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### What I Learned in Lima

## N WATCH

Last week, an old friend and I met in Lima, Peru to catch up, eat some great food, and see a city that neither of us had ever seen before. We both enjoy traveling and have had some memorable trips. The January 1992 trip to Niagara Falls was unforgettable. We rode in my 1977 convertible. The ragtop was so leaky, it snowed on us as we drove along, and we only had one pair of gloves between us. It was a great trip!

The mornings in Lima were foggy and overcast, but the temperature was a consistent 70-80° F. At around 9 or 10, the sun would burn off the fog. My friend and I stayed in a neighborhood called Miraflores. It's clean and full of parks and cafes. Each morning, after buying a coffee from Dunkin' Donuts, I walked to [Larcomar](#) and looked out at the sea. This part of Lima sits on cliffs that are about 100m (328 feet) above the Pacific Ocean. As I drank my coffee and looked at the scenery, I thought about God's creation. There are so many beautiful places around the world.

Even though I was thousands of miles away from home and in a different hemisphere, I felt gratitude for the beauty that surrounds us all the time. People are consistent. They smile when you smile and say, "Buenos días," when you say, "Buenos días." Some look straight ahead and don't engage. Others are open to conversations.

The miracle of our faith is God's universal love for everyone. The Peruvians are just as special in the eyes of God as you or me. Each person I saw is a

### SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, February 16, 2025

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

You're a Tree!

What Gives You Strength?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Psalm 1

**Anthems:**

*Balm in Gilead* by Shaffer

*Blessed Be* by DeMore

### SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Jimmy Li

**Ushers:** Charlotte Bailey, Ed Barker

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



There will be no dinner, program, or choir rehearsal this Wednesday (Feb. 12) due to the forecast. Stay warm and safe!

is a child of God, and our calling is to shine the light of Christ wherever we are. Because the pace of life in Lima is different than in Charlottesville, I learned to slow down, enjoy the view, and appreciate each moment.

One of my favorite places to stop and soak in the culture was [Parque Kennedy](#). In the evening, people gathered to sit and talk, eat [picarones](#), dance in large groups, or walk. The stop-and-smell-the-roses culture is a valuable lesson for a work-prone American. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus said, "Come to me... I will give you rest." Too often, we (I) resist his invitation to rest in him. We work to find solutions, try to figure out the answer, and struggle to make a way. Perhaps one of the biggest lessons I relearned last week is to relax and let God be God.

Peace,  
Matt

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### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill  
Colleen Baber  
Tony & Patti Barretta  
Alba & Pam Beasley  
Clara Brown  
Leon & Nancy Castle  
David & Linda Hendon  
Thomas Hill  
Doc Litchfield  
Edith Parker  
Kaylee Risell  
Melvin & Mildred Spicer  
Bob & Joyce Tennant  
Barbara Weber  
Jack & Anne Wilkerson  
Barry Wilson

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

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, February 12

9:00 Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study

### THURSDAY, February 13

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting  
7:00 Deacons' Meeting

### SUNDAY, February 16

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 College Bagel Brunch  
4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 College Dinner

### MONDAY, February 17

Church Office Closed  
4:00 Theology Reading Group

### TUESDAY, February 18

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Feb. 20:** Megan Buczkowski

**Feb. 21:** Adam Moore, Ron Tweel

**Feb. 24:** Mary Jo Hendricks

**Feb. 25:** McKenzie Taylor, Laura Martindale, Santiago Pinto



The Kattie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for AIM (the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries). AIM is requesting basic items not covered by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). SNAP covers only food. On your next shopping trip, please pick up an extra item or two from the list below.

The Alliance for Interfaith Ministries is a 501c3 tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to help residents of Albemarle County and Charlottesville attain self-sufficiency and stability. They help local residents navigate the "safety net" of social programs in our area and directly through AIM programs such as housing stability assistance, eviction prevention, utility assistance and disconnection prevention, and crisis assistance.

Also, as you clean out your linen closets, bed linens, pillows, towels, and wash clothes are always needed. Collection boxes will be located in the first-floor lobby.

The requested items are:

- Bath soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (individually packaged)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- All-purpose household cleaner
- Kitchen sponges
- Bleach (quart size)
- Laundry detergent

AIM requests small sizes like you get at the \$1 stores. No large bottles or packages like you get at the big box stores, with the exception of toilet paper and paper towels. They are broken down to 1 roll of paper towels and 3 rolls of toilet paper for each client.

We will be collecting until the end of February. Thank you for your generous spirits!



Save the Date:  
**UBC's 125th Anniversary  
 Celebration**

Go to <https://www.universitybaptist.org/125th-anniversary> to see our 125th Anniversary webpage!

This year, University Baptist Church celebrates 125 years of ministry and service in Charlottesville and beyond!

Join us for a special  
**Anniversary Celebration Weekend**  
 on October 11-12, 2025.

- Saturday, October 11: Banquet celebrating our history and looking to the future.
- Sunday, October 12: Worship celebration giving thanks for God's faithfulness.

We're inviting former ministers and members to join us and may need your help gathering contact information. Please share any details with the church office. Mark your calendars and pray with us as we honor our past and look forward to the future!

**125 ACTS OF SERVICE IDEAS?**

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 125 ACTS OF SERVICE  
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF MINISTRY

<p><b>FOOD INSECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rise Against Hunger</li> <li>• Blue Ridge Area Food Bank</li> <li>• UVA Community Food Pantry</li> <li>• Loaves and Fishes</li> <li>• Trailblazer bags</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Cook or buy food for a group</li> </ul>	<p><b>CREATION CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant a tree</li> <li>• Pick up trash in an area</li> <li>• Clear a trail</li> <li>• Volunteer at an animal rescue shelter</li> <li>• Grow a community garden</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOMELESSNESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACEM (January 25 - February 7)</li> <li>• Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>• The Haven</li> <li>• Salvation Army</li> <li>• Goodwill</li> <li>• Make care package for homeless</li> </ul>	<p><b>MENTAL HEALTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alzheimer's Association Central &amp; Western Virginia</li> <li>• Visit a senior residence or nursing home</li> <li>• Read to elderly or disabled</li> <li>• Bake treats for family in need of cheering</li> </ul>



2025 VBS  
July 21 - 25

We have special 125th Anniversary T-shirts in the office for a suggested donation of \$10.



**A BIG  
Thanks!**

UBC's two weeks hosting PACEM guests finished last Saturday as the cots, mats, sheets, pillows, and towels were moved to the next host church. Thank you to each of you who donated time, energy, clothing, snacks, or breakfast items. Thank you to each of you who did laundry, carried cots, made beds, took out the trash, cooked, made coffee, served dinner, washed dishes, or cleaned. Thank you to each of you who wrote notes, chatted, or ate dinner with our PACEM guests.

We served 35-40 guests each night. In addition to providing dinner, showers, and a place to sleep, we gave away jackets (donated by the Chinese congregation), socks, T-shirts, many toiletry items, and met specific needs for reading glasses, sweatpants, coats, and belts. Crossroads Community Church and Alpha Phi Omega partnered with us during the two weeks. As with every other year, these two weeks only work because of all of you who generously donate your time and talents. Thank you!!

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#### Sunday Mornings

##### 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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