

Fun Times

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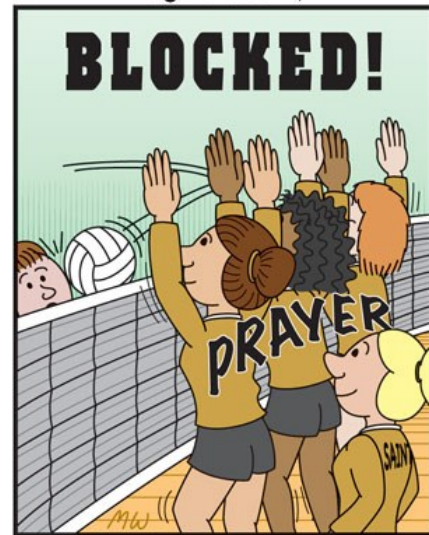
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MEMORY VERSE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - *Philippians 4:6*



PRAYER TEAM



A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. - *EPHESIANS 6:18 NIV*

Our Socials



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Mel's Potato Salad

Ingredients

- 4 Russet potatoes
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- 1-2 Diced dill pickles (or pickle relish)
- 2-3 Boiled Eggs
- Salt & pepper to taste

Measurements are not exact. Put ingredients in to your taste.

Directions

Boil and peel potatoes. Boil and peel eggs. Cut the potatoes into cubes and chop the eggs. Dice the pickles. Put those ingredients into a large bowl. Add several large dollops of mayonnaise. Add a small dollop or two of mustard. Add salt and pepper to your taste. Mix everything up. For a dryer salad, use less mayonnaise. Adjust the mustard for tartness or leave it out completely.

From Melanie Elkins

THE BIBLE

"Fire and brimstone"

(The threat of hell and eternal damnation)

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and

whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with **fire and brimstone:**

which is the second death." - *Revelation 21:8*

HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

Elohim Emet

True God *Jeremiah 10:10*

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. So in a world where you can be anything, choose to be kind.

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 6:25*

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

Knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7c

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ NOVEMBER 2024

United as One Body in Christ



Pastor's Corner

The armor of God

Many of you are familiar with Ephesians 6:10-17 where Paul talks about the armor of God. I felt that this would be a good reminder for us in this season of our church life. It is a reminder that we have a battle to fight. However, Paul makes it very clear that we do not fight against humans. The world around us is not the enemy. We battle against the spiritual forces of the heavenly realm. So, how do we battle against things that we cannot see and often do not understand? We must rely on the things that he has given us. We must turn to the truth that God has revealed to us. We must hold on to it like a belt that holds us together. We are to keep righteousness close to our heart as a breastplate. This doesn't mean that we pick ourselves up by the bootstraps and make ourselves better, but that we recognize God's work in our hearts that brings us into a right relationship and we live within that truth.

Then we have the stability and readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. This is the good news of Jesus that brings peace to all of humanity. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus brings peace with God and love and kindness to our fellow neighbors.

Not only do we have the armor that protects us, but we have the shield of faith which will extinguish the flaming arrows of the enemy. It not only protects us, but actively takes away Satan's power as he attacks us.

Salvation is the ultimate protection for us in this battle, guarding us where we are most vulnerable just as a helmet. We can hold to the truth of God's salvation with confidence because it is rooted in his power and work that has already been done in the cross.

Then finally, Paul reminds us that we have the sword of the Spirit, the only thing that can actually meet the enemy on the field that he is in. It is a spiritual battle and God has given us his Spirit to fight for us. We must be willing to let him guide us and give us the words and actions that are needed. Though we battle every day, we have confidence that the war has been won. The cross is our victory and it is complete even if the battle rages on. Let us move forward with that confidence. In Christ, Pastor Jeremy

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

Prayer focus:

First Responders- Fire, EMS, Police, etc...

1. Thank God for those who bravely risk their lives for others.
2. Pray for the training and preparation they undergo.
3. Pray for their safety as they do their jobs.

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

## Staff

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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

**November & December will be busy!**

**November 1-December 1**

We will be collecting items for College Final Survival Bags. List of items by the front doors.

**Saturday, November 16**

Agape and Thanksgiving Celebration

**Wednesday, November 27-28**

Church office is closed

**December**

Lottie Moon World Missions Offering

**Monday, December 2**

Packing College Finals Survival Bags

**Tuesday, December 3**

Providing lunch for college students at the BSM & handing out Finals Survival Bags

**Saturday, December 7**

Church workday to decorate for Christmas

**Sunday, December 22**

Wear your Christmas clothes to church!

**Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Service (5:30)

**Wednesday-Thursday, December 25-26**

Church office closed

**Wednesday, January 1**

Church office closed



### Online Giving

Give online at [www.ubcvictoria.org](http://www.ubcvictoria.org)

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using the QR code

## Call To Action



This month we have the next Agape Celebration with our Thanksgiving meal. Invite someone to come join you on that day. There will be a short service with song, the Lord's Supper, and a meal to follow.

Fun - Food - Fellowship!

### National Night Out Block Party

It was estimated that we had about 100 people attend the block party on October 1st. STEM Middle School brought some robots to display and Smith Elementary brought some technology people could play with. We had face-painting, a demonstration by the drug dog, games for young and old alike, and food! We learned a lot to make next year's party even better.

### Tamale Fundraiser

We are having a tamale fundraiser for serving hands and missions funds. Tamales can be picked up Tuesday, November 4th at the church. They are \$15/dozen.

### Thanksgiving Agape Meal

Saturday, November 16th, we will have a Thanksgiving / Agape Celebration meal for lunch. Turkey is being provided. Members will be supplying sides and desserts. We will have a sign-up sheet at the church to give us an idea of how many to feed and what is being brought.

### All About Us

**\*Membership for September\***

Total Membership 95

**\*Average Attendance for September\***

Worship : 52      Online : 8

Sunday Bible Study : 25

**\*Financials 2024\***

Income: \$79,819      Expenses: \$87,514

**\*Financials for September\***

Income: \$7,215      Expenses: \$10,119

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

**Dingbat Answers: Noah's Ark; See eye to eye**

## CHURCH NEWS

We had a quarterly regular business meeting on Wednesday, October 9. Pastor Jeremy will be out of the office November 11-12 for the Texas Baptist Conference in Waco. We donated around 40 shoes to Shoes for Orphan Souls. Collectively between us and several other churches, we shipped 500 pairs. We reached our Mary Hill Davis goal by collecting \$811 for Texas missions. We now have 95 members. For the quarter, we gained 12 members and lost 1. Financially, we've gained around \$30,000 from our investment fund. Judy James reported that while we have spent a little over \$100 so far in fees to Vanco for online giving, we have brought in over \$10,000 so far this year with the program. When giving, people are given the opportunity to pay for the fees. Most are doing that, which helps us out. We will be collecting items for college finals survival bags throughout the month of November. We will pack the bags on Monday, December 2nd. They will be passed out to students when we have lunch for them at the GBA on December 3rd. Our next Agape celebration will be combined with our Thanksgiving lunch on Saturday, November 16.

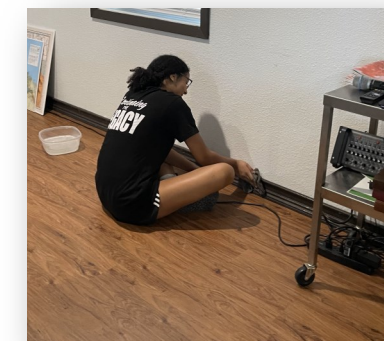
We have an update on our building project. The city has said we need to either expand the east driveway or make it a one-way. Expanding it would add to our expense, but it was decided we needed to do. It would also make the drive to the side parking lot a straight shot, whereas before it had a curve. We are expecting the city to approve this change. When that happens, we can look at our quotes. We have one and are waiting on another. Once we have both, we can schedule a meeting to vote on them. Construction of the side parking lot could begin soon!

**Happy Helpers!**



Our church cleaning workday was a huge success! A big THANK YOU to those who came and helped give our church a thorough cleaning. We even had some outside work done.

Thank you, happy helpers!



# November 2024

## 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

| Sun                                                           | Mon                                    | Tue                        | Wed                        | Thu                                     | Fri                 | Sat                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                               |                                        |                            |                            |                                         | 1                   | 2                                         |
| 3<br>Begin collecting items for college finals survival bags. | 4<br>Tamale Pickup<br>*Shannon Tillery | 5                          | 6                          | 7                                       | 8<br>*Irene Sanchez | 9                                         |
| 10<br>BGCT Conference Waco                                    | 11<br>BGCT Conference Waco             | 12<br>BGCT Conference Waco | 13                         | 14                                      | 15                  | 16<br>Thanksgiving Agape Celebration Meal |
| 17                                                            | 18                                     | 19                         | 20                         | 21                                      | 22                  | 23<br>*Jeremiah Campos                    |
| 24                                                            | 25                                     | 26<br>Church Office Closed | 27<br>Church Office Closed | 28<br>Thanksgiving Church Office Closed | 29                  | 30                                        |

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## “3 Opportunities the Trials of Life Bring” Cont.

By Michael Kelley

Before getting to the subject of trials, Peter writes in beautiful detail about the great mercy of God that has been given to us as Christians, and what has come to us as a result of that mercy. And then he leads into the reality of life, that we will all experience all kinds of trials, big and small, that will result in a measure of grief. And yet the disposition he wants for his readers is not one of self-pity.

*It seems, in fact, that Peter is viewing these trials as an opportunity. That's the disposition we are after. But an opportunity for what? At least three things:*

1. Trials are an opportunity for faith refinement.

Trials give us the chance to display what we truly believe. We might say we believe that God is good; that He is powerful; that He is wise in all things, but trials show the genuineness of those statements. How we react during moments of trouble isn't just a reflection of whether we are having a good day or not; it's a reflection of our faith.

2. Trials are an opportunity for joy clarification.

We tend to find joy in all different kinds of things, and many of those things are good. Family, friends, food – these are all good things. And yet they cannot be the ultimate source of our joy. It must go deeper than that, and because of God's mercy, He has given us the true reservoir or joy. It is in Him. Trials, because of their very nature, threaten our temporal sources of joy, and therefore give us an opportunity to clarify to ourselves where our ultimate joy lies.

3. Trials are an opportunity for hope sharpening.

Similarly, we hope for many things. We hope for a job change or for an end to illness; we hope for relationships to get better or stronger; we hope that we will have enough money saved for retirement. And yet all of those things that we hope for simply might not happen. That's one of the reasons why trials bring grief – it's because they threaten our hope, just as they threaten our joy. But what an opportunity for the Christian to remember that we have a better hope – a living hope – that grows in our hearts and minds day by day as all living things do.

***Chances are there will be some trial that enters your life today. The question, then, is less about whether it will happen, but how we will view it. Will it be a threat, or an opportunity?***

*Michael Kelley is a husband, father of three, author, and speaker from Nashville, TN. His latest book is a year-long family devotional guide called [The Whole Story for the Whole Family](#). Find his personal blog at [michaelkelley.co](#).*

**National Night Out**

**Things Are Hopping at UBC!**



**FUN**



**FOOD**



**GAMES**

