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## What Paul intended...

## WATCH

As we spend the next few weeks looking at 1 Corinthians in worship, we are going to try modeling Paul's ideals. "Grace to you and peace from God..." This is Paul's greeting in 1 Corinthians 1:3 and his attempt to lay the groundwork for unity in the church. The Corinthian church had significant divisions in it. For Paul, divisions don't have to be seismic to require attention. Even the healthiest relationships require maintenance. Likewise, healthy congregations don't happen by accident. If we want people to feel at home in our church family, we can always improve the way we greet one another and how we integrate people into UBC life.

On Sunday, we tried an experiment. In the bulletin, it was labeled "Discussion Question." The goal was to connect our worship with building community. By having an intentional conversation with someone whom we don't usually get to talk to, we can better get to know one another. Sharing and listening build relationships and help us grow together.

One person told me that he read it and thought, "What is Matt going to ask us to do?" This same person (and I am sharing this with his permission) said that when I introduced it, he felt every Baptist-bone in his body revolt because this was (gasp!) *different*. Another person said it felt "chaotic." Despite those concerns, the most amazing thing happened: people talked to each other.

The person who gave me permission to share his feedback admitted that he would not have had the conversation he had without the "Discussion Question." Without this experimental "Discussion Question," if he had spoken to the person he met, he still would not have had the conversation he had. It might have resembled many other passing-of-the-peace-type exchanges. "How are you?" "Fine." "It's nice to see you today." "Nice to see you, too."

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## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 22, 2023

11:00 AM

### Sermon:

"Reconciliation is Springtime to the Soul"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

### Anthem:

"It Is Well with My Soul"  
(McDonald)

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Raynell Stokes

**Ushers:** Jackie Lockwood, Debra Bryant

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## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, January 18

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, January 20-22

Jubilate Winter Retreat

### SUNDAY, January 22

8:30 Missions Council Meeting  
(Zoom)

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

My goal is to draw us together and include new people in our family of faith. Our Church Council adopted [these goals](#) for 2023, and the central theme is outreach. If we want others to find their place at UBC, then we need to get to know one another. By getting to know each other, we discover ways to get involved in living together.

For the next four weeks, through February 12, we will incorporate these “Discussion Questions” into worship. We can tweak how we do it to make it more meaningful, and I welcome any suggestions you might have to improve how we model Paul’s message in 1 Corinthians. This Sunday, the question is, “What does humility look like to you?” If there is no one nearby whom you don’t know, pick someone you haven’t spoken with recently. If the two-minute conversation is not long enough, find a time after worship to continue your conversation.

I look forward to seeing how this impacts us beyond this five-week series.

Peace,  
Matt

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## A WORD FROM VAL



### Who will be your minister in 10 years?

I am so grateful for the ways that our congregation supports young adults through our partnership with CBF. This weekend, we participated alongside other groups from Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee at the first ever CBF Young Adult Winter Summit. More than 90 participants gathered in Black Mountain, NC for a long weekend of worship, small group conversations, relaxation, and many hours of board games! As a group of ministers and leaders were gathered around a dinner table, we agreed that providing opportunities for young adults to consider

### MONDAY, January 23

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, January 24

11:00 Development Team

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

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### Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Jim Sivley

Shelley Miller

Bob & Patti Badgett

Hadi Rohollahzade & Fahime Khatoon

Jimmy Li & Ji Song on the loss of her stepfather

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### Thank You

Thanks to our UBC family for all the ways you have supported us in the time surrounding Dan's death. We appreciate the messages of support in all their forms and the work that went into providing a lovely memorial service and reception while working around the church's commitment to PACEM. The Ohlms Family

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Jan. 25:** Brad Groff

**Jan. 26:** Debra Bryant

how they engage in church leadership, as both lay people and as future ministers, is a key piece of these events.

On Sunday afternoon, I took a group of participants to visit the Biltmore Estate (pictured). As we wandered through the house and gardens and I got to know several young men from First Baptist Church of Huntsville, AL, I could not help but feel excited for their church. These young men are between 23 and 26 years of age and already engaging in the work of committees and leadership in their church! That evening, I sat and discussed seminary options with two young women from Georgia who are following a call to vocational ministry.

The space we provide to students here at UBC meets their needs today - a snack, a place to study, a place to wash laundry, a place to feel at home. But the relationships we build with these students now also invest in the future of the Church. Wherever they go after college, the students who are loved well at UBC are more likely to become search committee members, finance committee chairs, or deacons in those places. And every so often, we get lucky enough to watch one respond to the call of God as a minister. Our support of and participation in events like this Winter Summit help us create a whole new generation of church leaders.

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### PACEM at UBC began on Saturday

On Saturday, January 14, 8:00 am, we began our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We are hosting approximately 30 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! This [link](#) will take you to the form you can use to sign up to donate (snacks, breakfast items, water, or gift cards), wash towels, or help clean up the Fellowship Hall.

Additionally, we are collecting donations of:  
Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)  
Toothpaste (travel size)  
Tissues (travel packs)  
Chapstick  
Shaving cream (travel size)  
Razors  
Hand lotion (travel size)

Jan. 27: Betsy Kauffman

Jan. 30: Todd Minor

Jan. 31: Nancy Castle



### Birthday Cake Kits for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Can you imagine having a child or other loved one who is having a birthday and not being able to give them a birthday

cake? Birthdays are meant to be celebrated, but in the past few years many people have fallen on hard financial times, and that shouldn't be a reason not to celebrate.

Did you know that you can make a cake with just a cake mix and a lemon lime soda? You can!

Items to include in a birthday cake kit:

- 9x13 disposable aluminum foil pan - the ones that come with lids are nice, but not absolutely necessary
- a box of cake mix (any flavor you like)
- 1 can of Sprite or other lemon-lime soda (store brand will work) in case the recipient doesn't have eggs or oil
- container of icing
- birthday candles
- include a large note that says:

Birthday Cake Kit:

You can make a cake without oil or eggs just by mixing the cake mix with the lemon-lime soda. Then bake according to the directions on the back of the cake mix box. "Happy Birthday!"

Pack it all in the aluminum pan and wrap it up with Saran wrap.

Collection boxes will be located in the first-floor lobby and on the stage in the Fellowship Hall (while we are hosting PACEM, there will not be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall). We will collect through Sunday, January 29.

Combs  
Deodorant  
Foot powder  
Mints  
Cough drops  
Journals/notebooks  
Heavy, dark socks (adult men/women)  
Hand warmers  
Winter hats  
Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL or women's M or L)  
Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL or women's M or L)  
New or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags  
Bath towels  
Washcloths



If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity, as we care for and love our neighbors.

## Jubilate 50th Reunion!

Jubilate will be celebrating their 50th Reunion the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. In addition to hotels, they would like to find housing with UBC hosts. The only meal that might need to be provided would be Sunday morning breakfast. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please contact Michele Turner at 434-996-2673 or [kmct13@gmail.com](mailto:kmct13@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.



## Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will resume in February, after we have finished hosting PACEM.

## 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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