

# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## How do you grow?

When you think about Jesus, what comes to mind? I think about the person. My image of Jesus is shaped by the encounters he had with people in the gospels. In John 4, he sat in the noonday sun by Jacob's well. The story launches from this depiction of the Child of Humanity tired from a journey. A woman shows up and we get to see Jesus' unbounded love.

The story of the woman at the well leads to various lessons about Jesus. It shows his love for everyone. Reading it and asking questions helps us understand what it means to be a Christian. We grow in faith when we study our Bibles (e.g., John 4) or read edifying works of faith. This growth can come in a variety of forms. I learn about God by reading, listening to podcasts, or watching [documentaries](#). However, each these examples are solitary activities. Since Jesus was interested in community, we can follow him to grow in communion with fellow sojourners.

This leads to my question to you: how do you grow? One of the goals Church Council adopted for 2021 is "Spiritual Growth and Discipleship." The focus is on "emphasizing Bible Study, prayer, and spiritual practices to ground us in these tumultuous times." Are you currently in a Bible study or small group? If not, why?

While asking "Why not?" might sound like an aggressive question, I mean it sincerely. No one finishes their spiritual growth. No one can graduate from Sunday school. Growing in Christ is a lifelong journey. As a personal testimony, I often find something new in a biblical story. Or, I encounter something in a book that pushes my understanding of God. The most exciting element of my spiritual growth is hearing an insightful comment in a small group.

Not all spiritual growth or discipleship looks the same. Will Brown leads a group reading the Bible together every Monday at 10:30am. Val leads a collegiate Bible study on Sunday mornings. The Open Minds class also meets on Sunday mornings

## WATCH

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 7, 2021  
11:00 AM

### Sermon

"Heroic Generosity"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Mark 12:41-44

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**Deacons:** Judy Gough, Lily Gregg  
**Ushers:** Herman Eaker, Daniel Harper

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## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, November 3

9:00 UBC Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, November 7

8:30 Church Council Meeting  
9:30 Student Ministry Bible Study  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study ([Zoom](#) and Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 Youth Group

### MONDAY, November 8

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

and usually reads a contemporary author. A third Sunday option is the zoom/in-person hybrid Bible study in the Fellowship Hall. The PB&J Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings, and the Youth Group studies scripture and asks hard questions on Sunday nights. On the first and third Mondays of each month, a group gathers on zoom to read Schleiermacher's *The Christian Faith*. A recent meeting is pictured below.

If none of these options work for you, let's start something that does. What excites you? Learning the Bible or taking a deep dive in a specific book? Spirituality or practicing new ways of praying? Narrative stories that inspire your faith, like Kathleen Norris or C.S. Lewis? Hard-hitting theology or social justice? Do you want to discuss faith and the environment?

Even if you don't have a passion, think about something that would motivate you to show up each week to your small group. Let me or one of the other ministers know what you need, and we will help you start a new group. If you need one of us to start out facilitating or teaching, we are happy to do so. Our goal is to grow together in Christ.

Peace,  
Matt



**TUESDAY, November 9**  
12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle  
(Hybrid)  
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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

**November 7:** Isabella Canseco, Sam Mackey, Peter Centofante, Charlotte Centofante

**November 8:** Martha Wood

**November 12:** Melvin Spicer

**November 13:** Wellford Tiller, Lu Overbeck, Vittorio Pallini, Matteo Pallini



A note from the Chinese student group that meets here on Friday evenings:

*Phil 1:3 shows our appreciation and sentiment exactly. Every week when we use UBC to reach out to our Chinese students we thought of the partnership we have in Christ. So, when we reach heaven, we may see some of these students and we rejoice in Christ that one point in their faith journey we (UBC & UVA Student Fellowship) played a part in their coming to Christ.*

*-UVA Student Ministry*



## TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Road Closure

### on Emmet St near Ivy Rd, Nov. 1 to Nov. 12

There will be an extended full closure of Emmet St between Ivy Rd and Rothery Rd (24 hours a day) from Nov. 1 to Nov. 12. Vehicular traffic will be detoured to Massie Rd and Copeley Rd.

## Christmas Hygiene Kit and Greeting Card Ministry for FCCW

After missing last year due to COVID 19, we're happy to report that the Christmas

Hygiene Kit and Greeting Card Ministry to the Fluvanna Correction Center for Woman is back on track for Christmas 2021.

**Please note that the correctional center does not permit ANY substitute or additional items.** You can give a complete bag or single items.

### Hygiene Items (place in a gallon zip lock bag)

1. One individually wrapped toothbrush (must be in original container)
2. One tube of toothpaste, 6 oz. (must be in original container, and as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
3. One deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. (no spray or roll-on, as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
4. One bottle of shampoo, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)
5. One bottle of lotion, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)

No additions or substitutions.



### Greeting Cards and Stationery Items

1. Christmas and Hanukkah cards and greeting cards for all occasions. All cards are sorted by an Effort Baptist Church team of volunteers after they're received.

Please try to avoid purchasing cards that contain foil on the card or envelope flap.

2. Stationery items – writing paper of any size and envelopes either 3 5/8 x 6 1/2" or 4 1/8 x 9 1/2"
3. Forever postage stamps -- used to send donation acknowledgment letters. Please place them in a separate zip lock bag).
4. Wooden pencils (unsharpened)

**UBC's Collection Due Date is Sunday, November 7**, but monetary gifts are welcome any time during the year. Make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark "hygiene kits." Item collection boxes will be located on the stage in the fellowship hall and in the first floor lobby.



## 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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