

# Fun Times

## Nehemiah Scavenger Hunt

Use Your Bible!

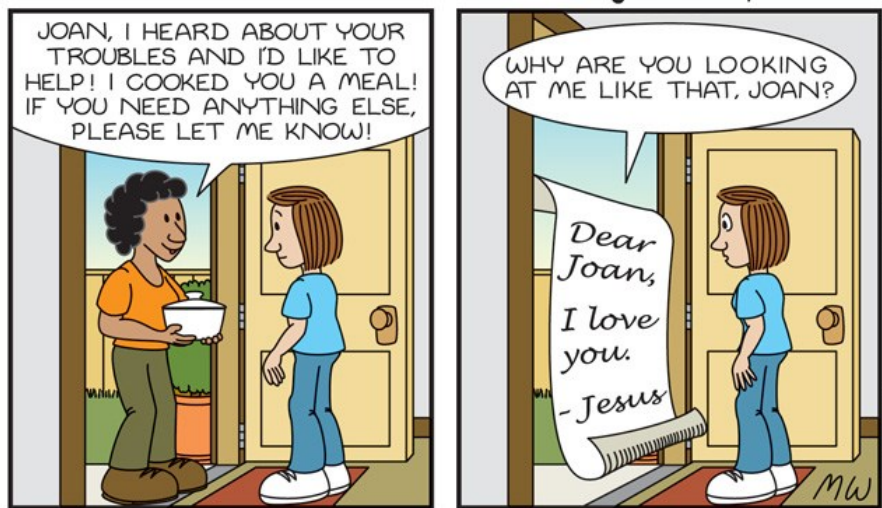
- \*How many chapters are in Nehemiah?
- \*What book comes before Nehemiah?
- \*What chapter do we find Nehemiah's prayer?
- \*What does Nehemiah want to rebuild?
- \*What chapter was it finally rebuilt?
- \*In chapter 11, one out of every \_\_\_\_ people were charged with living inside of Jerusalem.
- \*At the very beginning of the book, what was Nehemiah's job for the king?
- \*Who is Nehemiah's father?
- \*According to 4:20, what will God do for us?
- \*What book comes after Nehemiah?

### MEMORY VERSE

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

— *Philippians 4:13*

### LOVE LETTER



You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 3:3 NIV

## Easy Homemade Biscuits

### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup cold salted butter
- 3/4 cup milk

### Directions

- \*Preheat oven to 425° F.
- \*Combine dry ingredients in a bowl. Cut in the cold butter until the mixture resembles small peas.
- \*Slowly add 3/4 cup of cold milk and mix with a fork until dough is just slightly sticky.
- \*Remove the dough from the bowl and fold it over 10 times on a floured surface.
- \*Flatten the dough using your hands until it is about 1 inch thick. Cut biscuits using a biscuit cutter.
- \*Place biscuits on an un-greased baking pan. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.

From Melanie Elkins

### THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

**H**im the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. *John 6:37*

### WHAT TO READ

If people seem unkind - read John 15.

### THE BIBLE

"By the sweat of your brow"  
(By one's own labor or hard work)

Genesis 3:19

"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

### HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

**Elohei**

I am God

Genesis 46:3

# Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ AUGUST 2024

United as One Body in Christ



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

As we move into August, the reality sinks in that we are more than halfway through the year. At this critical point in the year, I want to take some time to remind you of the words of Paul from the beginning of his letter to the Philippian church. "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:3-6. First of all, this is a reminder that I am very thankful for everyone of you, and I am excited about what God is doing in your hearts. Just as Paul took time to encourage the believers that he ministered to, I would like to take time to encourage you in this halfway point in the year by saying thank you. Thank you for loving God and loving people. Thank you for giving generously to God. Thank you for serving others as Christ has served us. Thank you for being an active part of the body of Christ. Secondly, it is a reminder that God is not done with us. He has done a great work in our hearts individually, and He has done great things within our local church body, yet just as we have another half of the year to go, God is still working on us and through us. We must be willing to recognize that we still have things to learn. We must be willing to continue to grow and change to become more like Christ. He is always shaping us. It is easy to get comfortable where we are at, but if we keep our eyes on the gospel and Christ's transforming power, we will see that He has the power to shape us more and more each day. My challenge for you this month is to consider how you can continue to grow to be more like Christ and to share the love of Christ with someone new.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jeremy

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### PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The prayer focus this month is: SCHOOLS. There will be a prayer day Tuesday, August 20th with meetings at noon & 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Here are some specific ways you can pray this month. As you pray, think about the schools around you and schools where family members attend or work.

- 1) Spend some time praying for the faculty, administration, and all those working in the school system of our local schools.
- 2) Pray for the students. Lift up their educational, mental, and emotional health.
- 3) Pray for the parents as they work with the school system to care for and educate their children.

### Connect with Us

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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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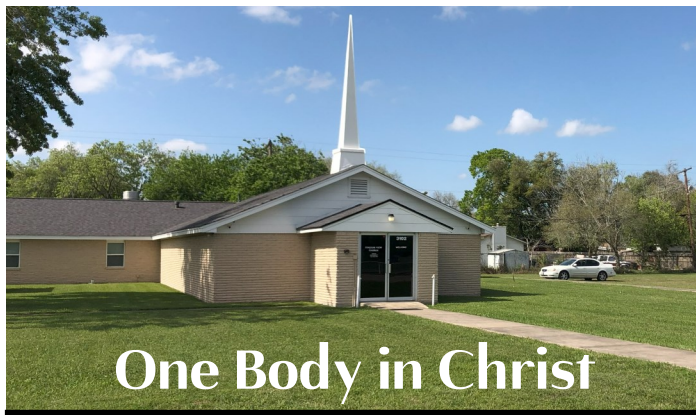
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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, August 3

Church workday on the shed & storage

### Sunday, August 18

Agape Service, Lord's Supper & Meal

### Tuesday, August 20

Noon & 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting



The Cooper Clan would like to invite you to join them in celebrating LaVonne's 90th and Dean's 94th birthdays! There will be a Come & Go celebration in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, August 11th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

They have asked for no gifts but cards are welcome.



Roy Goldman & family on the passing of his wife,

Mary Louise 'Bode' Goldman &

Friends and family of Dorothy 'Dot' Crisp on her passing



## Online Giving

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

## Call To Action



We have joined with some area churches to collect new athletic shoes for Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls program. These shoes go to orphans near and far. Consider bringing a pair of new athletic shoes to church. While the focus is shoes for middle school and high school age children, any children's sizes are welcome. It's more than a pair of shoes - it's the first step toward hope. New shoes put children on a path to: health (protecting against disease and infection), education (lowering barriers to school attendance), hope (demonstrating worth and God's love), and opportunity (connecting families to critical services through Buckner Family Hope Center programs around the world). Shoes or donations to purchase shoes can be dropped off at the church.

[www.buckner.org/shoes](http://www.buckner.org/shoes)



## All About Us

### \*Membership for June\*

Total Membership 84

### \*Average Attendance for June\*

Worship : 53 Online : 10

Sunday Bible Study : 30

### \*Financials 2024\*

Income: \$52,287 Expenses: \$57,388

### \*Financials for June\*

Income: \$8,010 Expenses: \$10,182

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

## Welcome New Members

Alice Fernandez  
Christina Garrett  
Jayla Girdy  
CD Smith

Seth Gaud  
Janiya Girdy  
Juana Smith  
Yvonne Tyler

## CHURCH NEWS

On Wednesday, July 17, there was a regular church business meeting. There were 20 members and 1 guest present. Two conferences are coming in August: iCare and Discipleship Collective (information below). In October, we will have a National Night Out Block Party. A few weeks prior to that, there will be a kick-off event where we can have a booth advertising the party. Anyone wanting to help out, please contact the church office. In the fall, we plan to sell tamales and in the spring BBQ plates. Money from these two fundraisers will go to replenish our Serving Hands and Missions funds. They will also help our youth. For the months of April through June, we gained 5 new members and lost 4. We projected \$100,000 in contributions for the year, and, at the 6 month mark, we have collected over \$52,000. Monthly and quarterly financial reports are available in the church office. Judy James was voted in as the official church treasurer to replace Jane Krause. There were also 8 new members voted on this month. The shed break-in and theft were reported on. Someone broke into our storage shed and stole all of our lawn equipment. With insurance and member donations, we were able to replace everything. The shed was repaired and the lawn equipment was moved to the container. The plan is to put a small A/C unit in the shed, and it will become our climate controlled storage. We will also be adding motion detection lights and possibly a security camera in that area as well as painting the container and sign. The Improvement Committee brought a motion to add Bo Tillery to the committee. The next regular business meeting was set for October 9th.



DISCIPLESHIP  
COLLECTIVE  
VICTORIA

August 17, 2024  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Northside Baptist Church  
4100 N Laurent St

"The Discipleship Collective provides training and resources to Sunday School, Small Group, and other discipleship leaders 'to equip Christ's people for works of service' with the goal of unity in his church and maturity in his followers. "

(Ephesians 4:12-13 NIV)

Sessions for pastors, directors, leaders of adults, middle/high school students, and preschool/elementary children.

The event is free. Register online at:

<https://texasbaptists.tfaforms.net/4964198>

Flyers available at the church



A conference for people who help people.

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.

**Scavenger Hunt Answers: 13, Ezra, Chapter 1, Jerusalem's walls/gates, Chapter 7, 10, Cupbearer, Hakaliah, Fight for us, Esther**

# August 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

### 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                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                             |     |                                                          |                      | 1   | 2                   | 3<br>Church Workday on Shed<br>*Debra Triguero              |
| 4                                                                                           | 5   | 6<br>iCare Conference at Parkway                         | 7                    | 8   | 9                   | 10<br>*Eli Munoz                                            |
| 11<br>2:00-4:00 Come&Go Birthday Party for Dean (94) & LaVonne (90) Cooper<br>*Bobby Walton | 12  | 13                                                       | 14                   | 15  | 16                  | 17<br>Discipleship Collective 9:00-Noon at Northside Church |
| 18<br>Agape Service & Meal after morning worship                                            | 19  | 20<br>Prayer Meeting Noon & 6:30 p.m.<br>*LaVonne Cooper | 21<br>*Lydia Garrett | 22  | 23<br>*Gayle Maurer | 24                                                          |
| 25<br>*Bill Stiles<br>*Sharon Tuneberg                                                      | 26  | 27                                                       | 28                   | 29  | 30<br>*Mike Garrett | 31                                                          |

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\*Birthdays  
♥ Anniversaries

# 5 Tricky Ways Sin Sneaks into Our Lives

By Alicia Searl

March 12, 2024



Below are three of the five common ways sin can easily sneak into your life, but take heart, because we will also reveal the truth that can set us free!

## *1. Falling into Complacency*

We often become complacent in areas of our lives where we feel safe and trusted. There is no need to strive anymore, and we may sort of check out or become emotionally unavailable. The term, “it is what it is” comes to mind. Life may become routine, cumbersome, or in some cases boring. While this isn’t a sin in and of itself, it can lead to sin when we neglect to take care of ourselves and others (Proverbs 1:32). We fail to invest time, and so loving and maintaining our relationships and the blessings that have been given to us easily get taken for granted. The problem is that complacency leads to self-satisfaction. It’s getting into a rhythm or groove where you don’t feel the need to expend any more energy or put forth the effort, so you simply stop trying. You just sort of bow out or float along without much care. This numbness towards others – and even ourselves to some extent – can cause so much devastation in our lives. It also opens the door wide for the liar to come in and whisper that something else is better. A better mate, a better job, better kids... You see where I am going. Complacency breeds the illusion of needing something better. Zephaniah 1:12 gives us a warning about being complacent and can eventually lead us to complacency with our God. We can heed this warning by asking God to change our hearts and transform our thoughts, choosing to count our blessings and shift our perspective.

## *2. Tolerant vs. Intolerant*

There is a lot of buzz these days about these two words. As many claim the modern-day church is tolerant or that intolerance is a sin, we are essentially arguing and dividing over words, rather than focusing on the real issue at hand. It’s not about being tolerant or intolerant, it’s about where we need to be seeking God’s Truth, and living accordingly. Truthfully, tolerance can be a virtue as we embrace others with love, grace, and forgiveness, choosing to understand their points of view. However, if we don’t lean into Truth found in God’s Word, we can easily be swayed by the ways of this world. Instead of being labeled as tolerant or intolerant, let’s choose to love what God loves and hate what He hates. God is love, so He defines it (1 John 4:8). God tells us that love is patient, kind, does not envy or keep a record of wrongs, among other attributes (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). God tells us love is between a man and woman and the marriage bed is to be kept pure (1 Corinthians 7:1-40). God is also righteous, holy, and just (Psalm 89:14). God detest six things according to Proverbs 6:16-19. Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, and a false witness. We should tolerate others out of love, but we should never, ever tolerate sin.

## *3. Entertaining the World’s View of Acceptance*

Acceptance. Here is yet another word that has gathered quite a bit of confusion and comes with lots of misconceptions in our society today. The truth is everyone wants to be fully known, fully loved, and fully accepted by everyone else. But God rarely enters this equation! It has all become relative, a “you accept me, and I will accept you” sort of deal. But, that isn’t how it works with our God. And that isn’t how we should choose to see acceptance either. Currently, the world accepts many things that are not of God and are in fact truly evil. Here lies the slippery slope to sin. While the world is seeking acceptance and for others to tolerate and accept their sinful behavior, we must understand what acceptance means. To be accepted means to be highly favored, to be given approval, and is given recognition for being correct. Entertaining the world’s view of acceptance is essentially disregarding the acceptance we receive from Christ. When we place our faith in Jesus, our heart transforms and seeks after the desires of God’s heart and what He finds acceptable. While we will still bend to our flesh (Ezekiel 36:26), we have a choice to stand up for what is truly favored, approved, and correct in the eyes of God (Romans 14:17-18).

***Continued next week***