



THE EVANGEL

University Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

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Pastor

Professor Martin Laird in his book, **Into the Silent Land**, says most of us have what amounts to a cocktail party going on in our heads. The seminary teacher means that a lot of voices run through our brains every day. When we face a decision, the voices tend to speak up. Our mature self advises us one way while our childish nature argues for a different path. Human desires advocate for one response while our spiritual natures call us to a higher way. We may hear our mother's voice warning us to be careful while our father's voice might push us to take a risk. Anxiety pipes up telling us that one course will end in confusion while optimism wedge in to say all will be well. Cultural influences are apt to tell us to choose to do what will make us economically successful while our better angels direct us to take a more selfless route. Patriotism, pettiness, pride and prejudice can all raise their voices in an effort to get us to do what they think is best. Somewhere in the cacophony of sound, God's voice works to be heard.

With all that noise, it is no wonder we sometimes struggle to discern the guidance of God. How can we possibly know when it is our ego screaming for satisfaction or the Holy Spirit spurring us to action? What signs can help us distinguish between the conviction of God and our grandmother's judgmental attitudes buried deep in our psyche? Are their ways to identify our own laziness from the call of the Spirit to rest? What is the difference between being touched by God's grief over the sadness of this world and becoming lost in depression?

This summer, I will be preaching from ten passages of Scripture that will offer us some divine help in hearing the voice of God in the midst of the "cocktail party" going on in our heads. We will learn to listen to the barrage of sound and name the voices that clamor for authority. With a little practice and a lot of prayer, we will increase our skill at silencing the influences that lead us into destructive behavior and amplifying the redemptive guidance of God in our lives.

What if you don't have conflicting messages striving for clarity in your mind? One of two realities is probably true. Either you have perfected your connection to God and hear only the voice of the Good Shepherd as you face each matter in life, OR, your ego has become so dominant, it has shut out all other perspectives, including the will of God. Obviously there is a wide gap between these two alternatives.

Whether the chorus in your mind is great and varied or single minded and overpowering, come to worship this summer and learn how to center more fully on the sweet sound of the Spirit as the still, small voice of God seeks to guide us into abundant life.



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.

Pastor John

Music and Christian Education Notes



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Shake It Up: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Have you ever watched the Food Network? Are you familiar with the cooking names Bobby Flay, Paula Deen, Alton Brown, Emeril Lagasse and Rachel Ray? Have you ever seen the battle-of-the-chefs show, *Iron Chef*, where two chefs and their crews battle each other trying to do their best in cooking the secret ingredient?

Jesus calls us to “shake up” our lives and follow Him! There are many Biblical “recipes” for us to follow in learning to be and growing as Christians. So, send your children and bring their friends to...

Shake It Up: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe! It is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School, June 20 - 24. This will be a fantastic opportunity for UBC children and those in our surrounding communities to follow five different recipes the Bible gives us: be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God's Son, remember Jesus' life and teachings, and celebrate God forever.

During the week, children will learn:

- Be ready for God - Story: Israelites Celebrate Passover
- Give happily to God - Story: Festival Celebrations for the Israelites
- Believe fully in Jesus - Story: Jesus Celebrates the Festival of Booths
- Remember Jesus often - Story: Jesus Celebrates Passover
- Celebrate God forever - Story: Festival of Weeks and Pentecost

Children ages 4 through grade 6 will gather from 9 AM to 12 Noon and rotate through Shake It Up Café (worship and assembly time) where they will praise God, learn a little “foodology” and discover the secret ingredient for each day, Kitchen à la King (Bible activities), Tangy and Tart Arts (crafts), Spork Sports (recreation), Takeout Treatery (snacks) and Wok & Roll Hits (music).

Permission forms for each child will be available soon on the website (www.weareubc.org), in the church foyer and in the weekly church bulletins. Please fill out one form for each child attending VBS!

The children of UBC are urged to “Bring-a-Friend” each day. They will also be participating in bringing food for the Food Pantry.

Snacks are needed each day for the children (and the working youth and adults). If you are able to provide the following or donate a few dollars towards the purchase of the products, please contact Mark McIntyre!

SNACKS NEEDED: gold fish crackers, graham crackers or sticks, pretzels, teddy grahams, animal cookies, lemonade mixes, gallons of apple juice or fruit punch.

Mark these culinary dates on your calendar (June 20-24) and tell your friends!

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation... ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17a

SUMMER CHOIR!

If you like to sing and want to join others in sharing the love of God through music, join the Summer Choir NOW! There are NO rehearsals to attend during the week. NO robes to wear. NO special audition. Just meet in the Choir Room at 10:40 AM each Sunday prior to the worship service. Music for the service will be rehearsed right before worship. If you are age 12 to 102 and have thought about singing in the choir, now is the time!

Pastor Mark

June Birthdays

- 1 Kay Robinson
- 2 Mike Welch
- 6 Susan Hoffman
- 12 Sarah Cowell Berard
- 15 Vicki Cannon McIntyre
- 17 Ross Friedeman
- 18 John Kohl
- 19 Ingrid Boone
- 23 Ted Coon
- 24 Eva Endene
- 26 Noah Ramsey-Lucas
- 27 Dorothy Taylor
- Julia Stroup
- 30 Robin Collins

Food Pantry Update

For the month of June, we packed 20 orders feeding 57 people. There were 4 orders packed and not picked up.

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), individual packs of hot chocolate and pancake syrup.
Thanks, Terry

Comedy Corner

Hold this square to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, see your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a Will. If it remains the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason why you should not be in church next Sunday morning.

July Birthdays

- 1 Yvonne Paraiwa
- 5 Bob Davis
- Susan Harris
- 7 Sharon Hauge
- 8 Robbie Davis
- Rhonda Coon
- 9 Curtis Ramsey-Lucas
- Kenneth Swift
- 10 Elizabeth Gilead
- Bosede Adeniji
- 11 Kettline Apagwu
- JA-Kobe W. Wiggins
- 13 Judy Buckner
- 14 Mark McIntyre
- Stephen Hatos
- 15 Charlie Helms
- 17 Doris Dowling
- 18 Connie Smith
- 20 Joe Shadrick
- 21 Ruthie Anderson
- 27 Diane Casey
- 28 Jacob Stroup
- 31 David Lyon

Attendance Update

June Averages

Worship: 150
 Bible Study: 55

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!

Prayer Requests

Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members): Mary Caponiti, Evelyn Brown, Carol Hurd, Lasheema Watson, Ijeoma Ogbunike, Bill Smith, Candace Holness, Carolyn Scipio, Tracy Chewning, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Ronald Lockhart, 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 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, 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:** 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

Youth Upcoming Events /Updates

June

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

July

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

13 teenagers and three sponsors are preparing to go to Macon, Georgia from July 16-23 to participate in this year's PASSPORT mission trip. The sponsors are Dana Friedeman, Pat Collins and Shawn Turonis. Teenagers planning to attend include Jacob Burns, Noah Ramsey-Lucas, Shawn Turonis, Ja Kobe Wiggins, Matthew McIntyre, Chris Apagwu, Savannah Collins, Grace Collins, Faith Karekezi, Andrea Guirola, Christy Apagwu, Eva Endene and Fidji Endene. Keep all participants in your prayers.

Sunday School for Adults

What three consecutive books in the Old Testament make a complete sentence? Answer: Joshua, Judges, Ruth. This summer, the Pastor will lead a class for all adults entitled God Instructs the People of God. All the lessons were written by Pastor John for Judson Press and are being taught throughout the American Baptist denomination. The lessons are based on passages from Joshua, Judges and Ruth and deal with many vivid stories and disturbing events in the life of the Hebrew people. As the class examines each passage together, participants will see how God sought to guide the Hebrew people to in the midst of war, revenge, hatred, humor, disaster and beauty to find their ultimate fulfillment in their relationship with the Lord. Each class will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Prayer Meeting Room. All adults are encouraged to attend.

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Member of the Month

On Sunday, May 29th, a two-inch water pipe burst in the first floor mens' bathroom and began pumping a river of water down the hallway of our church. Within minutes the water began flooding the prayer meeting room and moving toward the carpeted foyer. By the time our Trustees shut the water off in the building, three inches of water splashed up and down the hallway. We don't have an official mop brigade in the church, so it was up to volunteers to grab mops and wet vacs and get the water out of the building. Emanuel Oke, Rowan Burke, Olu Afolabi, Charles Adeniji, John Casey, Adrian Casey, Daniel Rodgeron, David Lyons, Matthew McIntyre and a man who I believe was recruited by Rowan worked feverishly for about an hour after worship until the water was mopped and vacuumed and the crisis was managed. Although the mess was hard to handle, we all agreed that it was much better for the church that the rupture happened while many folks were still in the building. If the pipe had broken during the evening or night, the entire building, sanctuary included, would have been flooded. Because the aforementioned folks put off what they had planned for Sunday afternoon until the water was removed, the staff would like to name all of them as our members of the month. When you see any of them, tell them thank you for dealing with an inconvenient crisis on behalf of our church.

Crochet & Knitting Ministry

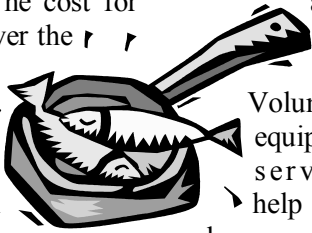
Crocheting and Knitting Ministry will meet the fourth Friday of every month in the Parlor at 7PM. The next meeting will be Friday, June 24th. All who are interested are welcome.



Upcoming Events and Other News

Annual Fish Fry

After a one year hiatus, our annual Fish Fry will occur on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, June 19. The cost for adults is \$5.00 and children over the age of 4 will cost \$3.00. See deacons for tickets. Volunteers will be needed to move equipment, buy fish, fry fish and serve other items. If you can help out let one of the pastors or Desa know. A business meeting will follow the fish fry. Courteous violators



The Ordination of Anne Short

On Sunday, June 12, the church will ordain Anne Short into the ministry of the diaconate. Anne has served our church for many years on the Personnel Committee and Kitchen Committee. She has also pitched in on many other occasions to help with projects like Senior Appreciation Sunday and our November Craft Fair. In addition, Anne has served as a worship leader on Sundays and volunteered as a teller to count money after church. In every act of service, Anne has demonstrated the qualities the church looks for in the deacons of the church, so this year she was nominated and approved to become a deacon. During the worship service on June 12, the congregation will be invited to pray for Anne by laying hands upon her shoulders and issuing a brief prayer on her behalf. She will also be given a certificate identifying her as an ordained deacon of our church.

Baby Dedication

On Sunday, June 19th, we will dedicate Joanne Mealo's baby girl, Rose Pearl. Come be a part of this joyful occasion.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

After the fourth of July, Pastor Mark will lead us in the second half of our summer Bible study as we focus on personal evangelism styles by studying **Got Style? Personality-based evangelism.** Relying on a text written by Jeffrey A. Johnson and published by Judson Press, we will learn how to share our faith in a manner that is compatible with our basic personalities. Mr. Johnson outlines six different approaches to evangelism that help people come to faith in Christ. He helps us see that no one way is superior to another, some strategies simply mesh better with our personalities. To try to force everyone to evangelize the same way, Johnson notes, is counterproductive to our mission, not to mention intensely frustrating for all involved.

Each session will be taught from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights in our prayer meeting room. It is open to all adults. Childcare is provided.

July Calendar

- July 2 Private Event in Fellowship Hall
- July 4 4th of July (Office Closed)
- July 10 CommComm Meet in Library
- July 13 Annual Fish Fry/Bus. Meeting
- July 16 Youth Leave for PASSPORT
- July 17 Worship in the Woods
- July 23 Youth Return from PASSPORT



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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

June 8 Summer Schedule
June 15 Summer Schedule
June 22 Summer Schedule
June 29 Summer Schedule

Church Council and Commissions

June 12 CommComm Meets
June 13 Church Council Meets @ 7PM
June 26 Diaconate Meets

Youth and Other Events

June 12 Pentecost/Worship in the Woods
June 12 Ordination of Anne Short
June 14 Community Cafe
June 19 Father's Day/ Combined Summer Class for Adults Begins
June 19 Baby Dedication/Fish Fry Tickets Go on Sale
June 20-24 VBS (University Baptist)
June 24-30 American Baptist Biennial in Puerto Rico
June 24 Crochet/Knitting Ministry Meet in Parlor @ 7PM
June 26 Diaconate Meets
June 26 Youth Passport Meeting
June 27-July 1 VBS (Riverdale Presbyterian)

**Summer Wednesday
Night Schedule**

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

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