

Fun Times

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THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
 — Matthew 18:14

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.
 — PROVERBS 4:20-22 NIV

Our Socials



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WORD FIND:

SERVICE	CEMETERY
WAR	HONOR
COMMEMORATE	GRAVE
MEMORIAL	SALUTE
HOLIDAY	OBSERVANCE
FREEDOM	PATRIOTIC
FLOWERS	AMERICAN
FLAGS	MOTHER
REMEMBRANCE	SOLDIERS
DECORATION	FALLEN

Honor & Remember Memorial Day - May 27



HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh
 I AM THAT I AM — Exodus 3:14

WHAT TO READ

If you are losing confidence in people, read:
 I Corinthians 13

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ May 2024



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,
 This month has been a season of learning for me. I have attended several conferences and training sessions. It is always important for us to continually be learning and growing. There is much value in gaining knowledge and wisdom. Yet, there is a deeper sense of growth that God desires for our hearts. That is to grow in our relational knowledge of Him. On Wednesday evenings, we just finished up a video series led by Dr. Tony Evans on the power of knowing God. This series has been a good reminder that we are not to just know about God, but we are to seek to know him personally. We don't just look to scripture and prayer for answers and guidance, but we look for God himself. I think we see a good example of this in Luke 11:1-4 where the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. They had personally seen Jesus' relationship with the Father, and it ignited a hunger in them to connect with God in that same way. This month, I pray that God awakens a desire within you to know Him deeper. I pray that we would be like the disciples in asking God to "teach us to pray." Maybe it takes setting time aside to just listen to God. For some, it may mean meditating on one passage of the Bible until the character of God really sinks in. For some, like the disciples, we just need to be around other believers who know God deeply so that their passion can ignite a flame within our own heart. Whatever it looks like for you, my challenge this month is that we would be seeking after a hunger for connecting with God in a personal way.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremy

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR BIBLE

Know it in the head;
 Stow it in the heart;
 Show it in the life;
 Sow it in the world;
 Read it to be wise;
 Believe it to have faith;
 Practice it to be holy.

Make it a
 daily habit



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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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Associate Pastor of
 Missions & Ministry
 Mike Garrett

Music Leader
 James Anzaldúa

Secretary
 Melanie Elkins



One Body in Christ

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, May 1st

4:00 Feeding the staff of STEM MS

Thursday, May 2nd

Handing out Finals Survival Bags at the college



Happy Mother's Day

Online Giving

Give online at www.ubcvictoria.org
OR using the QR code



Memory Verse

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9



Call To Action



Take a minute to count your blessings. Write them down and look at them every day.

Blessings

Blank lines for writing blessings.



Dawn Gaud

Inspiration for the month

"In a world that contains tragedies, we must realize that they're vastly outnumbered by blessings."

- David Jeremiah

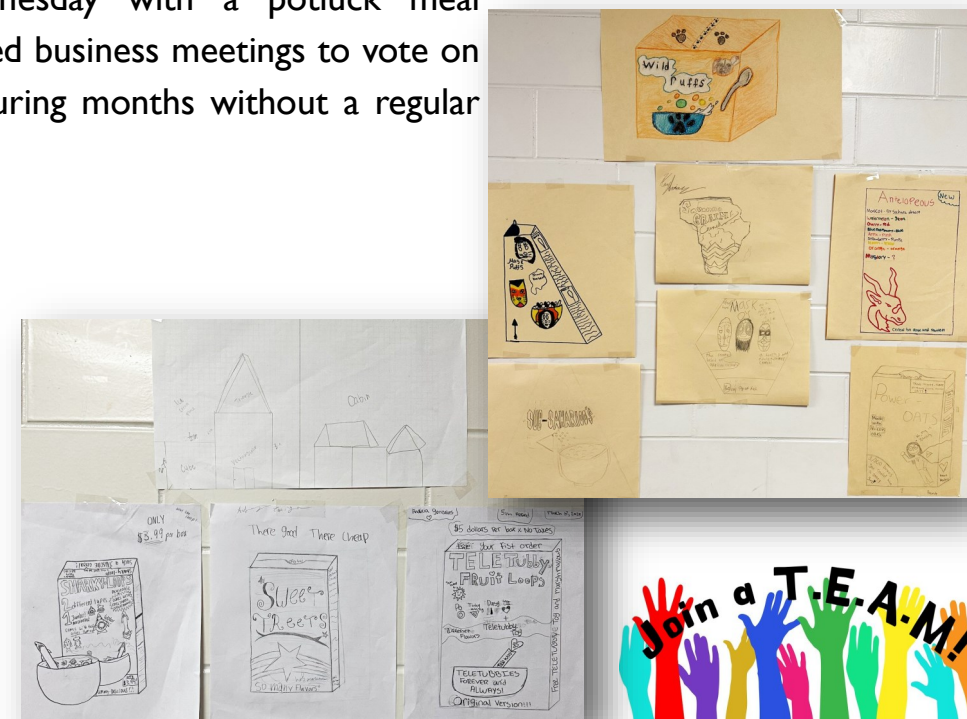
CHURCH NEWS

There was a regular church business meeting on Wednesday, April 10 following a pot luck meal. We have raised over \$800 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. There was an update on our building expansion. We will not have to install a fire hydrant. The contractor that has been advising us will have a preliminary budget for the improvements committee to look over by the end of the week. If the committee decides that we would like to move forward with this project, there will be a special called meeting to vote to begin working on official architectural and engineering plans for the expansion. These plans will enable us to move forward with obtaining quotes for the construction once they are completed. At this point, we are looking to more than double our parking and add 900 square feet to our building. This would include 2 church offices (opening up our current offices to be used as classrooms), 2 restrooms, and seating for 20-30 more in the sanctuary.

Our March financials look very good. We brought in \$1,800 more in contributions than we spent! For the year, we are just behind \$612. A full financial report is available in the church office. We will be feeding STEM staff May 1st at 4:00 in their cafeteria. Help is needed for serving. June 8th we will have our Church Family Celebration including an Agape service and anniversary celebration. Dawn Gaud was voted in as a new member. We also voted to move our regular business meetings from monthly to quarterly on a Wednesday with a potluck meal beforehand. We will have special called business meetings to vote on important items and membership during months without a regular business meeting.

STEM Cereal Boxes

We donated empty cereal boxes to the STEM Middle School the first of March. Their assignment was to figure the volume of a cereal box and create a new cereal and box with the same volume. Here are a few pictures of their designs!



Financial News

Financials for 2024

Income: \$28,308 Expenses: \$28,921

Financials for March

Income: \$11,078 Expenses: \$9,249

Annie Armstrong N American Missions Offering

Total Donation - \$1042.50

All About Us

Membership for March

83 Total Membership


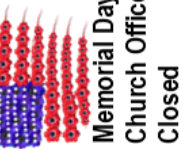
Average Attendance for March

Worship : 43

Online : 8

Bible Study : Sunday 23

Wednesday : 14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:00 Teacher Appreciation Meal at STEM Middle School	2 Hand out College Finals Survival Bags *Trey Anzaldua	3	4
5	6	7	8 *Tristan Anzaldua	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day 	13 *Sherry Wilson	14	15 *Anthony Mican	16	17	18 *Sylvia Cantu
19 *Sarah Prichard	20 *Dot Crisp	21	22	23	24	25
26 *Gaby Anzaldua	27  Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 *Michele Ballard	29	30	31	*Birthdays ♥ Anniversaries

Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship

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

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8 Unnoticed Ways God Is Blessing Your Life

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The Air Pumping Through Your Lungs

Ever have one of those days when you question why you're here? When you're angry at your circumstances, someone else, or even God? Even if it looks like nothing good is going on, the fact that you still have air in your lungs and blood pumping through your heart is reason enough to be grateful and to consider life a blessing. What's the alternative? You not being here at all. God is the Giver and Sustainer of life, and He still has you here for a reason. That, in itself, is a blessing. So, when you rise each morning and get to see another day, don't let that blessing slip by you unnoticed.

A Smile or Kind Word from a Stranger

We live in a world that is becoming increasingly isolated. People are beginning to prefer screens over faces and the convenience of chatting with AI rather than with humans. When you see a younger or older gentleman holding a door open for you or someone else, or you hear a kind word spoken or just see that someone made eye contact and smile, that is a blessing. It's a gentle reminder that we are all God's creation, made in His image with the longing for connection with one another. Whether someone has a relationship with God or not, they are still stamped with His image. And when you see this goodness of God seeping through in simple, ordinary acts of kindness or courtesy, thank God for it.

Rather than wait until someone else acts kindly, which can be seen as a blessing in your life, be a blessing to someone else by taking the initiative to smile, hold open a door, or speak a kind word to someone. You never know when someone might really need that random act of kindness in the moment, and how much of a noticed blessing it will be to them.

A Closed Door

We love opportunities and want open doors continually, don't we? But many times, God is the only One who truly knows where those doors lead, where we'll be in another six months or five years down the road if we walked through that "wonderfully exciting open door." So, He closes them sometimes for our own protection. To spare us from what we might never see.

If you're praying for an open door and God closes the one you thought would be perfect for you, trust His wisdom and consider it a blessing. Psalm 84:11 promises: "No good thing will he withhold from those who uprightly." And James 1:17 tells us, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."

Consider that closed door a blessing, even if you can't see any logical reason why it closed. If you trust God, honor Him with your life and decisions, and thank Him for what He spared you of and for the door He does plan to open when the timing and opportunity are right for you.

The Difficulty You Can't Understand Right Now

Why would a difficulty that we can't understand be a blessing? If you truly believe God is good, wise, all-knowing, and all-powerful, then that difficulty He is allowing in your life is really a blessing because He's using it to make you more like His Son. When we surrender and thank Him in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18), we can be assured that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). And don't forget how God is working all things for your good. The first part of verse 29 tells us: "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..." That difficulty you can't understand is making you more like Jesus, and that is the greatest unnoticed treasure in any trial.

For more on recognizing God's blessings and remaining thankful, see Cindi's book, God's Whispers to a Woman's Heart.

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