

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ DECEMBER 2024

United as One Body in Christ



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December 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Lottie Moon Week of Prayer	Pack finals survival bags for college students	10:30-1:00 BSM Lunch & hand out survival bags				1:00 Jean Wilkinson Memorial Service
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		♥ Larry & Alice Cockrell *David James	*George Isaac				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Called business meeting after church for 2025 budget vote	*Nancy Pena	*Terri Mason *Kathryn Pena				
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Christmas Outfit Sunday *Rosemary Salas		Christmas Eve 5:30 Service & Lord's Supper	Christmas Day Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed *Liz Andres		
	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	*Birthdays ♥ Anniversaries
	*Tyler Leita			Church Office Closed			

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Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

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

Wednesdays
1:30 p.m. Women's Discipleship
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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,
We have been through a lot in the past few months as a church. There has been much loss and sickness. Therefore, I think it is important for us to remember that Christmas is the holiday for the broken and suffering. Often you will see bumper stickers and signs that remind us that Jesus is the reason for the season. For those in the church, this truth is quite apparent. However, we often lose sight of the reason Jesus came. His incarnation meant the beginning of the end of all suffering and death. As we enter the Advent season, we begin thinking about the hope and anticipation of Christmas. It is much more than a magical joy that makes everyone feel better, but a holiday with real hope. Jesus came to this earth to bring salvation and restoration to all. What a hope that is! There are some beautiful verses in Romans 8 that talk about how creation has been groaning and longing for the restoration of the world and how we hold that hope as we cling to Christ. Jesus' first coming inaugurated this hope and established it in the church. Though this hope exists as a light in a dark world at the present time, there will be a time when Christ comes back and it will be fully revealed, shining so bright that it casts away all darkness. This amazing truth ought to drive us to live in that hope and share it with every person around us. Pay particular attention this Christmas season to those around you who are hurting or facing loss. Take time to pray with them, feel their pain. Sit with them for a time, be patient, love them. Be hope for them when they are unable to hope. 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

Office Hours

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

Staff

Pastor
Jeremy Prichard

Associate Pastor of
Missions & Ministry
Mike Garrett

Music Leader
James Anzaldua

Secretary
Melanie Elkins



What's in a Candy Cane?

Letter "J" for Jesus, my Lord I adore
Stripes that are red like His blood shed for me
White is for the purity of Jesus' birth and His sinless nature
The stripes represent Jesus' suffering
The holy trinity—the three red stripes resembles the Holy Trinity
The bend shape resembles a shepherd's staff for Jesus my shepherd, who was born and died for me
The peppermint flavor represents the use of hyssop, an herb mentioned in the Old Testament



Our Socials



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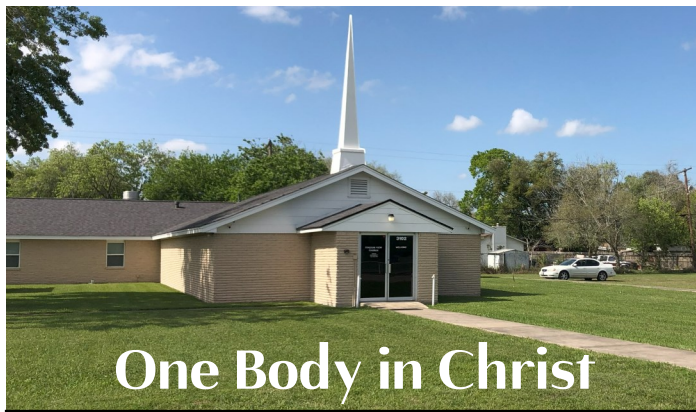


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Dingbats

THE COVENANT



One Body in Christ

Upcoming Events

December

Collecting for the Lottie Moon World

Missions offering

Monday, December 2

11:00 Pack Final Survival Bags

Tuesday, December 3

10:30-1:00 Serving college students lunch at the BSM / passing out Final Survival Bags

Saturday, December 7

1:00 Jean Wilkinson Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 24

5:30 Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday-Thursday, December 25-26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

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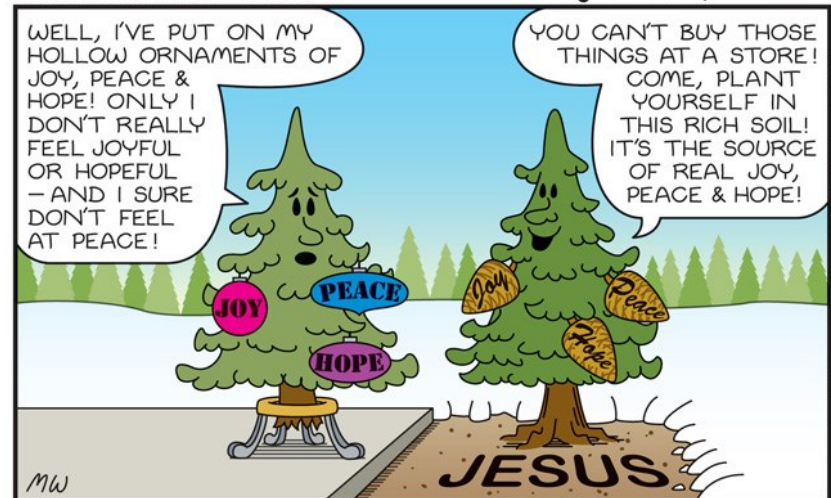


Online Giving

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

CHRISTMAS TREES

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - ROMANS 15:13 NIV



Call To Action



Do something for a stranger this month.

All About Us

Membership for October

Total Membership 93

Average Attendance for October

Worship : 46 Online : 8

Sunday Bible Study : 32

Financials 2024 at end of October

Income: \$87,494 Expenses: \$99,089

Financials for October

Income: \$7,675 Expenses: \$11,575

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

INSPIRATION

If you spend all your time worrying about dying, then living won't be much fun.

MEMORY VERSE

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Timothy 3:1

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! Isaiah 45:22a

WORRY

Worry is inconsistent. If we can trust Jesus to provide us with our life, can we not also trust Him with our daily needs? Matthew 6:26

HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

Elohim Bashamayim

God in Heaven 2 Chronicles 20:6



Bobbi Ellinger & Family with the passing of her mother Jean Wilkinson & Friends and family of Abraham Sanchez

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, November 10, there was a called business meeting following the morning service. The purpose was to vote on proceeding with a quote on the expansion project and approve messengers to the BGCT annual conference. Deon Hathaway made a motion to proceed with the quote from Brad Tucker / Tucker Construction funded by our current investment/building fund. CD Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 30-0. Terri Mason made a motion to accept CD and Juana Smith as messengers to the BGCT conference this month in Waco. Mike Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The expansion has started. The first phase will be the addition of a parking lot on the side of the building and the expanding of the side door to make it a larger entry way that will become the 'front' of the church while the second phase is going on. The second phase will be the enlarging of the front entry and front parking lot. During the first phase, parking will be changed. We have permission to use the parking lot across the street for Memorial Stadium. We are asking the few parking spaces that will be available at the front of the church during this time be reserved for those of limited mobility and visitors.

The budget for 2025 will be available for viewing. We will have a called business meeting immediately following the morning service Sunday, December 15th to vote to approve the budget.

Thanksgiving Agape

2024



Thank you

In mid-October I had to have reconstruction of that knee, replacing it with a totally new knee. The new knee is wonderful! While there is still some lingering surgical and healing pains, those are diminishing with time. The knee is doing fabulous! I would like to thank you for the prayers, thoughts, cards, and messages. It is wonderful to know I have church family supporting me. I would also like to thank Judy James for stepping up and helping out in the office until I could get back to it. Give her a pat on the back if you see her! She was a big help to both myself and Pastor Jeremy. I'm also grateful to Pastor Jeremy for having to do a few extra things around the office in my absence.

Thank you again, Melanie Elkins

Dingbat Answers: The Ark of the Covenant; Half-baked