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ON WATCH

Buy a New Bible

No one needs a new Bible, especially if the goal is to read more scripture. With the proliferation of [online Bibles](#) and countless free Bibles in churches, I have wondered how the market for Bibles continues. Then, a new translation comes out that's worth checking out. Encountering a new translation breathes new life into familiar stories.

There was a time when the Good News Bible (NT published in 1966 and complete Bible in 1976) seemed like the hot new thing. Then, the New International Version came out in 1978 and, along with the Revised Standard Version (1952), they were the standard translations for serious Bible study. When the New Revised Standard Version (1989) came out, most seminarians picked it over all others. Most recently, the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) came out in 2021 and makes some subtle and interesting edits to the gold standard NRSV.

Buying a new Bible can be a way to feel connected to scripture. Rereading favorite passages and underlining things that strike you anew make it exciting and fresh. Recently, I bought a NRSVue Bible. I resisted buying one, because I liked my super-small print NRSV. The binding wore so I repaired it with leather and glued new ribbons in it for markers. Over the years, I've written names

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 28, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Imagine a Restorative King"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Zechariah 9:9-12

Anthems:

Love Round arr. David Cook

Majestic by Chris Sligh

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: TBD

Ushers: Erin Eaker, Gayle Eaker



Church Growth Task Force

We're looking for people who would like to serve on a Church Growth Task Force. If you're interested in finding out more information, [call](#) or [email](#) the church office.

from weddings and funerals on the endpages. Yet, when my new NRSVue arrived a few weeks ago, I found joy rereading passages and writing in the margins.

If you're shopping for a new Bible and want to talk about the choices, come see me. I would love to explore the options with you. After you buy a new Bible, let me know about your experience. I hope it is as rich as mine.

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.

VBS is Off to a Great Start!

We have 22 children here with us this week Monday through Friday enjoying the experience of getting to know God better and having fun doing it! From singing, crafts, Bible stories, science experiments, and games, there's just a lot of energy and excitement within these walls this week!



Summer schedule May - July
2X a month
Our next dinner will be on
Wednesday, July 8.

Contact the church office,
to make your dinner reservations.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 24

9:00 VBS
9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
12:15 Safety & Security Task Force

THURSDAY, June 25

9:00 VBS Field Trip
6:30 Search Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, June 26

9:00 VBS

SUNDAY, June 28

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, June 29

12:00 Missions Council Meeting
7:15 Women's Book Study

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

July 2: Lorenzo Wells

July 3: Valerie Long, Barbara Murray, Alex Li

July 4: Katherine Wagoner

July 6: Barry Wilson

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.



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.



2026 Deacon Election

The 2026 Deacon Election is underway **June 16 through June 30**. An electronic ballot was emailed to all active members. Paper ballots are also available in the narthex and in the church office. You may return your ballot to the church office electronically, by U.S. mail, drop off in the church office, or call the church office. For whichever means you choose, please sign the ballot before returning it. Your signature is used for membership verification only. Vote for up to 5 people that you feel meet the requirements to serve UBC as Deacons.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration as you choose Deacons to serve UBC 2026 – 2029.



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 pistachio this week.



We neglected to include Edith's 95th birthday picture in an earlier issue, and we wanted you to see how happy she looks.



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 and have had initial interviews.

Staff Contact Information:

- Senior Minister: Dr. Matthew Tennant - matt@universitybaptist.org
- Associate Minister for Music and College Students: Rev. Megan Sharp - megan@universitybaptist.org
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- Office Coordinator: Linda Weirich - linda@universitybaptist.org
- Financial Coordinator: Amanda Ohlms - aohlms@universitybaptist.org
- Church Administrator: Alan Hendricks - ahendricks@universitybaptist.org
- Organist: Barbara Moore - call the church office at 434-293-5106
- Maintenance Assistant: Hunter Cooper - call the church office at 434-293-5106

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.

**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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