

# Fun Times

## Sopapilla Cheesecake

### Ingredients

- 2 cans crescent rolls
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 16 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 stick butter

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°  
 Press 1 can of crescent rolls into the bottom of a rectangular baking pan (unroll, but do not separate).  
 Mix cream cheese, 1 cup of the sugar and the vanilla until creamy then spread it over the rolls in the pan.  
 Cover that with the other can of rolls.  
 Melt the butter and stir in the rest of the sugar and the cinnamon; then pour that over the top and bake 30 minutes. Cool, serve, and enjoy!

From Melanie Elkins

### THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

**D**raw near to God and He will draw near to you  
 - James 4:8a

### ESCALATORS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.  
 - JAMES 4:4 NIV

## People Pairs

Untangle well-known Bible pairs of people. Two names have been woven together. You do not need to change the order of the letters.

Example: J O **M A S E R P H Y** =

**JOSEPH MARY**

1. A D E A V E M
2. G O D A L V I A I T D H
3. B R O U T A H Z
4. J E S A C A O U B
5. S I P L A U A S L
6. D E S L A I M S L O A N H
7. C A B A I E L N
8. A B S R A A H R A M A H
9. M O A A S R E O N S
10. P A R I Q U I S C I L L A L A
11. M A M A R R T Y H A
12. S A N A P A P N H I I R A A S
13. I S I S H A M A A E C L
14. R A C L E H E A L H
15. C J O A S L H E U B A

Answers inside.

## Questions from Kenneth

April brings a 2 question test.

- 1) What book in the Old Testament follows Deuteronomy?
- 2) In the New Testament, which book follows Romans?

The answers will be in your Bible. Earn 50 points for each right answer and a ★ for 2 right answers!

Now you have your Bible open, let your soul be refreshed!  
 -Kenneth McElveen

# Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ April 2024



United as One Body in Christ

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

As March comes to a close, I am once again baffled by the reality of Jesus' resurrection. It is something that I have complete confidence in and sits at the core of all that I teach and preach. Yet, there is so much about it that I cannot fully comprehend. It is the greatest supernatural work of God in human history! There are a lot of things in the Bible that are supernatural. Things that just don't make sense in our world. Miracles of healing that should be impossible (ailments removed in an instance; people blind, deaf, mute, and lame from birth suddenly gaining a faculty they had never had; people raised back to life). Moments where God defies the laws of physics that we know (a floating ax head, the sun stopping its movement, walking on water). There is the spiritual work of angels and demons that we cannot fully understand. While these instances can seem very far from our ordinary, everyday life, they remind us that God is God and that there is nothing that stands in His way. A good example of this is the story from 2 Kings 6:15-17. As Elisha's servant looked around at the situation, he saw the reality that they were surrounded and there was no way out, yet the reality that he saw did not take into account the fact that God is supernatural and unstoppable. As his eyes were opened to the supernatural work of God, the perspective of his situation completely changed. Even if he had never seen them, the reality was that God had an army of fiery chariots and horses ready to step in. He had the situation well in hand and all that he required from Elisha and his servant was faith in Him. For our context today, we may not be surrounded by a physical enemy, but the call that we have is one that is impossible for us to accomplish alone. Take a moment to read Matthew 28:16-20. It stands at the center of all that we do and drives us daily. It is the call that the whole world needs to know Jesus and that we are integral in that plan. It is an overwhelming task. It is one that seems impossible, yet we must remember that God is God and He is unstoppable. We can trust the God who does the supernatural. We can trust the God who has legions of fiery angels ready to step in. We can move forward in faith because of the God that we put our trust in. So, this month, take a step forward in faith that will enable you to live out that commission in your life. Though it may seem impossible, trust that the God of the resurrection will accomplish his purposes in our lives when we seek after him.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremy

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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

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### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
 9:00 am to Noon &

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Closed Fridays

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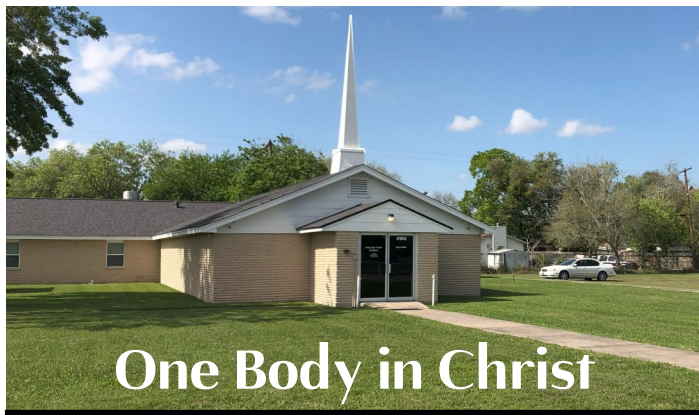


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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday Evenings

**5:00 p.m.** 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

### 1st Thursdays

**6:00 p.m.** Church Council as needed

### 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

**10:00-4:00** Visitation

### 2nd Wednesdays

**6:00 p.m.** Potluck Meal

**6:30 p.m.** Church Business Meeting

## Inspiration for the month

“God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.” - Annie Johnson Flint

**Bible Pairs Answers:** Adam & Eve, David & Goliath, Ruth & Boaz, Jacob & Esau, Paul & Silas, Samson & Delilah, Cain & Abel, Abraham & Sarah, Moses & Aaron, Aquila & Priscilla, Mary & Martha, Ananias & Sapphira, Isaac & Ishmael, Rachel & Leah, Joshua & Caleb



## Call To Action



Make contact with one person you don't know. You can do this while standing in line at the store, the person at the window of the drive-thru, working out, walking down the street, etc... Make eye contact, smile, and say "Hi". You could even start up a conversation. You may never see that person again, but you also never know the impact you made on their day and life with just a smile and an acknowledgment that they are seen.



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## Online Giving

Give online at [www.ubcvictoria.org](http://www.ubcvictoria.org)  
OR using the QR code

## WHAT TO READ

If you are "all out of sorts", read Hebrews 12.

## Memory Verse

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”  
James 1:2-4

# CHURCH NEWS

There was a regular church business meeting on Wednesday, March 6 following a pot luck meal. Linda Wetherbee's memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the church with a meal following in the Fellowship Hall. Men's Discipleship and Drive-up Prayer are canceled for that morning. The schedule for Easter week was presented. Maundy Thursday, March 28th, at 6:00 p.m., we will have the foot washing & Lord's Supper. Good Friday, March 29th, we will have an outside Worship at the Cross service. On Easter Sunday, there will be no Bible study. We will serve breakfast from 9:30-10:00 with worship to follow at 10:45. Pastor Mike reported no updates for the building construction. He also reported on our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal is \$1,000, and we will be collecting through the month of March. There was a membership update. In January, we added Brian Munday and Leah Garrett, and in February, we lost Linda Wetherbee bringing our total membership to 83. Melanie Elkins gave the financial report since Judy James was out. She explained how we are showing charges being paid for online giving in the budget. She also explained donations for fellowships were higher than what was spent for the month. We paid GBA and BGCT twice last month (beginning of the month for February and end of the month for March). Reports were given on Building and Grounds, In-Reach/Outreach, and Fellowship teams. There will be CPR/AED training tomorrow evening. The class is \$20/person. The church will make one check to Dottie Bitterly, the instructor. Attendees were encouraged to pay the church if they could to help with the cost. Pastor Jeremy gave an update on the safe deposit box. We are waiting on the bank to schedule its drilling out. The cost is about \$200. There was no further old or new business.

## All About Us

### Membership for February

83 Total Membership

### Average Attendance for February

Worship : 42

Online : 5

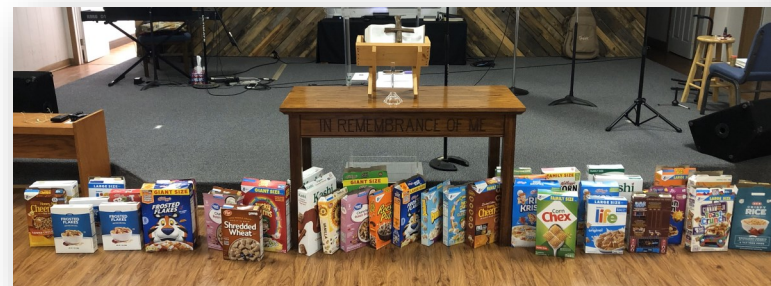
Bible Study : Sunday: 27

## Financial News

Financials for 2024: Income: \$17,230.15 Expenses: \$19,671.80  
Financials for January: Income: \$8,369.02 Expenses: \$10,624.78  
Financials for February: Income: \$8,861.13 Expenses: \$9,047.02

## STEM Cereal Boxes

We collected 41 empty cereal boxes for STEM Middle School. They will be using them for a project with volume. We can't wait to see what their projects look like!



## CPR/AED CLASS



# 8 Unnoticed Ways God Is Blessing Your Life

Cindi McMenamin Crosswalk.com Published Feb 22, 2024

## He's Allowing a Health Uncertainty

We tend to think of health and healing as God's blessings. But God knows that sometimes we don't truly cling to Him until we have a cancer scare, an impending surgery, or a health uncertainty we never imagined we'd have.

When I had to wait four weeks for a biopsy on a mysterious 5-cm mass in my body that an ultrasound reported as a "very high-risk category," it catapulted my prayer life to another level. It opened my eyes to seize the day, made me instantly grateful for every blessing I have already been given, and helped me to become more aware of God's presence and work in every detail of my life. I also experienced during that "blessing of uncertainty" precious calls from my 86-year-old father asking how I'm doing and letting me know he shared my prayer request with another one of his Bible study or prayer groups. Never having that health scare would have been a blessing. But what I experienced during that "blessing of uncertainty" was priceless, and I wouldn't have exchanged it for anything.

Is something uncertain in your life right now regarding your health? If so, that's a blessing from God, a nudge for you to lean in closer to Him and find in Him a new dependence or awareness of His presence.

## He's Withholding Something You Want

In the book of First Samuel, we read of Hannah, a barren woman who longed for a child. Year after year, she tried to wait on God's timing until she finally got desperate and poured out her heart to God and promised Him if He gave her a child she'd give him back to the Lord all the days of his life.

Scripture tells us, "in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son..." (1 Samuel 1:20). But it wasn't just any son. And it wasn't at just any time. God gave her a son she named Samuel, who became Israel's greatest prophet and priest, anointed the first two kings of Israel, and helped change the heart of a nation.

All those years, Hannah thought God was withholding a baby from her. God wasn't saying "no," He was really saying, "Wait, I have something far better for you than what you asked for." Hannah just wanted to be a mom, but God wanted so much more for Hannah. Hannah wanted a baby that was all hers, but God wanted Hannah to be all His. Sometimes, God's "no" isn't really "no" after all. It's "not yet." Trust Him in the withholding because He may be waiting to bless your life with something far better than you have asked for."

Timothy Keller once said, "God will only give you what you would have asked for if you knew everything He knows."

## A Wound from a Friend

How can a relationship fallout be a blessing? There's a reason Proverbs 27:6 tells us, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy." If you have a friend who tells you what you don't want to hear, but what you truly need to hear, in order to help you grow spiritually and emotionally, that is a blessing. If you have an upset or misunderstanding with a friend who wounded you, you have an opportunity to work that out with your friend and become even closer to one another. Every relationship goes through difficulties in order to be strengthened. Trust what God is doing and thank Him for the wound from a friend because it's far better than a friend's outright betrayal, abandonment, or insistence upon staying silent so that you never know what came between the two of you.

## Financial Need

When we need to trust God to pay the tuition bill, make the mortgage payment, or just make ends meet, we receive the blessing of another layer of dependence on God and the beautiful experience and joy of seeing Him come through for us. What a joy it is to know that when we do what we can and are obedient with the money God entrusts to us, we can trust Him when He tells us to rest, and we can see firsthand how He provides more for us while we sleep than we can provide when we strive. Psalm 127:2 tells us: "It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors: For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep."

If you are stretched financially and praying for the blessings of abundance, start looking at the abundance that comes from being dependent on God for everything you have. It just may be that He has you right where He wants you—up close to His heart and looking to Him for your daily sustenance.

Continued next month

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| Sun           | Mon                         | Tue                                                  | Wed                                               | Thu                                | Fri | Sat                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
|               | Church Office Closed        | *Leah Garrett                                        |                                                   | 6:00 Church Council                |     |                               |
|               | 1                           | 2                                                    | 3                                                 | 4                                  | 5   | 6                             |
|               | 8                           | 9                                                    | 10                                                | 11                                 | 12  | 13                            |
| *Carlos Cantu |                             | 10:00-4:00 Visitation                                | 6:00 Potluck Meal<br>6:30 Church Business Meeting |                                    |     |                               |
|               | 15                          | 16                                                   | 17                                                | 18                                 | 19  | 20                            |
|               | 22                          | 23                                                   | 24                                                | 25                                 | 26  | 27                            |
| Lord's Supper | Pastor Jeremy out of office | 10:00-4:00 Visitation<br>Pastor Jeremy out of office |                                                   | 10:00 GBA Mel<br>11:00-1:30 GBA JP |     | *Birthdays<br>♥ Anniversaries |
|               | 29                          | 30                                                   |                                                   |                                    |     |                               |
|               | 28                          |                                                      |                                                   |                                    |     |                               |

### 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
- 1st Monday**  
5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg
- 2nd Wednesday**  
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