

THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 16, 2022 Vol. 73, No. 33

ON WATCH

Sunday Morning Bible Study Kick-Off

On Sunday, August 28, we will kick-off our fall Bible studies with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:45am for bagels, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee, and we will begin by enjoying sitting around the tables together. To me, this will be a little like the first day of school. No one will assign you to write a paragraph about what-I-did-this-summer. Still, it will be fun to catch up with each other. At 10am (or so), we will share our praises and prayer concerns. Then, each teacher will say a few words about their class.

Why is it necessary to have a Bible Study Kick-Off? Don't we already study the Bible? In short, yes. A more loquacious response might include chapters on building community, spiritual formation, encouraging one another, falling out of the study-habit, biblical literacy, fellowship, growing in faith, enjoying getting to know new people, developing our prayer life, and learning how to advocate for justice.

I find many reasons to gather together, yet we haven't been gathering in our various groups for quite some time. We have had joint sessions and some groups have gathered via zoom or in a hybrid format. The kick-off is to get excited about Bible study. It might even draw some people into Sunday morning activities who had not been involved before.

Regardless of whether you attended a Sunday morning Bible study before the pandemic or not, you are invited to come to UBC on August 28 and bring a friend. Check out the groups, and if you don't find one that resonates with you, start a new one.

Peace,
Matt

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 21, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 13:10-17
Hebrews 12:18-29

Anthem:

"What Does the Lord Require"(Nelson)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: TBA

Ushers: Charlotte Bailey,
Hunter Cooper

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, August 16

9:30 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 17

9:00 Work Team

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 18

7:00 Seekers Class (Zoom)



New Children's Ministry Coordinator

After the Town Hall last Sunday, it was clear that children are a high priority for our congregation. There are parents who want to help and grandparents who want to support this area of ministry. So, Melanie Tennant volunteered to

organize the children's ministry. She will work with the existing Sunday School teachers, recruit volunteers to lead the children's sermon and children's church, help plan curriculum, and find ways to make other events more kid-friendly. If you have suggestions or ideas, please reach out to her at meltennant@yahoo.com.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is excited to share with you the names of the people who have agreed to serve UBC next year. Click [here](#) for the Nominating Report. The ministers, staff, and congregation wish to thank the Nominating Committee (Judy Gough, Jackie Lockwood, Karen Minor, Amanda Ohlms, Judy Shah, and Melanie Tennant) for their work. Jackie and Melanie will rotate off and Linda Boston and Ed Lowry will join the committee. Judy Gough will be the new NomCom chairperson.

Venable Backpack Food Program

We are in need of plastic grocery bags to use for packing food. You may leave them in the church library.

Welcome Our Newest Member!

On Sunday, August 14, Sam Arayedupin joined UBC by profession of faith. Sam is from Nigeria and starting his MBA program at The Darden School.

FRIDAY, August 19

6:30 Chinese Student Fellowship

SUNDAY, August 21

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

9:40 Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 New Student Welcome Block Party @ UKirk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 26: Morgan Wagoner

August 28: Val Fisk

No Ice Cream

At this time, our soft serve ice cream machine is out of order. Thankfully, it is an easy fix! We have ordered a replacement part that will fix the machine and await its arrival soon. Stay tuned for when our machine will be back up and running.

Prayer Requests

Pray for Jack Averill who is recovering from Covid and pneumonia.

Pray for Marcus Stanley and family as they deal with ongoing health concerns.

Youth End of Summer Trip

Last week, a group of our youth traveled to Williamsburg and Virginia Beach for their last adventures before the start of a new school year. They spent a day at Busch Gardens enjoying the roller coasters and splash rides, and a blazing hot day at Virginia Beach, where they saw dolphins within just a few yards of where they were swimming! These types of fun activities create the bonds that make our youth ministry a safe space for students to learn and grow together. Thank you to Daniel Harper for your willingness to join us as a chaperone!



Please join me in prayer this week for our UVA students who are moving back to Charlottesville and for all the new first year and transfer students who will arrive on grounds for the first time. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces visiting with us in the next few weeks!

Donations ending for Afghan families

Thank you, UBC donors, for the many gifts of new and used items to support the recently settled Afghan SIV families in Charlottesville. It is impossible to calculate or overestimate the positive impact your generosity had in our community. Now that all have established homes in the area, we are closing the donation door. Annie Armstrong and Kittie Colvin Trail Circles may reach out to you in the future for specific donations, but for now, our home-start-up efforts are complete. Thank you so much for sharing with these lovely Afghan families. They feel blessed indeed!

Church Conference on August 24

We will have our next Church Conference on Wednesday, August 24 at 6pm after supper. Details about supper to follow.

At this Church Conference we will vote on the Nominating Committee Report, updates to our Constitution & Bylaws, and formally accept Will Brown's resignation. You can view a summary of the proposed updates to our [Constitution and Bylaws here](#), read over the full versions approved in 2018 [here \(constitution\)](#) and [here \(bylaws\)](#), and read through the full drafts including 2022 updates [here \(constitution\)](#) and [here \(bylaws\)](#). Significant changes in the proposed drafts include reduction of the number of Active Deacons from 21 to 15, insertion of new sections and numerous wording changes to incorporate provisions for electronic meetings, deletion of the provisions for absentee balloting, addition of a position description for the Church Administrator and inclusion of that position as a non-voting member of Church Council, and numerous other minor changes to improve the clarity and consistency of the documents. Anyone who would like to receive a printed version in lieu of these digital links can call the church office to request the documents be mailed, or can come in during regular office hours to pick up a copy.

Thank you to those who have served on the Joint Administrative Review Committee (JARC) over the past year, reviewing these documents and preparing for this update: Alan Hendricks, Jim Hallissy, Martha Ballenger, and Elizabeth Mulcahy.

Save the Date for Touch-A-Truck Saturday, September 24

We are bringing back Touch-A-Truck in 2022! The UBC Deacons have already begun working on details for this event, gathering partners from the community to provide the trucks and other vehicles, finding food vendors and face painters, and planning for this to be a great outreach event to families in the community. Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help with the event should let Matt Tennant know or reach out to a UBC Deacon for more information.

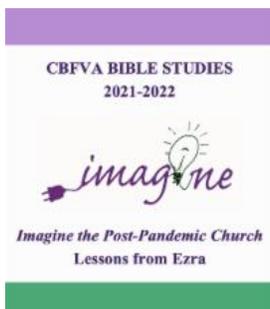
Save the Date

Sunday, October 9 - Homecoming Dinner
Sunday, October 16 - Composite Mass Concert
October 18-20 - Myers Lecture (Miroslav Volf)
November 1 - Blood Drive

The Post-Pandemic Church Bible Study

August 21 – Part 4 The Path Forward: Options 3 & 4

Join this Sunday morning discussion group in the Fellowship Hall. It starts at 9:40 and follows the CBFVA Resource "The Post-Pandemic Church – Lessons from Ezra." [Download the handout here](#) or pick one up in the church office.



Sunday Mornings

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, Charlottesville and Albemarle have been assessed a yellow/medium Community Level, which means the CDC is recommending masks for people at high risk. Masks are currently optional at UBC events. Of course, individuals are welcome to continue wearing masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, and University Baptist Church will continue to welcome all folks into our worship services, with or without a mask. As we monitor the COVID case levels in our area, we will release updates notifying the congregation of any changes.

University Baptist Church
1223 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903
434-293-5106

Connect with us

