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Happy New Year

## WATCH

Support What You Love

In just a few days, 2025 will slide into the history books. Before the calendar turns and 2025 is behind us, we can support something that brings a lot of meaning to a bunch of people. You can join me in making a year-end contribution to UBC.

God is at work in our church, and 2026 holds some incredible potential. The Church Council is finalizing a search committee to begin looking for an Associate Minister for Education. The Child-care Task Force has made good progress and is leaning toward recommending starting a new daily childcare at UBC. We are planning to refresh (meaning paint) the Fellowship Hall, and we have restarted a conversation about murals inside the church. Some of our planned efficiency improvements next year could save the church thousands of dollars per year.

Each item on our priority list is about sharing God's love with our community. For example, through the Ministry Transition Team, we sense God calling us to create a new associate minister position to meet our congregation's current needs. Another example is the murals. The whole mural discussion is about outreach. That is, we

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 4, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Preferential Option for the Poor  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem:

*Behold That Star!* arr. H. T. Burleigh

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Ray Gaines, Raynell Stoke

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Amy Song

College Dinner: Click [here](#) to provide a dinner for our college students.



Welcome our newest member, Court Van Clief, who joined our church family on Sunday, December 21. Stop and introduce yourself the next time you see him!

have a lot of people come into the church through the events we host. What if we could put something on the stairwell walls, for instance, that inspires them to want to know more about us?

Starting a daily childcare program is a third example of our priorities being about sharing God's love. There's a big need in our community for quality childcare. We have space, and we are located across the street from a huge employer. If we could meet this need, break even doing it, and share God's love with families, we would be living into our calling.

There are many, many more examples. I haven't even mentioned mission projects (we have a bunch), music (it's kind of our thing), and the collegiate ministry (have you seen the number of students in worship on Sunday mornings?). As I write this, the children and youth are gathered in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of games. And I am certainly forgetting some vibrant and exciting ministries.

God is at work at UBC, and it is only possible because of your contributions. Please consider making an additional gift to your church family before the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. You can give by texting the phrase

**Give2ubc** to 73256. You can write a check and bring it to the church (Matthew 6:2). You can go to [our website](#) and click "Give." Or you can send a check to the church.

Thank you for prayerfully considering what God is leading you to do this year. And, whether you give or not, we are glad you are part of our church family.

Peace,  
Matt



Our next Wednesday night dinner will be Wednesday, January 7

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday!

Jan. 7: Sylvie Moore

Jan. 9: Ruth Key

Jan. 10: Jake Mulcahy, Fin Mulcahy

Jan. 12: Thomas Bibb, Alden Pinkham



You'll have many opportunities in the coming year to join together and discuss what it means to be a Baptist at UBC. We'll look at what Baptists believe, how UBC's leadership

and volunteers are organized, what we believe about baptism and communion, and the many ministry opportunities here at the church. Even if you've been a member of UBC for years, we think you'll discover something you never knew about us.

## Stewardship Committee Pledge Status

Thank you to all of you who have made a pledge to our 2026 budget. We have a total of 58 pledges (82% of last year's number) totaling \$464,452 (84% of last year's total). If you haven't yet done so, you can still do that by emailing [Amanda](#) or calling her at 434-293-5106 with the amount and frequency.

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill  
Tony & Patti Barretta  
Alba & Pam Beasley  
Clara Brown  
Bob Bryant & Family on the death of his sister  
John & Sarah Buchanan  
Leon & Nancy Castle  
Susan Deal & Family on the death of her father  
David & Linda Hendon  
Larry & Lynn Martin  
Edith Parker  
Barbara Weber  
Jane Whitworth on her brother's battle with cancer  
Jack & Anne Wilkerson  
Kathy Wilson & Family on the death of her mother  
Kevin Wright & Family on the death of his father.

\*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.



With just a few days left in 2025, we'd like to thank you for being generous contributors to this ministry, which enables us to help those in need and change lives.

You can help us end this year even stronger, with an end of year gift by check or [online](#). How many commercials do you hear this time of year that say, "With your gift you will be saving lives?" A gift to your church truly does save lives - for eternity.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, December 31

Church Office Closed

### THURSDAY, January 1

Church Office Closed

### FRIDAY, January 2

1:00 Nominating Committee Meeting

### SUNDAY, January 4

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

### MONDAY, January 5

4:00 Theology Reading Group

### TUESDAY, January 6

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Meeting

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).



### Embracing Neighbors:

### Nurturing Hope

### CBF Global Missions 2025-2026

We have received \$3,982.10 toward our \$3,000 goal which represents 133% of our goal! Thank you to everyone who helped us to exceed our 2025-26 goal for Global Missions!!

### Staff Contact Information:

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

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