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**OCTOBER 2023
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**



Join Us

Worship With 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

**You Make a Difference**

Every person in the church has an effect on it, for better or for worse. If you are strong spiritually, then you build up the church a little more. If you are weak spiritually, you weaken it a little more. If you allow God to use you to touch lives, you help the church a little more. And if you're compromising spiritually, you weaken it a little more. Every person has an effect. Writing to the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul said, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad" (1 Corinthians 12:26 NLT). But Paul also reproved this church because they were boasting about bringing in someone who claimed to be a believer but was living immorally. They were proud of how tolerant they were. Paul told them, "You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship" (1 Corinthians 5:2 NLT). You matter in the church. Every person lifting their voice in worship matters. Every gift in the offering matters. And every act we do outside the church matters. If you're a Christian, then you are an important part of the body of Christ. We need to get rid of this me-first, what's-in-it-for-me mindset and start thinking biblically. We need to start asking what we can do to help others and serve others. We need to ask how we can learn to resolve conflicts and maintain the unity that is in the church. Instead of approaching church like a consumer looking to simply get in and get out every weekend, come in and use the gifts that God has given you. It can change your life, and it can certainly change the way you see the church.

Greg Laurie on March 2, 2023

<https://harvest.org/resources/devotion/you-make-a-difference/>



Operation Christmas Child

We have boxes and packing information available in the office if you would like to pack a box this year! They will be due at the church Sunday, November 12th.

**Church Schedule**

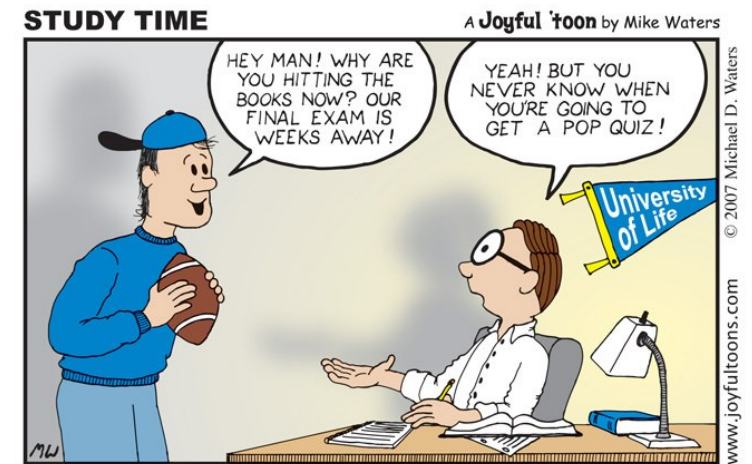
**Sundays 9:30** Bible Study for children & adults  
10:45 Church service

**Wednesdays 6:00** Meal  
6:30 Bible Study

**Saturdays 9:00 a.m.** Men's Coffee at Church  
10:00-11:00 Drive-up Prayer

**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, October 3rd** - National Night Out Block Party at the church  
**Saturday, November 18th** - Agape Service and Church-wide Thanksgiving meal



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. - 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 NIV

~ UNITED ~ One Body in Christ~

Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

Last month I introduced the idea of being "Frontline Christians." This means that every part of our lives are designed for kingdom work. We have opportunities to meet new people like the meal for the STEM faculty or our National Night Out block party, but those are not the only times that we shine the light of Christ. Over the next couple of months I would like to highlight some of the specific ways you can do that in your everyday life. The first one is **modeling godly character**. This is much more than just being nice and smiling at others. It involves a life that reflects Christ's love for others. Take a moment to read through Galatians 5:13-26. Notice that this passage describes a life that is centered around others. It emphasizes love for others, highlights relationships, and is led by the Holy Spirit. We must be careful not to revert to our 'default setting' or as Paul puts it, the deeds of the flesh. Rather, we must live in careful relationship with the Spirit, not for our sake, but for the sake of the people around us. That they might see the light of Christ in us. Take some time this month to evaluate your everyday actions to see if they model the character laid out in Galatians 5. When we do this, we are living our lives as "Frontline Christians." As others see godly character modeled in our lives, we are opening the door for gospel conversations with them. Many of the concepts I will be highlighting in the next few months come from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. For more information on how you can live out "Frontline Christianity," check out [licc.org.uk](http://licc.org.uk).

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremy

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# October 2023



| Sun                                                                              | Mon                                            | Tue                                                  | Wed                                                                       | Thu                             | Fri                                                 | Sat                                                           |
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| <b>1</b><br>Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>Bible Study ~ 9:30<br>Worship ~ 10:45   | <b>2</b>                                       | <b>3</b><br>6:00-9:00 National Night Out Block Party | <b>4</b>                                                                  | <b>5</b><br><br>*Linda Jonckers | <b>6</b>                                            | <b>7</b><br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer  |
| <b>8</b> Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>Leader Budget Sheets Due<br>*Linda Hartman | <b>9</b><br>6:30 Church Council Mtg            | <b>10</b>                                            | <b>11</b><br>6:00 Sandwiches<br>6:30 Business Meeting                     | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b><br><br>*Glenda Roberts<br>*Dean Wetherbee | <b>14</b><br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer |
| <b>15</b><br>Regular Sun A.M. Schedule                                           | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>17</b>                                            | <b>18</b><br>6:00 Meal<br>6:30 Bible Study<br>*Roy Roberts<br>*Bo Tillery | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b>                                           | <b>21</b><br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer |
| <b>22</b><br>Regular Sun A.M. Schedule                                           | <b>23</b>                                      | <b>24</b>                                            | <b>25</b><br>6:00 Meal<br>6:30 Bible Study<br>♥Dean & LaVonne Cooper      | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b>                                           | <b>28</b><br>9:00 Men's Discipleship<br>10:00 Drive-up Prayer |
| <b>29</b><br>Regular Sun A.M. Schedule<br>Pastor Jeremy Out                      | <b>30</b> Office Closed<br>Staff out of office | <b>31</b>                                            |                                                                           |                                 | *Birthdays<br>♥Anniversaries                        |                                                               |

## Agape Service Thanksgiving Meal

On Saturday, November 18, we will have our Agape Service as well as our church-wide Thanksgiving meal. Any baptisms will take place at this time, and there will be the Lord's Supper. Then we will all give thanks and fellowship with a meal. Mark the date and stay tuned for more details!



### Scripture for the Month

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."  
**James 5:7-8**

## October Bible Word Scramble

- EEMTPL \_\_\_\_\_
- METOTNENA \_\_\_\_\_
- ESSMO \_\_\_\_\_
- ABHREKE \_\_\_\_\_
- ECBEALNATR \_\_\_\_\_
- EFATS \_\_\_\_\_
- KRA \_\_\_\_\_
- CNBEOAEITLR \_\_\_\_\_
- CSOONFNISE \_\_\_\_\_
- INS \_\_\_\_\_
- EWN \_\_\_\_\_
- MNOO \_\_\_\_\_

## MONEY NEWS

### BUDGET SHEETS

Team and Committee leaders need to have their budget sheets turned into the office or Judy James no later than Sunday, October 8th.



### CHECKING ACCOUNT

We are closing out the BTC and SV bank accounts. If you haven't already, start making your checks out to United Baptist Church.

### ONLINE GIVING

We now have the ability to give offerings and tithes online! On our website, [www.ubcvictoria.org](http://www.ubcvictoria.org), you can go to the 'Online Giving' tab at the top. On the giving page, there are listed the different areas of giving: Tithes and Offerings, Serving Hands, Operation Christmas Child, and any other special offerings we have. Or you can use the QR code below with your phone. We can also take contributions and giving with credit and debit cards at the church. If you have any questions about how to give online, please contact the office. We are ready to help you!

