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One Thing

WATCH

On Sunday, we thought about one thing we could do or change to make Christ the king of our lives. The faith journey includes many steps forward and, because we are human, some steps back. Our goal is to be intentional with taking steps forward. Identifying something we can change to make the kingship of Christ in our lives more evident is a healthy step on our journey.

This week is Thanksgiving and the holiday presents new opportunities to pick one thing to do to reflect the kingship of Christ in our lives. Whether you will be with family or not, what do you need to do to reflect Jesus? Do you need to be more patient? Will it be helpful to avoid topics that you know will trigger someone? Remember the old saying: if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. What about offering to help clean up? If you always end up cleaning up after the big meal, then this might not apply to you. However, if you sink into an easy chair and take a nap after overeating, then offering to wash the dishes might be a welcome change. There are many ways to reflect the kingship of Christ over Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving, we will begin our Advent journey. We have copies of the "Now in Flesh Appearing" Advent devotional available in the church office. Please take one and use it to continue the journey of identifying ways to make Jesus the center of your life. Advent is the season when we prepare for the arrival of Jesus. During Advent at UBC this year, there will be a number of special services. On December 4, Jubilate will help lead worship, and on December 18, the Sanctuary Choir will share a number of special anthems.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Nov. 27, 2022

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"God Who Walked Among Us"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 24:36-44

Isaiah 2:1-5

Anthem:

"Veni, Veni Emmanuel"

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Peter Ohlms

Ushers: Bob Gough,
Sally Chewing

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, November 23

9:00 Work Team

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 24

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 25

Office Closed

On December 11, we will join together in a rehearsal-free Christmas pageant. This out-of-the-box experience involves everyone. Some of you can wear costumes. Others might choose not to dress up. In either case, the service will be a fun and meaningful way to remember the Christmas story. It centers around the manger and Luke's account of Jesus' birth. We will share more details soon, but I want to invite you to begin thinking about how Christmas is a lived story. It's not a static event that happened a long time ago. Christmas is dynamic. It grows and changes and reflects God's movement in the world. Likewise, on December 11, everyone will be invited to get up and join the story.

Advent is a special time when we can focus our attention on Jesus coming into the world. His arrival brings hope to a dark world. In the hope of Christ, we can grow and find ways to let our light shine! I'm excited about what's ahead of us and look forward to sharing it with you.

Peace,
Matt

SUNDAY, November 27

8:30 Missions Council Meeting (Zoom)
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 28

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, November 29

11:00 Development & Growth Team Meeting
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



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

Dec. 3: Esther Tian, Micah Ohlms, Gwynivere Wells, Caleb Brown

Dec. 4: Paul Blincoe

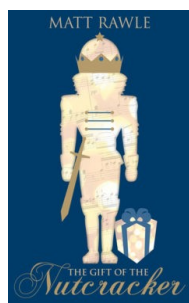
Dec. 6: Mary Jo Licero



Wednesday Night Series - "Why should we care about ___?"

We will not meet this week, November 23, but will gather again next Wednesday, November 30 for a potluck followed by our discussion.

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



Advent Bible Study *The Gift of the Nutcracker* by Matt Rawle

The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day.

In *The Gift of The Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build.

The Gift of the Nutcracker study will meet Tuesday evenings through Advent beginning November 29, 7:00 at the 5th Street Station Panera Bread. The location can rotate to a different location each week based on people's preferences. If interested, please email [Susan Hellings](mailto:Susan.Hellings@gmail.com) at susan.eg.hellings@gmail.com.



Memorial Poinsettias

This Christmas we would like to decorate our sanctuary with an abundance of poinsettias. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see the insert in your bulletin or contact [Linda Weirich](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org) in the church office at linda@universitybaptist.org to let her know the wording that you would like to appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 11. The cost of each poinsettia will be \$12. You can mail a check, drop it in the offering box, or pay online and earmark your gift "Poinsettias." The last day to order is Monday, December 5. You may pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25.
-Sarah Buchanan, Chair of the Floral Team

Meals for PACEM

We are beginning to make plans for our PACEM guests who will be here January 14-28. If you are able to help with meal preparation, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ea8aa23a0f58-pacem8> or contact the church office at 293-5106. UBC groups can use our kitchen for food preparation/cooking and serving at approximately 6:15.

"Now in Flesh Appearing" Advent Devotionals

If you would like an Advent Devotional, please contact the church office at 293-5106 or linda@universitybaptist.com. We have hard copies available or we can email you an electronic copy.



Join us This Advent Season

- Sunday, November 27, 11:00 - Advent Worship
- Sunday, December 4, 11:00 - Jubilate Lessons & Carols
- Sunday, December 11, 11:00 - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Sunday, December 18, 11:00 - Sanctuary Choir Lessons & Carols
- Saturday, December 24, 5:00 - Christmas Eve Worship
- Sunday, December 25, 11:00 - Christmas Morning Worship

Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon recovering from hip surgery

Ed Lowry

Jack Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Richard Vaughan recovering from surgery

Jim & Joanna Sivley

Margaret Fitch & Family on the loss of her husband, Peter

Thank You!

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and so much food during my spinal surgery and convalescence. Special thanks to the Comfort Food Team and Kittie Colvin Trail circle for coordinating the meals, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry team for keeping me company many evenings so that John could get out to attend our grandchildren's sports events. I can't even begin to imagine how anyone could survive this type of injury and recovery without a church family. I am grateful for each of you. Happy Thanksgiving!
-Sarah Buchanan



Global Missions Christmas Post Office

It has been several years since we have been able to offer the Christmas Post Office for Global Missions, sponsored by the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle. It will open Sunday, November 27. This is a way for you to exchange Christmas greetings with other church members and regular attenders and to support Global Missions. The "Post Office" box is located on a table in the first-floor lobby.

- Write the names of the recipients on your cards and place them in the appropriate alphabet slots.
- Deposit \$.60 per card (and any additional contribution) into the container on the table, or give it to any Kittie Colvin Trail Circle member.
- Please do not include cards for people who do not attend regularly or have moved away.
- Pick up any cards addressed to you or your family. Please do not remove any cards but your own.
- Do not place cards in the box after Saturday, December 24.

ALL proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you familiar with Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)? A QCD might reduce the taxes you owe while helping your church. Here's how it works:

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are over 70 1/2, you are required to take a distribution from that IRA each year based on the value at the end of the previous year and your age. This is called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), and generally the distribution is fully taxed as ordinary income. The form of the distribution may be in cash or securities.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. This direct transfer can be in cash or securities, and it counts toward satisfying your RMD for the year. A QCD reduces your taxable income by the amount of such distribution since it is not included in your income.

Charitable giving is not about taxes. However, the tax benefit from a QCD encourages charitable giving and could enable you to give more money to what you love. With the recent increase in the Standard Deduction, many taxpayers will find that charitable donations no longer have any tax benefit. A QCD can restore some significant tax benefits for charitable donations.



Young Adult Summit

January 13-16, 2023

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC

Cost per person: \$200-\$275

Scholarships available for full-time students!

[Click here to register](#) (transportation from UBC provided at no additional cost)

Adults ages 19-29 are invited to experience a weekend retreat filled with rest, worship, discipleship, and opportunities for the kind of fun break YOU want! Featuring [Dr. Heather Thompson Day](#) as the weekend speaker and musical artist [Mark Wagner](#) as worship leader, this weekend will give young adults an opportunity to explore your faith at this stage of life and ask questions about how to be Christian when you're not in youth group anymore. More details and full weekend schedule available at alabamacbf.org/yas2023.

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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