

Fun Times

Match biblical husbands and wives!

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| 1. Adam ____ | a. Rebekah |
| 2. Abraham ____ | b. Eve |
| 3. Isaac ____ | c. Naomi |
| 4. Jacob ____ | d. Mary |
| 5. Boaz ____ | e. Sarah |
| 6. Elkanah ____ | f. Deborah |
| 7. David ____ | g. Esther |
| 8. Hosea ____ | h. Rachel |
| 9. King Xerxes ____ | i. Hannah |
| 10. Joseph ____ | j. Ruth |
| 11. Lapidath ____ | k. Gomer |
| 12. Elimelech ____ | l. Abigail |

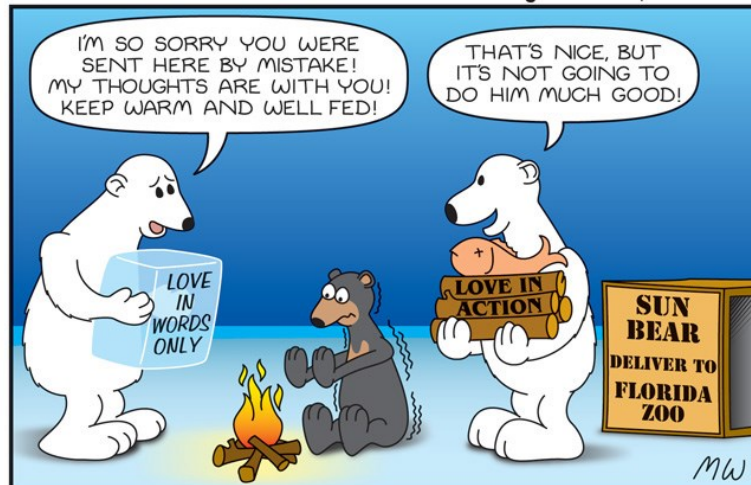
Answers inside

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. -Romans 3:23

POLAR BEARS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 JOHN 3:18 NIV

Spam Salad Spread

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans of Spam - grated 12 oz can
- 3 hard boiled eggs
- 1/4 cup sweet or dill relish
- 1 cup mayonnaise or miracle whip (whichever you prefer)

DIRECTIONS

- Grate the Spam into a bowl
- Add the eggs (grated or chopped)
- Add the relish
- Stir it all together with the mayonnaise
- Put on wheat bread or crackers for an appetizer

Winona Klacman

*If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with us, get the office a copy and it will be in an upcoming newsletter!

CPR / AED Training

We will have CPR / AED Training on Thursday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome. Staff and those working with our children are encouraged to attend.

Certification cost is \$25 if you want to be certified.



Child Protection Training

If you work with the children at church in Sunday school or the nursery or if you want to help in that area, child protection training is required. We will have a training session following the morning service on Sunday, February 11th.



Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ February 2024

United as One Body in Christ



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

The new year is a wonderful reminder that we can leave things in the past and move forward in Christ. Often, we make plans to try to change our life in the new year. We set resolutions and goals. Some stick. Many do not. We focus on changing something. I want to take a moment, not to challenge you to do something, but to reflect on who you already are in Christ. When Jesus begins the sermon on the mount, he describes the identity of the kingdom believer. Mike has covered much of this in his last sermon series. In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus describes the results of such kingdom residents within our broken world. He describes his followers as light and salt. He wasn't asking them to do something different, but to see themselves in a different light. Because of Christ's work within our hearts, we can mold the culture around us. Just as salt preserves and enhances the flavors of the things it encounters; our lives shape the culture around us. Just as light reveals things and creates a new perspective, our actions and words reveal God's work in our lives and open a new perspective for others to see. Take some time this new year to reflect on the ways that the Holy Spirit has shaped your life and how your ordinary, daily life with Jesus is shaping the culture around you. Kingdom work is often subtle but is always powerful. How do we take what we know of the good news of Jesus and use it to help bring change around us? How do we act as the flavoring of a society – people whose reactions to situations change the experience for many? Or as light –offering new perspectives for others? Jesus suggests that we act differently, but that it will begin because our identity is rooted in our relationship with God our Father. What might be possible if that is the case?

In Christ,
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Join Us

~ Sundays ~

Bible Study 9:30
Service 10:45 am
Nursery provided

~ Wednesdays ~

Meal 6:00
Bible Study 6:30

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
9:00 am to Noon &
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Closed Fridays

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One Body in Christ

Weekly Events

Sunday Evenings 6:00

Season 2 of The Chosen will be shown in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us and bring a friend.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Men's Discipleship Coffee

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

Drive Up Prayer

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

10:00-4:00 Visitation



Call To Action



Get involved, join a team! Find a place where your talents can be used. We have 4 teams: prayer, in-reach/outreach, building & grounds, and fellowship.

You can let the leader of a team or the church office know if you want to join the fun.

The prayer team is in the process of looking for a leader. Liz Andres is leader for the in/outreach team, David James leads the building & grounds team, and Lydia Garrett is leader of the fellowship team.



Memory Verse

God's love casts out fear, so do not let fear control you!

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10

Online Giving

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Inspiration for the month

Not much in this world lasts, but three things do-faith, hope and love. Faith is confidence and trust in God. Hope is joyful expectation of eternal salvation-expectation of a permanent home in heaven. Love is true affection for God and for others-affection that grows out of God's love for me. Three things last, faith, hope and love. The greatest of these three things is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 ~ Lynn Chapman

3 Keys to Any Successful Organization

By Ron Edmonson
January 11, 2024

There are life cycles of every organization.

Starters

Starting involves those who can dream, vision-cast, and recruit people to follow a new idea or initiative. These are the people who embrace change and are always ready for something new.

Maintainers

Maintaining involves setting up and managing systems in an effort to continue the progress usually begun by others. These people may be slower to embrace change; valuing things which are organized, structured, and understandable. (BTW, every team needs these people to be successful.)

Finishers

Finishing is different from starting or maintaining, because it's not beginning new, nor is it staying the same, but it involves taking an established idea and carrying it to the next destination. It could be to improve things, close them gracefully or transition things to a new season of leadership. These are people who have the ability and desire to make existing things better and to finish things well.

One goal of a team could be to balance the strengths of the team members around each of these, so the team is always starting, maintaining, and finishing. The most important thing is that the team and leaders recognize that each of these functions of a life cycle are equally important.

Every healthy life cycle requires all three.

Which one are you wired for best?

(Full Article: <https://ronedmondson.com/2024/01/life-cycles-2.html>)

*New Members
at UBC
Welcome*



Leah Garrett



Brian Munday

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 CPR training this month? Or March				1	2 ♥ Pastor Jeremy & Sarah Prichard *Pastor Jeremy *Kay Stiles	3
4	5	6 6:00 Potluck Meal 6:30 Church Business Meeting	7	8	9 *James Harryman	10
11 Noon Child Protective Training	12	13 10:00-4:00 Visitation	14 Teacher Valentine Gifts	15	16	17
18 Agape/Lord's Supper After Service	19	20 ♥ Roy & Glenda Roberts	21	22 ♥ Terri & Glen Mason	23	24
25	26	27 10:00-4:00 Visitation	28	29		*Birthdays ♥ Anniversaries

Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 2

Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Saturdays
9:00 a.m. Men's Discipleship
10:00 a.m. Drive Up Prayer

2nd Monday
6:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg

2nd Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Potluck Meal
6:30 p.m. Church Business Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday
10:00-4:00 In-Reach/Outreach Visitation

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CHURCH NEWS

January's business meeting

We had a regular business meeting on January 10th at 6:30. There was a potluck meal beforehand. Highlights from the meeting:

*The 2024 church calendar is on our website or members can get a paper copy from the church office. The Connection Point, our church newsletter, will also have a calendar for that month's events.

*Our goal for the Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas offering was \$1,000. We collected \$1,250!

*We have received a quote from the contractor for our planned addition and parking lot. The contractor feels sure we can meet all of our priorities and still be at or under our budgeted amount with little to no cuts in the project. The priorities are: more parking in front and on the side, bigger and better bathrooms at the front, adding offices to the front of the building so the current offices can be used for classrooms, and a covered area for dropping off in bad weather. This drop off area was originally planned for the front but we are considering moving it to the side.

*There is still a safe deposit box at Prosperity in the Baptist Temple name. The council agreed we should close it out. Church members voted to close it.

*Two prospects came forward for membership! Leah Garrett, Mike and Lydia's daughter, has recently moved from Waco. Brian Munday also came seeking membership. Even though Brian lives in London, he spends a lot of time here in Victoria during the year. The council felt he has demonstrated he can remain active while he is here in the states and online when he's in London. Both were accepted on statement of faith unanimously. We will celebrate with them at the next Agape celebration on February 18th.



All About Us

Membership for December

82 Total Membership

Average Attendance for December

Worship : 47 Bible Study : 34

Giving for December

Contributions : \$11,973

Gifting for December

\$244.74 was spent on Missions and Serving Hands

Lottie Moon Offering

\$1,250 was raised and sent

Financial News

Year-end financials were presented at the business meeting as well the financial reports for November and December. We predicted our contributions would be \$90,000 for 2023, and we actually collected over \$103,000. We budgeted \$113,857 for expenses, and our spending for 2023 totaled \$111,247. So we were under-budget on spending and collected over what we predicted. Our budget for 2024 is set at \$119,562. We also have \$513,966 in our investment fund. This will be used for our building project.

TEAM NEWS

In/Outreach Team

Liz Andres and Mary Contreras have begun visiting homebound members every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join them. Not only have they been visiting, they also left cookies at the Police Department for Police Appreciation Day. They've nicknamed themselves "Lucy & Ethel". If you know of someone whom they can visit, just let Liz or the church office know. We will be taking goodies to the STEM faculty for Valentine's Day as well as feeding them a meal on May 1st. We are planning finals care packages for UHV students in May and welcome bags for them in the fall. An outdoor concert is something we are looking at for this spring. A celebration for our one year anniversary is being planned for June 8th. We are also looking forward to another National Night Out Block Party October 8th. In December, we will be caroling and having a Christmas party. Big things being planned for the year!

Fellowship Team

We have several events planned already for the 2024 that the fellowship team will be helping with. This team works closely with the in/outreach team. There are also several Agape Celebration meals planned for the year: February 18th, June 8th, and August 18th as well as a Thanksgiving Agape Meal on November 16th. We also have potluck meals planned before every business meeting.

Prayer Team

Even though our Prayer Team is without a leader, the prayers must go on. You can find a prayer list for the month by the front doors. We also keep a prayer list up-to-date on the Echo App for mobile devices. If you do not want or can't use the app, the office sends out an email when requests are sent in. You can let Melanie know and she will add you to the prayer email list. We would like to encourage our members in their prayer life. There is a prayer corner at the back of the sanctuary you can use to pray for others near and far or for personal reflection. This corner can be used weekdays, Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings...whenever the church doors are open. Everyone is encouraged to visit and use our prayer corner.

Building & Grounds Team

We have a team of gentlemen who help keep our grounds looking good. If you see any of them, you might thank them for a job well-done! They mow and edge on a rotating basis throughout the month. Our lawn caregivers are: Carlos Cantu, Larry Cockrell, Gilbert Sanchez, Bo Tillery, Bobby Walton, and Ryan Quinn with David James, Mike Garrett, Jeremy Prichard, and Brian Munday helping with they are needed.

Drive up prayer

If you drive by the church on Saturday mornings, you will see some activity! Rosemary and Vangie and possibly others are out front at 10:00 for Drive-Up Prayer. They are there to pray with anyone who stops by.

The office has had some feedback from people in the community calling and thanking us for this ministry. If you want to join them, just come to the church on Saturday mornings at 10:00. If you see one of the ladies, thank them for doing such a good job sharing and caring for our community.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Since Christmas Eve was on a Sunday this past year, we had our candlelight service Sunday morning at the end of worship. There were 53 people in attendance.



2024 Church Directory

The 2024 Church Directory is ready!

If you haven't already received your 2024 directory, you can pick one up at the front doors or the church office. Please take one per household.

Included in the directory are pages to add contact information for new members, important dates for the year, and the names of our staff and church leaders.

