

# Fun Times

## Emoji Bible Story

Guess the story of the Bible using the pictures/emojis



## New Year Word Scramble

- TMISE AERQUS \_\_\_\_\_
- EPLRSSKAR \_\_\_\_\_
- SIKS \_\_\_\_\_
- TGIENAHGR \_\_\_\_\_
- RRKEOSFIW \_\_\_\_\_
- IMTE \_\_\_\_\_
- LEANACRD \_\_\_\_\_
- DISNERF \_\_\_\_\_
- SEEHRC \_\_\_\_\_
- YTRPA \_\_\_\_\_
- SEMGA \_\_\_\_\_
- KLCOC \_\_\_\_\_
- MFILYA \_\_\_\_\_

## Kristin Chenoweth's Crinkle Cookies

### Ingredients

- 1 15.25 oz box of flavored cake mix (Strawberry is good!)
- 8 oz thawed cool whip
- Powdered sugar

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F
- In a large bowl, combine the cake mix and cool whip until thoroughly combined (the dough will be sticky!).
- Use a spoon/ice cream scoop to form dough balls. Roll the balls in powdered sugar to coat them.
- Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Bake for 8-10 minutes.
- Allow cookies to cool before serving.

From Melanie Elkins

## INSPIRATION

God, give me work until my life is over and give me life until my work is over.

## MEMORY VERSE

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disease, to give you a future filled with hope." *Jeremiah 29:11*

## THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

**M**y grace is sufficient for you.

*2 Corinthians 12:9b*

## WORRY

Worry is ineffective. Who among us can add one single hour to our life by worrying? *Matthew 6:27*

## HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

*El De'ot*

God of Knowledge / *Samuel 2:3*

# Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ JANUARY 2025

United as One Body in Christ



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

My sermon series for all of December has been "Down to Earth" as we talk about how our savior came down to meet us and how He challenges us to move forward. This year, I want to challenge you to have a down-to-earth attitude like our savior. Take some time to consider how you can meet others where they are at. I think of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. She was just an ordinary person that he encountered in an ordinary place. Yet his love and care for her, and his unlikely invitation made the encounter anything but ordinary. She was changed forever. She couldn't wait to tell others about her experience. Take a moment to think about how Jesus approached her in this passage. He chose to travel through Samaritan country. He did not steer away from those who were viewed as outcasts and different. Then he engaged with her in a way that was countercultural and that displayed love and trust. This is where we really see the down-to-earth attitude of Christ. He showed her trust by asking her for water. Then he took time to answer her questions and calm her concerns. He truly met her just as she was in a place that she was familiar with. Let us consider how we can be a comforting presence to those around us who are far away from Jesus. Let us consider how we can travel through "our Samaria" and take time to really see and connect with the people around us as we do.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jeremy

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## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,

Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to give thanks. Thank you for being with me every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Remind me of your presence in the days to come, even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year. ~ Amen ~

## 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

## 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

## EXTREME HEART MAKEOVER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.  
— REVELATION 3:20 NIV

Our Socials



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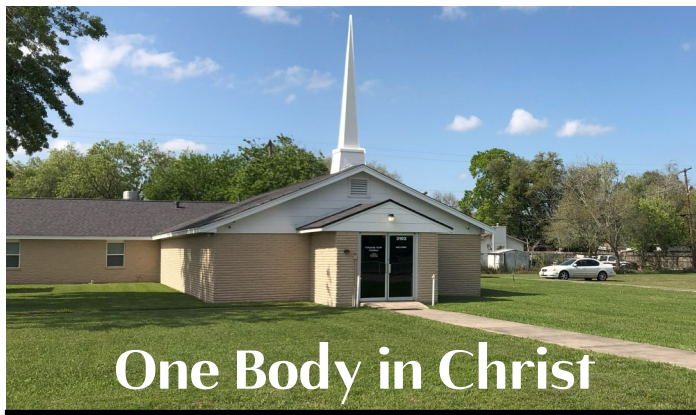


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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, January 1**

Church office closed

**Monday, January 6**

6:30 Church council meeting

**Wednesday, January 8**

6:00 Potluck meal

6:30 Regular church business meeting

**Sunday, January 11**

9:00 Discipleship groups breakfast

**Sunday, January 19**

Lord's Supper during morning service

## Nursery Workers

We could use a few more nursery & children's workers. Please let the church office know if you would like to help out. We will be revising our rotation schedule soon.

## All About Us

### \*Membership for November\*

Total Membership 93

### \*Average Attendance for November\*

Worship : 36      Online : 9

Sunday Bible Study : 30

### \*Financials at end of November\*

Income: \$96,280

Expenses: \$108,976

### \*Financials for November\*

Income: \$6,852

Expenses: \$9,744

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

## Call To Action



Our call to action this month goes along with our Serving Hands. Think about committing to give to the fund at least one month this year.

Commitment cards are included with your newsletter or by the doors at church.

## Bible Study & Discipleship Classes

There are two opportunities to study the Bible weekly. Every Sunday morning at 9:30, we have Bible study for all ages. Wednesdays, there is a meal at 6:00 and Bible study at 6:30. If you would like to help offset the cost of the food for the church, there is a donation jar in the fellowship hall.

Our men's and women's discipleship classes will start meeting again this month. There will be a breakfast Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 for both groups to kick-off the new year. Starting the next week, women will meet at the church on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Men will meet on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Building Recap

The expansion project work has begun! This is an exciting time in the life of our church.

We are grateful to be able to fully fund this project with monies we already have. We were able to replenish our vision fund with over \$1100 thanks to the tamale fund raiser. Money in the vision fund will be used to replenish the building fund and help with expenses after the project is finished.

## 2025 Church Directory

We will have new church directories out in February. If you have any updated contact information, please get it to the church office ASAP.

Also, if you want your picture in it or want to update the picture from last year's directory, you can bring a picture by the office, email one to [office.unitedbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:office.unitedbaptist@gmail.com) or text one to Melanie's cell phone.

## CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, December 15th there was a called business meeting immediately following the morning service. This meeting was called to vote on the church's 2025 yearly budget. The motion was made by the council. By show of hands, the members voted to accept the 2025 budget unanimously. There was no discussion.

We collected food goods to make 9 baskets to give a some church and community members for the holiday season.

## Serving Hands

We have a designated fund called Serving Hands. The money in it is used only for church and community members who find themselves in a time of need. We started the year with a balance of \$1,357. This year we have had \$2,118 given in donations and tamale money. We spent \$2,829. We helped a total of 13 people (6 church members and 7 community members) 29 times this year. We try to limit the help to \$50-\$100 a time. Sometimes it ends up being more. Sometimes less. But this fund provides help when people really need it. Some people just needed some gas to make it to a doctor appointment in Houston. Some needed help with a hotel room for the night during cold weather. Others just needed some food. A few people were short a little bit on their electricity or water bill. We don't help with rent. Currently, the balance for the Serving Hands fund is \$646. Our goal this year is every month at least 10 church members donate at least \$5.00 each to this fund. This is a way to help others in times of need anonymously. It's easy to give. You can write "Serving Hands" on your giving envelope. You can write it in the memo of your check. We also have a link in our online giving through our website you can use. There is a reminder card included in the newsletter and some by the church doors. You choose a month or two in which you want to give and put the card on your fridge as a reminder!



**Emoji Bible Story Answer: Samson and Delilah**

**Word Scramble: times square, sparklers, kiss, gathering, fireworks, time, calendar, friends, cheers, party, games, clock, family**

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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

**\*Birthdays**  
**♥Anniversaries**

Deadline to get updated contact info and pictures to the office for 2025 directories