



THE EVANGEL

University Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

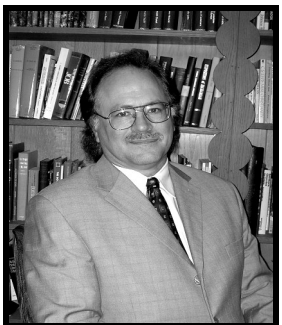
At the recent gathering of American Baptists in Puerto Rico, I learned something. The leadership of the denomination tried to get our board to endorse a program that we had not seen and did not understand. We resisted and the leadership seemed to feel betrayed. After careful listening and open communication, they came to comprehend that our resistance was not based in disenchantment with the program but in the process they used to present the program. We wanted to have more of a say in the development of the program because we had ideas that could improve it and make it more effective.

As a participant in our congregation, maybe you've felt that way in the past. Possibly you've listened as Pastor Mark or I have presented ideas and plans with great passion and thought, "I don't know if I like this or not. Why don't they ever ask my opinion before they come up with a plan."

If you've had any feelings of that nature, I hope you will take part in a new effort to plan the mission of the church for 2012. Starting Sunday, September 11 with a two hour session from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., continuing with an hour and half session on Wednesday night, September 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and concluding with a Sunday morning session on September 18 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., we will examine all the ministries this church has undertaken in 2011 and select the ones we feel most committed to for 2012. In addition, we will allow one another to share hopes for new ministries in the coming year and choose those that seem to be the Spirit's will for our church in 2012. During that time, we will also put these ministries on the calendar for the new year and evaluate whether we've over scheduled our time and resources for next year. When we are finished, we should have a new calendar of mission and ministry planned by the entire church rather than a few leaders. Each session will be different so hopefully many folks, members and participants, can attend the full week. However, if your schedule will only allow you to participate in one or two sessions, come when you can. For when this week is over, we will have a mission for 2012.

In the weeks following these initial planning sessions, we give the entire congregation a chance to sign-up to be involved in what has been planned. If there is not enough support for some ministry, we will interpret that as not being possible for 2012 and will hold it for another time and place. Once we have folks committed to the ministries planned, we will meet to decide how each event and ministry will be accomplished. At some point, we will use part of worship to dedicate ourselves to doing what we believe God wants us to do in the coming year. Please participate and see what new movement of the Spirit will break out in our church.

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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.

Love God.
Love Each Other.
Serve the World.

Pastor John

Music and Christian Education Notes



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

Got Style?

Do you fidget in your seat when someone mentions the word *evangelism*? Then, come! Discover your own style for sharing your faith with others. Pastors John and Mark will be leading a study each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Meeting Room based on David Laubach's book, *Got Style? Personality-based Evangelism*. During the study, you will learn about six different evangelistic styles: assertive, analytical, storytelling, relational, invitational and incarnational. Books are available for purchase.

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, September 11, children and youth will promote to their new Bible Study classes! Everyone is invited to join the children and youth in the Prayer Meeting Room that Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for an advancement ceremony, breakfast treats, songs and Bible games.

A SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all who helped make "SHAKE IT UP," our Vacation Bible School, wonderful! Chef hats off to Robin Collins, Betty Thompson, Alissa Casey, Vicki Cannon McIntyre, Carol Cron, Terry Gilead, Justina Blanco, Virginia Radisch, Donna Beard, Karen Krueger, Grace Chon, Dee Dee Hensley, Judy Buckner, Bruce Hellington and Wayne Taylor. We also thank our youth staff Savannah Collins, Grace Collins, Matthew McIntyre, Jacob Burns, Noah Ramsey-Lucas, Brandon Scott, Fidji Endene, Ja-kobe Wiggins and Eva Endene. Thanks to everyone, too, who brought snacks for the children. We had "a plenty" this year!

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

All choirs are open to new members beginning Wednesday, September 21! The Music Ministry of University Baptist Church seeks to enable all people who worship here to enter into the presence of God and be transformed by God's love through the medium of music. This ministry supports a musically diverse community of believers by enhancing worship and other church activities with various musical styles, forms and languages representative of the congregation.

Numerous people are involved in the music ministry at University Baptist. Choral groups include the Sanctuary Choir and the Children's Choir. Instrumentalists support the weekly worship services. Soloists from across the D.C., Virginia and Maryland area grace worship as do those singing in duets, trios and occasionally a quartet!

The **Sanctuary Choir** leads in worship on a weekly basis. The choir sings music from classical to contemporary, from unison to multiple parts and from short hymns and choruses to anthems and large choral works. In partnership with Zion Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., the choir has grown in their ability to sing spirituals and black gospel music. Favorite composers of the choir are Gabriel Faure, John Rutter, Richard Smallwood, Marty Haugen, Glenn Burleigh and Darlene Zschech. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday evening September 21 at 7:10 p.m. in the choir room.

Full of energy and vitality, older preschoolers through 6th grade children sing their hearts out every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. They enjoy creative movement, sign language, playing instruments, singing and praising God! The **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will resume rehearsals Wednesday, September 21.

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August Birthdays

3 Brenda Pavignano-Crawford
 4 Daniel Melendez
 5 Churchill Cowell
 Phyllis Berry
 7 Karen Flores
 9 John Casey
 Dalva Motley
 14 Marcia Warner
 Shawn Turonis jr.
 18 Caroline Barnard
 20 David Morrison
 Sharna Lockheart
 21 Kyla Garcelle Apagwu
 22 Stefanie Maclin
 23 Adepeju Adeniji
 24 Maria Franchi
 28 Kelly Turonis
 30 Jim Carothers
 31 Dana Friedeman
 Ruth Ramsey

September Birthdays

2 Ravi Amin
 Melody Bratton
 4 Alan Burton
 5 Joshua Stroup
 6 Bob Tarter
 Linda Sutton
 7 Mary Smith
 Kendra Hill
 8 William Yancey, Jr.
 13 Daniel Stroup
 16 Joan Taylor
 18 Walter Smith
 20 Biddu Oke
 20 Gloria Karekezi
 21 Richard Anderson
 Ronke Adeniji
 22 Adebanke Adeniji
 Grace Afolabi
 23 Korpo Cooper
 29 Stephen Scott

Prayer Requests

Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members): Ellie Tarter, Hetty Shear, David Jenkins, Richard Anderson, Anne Berry, Lasheema Watson, Bill Smith, Carolyn Scipio, Tracy Chewing, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Janice Henson, Lisa Taylor, Ruth Thornton, Clara Allen, Jeremiah Lusweti, Debbie Fickert, Samuel McKinney, Charles and Joan Conklin-Ewy, Jane Fulker, David Robinson, James Durtro Wagner, Andrew Smith, Peggy Eisenhower, Mack McCardel, Susan Austin, Karen Ferguson, Tom Belcher, Mildred Felts, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, Betty Kaley, Shirley Reid, Ronda Lennon, Sharon Galankos, Edd Jacobs, Meredith Talley, Hattie Pride, Eric Starkey, Paul Robbins, Stacie Taylor, Kathleen McMillan, Bridgett Pickett, Randy Springer, Dr. Dada, Elaine Hoffman, Maxwell Poindexter, William Yancey, Brett Sherry, Peggy Scipio, Carol Benjamin, Devin Tyner, Stan Horyna, **Non-medical needs:** Love Family, Afolabi Family, 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, Genevieve Parreco, Gerri Smith and Esther Schreiner.

Food Pantry Update

Averages for the months of June and July

Orders Packed 47	Feeding 150
Not Picked up -3	-12
Picked up 44	Feeding 138

We are in need of the following items:

- Individual Packages of Hot Chocolate
- Cold Cereal
- Saltines
- Dried Beans & Peas
- Canned Soups
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Pears
- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas

Thanks you for your support, Terry

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!

Attendance Update

June /July Averages

Worship: 140
 Bible Study: 49

Comedy Corner

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First she wanted to be cremated and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart!" The preacher exclaimed, "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I will be sure my daughter visits me twice a week".

Submitted by Tracy Chewing.

Our Church and the Purple Line

Jerry Buckner, Jonathan Short and Pastor John met with representatives of the Purple Line Transit Authority recently to hear how their plans will affect our church. The news is that the Purple Line plans to run a light rail train track across the front of the church property blocking both of our entrances. In addition, they plan to build a station right in front of the church taking about forty feet of our property to accommodate their needs. They will pay us for this land and will construct an alternate driveway so that we can have access to our property. All of this will begin sometime in the next five years if funding is obtained. No one knows for sure whether the Purple Line will become a reality but it seems to be more and more likely as hurdles are crossed.

The church will meet to discuss these developments in the near future. The Purple Line representatives hope to hold a community meeting in our church before too very long in which they will answer questions and register objections. Watch for further developments.

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Vocalists/Instrumentalists

Male and female...young and old...all grace the worship services at University Baptist. From professional singers and players to those just learning to use their voices and instruments to praise God, one can hear hymns, choruses, spirituals, gospel, classical and even barbershop quartet music glorifying God. If you would like to assist the congregation in worship through singing or playing, please contact me at your convenience.

The new **Praise ENSEMBLE** will focus on leading the congregation in worship by enhancing the music the congregation has grown to love and found meaningful with very contemporary music written by composers from around the world such as Matt Redman, Graham Kendrick, Brian Doerksen, Twila Paris and Kirk Franklin. Rehearsal times and days will vary according to schedules. If you play drums, guitar, bass or percussion, this could be the place of praise for you!

Pastor Mark

Member of the Month

The church staff is very thankful to the following people for making our annual fish fry a great success: Cecil Ramsey, Ed Mulligan and Bobby Tarter for frying the fish. Cheryl Sutton, her friend Jason and Kelly Turonis for preparing all the side dishes except the hush puppies. Charles Mulchi for once again making the hush puppies. Joan and Ed Mulligan for purchasing supplies for the fish fry. Mack Frost, Darius Harrison, Ravi Amin, John Kohl and Juan Guirola for moving the fryer into position for the event. The deacons for selling the tickets. This month, when you see any of these folks, tell them thanks for their contribution to this time of fun, food and fellowship.

Crochet & Knitting Ministry

Prayer Shawl Update

During worship service on Sunday, July 17, UBC had a blessing of the ministry and its first four shawls. The group's mission is to create a prayer shawls as an outward and visible sign that through prayer our souls are knits together in the mystery of God. Our prayers are that each shawl will carry our strength, care and energy to each who receives one and that they are reminded of God's love as the shawl is wrapped around their shoulders.

Shawls are provided for those who are...

- Homebound parishioners
- In need of comfort after a loss
- Undergoing medical procedures



Please consider joining us as we gather with caring hearts and caring hands to pray together, knit/crochet, share experiences, prayer concerns, fellowship, and God's love. We welcome persons of all ages, experienced or beginners and members willing to help in any way.

We gather monthly on the 4th Friday of each month in the Parlor from 7-8:30 pm. Meeting reminders are included in the church bulletin, on the website, facebook and the Evangel. Our next meeting is August 27, 2011.

To make a request for a prayer shawl or if you have any questions, please contact: Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinators: Kathleen Hellington - 301.793.2007 or Carmella Jones - 240.381.0652

Upcoming Events and Other News

Celebrating 20 Years with Pastor John

SSSHHH! IT'S A SURPRISE!

We look forward to your participation in a wonderful worship service celebrating Rev. John Burns and his 20 years of service at University Baptist Church on Sunday, October 2. A luncheon reception will be held after worship. Due to budget restraints, we will ask for donations to offset the cost of the luncheon. Everyone is invited and no one will be excluded due to inability to pay. The donation for the luncheon is: \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children ages 4-11, Children under 4 are free, children over 12 pay adult price with \$30.00 Max per family.

Also if you would like to donate towards a congregational gift, that would be great! Here is what you need to do to attend the luncheon or donate for the gift:

- Sign-up in the foyer or call the office to place your reservation for the luncheon. (This is important so we will know how many will be in attendance.)
- Place your donations in separate envelopes, with your name and amount. For the luncheon, place your donation in an envelope and write "luncheon reception". For the congregational gift, place your donation in an envelope and write "congregational gift." **Don't forget to put your name and the amount on the outside of the envelope.**

We are still in the planning stages, so the menu for the luncheon and the congregational gift have not been determined. If you have any ideas about the gift or would like to volunteer, please call the office.

UBC-TOP SECRET!!! Scrapbook UBC-TOP SECRET!!!

We are putting together a scrapbook to give to Pastor John commemorating his 20th anniversary as our pastor. We want to invite you to help with this gift by contributing a note, a poem, a story, a drawing, photographs from the past or the present, or any other thing that would go on a page to include in the scrapbook. *(If you only have original photographs that you don't want to give up, we can scan and make copies to use in the book).*

- You might want to share memories you have of his ministry at UBC, funny or touching stories, words of thanks or ANY message you would like to give him on this special occasion.
- You may want to contribute one page for your whole family OR each person in your family may want to create his/her own page for this memory book.

Here's how you can help with this project:

- Make your own 8 ½ X 11 inch scrapbook page. There is paper and some stickers located in the vestibule at the church. Or you can use any of your own materials you may already have.
- If making scrapbook pages is not your thing, you can still contribute by bringing your notes and/or pictures to the church either in an envelope or paper clipped together with your name on it and someone will create a scrapbook page for you.
- If you can't bring your materials to the church you can either mail them to Pastor Mark at the church OR send them by e-mail to Vicki Cannon McIntyre at v.canmc2@verizon.net

Remember your contribution can be as elaborate as an artistic page with words, pictures, decorations or as simple as a few lines of a Thank You Note. Pastor John means a lot to all of us and this is one way we can show our appreciation by giving him something he can read and look at for years to come. We will need your entries by Sunday, September 18 so we will have time to put the book together. Also, remember this is TOP SECRET!

If you have any other questions, please contact Marcia Warner or Vicki Cannon McIntyre. Thank you, be creative and have fun doing this for our pastor!

REMEMBER, THIS IS A SURPRISE! DON'T LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG!



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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

August 3 Summer Schedule
August 10 Summer Schedule
August 17 Summer Schedule
August 24 Summer Schedule

Summer Wednesday Night Schedule

**7:00 pm Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study**

Church Council and Commissions

August 14 CommComm Meets
August 28 Diaconate Meets
August 29 Church Council Meets

Youth and Other Events

August 9 Community Café
August 20 Private Event in Fellowship Hall

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