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ON WATCH

Church/God Assumptions

All of us have assumptions. From time to time, it's a healthy exercise to look inward and explore some of the things we assume. Identifying our assumptions can help us take an honest look at their accuracy and adjust our attitude if necessary. As I considered assumptions in general, I thought about people's assumptions about God and God's church. When someone says, "I don't believe in God," the statement reflects some ideas about the God in which the person doesn't believe. My reply is to ask about *that* God, because I probably don't believe in *that* God either.

Once, I was talking with someone who had been active in a church but wasn't any more. There was a time when this person was involved in everything. Yet, at the time of our conversation, they attended worship services on rare occasions, like Christmas, and didn't do anything else in the church. Based on what they said, the decline in activity wasn't a matter of losing faith or no longer believing in Jesus. For that person, being an active part of a church family was no longer a priority.

Beneath the actual words of our conversation, it sounded like the person was saying something like, "I assume the church will always be there, and I can return whenever I want." And, to some extent, they were right. God's church isn't going anywhere. Assuming it will be there in the future doesn't threaten the existence of the church.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Corrupt Regimes"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Habakkuk 1:12-17

Anthem:

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Heather Sorenson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Peter Ohlms

Ushers: Gayle Eaker, Erin Eaker



We'd love to celebrate your graduation during our church service on Sunday, May 3!

If you or a loved one is graduating this spring, please send their name, the school they will be graduating from, and any plans they

may have going forward to [Megan](#).



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for Children's Church. We're looking for people who are interested in joining a rotating group of people who lead Children's Church or assist as a second adult. You'll get to spend 30 minutes with some of the younger members of our church family, share a short lesson related to the week's message, or teach a craft, hear about the highs and lows of their week, and, most important of all to the kids - and some adults, too - snacks!

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to [Melanie Tennant](#) or [Susan Hellings](#).



First quarter giving statements went out last week. If you did not receive yours (either through email or print) or you have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.



First Quarter Financial Update January-March 2026

Contributions: \$114,939.96
Expenses: \$156,359.78



Voces Laetae Spring Concert

Voces Laetae Spring Concert is **tonight**, Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 in the **Sanctuary**. Come out to hear some great music and support our youth!

Search Committee Update



SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is close to finalizing the job description for an Associate Minister for Education and will be posting it in the upcoming week. Susan Hellings has been named the chairperson and Judy Gough the secretary.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

A FREE EVENT FOR FAMILIES
SATURDAY, MAY 9th 2026
9am-12pm



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH
1223 West Main Street

Join us to see fire trucks, police cars, construction vehicles, and more! Free shirts for all kids. Other activities include face painting, ice cream, a bouncy house, and more!

Save the Date!

If you can volunteer to help with this outreach ministry, contact the church office.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Bill & Barbara Murray

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 1: Jessi Groves, Herman Eaker

May 4: Bobby Gregg

May 5: Kelly Kossi, Nancy Gaines



Mark your calendars for our annual Church Cookout in the UBC parking lot on Wednesday, May 6, 5:15pm.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 22

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PB&J Bible Study

5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner

5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

6:00 UBC 101: Session 3

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, April 26

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 College Bagel Brunch

2:00 Jubilate Concert

3:00 Jubilate Reception

MONDAY, April 27

12:00 Missions Council Meeting

7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, April 28

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Bible & Brews

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



Ice Cream Ministry

It's almost that time again!

Time to begin offering ice cream to our friends and neighbors on Wednesdays at noon. Check your calendars and see if you can be part of putting a smile on someone's face just by

handing them an ice cream cone. If you can volunteer to help with this ministry, contact the church office.



June 22-26
Rainforest Falls
Register [here](#)



UBC 101 meets Wednesday evenings, 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall to 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. Join us for our third session, April 22, 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall as we talk about *Ministries @UBC*.



deCycles Freedom Ride 2026

The *deCycles* mission for the past 56 years is to provide an opportunity for youth to uniquely experience the principles of a Christ-centered life; glorify God and practice kindness.

Their mission trip this summer is a challenging 1500-mile journey from Indiana to the east coast to celebrate the 250th birthday of America in Washington, DC on July 4 and later commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 in New York City.

This 20-member youth group will be spending the night here at UBC on Wednesday, July 1.

Any teen or young adult who can ride a bike is welcome to join the trip roster. Beginner cyclists are welcome. For more information, contact their director, [Norman Houze](#).

You're Invited!!



DETAILS

Reception Information

Join us after the wedding in the fellowship hall!

food • speeches • dances
 06/06/2026 beginning at 5:00 PM

Please note that this is an alcohol-free event.

Attire

Semi Formal:

Polished and elegant attire such as suits, button down/khakis and midi-length dresses. Feel free to embrace cheerful summer colors.

For more information, see:

<https://www.zola.com/wedding/hadessahanddean>

Please RSVP [here](#) by Saturday, April 25

Their registry can be found on their wedding website [here](#).

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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