

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Office Closed	2	3 4:30 Serving STEM a meal	4	5 *Abigail Wright East/West Game Parking	6
7 Nursery: Mel, Lydia	8 6:30 National Night Out Planning Mtg	9	10	11	12 *Michelle Camacho	13
14 Nursery: Liz, Mel *Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer	15	16	17	18	19 iCare Conference at Parkway	20 *Wayne Boone
21 Nursery: Christina, Juana Lord's Supper	22	23	24	25	26	27 National Night Out Kickoff *Ethan Munoz
28 Nursery: Juana, Lydia *LeRoy Davis	29 *Michael Jonckers	30				*Birthdays ♥Anniversaries

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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 ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

United as One Body in Christ



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,
Over the next few months, I would like to highlight some key truths from my favorite book on evangelism. This book is titled "I Once was Lost" by Don Everts and Doug Schaupp. It takes a unique perspective on pointing others to Jesus. Instead of teaching you strategies on how to better present the gospel, it takes the approach that we can better witness to others when we take time to understand where they are coming from. The book is based on thousands of real conversations with people who were new to the faith. The question was simple, what did it take for you to come to know Jesus? After spending time with the new believers, they were surprised to find that, while everyone is unique in how they come to Jesus, there were five thresholds that each person had to cross in order to truly accept Jesus. Just like stepping through an unfamiliar doorway, these people had to have the courage and appropriate timing to take their trust in Jesus to the next level. I do want to take a moment to give a word of caution. This is not simply a rigid psychological analysis that we can use to manipulate people into believing in Jesus. The authors make it very clear at the beginning of the book that coming to know Jesus is both a mystery and an organic process. It is not something you can conjure, and we cannot treat people as projects to get them to Jesus. As you journey with your friends and neighbors, it will surprise you when and how God engages this process. Yet, studying these thresholds can help us better know how to connect with people where they are at. These five thresholds are trust, curiosity, change, seek, and follow. Knowing where the people in our lives are in relation to these thresholds enables us to better connect with them on a relational level and to know how we can share our heart and lives with them. The gospel is not just a story that we have to convince others to believe, but a relationship that often takes time to be built. I hope that as we walk through this book together, it will shape your understanding of what evangelism is and how you can begin investing in relationships that have an eternal impact. This month, take time to notice the non-believers around you. Try to put yourself in their shoes. Maybe take some time to ask them some questions to better understand their perspective. Let that drive you to pray for them and yourself, as you seek to live a witness among them.

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  
Upuia Ma'ava  
  
Secretary  
Melanie Elkins

## THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.  
1 John 1:7b

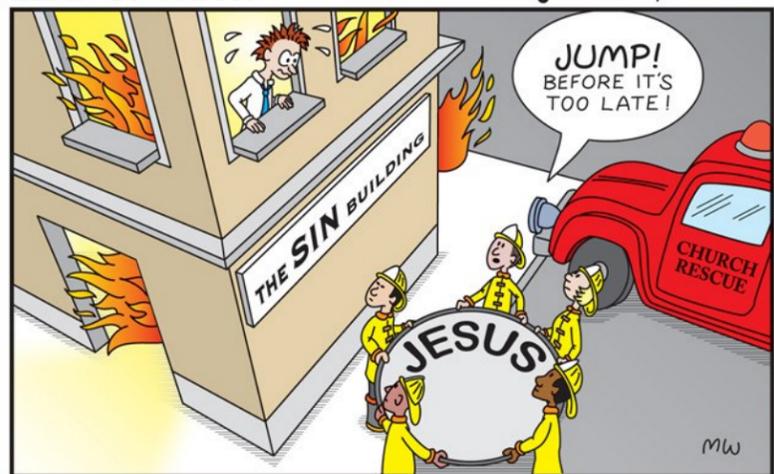
## INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

David conquered a bear and a lion while guarding his father's sheep before he faced the giant. Don't overlook your season of preparation.

1 Samuel 17

## LEAP OF FAITH

A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.  
- ACTS 4:12 NIV

## RECIPE

### Slow Cooker Cranberry Chicken

Ingredients:  
2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs  
8 oz bottle of Catalina dressing  
1 - 16 oz can cranberry sauce  
1 envelope (2 oz.) onion soup mix  
Directions:  
Mix Catalina dressing, cranberry sauce, and the onion soup mix. Stir it together  
Put chicken in the bottom of a slow cooker  
Pour the mixture over the chicken  
Cook on low for 4-5 hours or on high for 2-3 hours  
Winona Klacman

## BIBLE TRIVIA

The longest book in the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.  
The shortest book in the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.  
There are at least \_\_\_\_\_ songs in the Bible.  
Who is the author of Hebrews? \_\_\_\_\_.  
The word "trinity" does not appear in the Bible.  
True / False  
How many dreams are recorded in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_.

# CHURCH



## One Body in Christ

### Weekly & Upcoming Events

- Wednesdays**  
 3:00 Ladies Discipleship  
 6:00 Meal  
 6:30 Bible Study
- Thursdays**  
 9:00 Men's Discipleship
- Saturdays**  
 10:00 Drive up prayer
- Sundays**  
 9:30 Bible Study  
 10:45 Worship
- Wednesday, September 3**  
 4:30 Serving STEM faculty a meal
- Monday, September 8**  
 6:30 NNO Planning Meeting
- Sunday, September 21**  
 The Lord's Supper
- Saturday, September 27**  
 Texas National Night Out Kick-Off Rally
- Tuesday, October 7**  
 National Night Out Block Party

## All About Us

2025

**\*Total Membership 98\***

**\*Average Attendance for 2025\***

Worship : 46      Online : 9  
 Worship Nursery: 4      Sunday Bible Study : 28

**\*Average Attendance for July\***

Worship : 49      Online : 9  
 Worship Nursery: 4      Sunday Bible Study : 27

**\*Financials for 2025\***

Income: \$76,453      Expenses: \$76,487

**\*Financials for July\***

Income: \$8,754      Expenses: \$9,582

Copies of financials are in the church office.

## Call to Action

September Spotlight: Missions!



### TEAMS

At UBC, there are many ways to serve. One way is by joining a team. Another is helping out with Sunday school or the nursery. There are 6 teams: fellowship (Lydia Garrett), Outreach (leader needed!), Building & Grounds (David James), Missions (Pastor Mike Garrett), Prayer (Pastor Jeremy Prichard), and Safety (Louis Tuttle). When you join a team, you help where you can and when you can; you don't have to participate in every activity the team is in charge of. Being a part of a team allows for fellowship with other members and the opportunity to participate in local missions/outreach/in-reach work. We also need Sunday school teachers for all ages and nursery workers. We even need substitutes. Our nursery workers are in the nursery 1-2 times a month. If you would like to become a team member or help with Sunday school & nursery (or know of someone who would be good at one of these), let the office or one of the pastors know.

### Mary Hill Davis

Texas Missions Offering

This month we are collecting for the Mary Hill Davis Texas Missions fund. Your gifts to this offering help the efforts of missions and missionaries across the state. Find out more about Mary Hill Davis and the offering: iamtexasmissions.org. We have offering envelopes just for this. You can donate using one of the special envelopes or write "Mary Hill Davis" on the regular giving envelope. You can also use the QR code to go to the giving page on our website. There you will find a place to give to the Mary Hill Davis Offering. We will be collecting throughout the month of September.

Our church goal is \$800.



# NEWS

## Church Business

At a special called business meeting on Sunday, August 3rd, we voted to accept Upuia (the first U is silent) Ma'ave as a member of UBC and as an interim music leader. Look for ways to be involved. We will be serving STEM faculty a meal, attending the National Night Out Kick-Off event, hosting a National Night Out block party, and providing training for anyone interested in joining our children's Sunday school or nursery teams!



## STEM Ice Cream, Cookies & Other Things

Church members donated cookies and money to purchase ice cream the first few weeks of August. Then on Tuesday, August 12, we took everything over to STEM Middle School and gave the faculty a refreshing treat before school started the next day. Thanks to all who donated and/or went to help out.

The outreach team does many things for STEM throughout the school year. We provide meals at the beginning and end of the school year, and occasionally take them treats. go monthly to make sure they have things like coffee, condiments, supplies for the kitchen area, sanitizer, and much more. There are sheets in the foyer with a list of items they need. There is also a school bus box in the hallway to put donations in. If you'd like to join this team and help out with our 'adopted' school, let the office know! Everyone is welcome to help out with any or all of these activities.

## iCare Conference

A conference for people who help people

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|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| STCH Ministries            | www.stchm.org | Parkway Church                          | 4802 John Stockbauer |
| Friday, September 19, 2025 | 8:00-4:00     | Breakfast & lunch provided              | \$10 / person        |
|                            |               | The church office has more information. |                      |

## Meet Upuia Ma'ava

My name is Upuia Maava, I have been given the opportunity to be the music leader at United Baptist Church. I have a background of working with various choirs, i.e The Auckland Pacific Gospel Choir, Malaga Choir, Promise Keepers Men's Choir, Coca Cola Christmas in the Park Choir and many others. Also, I was involved with the praise and worship team for Morning Star International and Christian Community Fellowship ministries in Auckland, New Zealand. While being in Victoria, Texas for over ten years, I have been involved in the Faith Family Spanish Ministry praise and worship team. With these experiences, I have learned various instruments and further skills, also having a leadership role, teaching and training others to grow within the ministry. I am extremely excited and look forward to working together, growing together, and worshipping together with United Baptist Church.

