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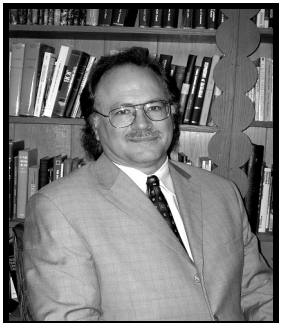
University Baptist Church

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From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

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Rev. John P. Burns
Pastor

60 people from our congregation spent five hours in September discerning the events that should be part of our church's mission for 2012. We began by evaluating eight pages of events, tasks and ministries from 2011 to decide which parts of our mission in 2011 should be continued in the year to come. Participants were very clear that many ministries, programs, tasks and events conducted in 2011 should be continued in 2012. Two dozen components of our work in 2011, however, were "yellow-lighted," meaning the group felt that if there were volunteers to support those endeavors, they should be pursued in 2012, but if not, they were to be dropped. Five ministries and events were "almost red-lighted" which means that unless some groundswell of support occurs, they should be discontinued. Among these "red-lighted" ministries were "Wednesday Dinners," "Angel to Angel Ministry," "Deacon Family Ministry," and our annual "Fish Fry."

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After evaluating our work together in the past year, we opened the floor to new ideas for ministry in 2012. Participants offered 28 new ideas for our mission in 2012. These ideas ranged from holding a series of band concerts for college students in the church basement to starting a praise band/young people's choir. **We cannot sustain 28 new ministries next year so, any interested person in the congregation is invited to meet again on Wednesday, October 19 at 8:00 p.m. to further discern which new ideas we should tackle for 2012 and which might need to be left until another year.**

The next step in our mission 2012 will be to seek volunteers to help carry out the green and yellow lighted ministries identified in the first step of this process. On each Sunday in October, a short list of ministries, programs and tasks will be highlighted in the bulletin and the entire congregation will be encouraged to volunteer to help in some ministry, program or administrative task. If no one, or too few people volunteer for some ministries, those ministries will be eliminated from the church's agenda in the coming year.

Lastly, after we have chosen the activities and tasks for 2012, we will determine whether there is funding for all that we want to do. If funding cannot be found through the 2012 budget process, we will have to re-evaluate which parts of our mission should be prioritized and which should be postponed.

This has been an exciting and informative process so far. I look forward to the mission for 2012 that our congregation develops over the coming days.



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
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What Good Is God?

Philip Yancey, journalist, bestselling writer and speaker, has traveled the world seeking answers to universal questions. In his new book, *What Good Is God?*, he seeks the answer to this title question about which he states: “occurs in some form to every person who experiences pain or death or poverty or unfairness – in other words, to everyone.”

Yancey visits ten different places around the world as he asks this question and a question about faith: “Does faith really matter when you’re struggling?” He ponders whether our faith matters when struggling with addiction, when getting laid off, when chronically depressed, when terrorists attack, when faith has to go “underground” (China), and with other issues.

Searching and meeting with individuals and groups, Philip Yancey tells the “story behind the story” as well as his account of what he said to those he encountered. He found, “faith really does make a difference, even when belief is severely tested.”

If you are of college and career age, Craig and Marcia Warner are leading a study of this book on Sunday mornings in the Library during Bible Study. If not, why not pick up a copy at a book store and read it this week?

Welcome New and Returning Teachers!

The Education Commission is grateful to all teachers who are leading the congregation in Bible Study this fall. New teachers are: Nick Boone (Senior High Youth) and Candace Holness (2nd - 5th graders). Teaching this fall are: Katherine Sorrell and Maria Franchi, *Preschool - First Grade*, Churchill Cowell and Candace Holness, *Second - Fifth Grade*, Alissa Casey, *Sixth - Eighth Grade*, Nick Boone and Ravi Amin, *Senior High Youth*, Craig and Marcia Warner, *College and Career*, John Burns, *Pastor’s Class*, Jeanette Holt, *The Combined Class* and John Kohl, *Sermon Topic Class*. Please thank these teachers for volunteering to take us deeper into God’s Word every Sunday!

Bibles for 4th and 9th Graders

On October 30, Bibles will be presented in worship to our 4th and 9th graders. If you have a 4th or 9th grader, please contact the church office so we will be sure your child is included in this gift of God’s Word!

World Communion Sunday Has Moved!

Yes, we usually celebrate World Communion Sunday the first Sunday of October, but the date was best for Pastor John’s 20th anniversary celebration. So, World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, NOVEMBER 6, reminding us of our connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Each year, we display flags from congregational members’ countries of origin. Last year, 25 flags hung in the sanctuary including flags from Germany, Japan, Liberia, El Salvador, Greece, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Guyana, Central African Republic, Taiwan, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Peru, Malaysia, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy, Nigeria, the United States and Haiti. Beside them were the flags from Brazil and Thailand, the countries we partner in missions, and South Korea’s flag, the country of our brothers and sisters from the Nadulmok Community Church of Washington.

Come, celebrate communion on NOVEMBER 6 with Christians from 25 countries around the world as we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere!

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
- 15 Henriette Uwimana Karekezi
- 18 John Burns
- 19 Olusegun Afalobi
- 21 Faith Karekezi
- 23 Keith Gilead
- 24 Clyde Casey
Martha Evers
- 27 Steve Tucker
Crystal Langhorne
- 29 Bonnie Davis
Fidji Endene
- 30 Robert Gilead
- 31 Charmaine Parsad

November Birthdays

- 3 Lasheema Watson
- 5 Cristian Thomas Guirola
- 6 Grace Lynn Collins
- 7 Jim Morrison
- 8 Hetty Shear
- 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 Rodgeron
Ayo Ogunmola

Prayer Requests

Birth: Laila Jenae Harrison,
Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members): Anne Berry, Joan Mulligan, Basmat Parsad, Ellie Tarter, David Jenkins, Richard Anderson, Lasheema Watson, Carolyn Scipio, Tracy Chewning, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Sherry Rupp, Thersa Fritz, Clyde Casey, Rick Smith, W. O. McIntyre, Jr. (Pastor Mark's Father), Betty Kaley, Janice Henson, Lisa Taylor, Ruth Thornton, Clara Allen, Jeremiah Lusweti, Debbie Fickert, Charles and Joan Conklin-Ewy, Jane Fulker, James Durtro Wagner, Andrew Smith, Peggy Eisenhower, Mack McCardel, Susan Austin, Karen Furguson, Tom Belcher, Mildred Felts, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, 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:** McKinney Family, Melendez-Hoffman 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 in Afghanistan; **Peace Corp:** Anna Cowell, **Homebound:** Mary Smith, Genevieve Parreco, Gerri Smith and Esther Schreiner.

Food Pantry Update

Average as of September 28, 2011

Orders Packed 17	Feeding 53
<u>Not Picked up -16</u>	<u>- 52</u>
Picked up	Feeding

*Thanks for your Support,
Terry*

Update from Grace Chon

(Continued from Last Issue of Evangel)

Please pray for safe travels and luggage care as I will be flying from Maryland to New Jersey to meet my teammate, and then from New Jersey to Haiti, Haiti to Panama, and finally Panama to Maracaibo, Venezuela! It will certainly be a long day of traveling, but an interesting mini-adventure as well. I also found out that the postal system is corrupt, so I will not be able to receive or send anything; however, hopefully my parents will be able to visit me sometime throughout the year and they could bring anything you wish to send with them.

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Attendance Update

September Averages

Worship: 145
Bible Study: 54

I have also found out that their President Chavez created his own time zone, so I will be a half hour behind from Eastern Standard Time. I am still figuring out how I will be sending future prayer letters/updates, but they will either be by mail, from this email (grace00214@gmail.com) or from my staff email grace.chon@uscm.org. I will not be taking my cell phone with me, and I will be turning it off soon. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email as that will be easiest. I am very excited to go and see what God has in store for me in

Venezuela!

Love, Grace

Special Opportunity for Biblical Study

On Sunday, October 30th, our church has a very special opportunity for Biblical study. Dr. David Jordan, author of the new book **Subversive Words**, will be our guest in Sunday School, worship and a light luncheon following worship. David has written a wonderful book that looks at familiar Biblical passages in innovative and insightful ways. Rev. Jordan has served two different churches in the Washington D.C. area (Riverside and Twinbrook Baptist Churches.) Currently he is the Associate Pastor at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Under the headings “Life is Good,” “Life is Complicated,” “Life is Competitive,” “Life is Confusing,” “Life is Challenging,” “Life is Conflicted,” and “Life Should be Compassionate,” Dr. Jordan brings fresh perspectives from the Scripture for our everyday lives. Quoting his grandmother, David writes, “The Bible is a place where babes can wade and find meaning, and scholars can swim and never touch bottom.”

David will teach a combined adult Sunday School class at 9:45 a.m on October 30th and then preach in worship. Following the service, we will have a light luncheon for those who register and David will offer one last session before returning to his home. (Washington does not play until 4:00 p.m. that day.) David’s book will be on sale for \$20 a copy throughout the day. I highly recommend that you purchase the book since David will only have time to introduce his ideas to us. (We will study this book on Wednesday nights after the first of the year.) Don’t miss this unusual privilege.

Member (s) of the Month

This month the church staff would like to recognize the extended Gilead Family (Bob, Terry, Keith, Elizabeth and Riley) as our members of the month. Why? It is an unusual decision since Bob is not technically a member and Elizabeth doesn’t really live in our state at the present time. In another way, however, it makes all the sense in the world. We use this commendation to affirm members who are exemplifying the teachings of Christ and the Gilead family is surely doing that. Elizabeth is serving our country in Afghanistan for six months which means that Riley, her daughter, needs a safe, loving home until she returns. That’s where the rest of the Gileads come in. Bob, Terry and Keith are stepping up to provide Riley with everything she needs until her mom returns. We believe this kind of love and support is just what our church is about so this month, when you see the Gileads (or write or email Elizabeth) let them know of your prayers and appreciation for what they are all doing together.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

We will study “When Your Whole World Changes” on Wednesdays this fall in our 7:00 p.m Bible Study. The study will offer help for dealing with grief and loss. Together, we will look at questions like “Did I deserve this?” “Will I ever understand why this happened?” and “Where is God?” In addition we will discuss various scriptures and spiritual direction that can help us get through hard times. Join us throughout the month of October for this helpful study. Booklets will be available free of charge.

Youth Group Activities

The school year has begun, which means cooler weather and time for a new year of youth group activities! Below you’ll find a list of events for September through November.

OCTOBER

10/16/11 (Sunday) – Youth Group 12:30pm – 2pm

NOVEMBER

11/5/11 (Saturday) Parking cars for University of Maryland football game (TBA)

Contact people: Pat Collins and Shawn Turonis

We need 3 or 4 adults and 4 to 6 youth to arrive 3 hours before game time, which has not been announced yet.

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

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Full Wednesday Night Schedule	3	4	5 UMD Vs Townson
6 Trustees Meet After Worship; 2012 Budget Available	7	8	9 Budget Hear- ing	10	11	12
13 Annual Meeting After Worship	14	15	16 Full Wednesday Night Schedule	17	18	19
20 Pledge Sunday	21	22	23 No Services	24 Thanksgiv- ing Breakfast @ 8:30AM	25	26
27 First Sunday in Advent; World Mission Offering; Diaconate Meets	28	29	30 Full Wednesday Night Schedule			

Ministry Commission Update by Kenny Swift

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22 verse 9)

NRSV

There are so many who are in need these days. University Baptist Church once again will be participates in the Share Food Network Holiday Packages give away. We partner with Share Food Network, in giving out baskets of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will, in the coming weeks be asking for \$30 dollars donation which would cover a food basket, that includes a whole chicken, along with Tilapia fillets, hamburger patties, sweets potatoes, a Pie , breakfast sausage, chicken stuffing, and other items. These items are in each basket. We, as a church, will also include a \$10 dollar gift card from Giant Food store in each basket. Our efforts last year yielded 40 baskets for Thanksgiving. We will be looking to do at least 50 baskets this year, but we need your support. Please donate, or if you are unable to do this, there are other ways to help. We need people with pickup trucks or vans to help pick up the food, and we need others to help prepare the baskets. There will be a signup sheets in the entrance of the church for you to sign up. We will pick up and prepare the baskets on November 19th (Sat). We will also give them out on the same date. We as a church have in the past helped many who are less fortunate. We know that this tradition will continue as we show how blessed we are by our sharing with others.

God's Blessing



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Upcoming Events at UBC

Wednesday Night Service

October 5 Fall Schedule
October 12 Fall Schedule
October 19 Fall Schedule
October 26 Fall Schedule

Church Council and Commissions

October 9 CommComm Meets
October 17 Trustees Meet
October 23 Diaconate Meets
October 24 Diaconate Meets

Youth and Other Events

October 2 Pastor John's 20 Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon
Budget Requests Due to Administrative Commission
October 9 Communion Sunday
October 10 Columbus Day Church Office Closed
October 11 Community Café @ Noon
October 15 UMD Homecoming-Volunteers Needed for Football Parking
October 16 Youth Group @12:30PM
October 22 Church Work Day and Cook Out @9AM
October 24-25 DCBC Annual Meeting
October 29 UMD vs Boston (TBA) Volunteers Needed for Parking
October 30 Reformation Sunday; Bibles Presented to 4th and 9th Graders;
Guest Preacher

Fall Schedule

5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. iAwesome
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:10 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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