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WATCH

Star Words in Puerto Rico

Megan, Raynell, and I joined five people from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) churches in Richmond for a short-term mission trip. We will be working with the congregation of Primera Iglesia Bautista De Celada to help with the lingering damage from Hurricane Maria in 2017. More importantly, we will encourage the members of the church, build relationships with them, and remind them that they are not alone.

I brought my star word with me and have been reflecting on it as we travel. In case you don't remember the "star words," on January 5, we invited each participant in the Sunday morning worship service to pick a star from a basket. Each colored star had a word written on it. For those who were unable to make the January 5 worship service, we had (and still have) the basket of stars available in the office. If you don't already have a star word, you can still pick one up. It's not too late.

The purpose of these star words is to give us a reference point for this year. By finding a word in a somewhat random fashion, we open ourselves to the movement of a divine hand. I don't know if the Spirit guided our selection. Alternatively, for me, it's possible a providential stroke of luck delivered a word to me that is both appropriate and challenging.

Short-term mission trips are a challenge because the resources we use to support them could be used in a different way. People

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, November 9, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Being Rebuilt Inside
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Haggai 2:1-9

Anthems:

New Songs of Celebration Render
by Louis Bourgeois
All Things Work Together For Good
by John Carter

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Peter Ohlms

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: Laura Morris

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Nov. 13: Vittorio Pallini, Matteo Pallini

Nov. 16: Ji Song, Seth Brown

might even argue that the resources could be used in a better way. However, being present with people has a greater impact for a struggling church than sending a check. Taking the time to travel communicates to Christ-followers in far off places that we are part of the same faith family.

On December 28, we will dedicate time in our worship service to share the impact of our star words over the year. When that time comes, I will tell you about how I have seen God using my star word during this trip. Looking at the little card redirected my attention. It helped me remember God's presence as I traveled.

What has your star word meant to you?

Peace,
Matt



Two UBC members, George Martin and Hugh "Doc" Litchfield, will be inducted into the **USA Softball Hall of Fame of Piedmont Virginia** on November 15, 2025. George is being inducted for "Meritorious Service" and Doc as a "Player". Members of Doc's family will be in attendance to receive his award. The induction ceremony will be held in Bedford, VA.



Our Senior Minister, Matt Tennant, had an article printed in *Baptist News Global* entitled "Don't Shoot the Boats". This appears in the Opinion section of the publication and is a commentary, from a pastoral and theological perspective, on the policy of the U.S. military in sinking Venezuelan vessels. Click [here](#) to read the article.



College Students Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the annual Friendsgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 18 when college students from UBC, UKirk, and Wesley Foundation get together to celebrate the season. The Wesley Foundation is hosting this year. More information to come!



Wednesday, November 4
Dinner starts at 5:15pm
UBC Bells Rehearsal at 5:45
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 6:30

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

Our menu will be:
Pork Barbecue
Chicken Hot Dogs
Slaw
Beans
Salad
Cake



125th Anniversary Celebration (video, slides, and pictures)

Recognizing the interest of so many members to revisit the PowerPoint program

from our 125th anniversary banquet and to provide a "first opportunity" to those who were unable to attend, we have provided a link [here](#) to our 125th Anniversary website page. Here you will find access to the video program as it was presented at the banquet, access to the folder of pictures that were taken at the banquet, and access to the PDF file where you may casually view each slide, reflect on former friends, and your many fond memories associated with them. Please feel free to send the link to out-of-town friends who may have lost contact or were unable to attend. We also urge you to view a variety of banquet pictures on UBC's Facebook page.

From my perspective, the aggregate of these pictures reflects our rich legacy, how UBC has effectively and responsibly adapted as society remains in a constant state of flux. There is no doubt in my mind that UBC will have a similar celebratory 150th anniversary event in a few short years. As I have stated before and **firmly believe**, God has great plans for our church and its people. Finally, one more "shout out" to Susan and her committee for this deeply memorable celebration and for so many memories which will last for a lifetime. Well done thy good and faithful servants.

--Ed Smith



Come to Jazz Vespers on Friday, November 21 at 5:30pm. Childcare is provided during the service. This is a great event to invite a friend or neighbor to attend.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, November 5

9:00 Work Team
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, November 9

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

TUESDAY, November 11

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Sarah Buchanan

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

George Martin

Larry & Lynn Martin

Pat Owen

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

Blood Drive

Thank you to those who helped set up for our recent blood drive and those who donated. The drive was conducted in partnership with the UVA Tennis Club and the Red Cross. A total of 22 units of blood were collected. Fourteen donors were first time donors.

Ministry Transition Team Update

Our team looking at the future of children and youth ministry is completing their work and will soon be making recommendations for future staffing. The team has worked with our youth and parents of children and youth to determine how to best address their needs and our overall needs for coordinating Christian Education. Pray for them as they complete their work and prepare their recommendations to present to the congregation.

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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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