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## God & the Environment **WATCH**

Years ago, whenever I mentioned ecotheology, I had to begin by justifying it. To some people, a creation-centered approach to understanding God seemed weird, at best, or, in the worst-case scenario, an anathema. This made me cautious. I avoided using the word 'ecotheology'. Instead, we would have studies on creation care or some similar ecotheological euphemism. How the times have changed!

Now, we accept God's love for the world, including the plants, animals, earth, sky, and sea. We acknowledge anthropomorphic climate change, and we recognize the need to do something about it. Wild fires, floods, and other weather anomalies highlight the impending existential crisis facing humanity.

In the 1994 book *Ecotheology: Voices from the South and North* (Orbis), David Hallman wrote a chapter on "Ethics and Sustainable Development." Recently, I was rereading sections of the book and encountered the following quote: "The church cannot claim a monopoly on ethics; indeed when it comes to applying ethics to environment and development, we find that some of our secular colleagues have done more serious thinking than we have" (264).

Hallman is partially correct now and was completely right in 1994. The church still cannot claim a monopoly on ethics. We recognize this and learn from other faiths, philosophies, and world views. For example, from Buddhist meditation, we can learn how to pray in a deeper way. However, in the second part, Hallman is only partially correct now. Back then, few people of faith were applying biblical ethics to the way we treat the environment. Now, many Christ-followers openly explore how faith connects with God's creation.

### SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sept. 18, 2022  
11:00 AM

#### Sermon:

"Reverance for Life"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

#### Scripture:

Genesis 1:20-27  
Luke 10:25-37

#### Anthem:

"Then Will the Very Rocks  
Cry Out" (arr. Mark Hayes)

### SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Lily Gregg

**Ushers:** Sue Sears, Ian Pallini

### CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, September 14

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ (zoom)

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Night Series

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, September 15

7:00 Seekers Class (zoom)

What books have you read that helped you see the connection between loving God and loving God's creation? I'd love to hear what influences you.

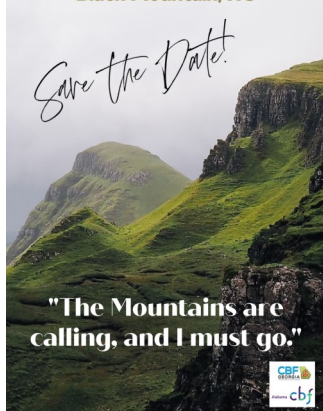
Peace,  
Matt

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## A WORD FROM VAL



**Young Adult Summit**  
(ages 18-29)  
January 13-16, 2023  
Ridecrest Conference Center  
Black Mountain, NC



that these types of events are wonderful opportunities for young people to see that the Church is much larger than just our own congregation!

If you know a young adult who might be interested in this event, please share the attached image with them, or send their name to me so that I can offer them a personal invitation! UBC will arrange transportation for a group to drive down together from Charlottesville.

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### CBF to host 1st Annual Young Adult Summit

CBF Georgia and Alabama CBF are sponsoring the first annual retreat weekend for young adults between 18-29 years old. This retreat will take place January 13-16, 2023 (Friday to Monday, MLK weekend) at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Young adults from all across CBF will come together for a weekend of worship, rest, and connection with others. Those who were part of the Youth Summit that we hosted at UBC in February of 2020 can attest

### SUNDAY, September 18

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:15 Thomas Hill Luncheon  
1:30 New Piano Welcome Concert  
5:00 Jubilate Practice

### MONDAY, September 19

10:30 Bible Reading Group (zoom)  
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

### TUESDAY, September 20

9:30 Staff Meeting

*For our most up-to-date  
calendar, [click here.](#)*

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Sept. 22:** Beth Wright, Will Brown

**Sept. 23:** Sue Walton

**Sept. 26:** Nichole Dawson

**Sept. 27:** Chris Belt

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### Prayer Requests

Thomas Hill

Jack Averill

Sarah Buchanan recovering from back surgery

Ed Lowry

Alexis Haskiell on the loss of her grandfather

Shelley Payne on the loss of her mother



### Wednesday Night Series – "Why should we care about \_\_\_?"

Our Wednesday series, "Why should we care about \_\_\_" continues this week on September 14 with a tough topic: Life. Specifically, "How do people reconcile opposing capital punishment while supporting abortion rights?" Or, "How do people support capital punishment while opposing abortion rights?" Dinner will be salads from Roots at 5:30 and the discussion will begin at 6pm. After our discussion, at 7:00, everyone who wants to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.

If you have a topic you would like to suggest for a future Wednesday, email Matt ([matt@universitybaptist.org](mailto:matt@universitybaptist.org)) and let him know.

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### Welcome New Members

On Sunday, September 11, we welcomed two new members into our fellowship, Pat & Sheri Owen.

In the past six months, we have also welcomed into membership Sam Arayedupin, Theo Gregg, Dan & Glenna Ohlms, and Hadi Rohollah Zade & Fahime Khatoon. In the coming weeks we will be sharing profiles of our new members.

We also celebrated this past Sunday the baptism of Hadi Rohollah Zade and Fahime Khatoon.

### Eco-Theology Series

During September, our worship is focusing on Eco-Theology, examining the ways that we as followers of Christ are called to care for the earth, and how our theology impacts the way we do that work. Another special project will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, September 25, as we put our words into action.

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### Volunteers Needed

Our ice cream machine is up and running again! Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us between 12:00 and 2:00pm on the front steps at UBC.



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### Bible Reading Group

The Bible Reading Group is restarting this fall! Join us via zoom on Mondays from 10:30-11am to read through the OT, Psalms, and NT as a group and spend some time with Scripture as you start your week. Hope to see you there!

Contact Ben Chenault ([wbchen96@gmail.com](mailto:wbchen96@gmail.com)) with questions. Zoom info: Meeting ID: 916 0543 0566. Passcode: 219720



## Celebrate 40 years with Thomas Hill September 18 @ 12:15pm UBC Fellowship Hall

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend lunch in the UBC Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 18 to celebrate Thomas Hill's 40 years as UBC Custodian. As a part of the celebration in his honor, the Personnel Committee is collecting a love offering for Thomas. This represents a token of appreciation for his many years of faithful service to the UBC community.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to UBC and in the memo line indicate "Thomas Hill Love Offering". You can place your offering in one of the secure donation boxes in the sanctuary, deliver it to the church office, or bring to the September 18 celebration at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing you on September 18 as we celebrate 40 years with Thomas Hill, our faithful custodian.



## New Piano Welcome Concert

In addition, we invite you to stay after our celebration lunch for Thomas Hill, and join us in the sanctuary at 1:30pm, as several members from UBC will put on a concert to show off our new sanctuary piano, a Steinway Model B, which arrived at UBC in July.

## Your Privacy is Important to Us

In a few weeks we will be updating our church database to improve our online directory. We may need to change some of your privacy settings in order to do this, which may trigger an email to you. The email will say something like, "This email is being sent to inform you that Alan Hendricks made a change to your privacy. Opted In to Online Directory". We want to assure you that we would never compromise your privacy, and our online directory is available only to our church database. If you have any concerns about this, please email the office at [linda@universitybaptist.org](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org).



## Touch-A-Truck Volunteer Opportunities

We are bringing back Touch-A-Truck in 2022! This promises to be a great outreach event to families in the community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event to be held on Saturday morning, September 24 from 9 - 12 in the parking lots of University Baptist Church. Please consider how you and your family & friends can help make this event a success for others in our community! You can view the volunteer opportunities and sign up to help [here](#).

## Save the Date

Sunday, September 18 - Luncheon Honoring Thomas Hill for 40 years of service to UBC  
 Sunday, September 18 - New Piano Welcome Concert  
 Sunday, October 16 - Composite Mass Concert  
 October 18-20 - Myers Lecture (Miroslav Volf)  
 October 23 - Homecoming Dinner  
 November 1 - Blood Drive

## 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.

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