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WHAT TO READ

If your pocketbook is empty: Read Psalm 37.

ROOM ADDITIONS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

— JOHN 14:2-3 NIV

Nana's Layered Veggie Salad

Ingredients

Layers

- 1 Head lettuce torn up
- 1/2 bunch fresh baby spinach chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 10oz package frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 bunch fresh green onions
- 8 slices bacon fried & broken (or bacon bits)
- 4oz shredded cheddar cheese

Dressing

- 1 1/2 cup real mayonnaise
- 8oz sour cream
- 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix

Directions

Layer ingredients starting with the lettuce. Top with the dressing.

From Sarah Prichard

THE BIBLE

“As old as Methuselah”

(Someone or something that is extremely old) Genesis 5:25-27

Methuselah became the father of Lamech at the age of 187.

He lived another 782 years and had more sons and daughters.

He lived a total of 969 years.

HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

Yahweh Yir'eh (Jahovah Jireh)

God who provides or God who sees
 Genesis 22:14

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ JULY 2024



United as One Body in Christ

Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

This is an exciting time for our church! This month we will be voting on many new members. We have had record attendance the past couple of weeks, and we are moving forward with the plans for our expansion project. There is much to celebrate! God is doing His work in His way. At the same time, we have many members who are struggling with health concerns and difficult life circumstances. It is a good reminder of what I learned in GriefShare that peace and pain can coexist in our lives. During this time, I am so glad that we have been able to start up our monthly prayer focus and prayer days. It has been refreshing to meet with church members for the express purpose of praying together. We cannot forget the importance of prayer in both exciting times and difficult times. Both life circumstances can distract us from daily communication with God. I want to take a moment to remind you of the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” As Paul is finishing out his letter, he is reminding his readers to build each other up. He calls them to recognize those who work hard, live at peace with everyone when they can, warn the idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, and strive to be patient and do what is good for others. This is a big call. It is a challenging call. We cannot do it alone. We must be communicating with God continually. My challenge for you this month is to be a person of prayer. Whether you are excited about what God is doing in your life and looking forward to tomorrow or you are hurting and just trying to make it through today, let prayer be at the center of all your life. Don’t just put on a happy face and try to make it through, find the true joy and thankfulness that comes from daily communicating with God through all of life’s circumstances.

In Christ,
 Pastor Jeremy

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The prayer focus this month is: FAMILY. There will be a prayer day Tuesday, July 23rd with meetings at noon & 6:30 p.m. Here are some specific ways that you can be praying for other churches in our community.

1. Pray for churches that are looking for ministry staff. Pray for wisdom and strength as they search for the right people at the right time.
2. Thank God for his good work in churches of all denominations. Pray for a spirit of cooperation between Christian Churches.
3. Pray for God’s provision and protection for local congregations so that kingdom work can be expanded, and more people would know Jesus and walk with Him.

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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

## Staff

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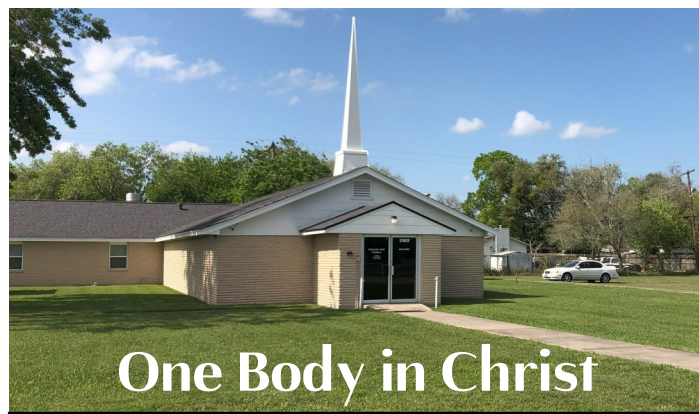
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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

- Sundays**  
6:00 p.m. The Chosen (2 episodes)
- 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
- Monday, July 8**  
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday, July 10**  
6:00 Potluck Meal  
6:30 Business Meeting
- Tuesday, July 23**  
Noon & 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting

## INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

Thank you for your ongoing support through tithes & offerings, participation in church events, and stewardship. Our gratitude cannot be overstated. You are an integral part of our church. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones. You matter! And we are so thankful for you.

## MEMORY VERSE

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble".- Psalm 46:1

## Online Giving

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



## Call To Action



We are having monthly prayer meetings. This month, the meetings are on Tuesday, July 23rd at noon and 6:30 p.m. This will hopefully give everyone a chance to attend. Plan on making one of these meetings. The focus for this month is praying for other churches.

## All About Us

### \*Financials through May 2024\*

Income: \$44,557 Expenses: \$47,356

### \*Financials for May\*

Income: \$9,178 Expenses: \$8,445

A copy of monthly financials are available in the church office if you want a copy.

### \*Membership for May\*

Total Membership 86

### \*Average Attendance for May\*

Worship : 46 Online : 8

Sunday Bible Study : 26



The family and friends of Billie Yencer

## Prayer for a Good Day

Dear Lord,

Just for today I will be happy. I am going to need your help. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will make a big effort to be agreeable. I will be cheerful, Lord, I will not be crabby. I will lift my face in a smile instead of a frown.

I will remember fondly the warmth of hugging another. I will hug someone today. I will even hug my dog or my cat.

Today, Lord, I will do something good for someone else. I will not count the cost. I will not ask the price.

Dear, Lord, thanks for listening to my grand plans. Above all, just give me a smile and a helping hand to get through my days.

Amen

## CHURCH NEWS

On Saturday, June 8th, we celebrated our one year anniversary. There was a short service at 4:00. We saw a video interview with Jack Teague, our first baptized member. We also saw videos of our latest baptisms - Trey Anzaldua and Ethan Munoz. These two young men were each presented with a Bible. We sang a few songs, and Pastor Jeremy gave a short devotional. Afterward, everyone moved to the Fellowship Hall for the Lord's Supper and a meal. There were a few picture boards to showcase our first year. These boards are still up in the Fellowship Hall for viewing. We had fun, food, and fellowship! Our next church business meeting will be Wednesday, July 10. There will be a potluck meal at 6:00 with the meeting to follow at 6:30.



STCH Ministries is hosting the iCare Conference Tuesday, August 6th at Parkway in Victoria from 8:00-5:00. There are many sessions you can go to. Some topics are: human trafficking, self-care, turning setbacks into opportunities, healthy boundaries, grief, strengthening marriages, online dangers, helping teens, anxiety, and more! The cost is \$30/person with breakfast and lunch included. You can register on their website: [www.stchm.org/icare-victoria](http://www.stchm.org/icare-victoria) or you can call or email STCH: 361-575-5151 or [victoria\\_counseling@stchm.org](mailto:victoria_counseling@stchm.org) for more information. There are also flyers in the church.

**Finish the Word Answers:** AMERICA, LIBERTY, HOT, FREEDOM, HOLIDAY, RED, WHITE, BLUE, BRAVE, FUN, FLAG, STATE, STRIPES, PICNIC, FAMILY, PARTY, POPSICLE, REUNION, FIREWORKS

# July 2024

United Baptist Church  
One Body United in Christ

## Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

### Sundays

9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Episodes of The Chosen

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

9:00 a.m.  
Men's Discipleship

### Saturdays

10:00 a.m.  
Drive Up Prayer

| Sun                    | Mon                           | Tue                                                       | Wed                                                     | Thu                                                                                                                                                 | Fri               | Sat                          |
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|                        | 1                             | 2                                                         | 3                                                       | <br>Independence Day<br>Church Office Closed<br>*Maria Carabajal | 5                 | 6                            |
| 7                      | 8<br>6:30 Church Council      | 9<br>*Steffi Hicks                                        | 10<br>6:00 Potluck<br>6:30 Business Mtg<br>*Roy Goldman | 11<br>*Linda Boone<br>*Deon Hathaway                                                                                                                | 12                | 13                           |
| 14                     | 15                            | 16                                                        | 17                                                      | 18                                                                                                                                                  | 19                | 20                           |
| 21<br>Lord's Supper    | 22<br>*Judy James             | 23<br>Noon/6:30 p.m.<br>Prayer Meeting<br>*Winona Klacman | 24                                                      | 25                                                                                                                                                  | 26<br>*Beth Yates | 27                           |
| 28<br>*Kenneth Ballard | 29<br>♥Linda & Wayne<br>Boone | 30                                                        | 31<br>*Seth Gaud                                        |                                                                                                                                                     |                   | *Birthdays<br>♥Anniversaries |

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## 10 Things Christians Forget When They Leave Church Sunday Morning

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*“God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid but a spirit of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7 (NCV)*

**PROSELYTIZATION** - Jesus was pretty clear when he sent the disciples out in Mark 16:15. He said, *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”* But we sometimes (cough cough: a lot of the time) forget to do just that! It can be a scary thing to talk to others about your faith. Many people are afraid of rejection or even just afraid of being in an uncomfortable situation. What happens if your daily chit chat with the desk worker at the gym turns to Jesus and then it’s awkward from that point forward? No one wants that! But the real purpose of our lives on earth is to tell as many people about Jesus as possible. Granted, it’s best to have a relationship with these people first, but it’s time to step out in bravery and talk to someone new about Jesus.

**PEACE** - The washing machine has caused a newly formed lake in your laundry room, the phone rings and it’s your son’s school letting you know he’s in detention for the third time this week, and your husband walks in early from work, only to let you know he’s been laid off. Life can just be so hard, and the crummy part is God doesn’t promise it will be easy. In fact, the Bible frequently tells us we’re going to have struggles and hardships. But the one thing God does promise is that his peace will always be available to us.

**GENEROSITY** - Your Bible study decides to break bread together on a Friday night so the 12 of you head out to a local restaurant. You take up the biggest table in the joint, order four appetizers and 12 entrees during the three hours you spend chatting over Romans 8. At the end of the night, you cash out and end up leaving a \$10 tip on a \$200 check. Besides just being rude, you have missed an amazing chance to exemplify God’s generosity to a hardworking waiter. He overheard you talking about God and his interest was peaked, but your stinginess turned him away from visiting your church on Sunday. The situation could have been completely different if you left a generous tip!

**REST**- Anyone else feel like life is just go, go, go, or face the consequence of being left behind? In today’s fast paced world, you may suffer from FOMO (Fear of Missing Out). What if you skip the night on the town with your friends, and it becomes the night everyone talks about for years? Or maybe you’re worried that your kids won’t get any scholarships if they aren’t in every club or on every traveling sports team. Or maybe you are working three jobs just to make ends meet. But God was so intentional with his creation, and that includes when he created a day of rest. God knows we’re not indestructible. We need rest, and being a good God, He created a time to be in restful communion with him once a week, and you wouldn’t want to miss out on that!

**GRACE** - As the week goes on and on, we start to become overwhelmed and quickly put too much pressure on ourselves. We want to be perfect. Perfect spouses, perfect parents, perfect friends, and perfect Christians. But we will fall short of the glory of God. But here’s the good news: God’s grace is way more abundant than our mistakes. (Hard to imagine, right?) And if the God of the Universe has grace for us, we should have it for ourselves, too! Remember, Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us, *“For it is by grace you have been saved.”* Once we live a life covered in grace, we will find ourselves having more grace for others. And I think we all could use a little more grace in our lives!