



THE EVANGEL

University Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

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Yesterday, the church voted by a simple majority to request an offer from the University of Maryland, University College to purchase a parcel of our land. I was glad the church voted to request this offer because I believe it provides necessary information that will enable us to make the best decision concerning our church's future.

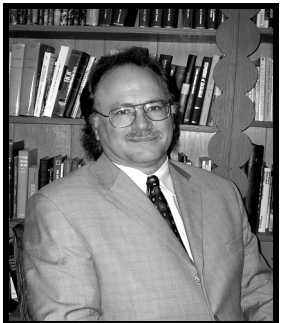
Many important questions were raised by the congregation who met for business session yesterday. I deeply appreciate all the interest and sincere concern. Gordon Breighner presented his opposition to the recommendation while displaying clearly that his motivation was not personal but from his devotion to the mission of this church.

I'm not sure whether selling the land will be the will of God for our church. We will have to gather additional information, spend further time in discussion and prayer and then make the best decision we can with God's guidance.

Whatever happens, I hope we will find a way to use the resources at our disposal to provide a beautiful and functional place of worship and service for the next generation of believers. I knew the men and women who stepped out on faith a generation ago and sacrificed to build the structure we presently use to serve God. They were not certain of what to do either. They too invested in a lot of prayer, debate, conversation, and information gathering before breaking ground on our present structure. No one in that prior generation knew for sure that building on this plot of land was the right thing to do, but they acted on the best information they had at the time.

Fifty years have come and gone since the educational wing of our church was built. The facility has provided decades of service to Sunday School classes, prayer meetings, parties and various ministries, but now it is worn out. The heating and cooling system that services that wing as well as the church basement is operating poorly and sporadically. The last time we had the compressor repaired, the only company with expertise on a building this old told us not to call them again. The Feasibility Study we paid for declared in no uncertain terms that the HVAC system as well as the electrical system in this building must be replaced as soon as possible.

Ten years ago, two different roofers told me that the roof over this wing would have to be replaced in the next five years. Thank God we have no leaks as of today, but it is on borrowed time. Asbestos is in all the ceilings of the educational wing of the building. This year, we were lucky to find a contractor to repair the ceiling in our church nursery and seal it so that it posed no threat to any children. As these ceilings falter, additional work will be required. The floor tiles in several of the rooms in the educational wing are also made of asbestos. One of those rooms is now unusable because a broken convector caused floor tile to break making the room unsafe. That entire floor needs to be replaced to meet safety codes.



Rev. John P. Burns
Pastor



Our Mission Statement:

We are seeking to be transformed by God's love so that we may continue the ministry of Jesus in our congregation, community and world.

Music and Christian Education Notes



**W. Mark McIntyre, Associate
Pastor for Music and Education**

Graduates!

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 1! If you will be graduating or know of anyone attending University Baptist Church that is graduating this spring from high school, college, etc., please contact the church office and let Desa Foster know.

Music for Lent

April 3:

Guest tenor soloist Vernon Hammett from Zion Baptist Church in Washington, DC, will return to grace us with uplifting black gospel and spirituals based on "I Am the Bread of Life."

April 10:

The Handbell Choir will ring the praise choruses *We Will Glorify* and *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*. Ten ringers will ring the two-and-a-half octaves of Malmark bells. The Sanctuary Choir will sing the anthem *Dry Bones* made popular by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians with Jim Morrison on string bass and Ben Warner providing a plethora of percussive sounds. "Ezekiel cried: Dem dry bones, now hear the word of the Lord!...when the toe bone connected to the foot bone, the foot bone connected to the heel bone..."

Music for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 17: Worship will begin with Mark Hayes' arrangement of *Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!* as the children hand out palms to all. The congregation will join the Sanctuary Choir in singing John Michael Talbot's *I Am the Resurrection*. John Michael Talbot, a prolific composer, has composed many songs on the "I Am's" of Jesus. This is one of his most popular. Daniel Rodgeron will provide the folk guitar accompaniment.

Maundy Thursday, April 21: Kevin Dolan, clarinetist, will accompany the Sanctuary Choir's anthem "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," a beautiful setting by Howard Helvey. Jennifer Gbengou will sing Richard Smallwood's moving "Morning's Breaking" as we focus on Jesus as "I Am the Light of the World."

Easter Sunday, April 24: The Nadulmok Community Church of Washington Choir (the choir of the Korean Church that worships in our building) will be joining University Baptist in worship. Music for the morning includes the Handbell Choir ringing *Joyful, Joyful* by Ludwig van Beethoven and *Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing!* by Barbara Kinyon. A men's quartet from Nadulmok Church will raise their voices in song. The hauntingly beautiful melody, by early Baroque Italian composer Giulio Caccini, will be heard in *Alleluia*, an anthem for choir, handbells, keyboard and two flutes. Among guest instrumentalists, we welcome Daniel Puckett, flute, and Elizabeth Alley, keyboard. Hear the famous organ work, the Widor *Toccata!*

Easter Events

Flowering the Cross

Easter morning, you are invited to bring flowers to place on the cross in celebration of Christ's victory over death.

Easter Luncheon

In celebration of Easter Sunday and in thanks to University Baptist Church for the generous use of the facilities, Nadulmok Community Church invites everyone to a "finger" luncheon immediately following the Easter worship service!

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday immediately following the service, preschoolers through grade 5 are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Remember to bring Easter baskets and meet Alissa Casey in the foyer for the hunt.

Pastor Mark

April Birthdays

- 1 Billy Yancey
- 2 Katherine Sorrell
- 4 Wayne Taylor
- Angello Izere
- 6 Peggy Mulchi
- Joshua Burns
- 9 Judi Tarter
- 12 Susan Scott
- Taylor Boone
- 15 John Salgado
- Godson Ogbunke
- Alissa Casey
- 17 Anne Berry
- 18 Iyabo Oke
- Desa J. Foster
- 22 Grace Hui Xian
- 23 Lucille Jones
- Mary Caponiti
- 26 Jenelle Nicole Harrison
- 27 Adrian Casey
- Michael Cron

May Birthdays

- 2 Charles Forbes
- 5 Jayden Ramdas
- Barbara Dunn
- Brad Beardsley
- 5 Daniel Puckett
- 7 Craig Warner
- Daniel Robert Ramsey-Lucas
- 10 Terry Gilead
- 11 Gerald Sare
- 18 Marcel Jean
- Anne Short
- Mike Dudman
- 19 Kelly Parsons
- 20 Melanie Galloway
- 21 Paige Friedeman
- Jon Cron
- 22 Evelyn Brown
- 28 Jeanette Tarter
- 31 Carol Cron

Prayer Requests

Deaths: Virginia Kitchen,
Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members): Carolyn Scipio, Tracey Chewing, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Julisa Gumucio, Samuel McKinney, Charles and Joan Conklin-Ewy, Jane Fulker, David Robinson, Debbie Flickhart, Kian Richards, James Durtro Wagner, Andrew Smith, Mark Love, Jane Morrison, Peggy Eisenhower, Mack McCardel, Susan Austin, Andrew Washington, Susan B. Law, Karen Furguson, Helen Myers, Tom Belcher, Mildred Felts, Phil Rodgerson, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, Betty Kaley, Shirley Reid, Ronda Lennon, Michelle Flores, Steve Thaxton, Sharon Galankos, Dennis Haeder, Edd Jacobs, Meredith Talley, Hattie Pride, Eric Starkey, Paul Robbins, Stacie Taylor, Anne Clingenpeel, Kathleen McMillan, Bridgett Pickett, Randy Springer, Dr. Dada, Elaine Hoffman, Maxwell Poindexter, Cindy Harrold, William Yancey, Brett Sherry, Peggy Scipio, Carol Benjamin, Devin Tyner, Stan Horyna,
Non-medical needs: The Family of Raymond Dubuche, Nan Helm, Berni Stevens, Mark Benhemen, Emily Weant, The Foster Family, Haiti, Richard Sullivan, Rice and Watson families, **Military:** Erica and Ricky Fields, Elizabeth Gilead, Iraq Afghanistan and Libya; **Peace Corp:** Anna Cowell, **Homebound:** Mary Smith, Gerri Smith, Genevieve Parreco, and Esther Schreiner.

New Ministry Forming

A group in our church is interested in sponsoring concerts in the church basement to attract more students to our building and build relationships with the community. If you are interested in helping with this new ministry, please contact Kathleen Hellington at fuzzyfuzzy@yahoo.com.

Food Pantry Update

As of March 28th , we packed 18 orders feeding 51 people. There were 6 orders packed and were not picked for 22 people.

We are in need of the following items:
Cold Cereal (national or store brand in the following varieties: Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes and Cheerios), Rice (1-lb bag or box) and Canned Fruit (peaches and pears).

Thanks, Terry

Attendance Update

March Averages

Worship: 148
 Bible Study: 46

If you would like contribute to the Evangel , call the church office. You may share announcements, articles, changes, etc. Email the office at ubc@attglobal.net or give us a call at the office 301-422-1430. Contributions from all are welcome!



Up Coming Events

Youth Group Activities

April 15-16

30 Hour Famine

Contact: Craig Warner

April 17

Activity Cancelled Due to 30 Hour Famine

May

5/15/11 (Sunday)– Youth Group 12:30-2PM

5/21/11 (Saturday) Outdoor Activity (TBA)

Contact: Ravi Amin

June

6/12/11 (Sunday)— Youth Group 12:30-2PM

6/26/11 (Sunday)— PASSPORT INFO MEETING

July

7/16-7/23/11 PASSPORT Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Church Visioning Weekend April 9-10

The next step in our visioning process will occur on **Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m until noon.** Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt, a consultant with Natural Church Development (NCD), will meet with us and interpret the results of a survey thirty of our members took a few weeks ago. The survey was designed to measure how well our church demonstrates eight key characteristics that have been identified in healthy congregations. Those characteristics are: Empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism and loving relationships. The answers the thirty people gave to the questions revealed which traits our church struggles to implement and which ones we demonstrate to a high degree.

Now our entire congregation needs to hear the results of the survey and receive direction on what we can do next to grow in a healthy manner. **Every person in our congregation is encouraged to attend the meeting on April 9th whether they took the survey or not.** The deacons are providing light breakfast snacks so arrive on time and listen to Rev. Minchow-Proffitt as he interprets the results in detail and describes various options we can follow to grow stronger as a church.

Terry will also be preaching in our morning worship service on April 10. He is a very effective and inspiring preacher who will energize us for the steps that come next in our visioning process. Please do your best to attend both the Saturday gathering and Sunday's worship.

Member of the Month

The church staff would like to honor Daniel and Christie Puckett as our members of the month. Daniel and Christie have been attending worship with us for many months and recently joined our church. They bring a lot of talent and ability into our congregation. Both Daniel and Christie are school teachers who are excited about their work and our community. Daniel has contributed to our worship on several occasions with his excellent ability to play the flute and saxophone. We are grateful that they have chosen to serve the Lord with us. So this month, when you see Daniel and Christie tell them thanks for becoming part of our church.

All Church Business Meeting

Our next all-church business meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. We will vote on the amendments to our Constitution and By-laws, receive an update on church finances and hear reports on the various ministries our church. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events and Other News

Organizational Meeting for Flea Market

The church hopes to hold a flea market on Saturday, May 7th. Carly Guirola is willing to give leadership to this fundraiser, but needs lots of help. An organizational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, April 3. Instructions to the congregation for donating items will be released following that meeting.

Thinking About God Class

Starting Sunday, May 1, Jerry Buckner will begin teaching a class on the book Thinking About God at 10:00 a.m. in room 214. This book, written by Fisher Humphreys, has been used in seminaries and churches to help people refine their thinking about God. It is a very helpful and readable book on topics such as Jesus, the atonement, the Holy Spirit, salvation, hope, the trinity and many other key issues of relevance to all believers. All adults, not already involved in a Sunday School class, are invited to attend this 7-week study.

Warm Nights Update

Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when needed. Why some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it.
Hebrews 13: 1-2 (message bible)
The Ministry Commission wants to thanks all those who
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EASTER FLOWERS 2011

To order flowers to be used in the decoration of the Church for Easter, please send or bring your order along **with payment** by Sunday, April 10th , to the Church Office.

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_____ Easter Lilies (5 to 7 blooms) @ \$11.00 each

In memory/honor of _____

_____ Tulips (6-inch pot) @ \$11.00 each
Please circle color choice: Pink, Yellow or Red

In memory/honor of _____

_____ Daffodils (6-inch pot) @ \$11.00 each
Color: Yellow

In memory/honor of _____

_____ Hydrangea (6-inch pot) @ \$17 each
Please circle color choice: Pink or Lavender-Blue

In memory/honor of _____

Given by: _____

Total Ordered _____ Total Amount Included \$ _____

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Although we have made major progress stopping the leaks in the basement, we are still taking in water during times of unusual rainfall. And we still do not have back up generators on most of our sump pumps so that when the electricity goes out, the basement floods.

Whether the essential repairs on these buildings amount to \$500,000 or \$2.3 million, we don't have the cash to respond. Servicing a loan would add a minimum of \$50,000 a year to a budget that is already stretched to its limit. Last year we ended the year with an \$11,000 deficit; there is not room in the budget for servicing a loan unless Pastor Mark or I am released from employment. Even then, the church would need to hire a part-time minister to do some of the duties performed by the full-time employee.

The parsonage where the McIntyre's live has been valued at \$400,000. Should we be able to sell that parcel of land for that amount, we would then need to supply Pastor Mark with additional pay to replace the value of the housing we are now providing. That would increase the outgo from the church budget by a minimum of \$24,000 a year. If the sale of the parsonage is used for that purpose, that money obviously won't be available to the church for renovation.

Major renovation to our building cannot be put off much longer. Even if we were sure the Purple Line light rail would increase the value of our land, these repairs cannot be postponed for the 12 to 15 years it is expected to take to construct that line.

I tell you these things to demonstrate that the Committee on the Church Future has looked carefully at the options before us. They believe that if a new building can be constructed with the proceeds from a land sale and leave the church debt free with a new facility to serve the next generation, the sale of the land is a fair exchange. We don't know yet if an offer will be forthcoming that will be large enough to build a new building. If it isn't, then we will have to find other ways to create a place for our children and grandchildren to worship and serve God just like prior generations found ways to provide worship and educational space for us.

I am sure if we keep in prayer, discussion and exploration, the Spirit will guide us and provide us with all we need to be faithful to God.

Pastor John

Maryland Day 2011

Maryland Day 2011 is Saturday, April 30, and UBC has been invited to participate at the Faith Community Booth. The location will be the Memorial Chapel Plaza and the hours will be 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The concert will be at 3:00 p.m. Curt Ramsey-Lucas and his band will be playing! We plan to have a corn hole game running and will be giving away Frisbees with our church name and website on them. We have had a good response of UBC folks who want to help with this outreach effort. However, it would be terrific if those who have already expressed interest could send Carol Cron an e-mail at carol.cron@hotmail.com with your availability.

Warm Nights Update continued

participated in the Warm Nights Project. We were able to welcome over 100 people for dinners, shelter and lunches. Also, with the help of volunteers, we were able to provide showers each night for our guests. We want to send out a special appreciation, to those who spent the nights, and prepared breakfasts in the morning. To those who donated money and clothing items, your donations, were a great blessings.

As the scripture says we may have touch angels without ever knowing it. Thank you UBC.

Karen Krueger & Kenny Swift

Calendar and Other News

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Graduate Recognition Sunday	2	3	4 All Church Business Meeting	5	6	7 Church Flea Market
8 Mother's Day ComCom Meets	9	10	11 Summer Bible Study Series Begins	12	13	14 Church Work Day
15 Youth Group; Worship in the Woods	16	17	18 6:30-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	19	20	21 Youth Group Activity (TBA)
22 Senior Appreciation Sunday	23	24	25 6:30-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	26	27	28
29 Memorial Sunday	30 Memorial Day; Church Office Closed	31				

New Member/Membership Inquiry Class

During the first four Sundays in May, Pastor John will be teaching a class in room 213 that will help new members and those considering membership learn more about University Baptist Church. All interested adults are invited to attend.

Thank You Very Much

To Our Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, for being with us and for all of your cards.

We truly appreciate your kindness and support.

With Gratitude,
Joan & Wayne Taylor and Family

Food Pantry News

Please consider giving some time to our Food Pantry. We are now in need of a Tuesday packer and a substitute to fill in when needed. We are open from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. If interested, please contact Terry Gilead. Also, Terry would like to take this time to thank Phyllis Berry for her help this past year.

Help By Phone - \$ 4 \$

It is that time again when we have the ability to double our contributions to Help By Phone. HBP has a benefactor who will be matching all donations received by the end of April. Please mark your envelopes \$ 4 \$ and together we will be able to do more great things.



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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

April 6 Full Schedule
April 13 Full Schedule
April 20 Sanctuary Choir Only
April 27 Full Schedule (Last Dinner)

**Full Wednesday
Night Schedule**

5:30 pm Dinner
6:00 pm iAwesome
**6:30 pm Prayer Meeting/
Children's Choir**
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir

Church Council and Commissions

April 10 Communication Committee Meets @12:30PM (Library)
April 17 Diaconate Meets

Youth and Other Events

April 12 Community Cafe
April 15-16 30 Hour Famine for Youth Group
April 17 Sixth Sunday in Lent
April 21 Maundy Thursday Service @7PM
April 22 Crochet/Knitting Ministry Meets @ 7PM in the Parlor
April 24 Easter Sunday/ The Practice of the Presence Study Ends
April 24 Easter Finger-Luncheon/Easter Egg Hunt
April 25 Church Office Closed

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