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ONWATCH

Talking With Jesus

When you are doing a devotion, have you ever tried the following exercise? Sit in a quiet room. Clear your head. Take a few slow, deep breaths. Imagine Jesus. There's probably a face that comes to your mind from paintings, movies, or something else. Picture him. Then, picture him sitting in a chair nearby. In your mind's eye, see him looking back at you. His eyes are big and inquisitive, and his face appears open to hear whatever you have to say. Speak to him. Say whatever is on your mind. Tell him how you have been feeling, what concerns you have been carrying, and how the day is going.

This exercise invites you to personalize your interaction with Jesus. It's dependent on knowing something about him, too. How did he respond to people in the gospels? He stopped, listened, looked them in the eye, saw into their souls, and cared deeply for them. For Levi, and so many others, Jesus said, "Follow me" (Mark 2:14). For Jairus, he raised his daughter from the dead (Mark 5:21-43). To the pharisees who built their faith on rules, he taught them about sincerity (Mark 7:1-8). When people were hungry, he fed them. He didn't ask who they voted for or what they believed. They were hungry, and he fed them (Mark 8:1-9). For Bartimaeus, he gave him the gift of sight (Mark 10:46-52).

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

God Changed God's Mind

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Anthems:

Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Noel Goemanne

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Theresa Guyton

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Colleen Baber

College Dinner: Glenna Ohlms

Call the church office to sign up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Sept. 25: Susan Deal, Whitney Stone-Steen

Sept. 28: Al Holliday, 98 years young

Sept. 29: Patti Barretta, 90 years young

Sept. 30: Sandy Manning

What would you say to Jesus, if he were sitting across from you? After he listened with deep care, based on what you know about him from the gospels, how would he reply? My guess is that his reply would be based on love. He focused on loving God and seeking and doing God's will, and he focused on loving people. How would his emphasis on love factor into his response to you?

Spend a moment speaking to Jesus today. If you feel so led, I would love to hear what you experience in your conversation with the divine.

Peace,
Matt



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News yesterday. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. They discussed reflections on 9/11 and some of the bigger questions and themes that emerged. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).



Ice Cream Ministry

Please consider volunteering to help set-up, serve, or clean-up ice cream during a week in September, so our devoted friends will have ice cream. Sign up [here](#) or call the church office. Cherry and mango this week.



Call Weekend September 26-27

On this weekend, the Search Committee will be presenting to you a candidate for the position of Associate Minister for Education.

Friday:

5:30 Jazz Vespers

6:30 Meet & Greet with the Search Committee, Deacons, Church Council

Saturday:

9:30 Bagels & games with youth and parents

12:00 Congregational Lunch with candidate and Q&A

3:00 Activity with children and parents

4:30 Visit to C'ville Pride Festival

Sunday:

11:00 Worship with the candidate participating

12:00 Church Conference

On Sunday, September 27, we will have a Called Church Conference for the sole purpose of voting to approve or disapprove extending a call to this candidate. This is an important and exciting step in the life of the church, and we encourage you to be a part of this weekend.

If you can help with the Luncheon on Saturday, please click [here](#) for the sign-up genius.

Parking Reminder

Just a reminder that parking in our church lots is free on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. No sticker or permit is required during those times.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 16

8:00 Work Team Breakfast
9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, September 18

1:30 Stewardship Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, September 20

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
12:00 Children & Youth Lunch/ Mission Project
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

MONDAY, September 21

4:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, September 22

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Bible & Brews
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



Help Feed Our College Students

5:30 Sunday night college dinners are for Jubilate members and UBC college students. Help provide delicious meals for students as a way to care for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to help you with set up and clean up. There are now separate sign ups for providing food and/or hosting. Click [here](#) to pick your date.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Nancy Castle & Family on the passing of Leon Castle (link to his obituary is [here](#))

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jane Whitworth

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Come for dinner tomorrow evening, Wednesday, September 16, 5:15pm followed by Celtic Evening Liturgy at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:30 in the Music Suite.

Menu:

Rotisserie Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Rolls
Pie

Contact the church office, to make your dinner reservations.



Join us on Friday,
September 25, 5:30
in the Sanctuary for
our Jazz Vespers
worship service.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 1



Young Adults Group

UBC is putting together a group for young adults in their 20s, married or single, who are working, in grad/law/medical school, or in

other situations. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact [Hadessah](#) or [Dean](#) Tennant for details.

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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 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.

Do you have something to submit to our weekly newsletter?
Suggestions must be submitted to linda@universitybaptist.org
by Monday at noon.

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