

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 *James Andres
2 ♥ Jeremy & Sarah Prichard *Jeremy Prichard *Kay Stiles	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Agape celebration after morning service *James Harryman	10	11	12 Cookies to STEM teachers	13	14	15
16	17	18 Noon Prayer Meeting	19	20 ♥ Roy & Glenda Roberts	21	22 ♥ Glen & Terri Mason
23	24 *Dawn Gaud	25	26	27	28 *Jeff Hicks (29th)	*Birthdays ♥ Anniversaries

## UNITED Baptist Church News

One Body United in Christ

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### Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

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

**Wednesdays**  
3:00 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

# Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ FEBRUARY 2025

United as One Body in Christ



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

Every February the stores are filled with red hearts and flowers as they promote Valentine's Day. This has got me thinking about what scripture says about love. Many of you may know that there are several Greek words for love that are used in the Bible. The one that we focus on the most is "agape," which is a self-sacrificing love, the kind that God has shown us. In I John chapter 3, we see this phrase a lot. There are strong calls for us to live like Christ and to love our siblings in Christ. John uses phrases like "no one who lives in him keeps on sinning", "anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child", and "if anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person." We know that the call to love is a very serious one. The wording is so strong in these passages that it might cause us to wonder if we really have the love of God within us because we so often fail to live out true love for our brothers and sisters. Yet, these words are sandwiched in between two very important sections. At the beginning of the chapter, John points to the love of God which is "lavished" on us so that we are called the "children of God." He makes it very clear, by repeating "that is indeed what we are, the Children of God." He is saying that we are chosen and have entered a new relationship with Him purely because of what He has done for us. Then in verses 19-24 he reminds us of the confidence we have in God's final work of love. He is the one that has drawn us to Him. He has done the work to save us, and He has given us His spirit. We can "rest in His presence" even when "our hearts condemn us." Have you ever felt like your heart is condemning you? Often, the reality of the corruption deep within us settles into our minds and we feel that God's love can never reach us. Yet, when we take this chapter as a whole, we find that we have a long way to go as we grow in love, AND His salvation work is complete in our lives. This should both challenge us to explore how we can love our neighbor better and encourage us that we can rest in God's salvation which is not dependent on our own actions. So, this month, take time to rest in God's agape (love) for you, and challenge yourself to share his agape (love) with others.

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

### Staff

Pastor  
Jeremy Prichard

Associate Pastor of  
Missions & Ministry  
Mike Garrett

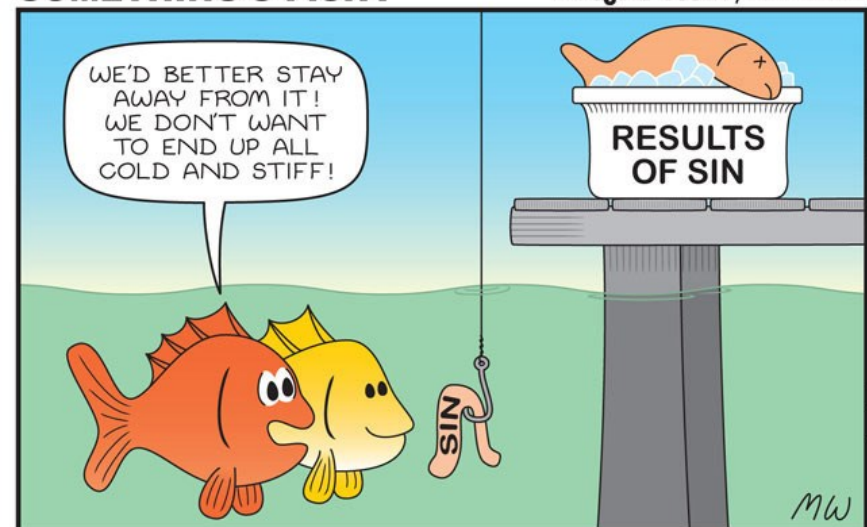
Music Leader  
James Anzaldúa

Secretary  
Melanie Elkins

## Fun Times

### SOMETHING'S FISHY

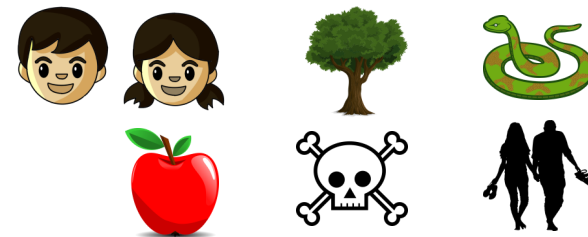
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

- HEBREWS 3:13 NIV

Guess the story of the Bible using the pictures/emojis



### THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

**N**ow is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.  
2 Corinthians 6:2b

### WORRY

Worry is illogical. If God can clothe the lilies of the field, can He not also clothe us?

Matthew 6:28-30

Our Socials



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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 9**  
Agape Celebration & Lord's Supper
- Tuesday, February 11**  
Bobbi Ellinger Memorial Service
- Wednesday, February 12**  
Taking cookies to STEM teachers
- Tuesday, February 18**  
Noon Prayer Meeting



West end driveway

## All About Us

**\*Membership for December\***  
Total Membership 93

**\*Average Attendance for December\***  
Worship : 45      Online : 8  
Sunday Bible Study : 26

**\*Financials for 2024\***  
Income: \$107,454      Expenses: \$119,032

**\*Financials for December\***  
Income: \$11,174      Expenses: \$9,896

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

## Online Giving

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



## Construction Progress

The expansion project is coming along. We have the side parking lot poured and should be able to use it sometime this month. Then phase two will begin. When that happens, we will begin using the new, side parking lot and side sanctuary entry. Please pray for patience during the second phase. The project is expected to be completed sometime around Easter. It's a messy but exciting time in our church!



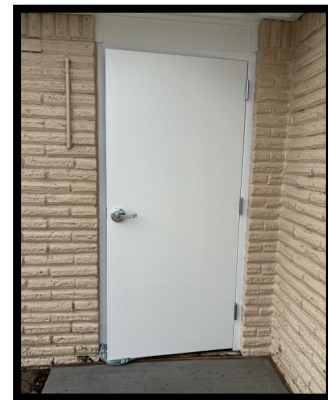
Sidewalk and side parking lot



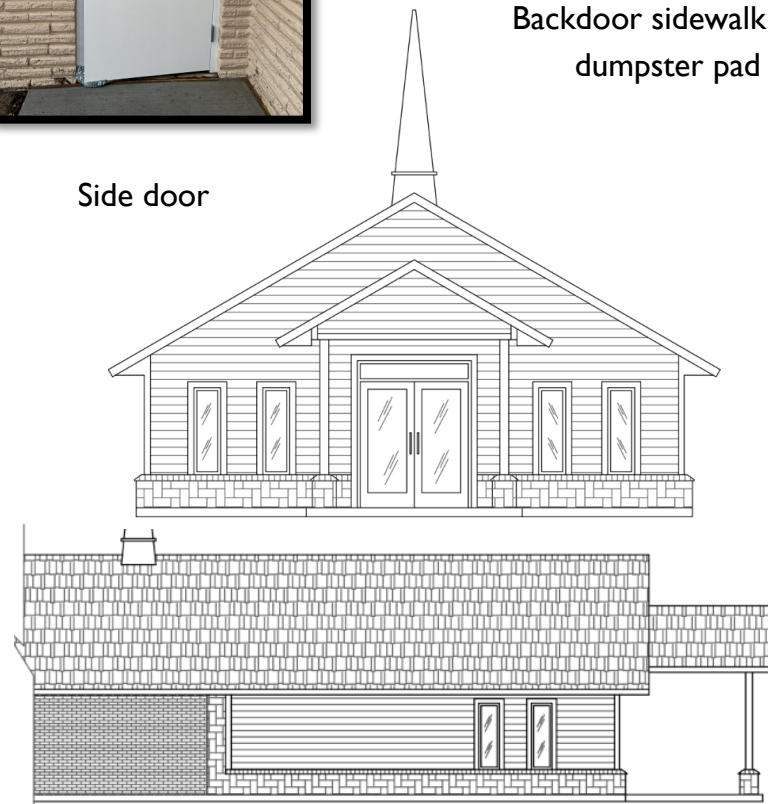
Side lot and dumpster pad



Backdoor sidewalk and dumpster pad



Side door



## CHURCH NEWS

There was a potluck meal with a regular business meeting afterward Wednesday, January 15th. Approximately 23 members were present. We have two tentative events scheduled for May. A BBQ plate fundraiser possibly May 10th, and feeding the STEM teachers on May 21st. Ladies Discipleship group time has moved from 1:30 on Wednesdays to 3:00. We now have 93 church members. For 2024, our Bible study attendance average was 29 and our average attendance for worship was 47. Church directories will be out sometime this month. You can get one at church or the church office. Financially, we brought in more than anticipated. We had planned on \$100,000 in giving, but we actually had \$107,000. We spent exactly what we budgeted for. Financial reports will now show us how much we move from our investment fund to pay for our construction project as well as the total amount spend on the project to date. Our Agape celebration was moved from February 16th to February 9th when we plan to have some baptisms. We are looking for people to work in the nursery and teach a pre-school Sunday school class.

## Christmas Eve



The family and friends of  
Liz Andres  
&  
The family and friends of  
Bobbi Ellinger

## Searching...



We have children!

We are searching for preschool Sunday school teachers and nursery workers. If you like helping out with littles, please let us know. We will be having training for our new workers asap.

We are also searching for someone to head up the in-reach/outreach team. If this is you, let the office know! :)

## Can't Stop Cookies

### Ingredients

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 cups sugar       | 2 cups oleo/butter    |
| 3 cups flour       | 2 tsp cream of tartar |
| 1/2 tsp salt       | 2 tsp soda            |
| 4 cups corn flakes | 1 cup chopped pecans  |

### Directions

Cream sugar and oleo. Add dry ingredients. Mix. Fold in corn flakes and nuts. Scoop with a teaspoon onto an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes. Cool and serve.

From David James

**Emoji Bible Story Answer: Adam & Eve**