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ONWATCH

White Too Long - Book Review

Two weeks ago, in this space, I [described the course](#) I'm taking called "A Beginner's Guide to Conversations About Race." The ministry offering the class is called [Let's Talk Race \(LTR\)](#), and two other congregants are taking the course, too. As a percentage of the group, UBC is well represented. On the LTR website, there's a [section of resources](#) to better understand the subject. One of the books listed on the resources page is *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones (New York: Simon and Schuster 2020).

I purchased a used copy of the book and read it, and I highly recommend it. Jones comes from a Southern Baptist background in Georgia and Mississippi. He has an MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Southern Baptist school, and he holds a PhD in religious studies from Emory University in Atlanta. His family has been in the deep south for multiple generations. Therefore, when he addresses the legacy of white supremacy in American Christianity, he begins from the inside. He's been part of the system that profited from systemic racism in the United States, so his critique doesn't come from someone throwing stones from the outside.

Even though University Baptist Church withdrew from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1992, our church history has an inextricable connection with the racial divisions that make up our community, state, region, and country. Introspective explorations like Jones' book can

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"You Can't Ignore the Drum"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

I Corinthians 12:12-20

Anthems:

The Fruit of the Vine

by Mark Patterson

O Sing to the Lord

by Gerhard Cartford

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Sylvie Moore, Amy Song



Jazz Sunday

Sunday, July 19, we welcome Taylor Treece on piano, Dhara Goradia on bass, and Drex Weaver on drums with our

own Bobby Gregg on saxophone, as we celebrate Jazz Sunday. The Sanctuary Choir will sing *The Fruit of the Vine* by Mark Patterson and the congregation will sing *Here in This Place* and *In Christ There Is No East or West*. Come experience this joyful morning of worship infused with jazz music.

help us assess our blind spots. It's always tempting to point out the speck in our neighbors' eyes without honestly considering the logs we carry in our eyes (Matthew 7:3). Reading *White Too Long* can help us begin identifying the logs in our eyes.

Jones begins by sharing some biographical information. His background and experience give his perspective credibility. Chapter 2 hits hard, because he looks at the role of the Christian churches during the slave era in America. He writes about the role churches and pastors played in supporting slavery. Chapter 3 provides a primer on white supremacist theology. The interpretive acrobatics are sickening, but they help explain how good Christian folks could be so cruel. Chapter 4 unpacks the real reasons behind Civil War monuments. This strikes close to home, because many of us lived through the hateful summer of 2017 and the racist backlash to removing Confederate monuments. Chapter 5 picks up where chapter 2 left off and explores how racism and white supremacy continue to rear their ugly heads in American Christianity. Chapter 6 tells stories of change, and Chapter 7 looks ahead at repairing a fractured world.

I found Jones' research thorough and his telling of the story compelling. If anyone would like to borrow my copy of this book, I am happy to loan it to you with one condition. Read it. Then, when you've read it, let's talk about it. I am interested in hearing what you think about this book after you have read it.

Peace,
Matt

Sermon Manuscripts Available

People have asked if Matt's sermon manuscripts are available, and the answer is, yes. If you would like to receive them, contact Linda in the church office, and we will add you to the list.



New Social Media Coordinator

Hadessah Johnson Tennant is our new Social Media Coordinator. She recently graduated from the University of Virginia with a master's degree in chemistry. If Hadessah looks familiar, it's because she has been attending UBC since 2022. We welcome her as our newest staff member.



Summer schedule May - July
2X a month
Our next dinner will be
Wednesday, July 22.

Contact the church office,
to make your dinner reservations.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 15

9:00 Work Team

12:00 Ice Cream Ministry

SUNDAY, July 19

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

5:30 Kittie Colvin Trial Circle

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

July 29: Aimee Marshall, Bobby Gough

July 30: Lily Pallini, Clara Pinkham

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Ed & Betty Barker

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



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 the importance of taking action to put good in the world amidst the different challenges in our community. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).

Disclaimer: We recognize the error in combining *My Fair Lady* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's* during the interview.



Dinner with Andrew

One of the members of our church family has been raising funds to address food insecurity every year since July 2001. On January 1, 2001, Colleen Baber's son Andrew choked on a gummy candy and did not survive. He had been working at Domino's Pizza at the time, and his coworkers wanted to do something to honor his memory. They chose a food drive which fit well with honoring Andrew because few people liked to eat more than he did. Thus, "Dinner with Andrew" began.

Colleen continues this ministry with the support of Domino's Pizza, without whom this ministry could not continue to go forward. This year is the twenty-sixth year she has been collecting donations in Andrew's memory. In 2020, she switched from collecting and sorting food to taking donations for food gift cards. She gives these cards to families in extreme need through The Jefferson Area Food Bank, The Salvation Army, The Emergency Food Bank, and ARC. We can help address food insecurity and be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting this ministry. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or give online with "Dinner with Andrew" in the memo line.

New Deacons for 2026-2029

In our recent Deacon election, we elected 5 new Deacons. One is now unable to serve, so our 4 new Deacons are Theresa Guyton, Alan Hendricks, Jim Moore, and Barbara Murray. Deacon ordination and installation will be Sunday, August 16 during worship.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking a break for the month of July and will resume on Sunday, August 2. During the month of July there will be a table with activities in the Sanctuary for the children during the sermon.

Search Committee Update



SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee has been busy and is making good progress. They received quite a few resumes from prospective candidates and have narrowed them

down to three, have had initial interviews, and now follow-up interviews have been completed. Two new resumes are now being considered.



LTR Ministries, Inc. is offering a beginner's guide to conversations about race. Five weekly sessions, 1.5 hours each, will be offered each week at the same time, beginning Tuesday, July 7, 8:00 PM. Each session includes:

- 15-20 min. of discussion
- 45-50 min. of teaching
- another 15-20 min. of discussion

There is minimal homework between sessions. This will be a safe space for honest, and possibly hard, conversations about race. Click [here](#) to register.

UBC's Woodbrook School Supplies Ministry

Some of you will remember the days when what we had to provide at the start of school was a three-ring notebook, lined paper, and a few pencils. Public school today is different. Teachers are underpaid and many are spending their own money to buy needed classroom supplies. School budgets are stretched to the max. School supplies, that previously had been provided by the school system, are no longer in the budget. This coming school year around 56% of Woodbrook Elementary School's 525 students are considered economically disadvantaged. Most families simply cannot afford to spend around \$100 per child on basic school supplies to begin the school year. Through the Woodbrook School Supplies Ministry, the money donated will allow our Missions Council to purchase school supplies that are requested by the school's staff. They will then give the required supplies to children in need of them. Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."



These items from the 2026-27 third grade supply list for Woodbrook Elementary School would total \$70.97 at Walmart with their current sales.



Ice Cream Ministry

Notice anything missing from this picture? That's right. No ice cream! We can't serve anything but cones without your help. Please consider volunteering to help serve during a week in July or August, so our devoted friends will have ice cream in their cones. Sign up [here](#) or call the church office. Chocolate and strawberry this week.



Summer Schedule for Sunday Bible Study

Adult classes meeting this summer:

Seekers will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays in G14

New Life will meet each week in Room 120

All adults are invited to attend either of these classes.

College class will be meeting for breakfast at Bodo's.

Youth class and Children's class will be taking a break for the summer.

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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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