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ON WATCH

What Does Jesus Do?

In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” What did he mean by that? When we open our Bibles to Leviticus or Deuteronomy, it’s easy to find objectionable, frustrating, or confusing parts of the law. The Leviticus 11:9-13 prohibition against eating shellfish comes to my mind.

When Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law,” he probably wasn’t thinking about deep-fried, soft-shell Chesapeake blue crab. It seems like Jesus would have something deeper, maybe even something more profound, in mind. Not abolishing the law goes hand-in-hand with his assertion of fulfilling it. For him, fulfilling the law meant realizing Messianic promises. God’s covenant with humanity, initially through the ancient Israelites, but spread to the world (Matthew 28:19-20), brings salvation to the world.

Jesus takes this realization of God’s plan for the world and shows us how to live. Although salvation is God’s plan, our daily living doesn’t focus only on the hereafter. We apply following Christ to each situation we encounter. This application changes and adapts to what we experience. Faith is living, and it means applying God’s call and direction each day. How that looks for you today might differ from how it looks for someone else.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Salt, Light, & the Law
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Anthems:

This Little Light of Mine
arr. by Ronald Turner
We Will Be the Light
by Victor C. Johnson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Scott Miller

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: Jackie Lockwood

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



Super Bowl Party

College Students
Sunday, February 8
5 - 10pm
in the College Room

This doesn't mean that one person's lived faith is right and another's wrong. They each reflect applying Christ as we understand him.

On its most basic level, following Jesus means seeing a need, recognizing our ability to act, and acting. For example, after our contractor failed to plow the parking lot last week, we tried to find a solution. Our PACEM guests were slipping on the icy sidewalks, so we paid two men to shovel a pathway. Still, we didn't have enough parking spaces for worship on Sunday. A member of our church family Greg Proffitt brought his tractor to the church on Saturday, and he spent hours clearing spaces. In addition to expressing our gratitude to Greg, we can say that he did what Jesus would do. Thank you, Greg, both for plowing the church parking lot and for demonstrating what following Jesus can look like.

Peace,
Matt

Church Conference Scheduled



On **Wednesday, February 4, 6:00** in the Music Suite, we will have a Church Conference to vote on the 2026 budget and the establishment of the Search Committee for an Associate Minister for Education, focusing especially on Children's Ministries. The proposed Search Committee is Colleen Baber, Arlyn Burgess, Erin Eaker, Judy Gough, Susan Hellings, Peter Ohlms, Alden Pinkham, and Amy Teachey. Childcare will be available in the Children's Suite beginning at 5:00.

We will meet in person and also have the option of joining by zoom. Click [here](#) to join the meeting by zoom.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the budget.

Click [here](#) for our agenda.

Click [here](#) for the Church Conference Minutes from August 27, 2025.

PACEM at UBC Has Begun!

Because of the weather forecast, on Saturday, January 24, a few days earlier than planned, we began our two weeks of offering shelter and meals to people in our area without homes. We are hosting approximately 40 guests each night, providing them with a warm dinner and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! Below are links you can use to sign up for volunteer opportunities (help set up in Fellowship Hall, wash kitchen towels, take down/clean-up) or to donate specific items (McDonald's gift card, breakfast & snack items, hot chocolate, fruit).

[Volunteer Sign-up](#) (or contact the office)

[Donation Sign-up](#) (or contact the office)

Additionally, we will be collecting donations:

Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)

Toothpaste (travel packs)

Tissues (travel packs)

Chapstick

Shaving cream (travel size)

Men's razors

Hand lotion (travel size)

Combs

Deodorant

Foot powder

Hand warmers

Mints & cough drops

Playing cards

Colored pencils

Journals/notebooks

Heavy, dark socks (adult men)

Winter hats

Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Adult sized sturdy backpacks or duffel bags (new or gently used)

Bath towels & washcloths (new or gently used)

If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity as we care for and love our neighbors.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Laura Martindale & Family on the passing of her father

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jane Whitworth on her brother's battle with cancer

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



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.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 4

9:00 Work Team

5:15 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

6:00 Church Conference

6:00 PACEM Overnight

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 5

PACEM Overnight

FRIDAY, February 6

PACEM Overnight

SATURDAY, February 7

PACEM Overnight

SUNDAY, February 8

8:30 JARC

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 College Bagel Brunch

4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

5:00 Super Bowl Party

6:00 PACEM Overnight

MONDAY, February 9

6:00 PACEM Overnight

TUESDAY, February 10

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



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



We will have our Ash Wednesday worship service with imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 18, 6:00, in the Sanctuary.



We will NOT have our usual Wednesday night dinner while we are hosting PACEM.

Our next dinner will be Wednesday, February 11, 5:15.

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).



New Communications Coordinator

We want to welcome our new Communications Coordinator, Kayla Riley. Kayla just began in this position this week and will be working with social media, our website, and an overall communications plan. She is a fourth year Economics major at UVA and is going to be a wonderful addition to our staff.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Feb. 11: David Waters

Feb. 13: Geo Bonilla

Feb. 14: Jane Whitworth

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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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