull and hard to change. Thus, we are going to try some new worship elements over the next few weeks.

In my column last week, I wrote about Discomfort Land. Whenever we try something new, it can feel strange. Fortunately, the people who reached out to me and the other ministers expressed your appreciation for last Sunday's service. To those who felt God's presence and appreciated the worship service, I am so glad it resonated with you. To anyone who might not have felt as comfortable, don't worry; this Sunday will be different. Like I wrote last week, we will not stay in Discomfort Land.

This Sunday, our theme is faith and action. Unlike other times when we talked about faith and action, this week we will move around a little bit. Our movement will both symbolize and express our desire to put faith into action. During my sermon, I plan to ask some questions. Unlike other weeks, when my questions are mostly rhetorical, I would like to hear your voice this week. Don't worry. There will be no pressure to speak if you have nothing to say or are uncomfortable participating. However, I hope some of you do respond to my questions.

At the end of the service, we will have a participatory response. Everyone will have a small piece of paper, and we will invite you to write down a way that you can put faith into action. Then, you may get up, come forward, and give Val your piece of

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## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 10, 2021  
11:00 AM

### Sermon:

"Boldly Splitting Joints from Marrow"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Hebrew 4:12-16

**Deacons:** Daniel Harper, Jackie Lockwood

**Ushers:** Ed Barker, Ian Pallini

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, October 6

9:00 UBC Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)  
12:00 Soft Serve on the Steps  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, October 10

9:30 Student Ministry Bible Study  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study  
(Zoom and Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

### MONDAY, October 11

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))  
10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

paper. To see what will happen next, come to church this Sunday.

Our call to worship will have various voices, and you get to decide which voices. As the Spirit leads, you can join the call to worship. We will hear Edgar Guest's poem "I'd rather see a sermon" and a testimony about helping someone. The choir will sing the exciting gospel anthem, "If I Can Help Somebody," and we will all sing the Taizé piece, "Ubi Caritas et Amor" ("Live in Charity"). We're going to celebrate as Val baptizes Victoria, one of the students in our student ministry. And, we will sing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," but see if you can figure out the time signature.

My prayer is for everyone to have a rich worship experience. To prepare, ask God how you might put faith into action in your life, and read Mark 10.17-31 and Hebrews 4.12-14. Bring a friend and explain that this will be a bit different. I can't wait to see you on Sunday!

Peace,  
Matt



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday this week!

**October 13:** Joyce Martin

**October 14:** Gregg Proffitt



## Flavors of the Week

- Strawberry
- Banana
- Strawberry/Banana Swirl

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## UBC Prayer Ministry

Oswald Chambers has written, "Prayer does not equip us for greater works. Prayer IS the greater work." In an effort to be involved in the 'greater' work, the UBC Intercessory Prayer Ministry receives prayer requests, prays specifically for all requests received, sends PrayerGrams to encourage others, and, in a variety of other ways, emphasizes and celebrates the ministry of prayer.

If you would like to join this ministry, we would love to welcome you. You'll receive a weekly email with prayer requests, and you can either come to UBC's Prayer Room or pray from your home. We'll also supply you with blank PrayerGrams that you can write and bring to church for us to mail for you. To join the team, please contact Betty Barker. If you have prayer requests for us to share with the prayer team, you can email Betty, Will Brown, or the church office.

## Lexi Woodson Away

Lexi Woodson, Financial Secretary, will be out of the office October 6- October 12. If you need assistance from the church office while Lexi is gone, call 434.293.5106. Or if you need assistance regarding your quarterly statement, email Lexi and she will be happy to assist when she returns.

## Quarterly Statement

Quarterly statements have been mailed and should be expected within the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please email Lexi Woodson at lwoodson@universitybaptist.org or call the office at 434.293.5106 once she returns on October 13 for assistance.



## Church Council Recap

At its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, Church Council discussed a variety of administrative issues in the life of the church, including the progress of the JARC process (revising and updating Bylaws) and our congregation's ongoing response to the Covid situation. The Missions Council shared its decision to support International Neighbors of Charlottesville to assist refugee families. The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that a review process has concluded with the recommendation that we remain with our current water-based heat pump system for the church's HVAC needs, replacing individual units as the need arises. The Finance Committee reported on its progress toward drafting a budget for the 2022 year, which will hopefully be presented to the church before the end of 2021. Finally, the group reviewed our UBC 2021 Vision and Goals and the progress we are making toward those.

## Welcoming Afghan Neighbors

In September, Annie Armstrong Circle reached out via International Neighbors to an Afghan family who arrived August 1 in Charlottesville. Thank you to ALL UBC donors who supported Farhad's Family during their transition! With your help, we collected \$175 in cash donations and 83 packages of household products to jumpstart this SIV father, mother, and 4 young daughters in Cville. UBC gifted soaps (personal, kitchen), socks, laundry detergent, pots, pans, diapers, baby shampoo, wipes & lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet tissue, and 1 splendid baby toy!



Annie Armstrong Co-chair Jen May provided boots on the ground (and a truck filled with goodies) as the family moved from temporary housing to their permanent home on September 27. Farhad's family was exceedingly grateful to receive the donated items from our congregation. Attached is a photo of Farhad, his adorable girls, and wonderful Afghan friends who also facilitated the move. Blessings abound thanks to your generous hearts, hands, and feet.

## Food Bags for Venable Elementary Students

With the start of the new school year, we have resumed our ministry of providing bags of food to children in need at Venable Elementary School. The school's social worker has identified 23 children who need support to have food over the weekends: some who are classified as homeless, some who are refugees new to the area, and some identified individually by the social worker. This means a few more bags than we have provided in the past.



If you'd like to contribute, one option is to bring food items to the church: individually packaged snacks or meal items are best. Another way to help is to contribute monetarily so that we can buy in bulk. This is the most efficient way to help out. You can give online or mail a contribution to the church office, noting that it is for "Venable food bags."

One specific need we have is for more plastic grocery bags. If you ended up with a stockpile of these during the pandemic (hooray for grocery delivery!), we'd love to take them off your hands. Simply drop them off in the church office.

## Note from CBF of Virginia

*On a recent trip to see the Bridges of Hope partners in the Bluefield area, we sat down for a meal with the team at the Wade Center. During this conversation, we learned of a real need. The Wade Center is the **ONLY** childcare center in the Bluefield area serving underprivileged children. Most of these children use their time at the Wade Center doing homework because it is a safe, nurturing space and because it has an actual internet connection. Unfortunately, the computers at the Wade Center are in major need of an upgrade.*



*The members of the Bluefield partnership (WMUVA, CBFVA, and BGAV) want to challenge 25 churches to donate \$500 dollars apiece to help get new computers to the Wade Center giving students good, reliable computers to do Zoom meetings and online homework.*

-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of VA.

## Theological Horizons Event

On Wednesday, October 13 at 1:30pm, we will be hosting Dr. Danny Avula who leads Virginia's COVID response in our sanctuary. This event is in partnership with Theological Horizons at UVA who our own Beth Wright is part of.

RSVP - [christy@theologicalhorizons.org](mailto:christy@theologicalhorizons.org)

Event Link - <https://www.theologicalhorizons.org/events1/dannyavula>

## Free Laundry for College Students!

You read that correctly - FREE LAUNDRY!! If you are currently living in a place where you have to pay to do your laundry - stop it! No more hunting for quarters! Bring your laundry over to the church and wash it for free while you hang out and study.

In order to prevent multiple people from lugging baskets of laundry to the church at the same time, please reserve slots on [the SignUpGenius linked here](#). You can sign up for a spot up to 20 days in advance, and take as many slots as you need. **You must remain in the building while your laundry is running.**



Tide pods and Bounce dryer sheets are already in the room for your use. Feel free to bring your own preferred detergents as well, but please refrain from using bleach in the washer in order to protect everyone's clothes!

Need a code to access the building outside of regular office hours, or a parking pass for your car when you come to use the study room or laundry? Just ask! Email Val at [vfisk@universitybaptist.org](mailto:vfisk@universitybaptist.org).

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## Sunday Mornings

### Sunday Bible Study

On Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30, our ministers are leading a discussion series on the book of Acts, considering lessons that our church can draw from the early church's story. You can join us in person in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381408096?pwd=MzdkVG9JZ2x0M2JFK01KNINjSWtqUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8140 8096

Passcode: 954000

The Open Minds Class is also meeting on Zoom at this time.

### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

### Masks & Social Distancing

University Baptist Church continues to follow the recommendations of the CDC as they are updated. At this time, that means that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, should wear a mask for all in-person gatherings in the church building. As we monitor this next wave of COVID cases related to the Delta variant, we will make announcements as our policies are adjusted.

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