



THE EVANGEL

University Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

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Congregational Gathering for Discussion and Reflection

On the weekend of October 23 and 24, our church will hold a very important gathering to begin formulating a vision for our church's future. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 and go through supper. On Sunday, we will continue the discussion and reflection in Sunday School and conclude with prayer and commitment in the morning worship service.

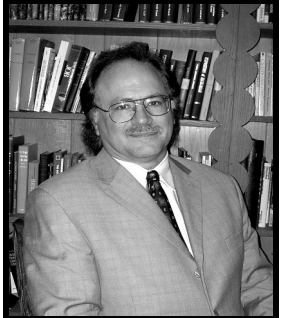
Special events for children and teenagers will be planned for Saturday afternoon. Everyone will gather for supper at 6:00 p.m. at which time the children and teenagers will join the process. We will conclude by 7:30.

The gathering is for everyone in the congregation regardless of whether a person is an official member or not. During the two day event, we will work through a process to develop a simple vision to help the church grow numerically and spiritually. We will also be introduced to two plans, Natural Church Development and the Missional Church, that will help us further refine our vision after the first of the year.

The pastor will receive training in Natural Church Development in early October. Interested church leaders and members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Missional Church concept by attending a presentation given by American Baptist Glynis Labarre at the DC Baptist Convention's annual meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25 at Israel Baptist Church located at 1251 Saratoga Ave. N.E. Washington D.C. (The corner of Rhode Island and Saratoga.)

Here's what the ministerial staff of our church is asking you to do to help our church get clearer about God's vision for our future.

1. Sign up in the foyer to attend the Congregational Gathering (or email the church at abc@attglobal.net.)
2. Reflect on the following three questions before attending.
 1. **What brought me to University Baptist Church?**
 2. **What has kept me here?**
 3. **What would the church's mission, worship, spiritual growth opportunities, witness and fellowship need to be for me to be excited about belonging to University Baptist in five years?**
3. Pray for God's guidance in the gathering.
4. Encourage others members of the congregation to attend.
5. Attend the gathering with a commitment to share your vision and listen to the vision of others.



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.

The time is ripe for a new vision for the next five years. I hope to see everyone on October 23rd and 24th.

Pastor John

Music and Christian Education Notes



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

World Communion Sunday

For many years, we have celebrated World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. It is a Sunday in which we remind ourselves of our connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Each year, we display flags from countries of origin. Over the past few years, flags from Japan, Liberia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Guyana, Central African Republic, Morocco, Greece, Britain, Puerto Rico, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Peru, Malaysia, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy, Nigeria, Germany, the United States, Haiti, El Salvador and Zimbabwe have hung in the sanctuary. Also, two flags representing countries we partner with in missions, Brazil and Thailand, and the flag of South Korea, representing the country from which many of our brothers and sisters from the Nadulmok Community Church of Washington, join the countries of origin flags. Last year, 25 flags hung in the sanctuary on World Communion Sunday.

This year, lay leaders will read in their native languages. In addition to the Sanctuary Choir, musicians assisting us in celebrating this special Sunday are Vernon Hammett, tenor; Ben Warner, drums; Daniel Rodgerson, guitar; Juan Guirola, congas; Vicki Cannon McIntyre, recorder and ocarina; Susan Hoffman, soprano; Marica Warner, soprano and Craig Warner, baritone.

Come, celebrate communion with Christians from 25 countries around the world as we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere!

Youth Group

Senior High Youth and Middle Schoolers! Come join the Youth Group once a month immediately following worship. We play games, eat lunch (mostly pizza) and discover more about God and God's Word. Invite your friends! Remind your parents! Put these dates on your calendar TODAY!!!

Youth Group meetings for the fall are:

- October 2 - football parking
- October 23 - Congregational Gathering
- October 24 - youth group (after worship)
- November 14 - youth group (after worship)
- November 21 - leaf raking (after worship)
- December 12 - caroling

Children's Choir

Full of energy and vitality, older preschoolers through 6th grade children sing their hearts out every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. They enjoy creative movement, sign language, playing instruments, singing and praising God! If you have a child in this age group, bring them and their friends! All middle schoolers are welcome to assist the Children's Choir until *iAwesome* begins October 13th!

Bible Presentations

During the morning worship service on Sunday, October 24, Bibles will be presented to 4th and 9th graders. If your child is a 4th or 9th grader, please contact the church office.

Pastor Mark

October Birthdays

- 3 Jackie Stroup
- 4 Maggie Lusweti
- 7 Alyssa Pagivnano
- 8 Nick Boone
Matthew McIntyre
Christina Smith
- 10 Esther Schreiner
- 12 Tracey Chewning
Sean Coxen
- 15 Henriette Uwimana Karekezi
- 16 Donna Sonnemann
- 18 John Burns
- 19 Olusegun Afalobi
- 21 Faith Karekezi
- 23 Keith Gilead
- 24 Clyde Casey
Martha Evers
- 27 Steve Tucker
- 29 Bonnie Davis
Fidji Endene
- 30 Robert Gilead
- 31 Charmaine Parsad

November Birthdays

- 1 Craig Sonnemann
- 3 Lasheema Watson
- 5 Vida David
- 6 Grace Lynn Collins
- 7 Jim Morrison
Bee Koon See
- 8 Hetty Shear
- 10 Benny Ramdas
- 15 Alyssa Heintzelman
- 18 Jerry Buckner
Philomene Koya
- 19 Stephen Toward
- 21 Jonah Ramsey-Lucas
- 22 Judy Shadrick
Bobbie Sullivan
- 23 Benjamin Warner
- 26 Jeanette Holt
Gerry Smith
Liz Young
- 28 Jean-Jacques Endene
- 29 Julia Franchi
Bev Rodgerson
Ayo Ogunmola

Prayer Requests

Deaths: Del Harris, B. J. Greene, **Pray For The Congregational Gathering and Reflection on October 23-24th Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members):** Georgia Watson, Sharon Hauge, Nick Boone, Anne Short, Rick Spencer, Joel Mateer, Genevieve Parreco, Virginia Kitchen, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Phil Rodgerson, Bernie McManus, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, W. O. McIntyre (Pastor Mark's Father), Art Story, Betty Kaley, Nan Helm, Staria Alexander, 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 Harrold, William Yancey, Brett Sherry, Peggy Scipio, Carol Benjamin, Devin Tyner, Stan Horyna, **Non-medical needs:** Mark Benhemen, Emily Weant, The Foster Family, The People of Haiti, Richard Sullivan, Rice and Watson families, Darfur; **Military:** Jon Cron, Elizabeth Gilead, and Iraq; **Peace Corp:** Anna Cowell, **Homebound:** Gerry Smith, Vida David, Esther Schreiner, Adelaide Norman and Bill Kennedy.

Attendance Update

September Averages

Worship: 137
Bible Study: 48

Food Pantry Update

As of September 28th, we packed for 16 families, feeding 49 people. Currently we are in need of flavored instant oatmeal, corn bread mix, canned peaches, pears, syrup, saltine crackers, canned meats (such as chicken, turkey, corned beef and salmon, no tuna please), and hot chocolate.

Thanks, Terry

October Schedule for 7 *Conversations with Jesus*

Date	Title	Scripture
Oct. 6	Conversation with the Woman in the Well	John 4: 1-30
	"Jesus, I'm thirsty for something more in life."	
Oct. 13	Conversation with the Man in Bethesda	John 5:1-8
	"Jesus, I just can't help myself."	
Oct. 20	Conversation with the Woman to be Stoned	John 8:1-11
	"Jesus, what is love really about?"	
Oct. 27	Conversation with a Blind Man	John 9:1-41
	"Jesus, can my life really change?"	

See details on page 6

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast to be hosted by Diaconate



**Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast
Thursday, November 25th
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 25th at 8:30 a.m. The tickets may be purchased from the deacons each Sunday during the month of November. The cost is \$3.00 per person, \$10.00 per family and will be available until Sunday, November 21st. The Deacons will serve a buffet-style continental breakfast in the fellowship hall. There will be weekly announcements leading up to this wonderful opportunity to come together and share the love of our Lord.

Carolyn Scipio, Diaconate Chair

NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Council Meets @ 7PM	2	3 Full Wednesday Schedule	4	5	6
7 Stewardship Sunday	8	9	10 Internal Budget Discussion	11	12	13
14 DST ends Annual Meeting Youth Group	15	16	17 Full Wednesday Schedule	18	19	20 UMD Football Parking
21 Pledge Sunday Youth Group Leaf Raking	22	23	24 No Wed. Services	25 Thanksgiving Breakfast @ 8:00AM	26	27 UMD Football Parking
28 Advent 1st Sunday Deacons Meet @ 12:30 PM	29	30				

Announcements and Updates

Member of the Month

As has been highlighted in various communications, our building has had its problems this summer. Flooding issues, electrical issues, air conditioning issues and convector issues have cost money and created headaches for the staff and trustees. John Casey, the chairman of our trustees, has responded with extra time, guidance and expertise to see us through this time. So this month, the staff would like to name John as our member of the month. When you see him, tell him thanks for all he does to keep our church running.

Church Christmas Bizarre

This year I will be organizing a church bazaar. The purpose of the bazaar would be to raise money for the church building fund. It would also serve as a fun way for church members to do something as a group in the spirit of Christmas. What is needed is people to volunteer to make and or bake goods to be sold. All of the profits would be donated to the church. This can be done as a group, family, or individual. We will also need volunteers to help set up. The event will be held on November 13 from 10am-3pm in the church basement. Please sign up in the foyer. If you have any questions contact Carly Guirola.

Building Fund

The Committee on the Church Future and the Trustees met on September 12th to review the feasibility study done on our building by Johnson and Johnson Architects. They are responding to the study by reviewing the suggestions item by item and by gathering information about the funding necessary for renovation and/or new construction. The combined groups are looking into the cost of loans, the possibility of selling part of the land the church doesn't currently use and possible grants. In addition, the Committee on the Church Future and the Trustees want to rename the Capital Improvement Fund as The Building Fund and develop a campaign to gather donations for the upgrading of our church facilities. If you would like to donate to the Building Fund, please mark any envelope as such and the money will be reserved for providing a building that is adequate for the next generation of University Baptist Church.

Parking Lot Pavement

The University of Maryland, University College project of laying new drainage pipe under our back parking lot is almost completed. Some complications have extended this project for another two weeks. At that point, the church and UMUC will share the costs of paving three fourths of our parking surfaces.

Grant Writers Needed

If you have expertise in writing grants, please email the church at ubc@attglobal.net or let Terry Gilead know of your ability. There are many foundations and agencies that provide grants for church renovation, but the church needs help in formulating those grants.

Budget Process Announced

Our 2011 Budget will be released to the church on Sunday, November 7. The following Wednesday, November 10, we will hold an informal discussion on the budget at 6:30 p.m. The 2011 Budget will then be considered and voted on in our Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday, November 14.

Appreciation

John, Shannon and Sova Meyers have moved the Grand Teton National Park. Recently, John wrote these words of appreciation to our church. "We miss UBC. In all our moves, from San Diego to MD, Yellowstone and now the Tetons, your church truly welcomed us, enriched us, taught us and loved us like no other. The many hands and hearts that come together there are evidence of God's work in lives today. . . It is a wonderful church family and you all touched our lives."

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!

Announcements Continued

The Communications Committee (aka the "Comm Comm")

By Carol Cron

The new Communications Committee (also known as the "Comm Comm") has met twice and talked about a wide range of topics.

- In late August we organized an outreach effort to new UMD students through the Chaplain's Office by designing, printing and delivering 65 flyers along with our "welcome card." These flyers were given to students who indicated "Baptist" on their admission form.
- We discussed the purchase of new audio equipment which will enable us to make high-quality audio recordings of Pastor John's sermons. These recordings will be put onto cd-roms for members and visitors to use at home, and they will also be uploaded to our website to accompany the printed format of our pastor's sermons.

A new page has been added to our website called "About & By Us." This page will feature short articles

written by or about UBC members. Anyone interested in submitting an article for the website -- with or without photos -- is welcome to do so. Please send the article and picture (.jpg format) to Carol Cron at carol.cron@hotmail.com.

- Names of UBC members who are interested in serving on the Communications Committee have been given to the Nominating Committee.
- Our monthly meetings will likely rotate between Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00) and after church on Sunday. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 17 following worship.

Anyone interested in how we communicate at UBC -- both internally (between UBC members/staff) and externally (to our visitors and potential members) is welcome to attend our meetings and/or provide ideas or comments. Be sure to visit our website: www.weareubc.org and our Facebook page: University Baptist Church.

iAwesome, New Program for Students ages 12-17

Starting on Wednesday, October 15th, a new program for middle schoolers and interested high school students will begin. Running from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (immediately following the church dinner at 5:30 p.m.) from October through Easter, teenagers will have a series of learning and ministry opportunities available to them. The first six week session will focus on hands-on ministry activities. Then from November through Christmas, the time will be used to prepare the Christmas pageant. In the New Year, the youth will

have a session on baptism and discipleship, another ministry segment and a session on preparing various contributions to worship. The middle schoolers came up with their own name for this program: *iAwesome*. The name signifies many components of the Christian life. Each person is an awesome creation in the sight of God and each person lives and grows in the presence of our awesome God. All seventh grade through high school students are invited to attend.

Seven Conversations with Jesus September 15 - October 27 Prayer Meeting Room: 7:00 p.m.

Do you ever wish you could have a conversation with Jesus, face to face, person to person, and flesh to flesh? What would you ask the Lord? What would Jesus say to you? The Gospel of John contains many conversations between Jesus and others. In the months of September and October, we are going to examine seven of them together. During these weeks we will find Jesus talking to his mother, a skeptic, an intellectual, a woman of another faith, an invalid, a woman about to be punished for her sins and a man blamed for his own illness. We will find many similarities between the encounters Jesus had with others and the encounters we long to have with Christ. At least vicariously, we will have seven conversations with Jesus that will surely lead to our own encounters with Christ as well. All adults are welcome.

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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

October 6 Full Schedule (No *iAwesome*)
October 13 Full Schedule
October 20 Full Schedule
October 27 Full Schedule

Church Council and Commissions

October 4 Church Council
October 31 Deacons Meet

Youth and Other Events

October 2 Maryland Football Parking (Youth Group)
October 3 World Communion Sunday
October 10 Kenny Swift Preaches
October 12 Community Café
October 13 *iAwesome* Begins
October 23-24 Congregational Gathering
October 24 Youth Group
October 30 Maryland Football Parking (Youth Group)
October 31 Reformation Sunday

Full Wednesday Night Schedule

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

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