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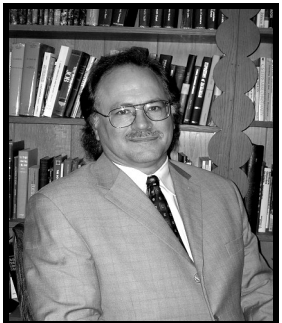
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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

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February

February is usually not thought of as a month of change. March, April, September, October are the times of year when new life sprouts up or begins to lie dormant. February is just cold, blustery, snowy and dark.

At University Baptist Church, however, this February is a time of momentous change. We have a new treasurer, Carly Guirola, who is learning the ropes and we're thankful for her service. Our recently received seminary intern, Carmella Jones, has just delivered her first sermon and is preparing to lead her first extended Bible study in March (see Carmella's article). The deacons have a new chairman, Etienne Karekezi, who is dedicated and willing but inexperienced in this place of service. Anne Short has agreed to be ordained as our newest deacon, an office she has never before held. Cheryl Sutton has stepped into the void left when her mother moved to Myrtle Beach and is providing able leadership for our Kitchen Committee. Several other members of our church are also giving leadership on commissions for the very first time.



Rev. John P. Burns
Pastor

We also have a new church clerk, Ellie Anderson. Ellie has all the skills necessary for the job, but is just learning what this place of service requires. Our newest committee, the Communications Committee, has designed a helpful new brochure and is exploring other ways to tell the story of our church. Our Constitution and By-Laws have been revised and will go before the church this month. In a few days, we will have an current appraisal of the value of our buildings and property. This information is needed before the Committee on the Church Future can make further recommendations to the church. After over 20 years, our custodian Marcel Jean is being replaced by a cleaning service and volunteer efforts from our Trustees. A new knitting and crocheting ministry is beginning with the intention of providing prayer shawls and other gifts of service to our members. Our middle-schoolers have begun a new program called i-Awesome which has already led them to minister to people at a local retirement village, visit a congressman's office, perform a Christmas pageant for the congregation and visit some of our homebound members. Next they will prepare some worship aids to help our entire congregation have a more meaningful Lenten season (see Pastor Mark's article). Our handbell choir has also been reborn with the help of many new young people. And on January 30th, we took the first step in utilizing the center for Natural Church Development to help us form a new vision for our church.

I've probably missed a few new developments, but as you can tell, we are witnessing a lot of new work, gifts and directions in our church. On behalf of all those who are accepting new positions of ministry, I ask you to be patient, supportive and encouraging. They are going to make mistakes and will stumble as they learn new skills and follow in new paths of service. Withhold criticism for at least three months until they get a little experience under their belts. Pray for them all.



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**

Lenten Booklets and Crosses

During the month of February, the iAwesome youth group will be writing a Lenten devotional booklet and constructing Lenten crosses for all who attend University Baptist worship. These will be distributed after worship on Sunday, March 6th.

Sometime during each week of Lent, the iAwesome group asks that everyone pause, gather family and/or friends, read the devotion for the week and light one of the seven candles in the cross. For each of the seven Sundays, the devotion will center on one of the seven last words of Christ. Included in each devotion will be scripture, a thought by one of

the iAwesome youth and a suggestion to consider for personal or family change during the Lenten season. Please pray for our youth as they construct the crosses and listen for words from God to share with our congregation.

Vacation Bible School Partnership

Parents and teachers of VBS met Sunday, January 23, to discuss four options for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Those attending agreed unanimously on the following option. The Education Commission, meeting January 24, concluded the parent/teacher recommendation to be the best way to serve the children of our community this summer with the resources and volunteers available.

Riverdale Presbyterian Church, located directly across the street from University Park Elementary School in University Park, has extended an invitation to jointly publicize our Vacation Bible Schools. VBS at University Baptist will be held June 20 - 24, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Riverdale's VBS will be held the following week, June 27 - July 1. University Baptist and Riverdale Presbyterian enter this partnership hoping that we can eventually expand the way we minister to children and youth in our area, spreading the love of Jesus throughout the community.

The theme for University Baptist Church's VBS 2011 is "Shake It Up: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!" Please put **JUNE 20 - 24** on your calendar today!

February Birthdays

- 1 Carolyn Scipio
- 2 Katheen Hellington
Carol Hurd
- 5 Romain Parsad
- 7 Aaron Burns
Caroline Adeniji
- 10 Daniel Fopa
- 12 Karen Krueger
Charles Adeniji
Grace Chon
- 16 Ellie Tarter
- 19 Richard Spencer
- 20 Toun Oke
- 24 Abiola Oke
- 25 Susan Davis
- 26 Lisa Yancey
Brent Sare
- 27 Caitlin Stout
- 28 Micah Burns
Ijeoma Ogbuneka

Attendance Update

January Averages

Worship: 145
Bible Study: 60

Comedy Corner

- “The best vitamin for a Christian is B 1.”
- “Tithe if you love Jesus. Anyone can honk!”
- “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”
- “Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.”
- “Wal-Mart isn't the only savings place.”
- “A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.”

Excerpts taken from Church signs around the country.

March Birthdays

- 4 Wayne Bristol, Jr.
- 5 Tom Rogerson
- 6 Honi Gaines
- 7 Donna Beard
Amanda Parsad
Sarah Stout
- 8 Katherine Friedeman
Bill Crawford
- 10 Jennifer Gbengou
Johnny Barnard
- 12 Virginia Radisch
- 13 Nan Allison
Betty Thompson
Mary Dolan
- 14 Kris Chewning
Ray Robinson
- 15 Fran Hajdasz
Candace Holness
- 17 Cheryl Sutton
Takia Mitchell
- 22 Dupe Oke
- 25 Carson Smith
Jon Short
Shawn Turonis
- 27 Joanne Heintzelman
- 28 Charlie Neidecker
- 30 Basmat Parsad
- 31 Ed Mulligan

Food Pantry Update

For the month of January we packed for 29 families feeding 88 people. There were 5 additional orders packed which would have feed 12 people but the orders were not picked up. We are in need of the following donations: Dried beans, individual packages of hot chocolate and flavored oatmeal; canned peaches, pears, corn and peas; corn bread mix and saltines.

Thanks, Terry

Prayer Requests

Death: Vida David, **Sickness, Surgery and Recovery:** (members): Esther Schreiner, Carolyn Scipio, Nick Boone, Virginia Kitchen, Tracey Chewning, Anne Berry, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Joel Mateer, Genevieve Parreco, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, (friends/family of members): Mack McCardel, Zelaya Family Twin Daughters, Kurt Richards, Tiffany, Clyde Casey, Debbie Greene, Clare Kosonen, Susan Austin, Andrew Washington, Susan B. Law (Pastor Mark's Friend), Karen Furguson, Helen Myers, Linda Baldwin, Tom Belcher, Ronnie Powell, Mildred Felts, Phil Rogerson, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, Betty Kaley, Shirley Reid, Sandy Jones, 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 Harold, William Yancey, Brett Sherry, Peggy Scipio, Carol Benjamin, Devin Tyner, Stan Horyna, **Non-medical needs:** Zelaya Family, Nan Helm, Bernie Stevens, Mark Benhemen, Emily Weant, The Foster Family, The People of Haiti, Richard Sullivan, Rice and Watson families, Darfur; **Military:** Erica and Ricky Fields, Elizabeth Gilead, Iraq and Afghanistan; **Peace Corp:** Anna Cowell, **Homebound:** Mary Smith and Gerry Smith.

Up Coming Events

Sermon Series for February

Biblical scholar Samuel Balentine writes that Leviticus is “the most neglected of the neglected Biblical books.” I’ve been preaching for 35 years and I have never offered a sermon series on the Old Testament treasure . . . until now. Before you yawn, take a look at the topics that will be addressed in this coming series. We won’t spend time with the passages that seem to be only for the ancient generation. Instead we will concentrate on those principles that transfer to our lives today. So don’t judge a book . . . before you read it. Come and worship with us this winter.

Leviticus Sermon Series

Date	Title /Scripture
Feb. 6	<i>Provide For Those Who are Poor, Disabled or New to Your Community</i> Leviticus 19:9-14, 33-34
Feb. 13	<i>Implement Justice;</i> Leviticus 19:15-16, 35-37
Feb. 20	<i>Love Your Family and Your Neighbor</i> Leviticus 19:17-18, 32
Feb. 27	<i>Observe Holy Communion</i> Leviticus 23:1-2

Youth Group Activities

FEBRUARY

2/13/11 (Sunday) – Youth Group 12:30-2pm.

2/26/11 (Saturday) – Snow tubing at Ski WhiteTail. Meet at the church at 8:15am for a prompt 8:30am departure and return to the church around 4pm. The cost is \$25 for 2 hours of tubing, plus money for fast food lunch.

Contact person: Dana Friedeman

MARCH

3/13/11 (Sunday) – Youth Group 12:30-2pm.

3/27/11 (Sunday) – Roller skating at Wheels Skating Center in Odenton. Leave from the church after worship and eat a fast food lunch before skating. The cost is \$6 for 3 hours of skating, plus \$2 for quad skate rental or \$4 for inline skate rental. Return to the church around 5:45PM.

Contact person: Kelly Turonis

Warm Nights 2011

“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 author of Hebrews is asking us to be willing to share the love of Jesus with each other, even if we do not know them, and especially if they are less fortunate. As Christians it is an honor to share in the feeding, and if needed the bedding of our fellow men and women. The scripture also offers the idea that in our hospitality we might have helped one of God’s angels. Now, is that not something to give praise to?

Our congregation will fulfill the words of Hebrews, when we once again, open our doors to The Warm Nights Program. The dates are March 13th -20th. Warm Nights operates in our county during the winter months to provide overnight shelter in area churches and meals

to individuals needing to escape the cold temperatures. VOLUNTEERS make this possible, with tasks such as setting up, staying overnight, preparing dinners and lunches, and donating quarters and laundry detergent. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING! Look for a sign-up sheet and task descriptions in the church lobby soon. Karen Krueger and Kenny Swift are available to answer questions.

So be a part of being on good terms with others by joining us to extend hospitality to angels.

God’s Blessing
Karen Krueger & Kenny Swift

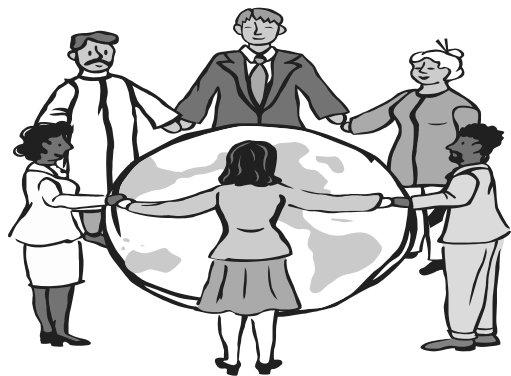
Lenten Series

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 9 and continuing through Easter, we will focus on the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. A complete list of the worship themes and focus Scripture passages are included in this article. This series provides an excellent way to introduce others to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Invited friends, family members and colleagues to worship with you this Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday (March 9)	I Am the Temple	John 2:13-25
Lent I (March 13)	I Am the Living Water	John 4:7-15, 7:37-39
Lent II (March 20)	I Am the True Vine	John 15:1-11
Lent III (March 27)	I Am the Good Shepherd	John 10:7-18
Lent IV (April 3)	I Am the Bread of Life	John 6:48-51
Lent V (April 10)	Visioning Weekend: Guest Speaker	
Lent VI (April 17)	I Am the Resurrection And the Life	John 11:17-27
Maundy Thursday (April 21)	I Am the Light of the World	John 8:12, 12:27-36
Easter (April 24)	I Am the Way, the Truth And the Life	John 14:1-6

Practicing the Presence of God

Brother Lawrence's **The Practice of the Presence of God** has provided Christians with profound guidance for five hundred years. The down to earth, practical insight offered by one of the church’s true saints still helps believers experience a deeper connection to God as they go about their daily routines. Beginning on Sunday, February 13th and continuing through Easter, the pastor will teach this book at 10:00 am in room 214. Any adult not already involved in another study is invited to attend. The text will be provided each week.



Black History Month Events

The Hyattsville Mennonite Church is offering our community a rich experience to help us continue to grow in our understanding of races other than our own. On February 13th at 7:00 p.m. they will present a program entitled “A Common Grace” in which Phoebe Kilby, the descendant of former slave owners will converse with Racquelia Kilby the descendant of the slaves Phoebe’s family once owned, on lessons of reconciliation. Our church is invited to attend this program. All that is asked is that those interested will RSVP by February 10 to Marci Meyers at my-ersmk@emu.edu or by calling 800-368-3383.

Event Here at UBC

On Saturday, February 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., we will watch and discuss the movie *Blood Done Signed My Name*. The 2010 movie is a true life account of how the citizens of Oxford, North Carolina (white and black) responded to an act of racial injustice to eventually build a better community. Bring finger foods to share.

Announcements and Other News

Lenten Group: *Pilgrimage of the Soul*

You are invited to join a women's spirituality group that will meet on Wednesday nights during the season of Lent. The group will meet at 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the parlor beginning March 9 to April 20th and will be facilitated by our seminary intern, Carmella Jones. This small group will use the book, *Pilgrimage of the Soul* by Phileena Heuertz to guide us from darkness to transformation. The book tells the story of Phileena's five-month long sabbatical starting with a journey walking the Camino de Santiago and ending with a cottage retreat.

Each chapter title represents a stage of transformation. We will join the author in a contemplative reflection by using the metaphor of pilgrimage to focus on spiritual wholeness that includes examining feminine struggles created by societal, cultural, and religious influences. Our sessions will be interactive and our communication will follow the book chapters as a journey. Envisioning ourselves as pilgrims we will use the chapter titles: Awakening, Longing, Darkness, Transformation, Intimacy, and Union to enable individual exploration of personal experiences and celebrate the lessons and successes of our spiritual journeys.

Photo Display

Last year we put together a display of photos of many of us. But some of you aren't in it! Maybe we missed you or maybe you've joined us since then. Whatever the reason, we want YOU! Sharon Scott will be taking photos on the first two Sundays in February, on February 6 and 13 in the parlor after worship. Let's make our picture project 100% complete!

Tie That Binds Continued from page 1

As your pastor, I am grateful for the new energy and willingness to serve. I'm hopeful that the changes that come to pass in February will lead to a bright new springtime in our church. If so, then we will know that God is at the center of all these changes for only God grants new life. Happy February.

Pastor John.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of substitute packers in the Food Pantry. Due to weather, health and personal plans, I find it necessary to ask for HELP of a few people who can fill in when needed. The hours, for a packer, are from 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM. The up front 30 minutes is to have time to pack before the clients begin arriving at 1:30 PM.

Having a "Pool" of substitutes will eliminate asking the same people each time a need arises.

If interested, please contact Terry Gilead at church 301-422-1420 ext 108.

Thank you for ANY time you might be able to give.

Terry

Communication Committee

The Communications Committee meets on the second Sunday of each month after morning worship. At last month's meeting we made final changes to the new comprehensive brochure about University Baptist Church. It has been printed and distributed in both the vestibule and in the pew racks in the sanctuary. Please take a look at this new brochure, which describes our mission programs, our ministries, and our vision all in one brochure. There are extra brochures in the church office if you would like to have one mailed to you. Feel free to take an extra to give to a friend or neighbor. During the month of February we plan to record (in audio and video) one of the musical selections and post it to our website and our Facebook page! If you haven't visited us on Facebook yet, check out our page: **University Baptist Church**. Any questions or suggestions that you have about our communications efforts -- both internal and external -- are welcome.

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!

Calendar and Other News

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30PM Dinner 6PM iAwesome, 6:30PM CC, 7PM BS 7:10 San. Choir	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 5:30PM Dinner 6PM iAwesome, 6:30PM CC, 7PM BS 7:10 San. Choir	10	11	12
13 <i>Warm</i> <i>Nights Begins;</i> <i>CommComm Meet</i> <i>Youth Group Meet</i>	14	15	16 No Dinner 6PM iAwesome 6:30PM PM & CC 7PM BS, 7:10 SC	17	18	19
20 <i>Warm</i> <i>Nights Ends</i>	21	22	23 5:30PM Dinner 6PM iAwesome, 6:30PM CC, 7PM BS 7:10 San. Choir	24	25	26
27 Diaconate Meets; Youth Group Skating	28	29	30 5:30PM Dinner 6PM iAwesome, 6:30PM CC, 7PM BS	31		

Members of the Month

When a pastor has emergency health problems, a whole season of worship can be thrown into chaos. Thankfully that did not happen in our church because of the faithfulness of Pastor Mark, Kenny Swift and Carmella Jones. In addition, however, our church is indebted to the thoughtful and helpful responses of Tom and Jerry. (I just like saying that because it takes me back to my childhood days.) Tom Rodgerson and Jerry Buckner stepped in on very short notice and fulfilled key roles in our Christmas celebration. Tom delivered the pastor's Christmas Eve meditation with humor, sensitivity and appropriate reverence. Jerry created a very meaningful Christmas sermon for the 26th with only two hour's notice. Because of the talent, sincerity and willingness of both men, the church staff would like to name them members of the month. When you see Tom and Jerry (see I got to say it again) this month, tell them thanks for making our Christmas celebration so deeply meaningful.

Congregational Meeting

On Wednesday, February 9th, the congregation will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Meeting Room to conduct some important business for our church. The agenda will include an update on our church pledges and finances, a discussion and selection of a simplified mission statement for our church, the election of a new deacon, the initial presentation of the proposed revisions of our Constitution and By-laws and a first report on the results of surveys taken on January 30th for the Natural Church Development process. Please do your best to attend this very important meeting.



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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

February 2 Full Schedule
February 9 No Bible Study or Sanc. Choir
February 16 Full Schedule
February 23 Full Schedule

**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

February 6 Trustees Meet @12PM
February 9 All Church Business Meeting @7PM
February 13 Communication Comm. Meets @12PM
February 27 Diaconate Meets

Youth and Other Events

February 8 Community Caf  @12PM
February 13 Youth Group @ 12:30PM
February 21 Church Office Closed in Observance of President's Day
February 26 Youth Group Snow Tubing @8:15AM
February 26 Black History Event Watch and Discuss *Blood Done Signed My
Name @ 5PM*

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