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Changing to Follow God **NWATCH**

In *Basic Ecclesial Communities* (Quezon City, Philippines: Claretian 1983), José Marins writes the following parable:

It was Manolito's fifth birthday. To celebrate, his mother bought him a sailor suit which fit him perfectly. His aunt taught him to sing, "Row, row, row your boat..." But since Manolito still could not pronounce the 'r', the words came out "Low, low, low your boat..." The childish lisp, together with his new suit, made Manolito all the cuter, and he became the pride and joy of his family.

They took him everywhere—to his grandparents' house, to his aunts, uncles, relatives, and neighbors—showing off his suit and singing his song. Everyone laughed and smiled, and they gave him candy and treats.

Many years after that, everyone in the family could remember with nostalgia the sailor suit and the song. It meant so much when Manolito was five years old.

Time passed.

Manolito is now twenty-one-year-old Manolo. He has changed radically. He is a handsome, strong, young man but with one peculiarity—he continues to be attached to his old sailor suit, singing "Low, low, low your boat..." each year on his birthday. But things are very different now.

Even though it is the same song, the same clothes, the same Manolo, the same city, and the same relatives, the reaction is different. It is not as before. What was once a smashing success is now absolutely ridiculous. Manolo is no longer the pride and joy of his family but the embarrassment of everyone. People wonder whether he is acting like a clown or has gone mad.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

March 19, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"What Were You Thinking?"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 16:25-33

Anthem:

"Surely He Has Borne Our
Griefs" (arr. Hopson)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Larry Johnson

Ushers: Ron Tweel, Sue Sears

Jubilate Dinner: Alyson West

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:00 Work Team Breakfast @The Villa

9:00 Work Team

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 17

CBF VA Mission Madness - Youth Weekend

His clothes which once suited him well no longer fit him anymore. So, he clutches them in front of him to cover the bare essentials.

The little boy Manolito represents the church during the fourth century. It was coming out of the age of persecution and shifted to something new under Constantine. The new "Constantine" model for church became a success. Then, it never changed.

When we look at the way we do what we do now, how are we clutching the little sailor suit and singing, "Low, low, low your boat..."? Jesus said, "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mark 2:22). We need wineskins for today. We must change as God leads us to change and not hold things that no longer feed our souls.

The challenge for us is to examine everything we do in the light of the Holy Spirit, let go of the vestiges of the past, and hold fast to the light of Christ.

Peace,
Matt

Welcome Our Newest Member

We welcome our newest member, Jessica Lamberty. Jess and her fiancé Santiago Pinto, a PhD student at UVA, have become active participants in the life of the church. You will see them on Sunday mornings singing in the choir. Take a moment to welcome them when you see them.



Wednesday Night Dinners

For the next three Wednesdays, Dr. Scott Spencer will lead our program at 6:00, "Passions of the Christ." He will explore the Passion story in each of the gospels and emphasize the four distinctive narratives. If you've never heard Scott speak before, check it out. You're in for a treat. He's a dynamic speaker and has a wealth of biblical knowledge. Come for dinner at 5:30 and bring a friend. Dinner will be salmon fillets, corn, broccoli, bread sticks, and cobbler.

Afterwards, at 7:00, everyone who would like to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.

SUNDAY, March 19

8:30 ESOL Class
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, March 20

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, March 21

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon
Jack & Jo-Ann Averill
Alba & Pam Beasley
Ed & Carolyn Lowry
Gail Ellen
Ron Kingston
Catherine Cooper

Thank You

Dear Friends,

How touched we were that so many UBC members supported us both at Family Night and at Randy's service. The beautiful orchids you gave us were so fitting because of Randy's love of gardening.

You truly blessed us.
Judy Scruggs, Vicki & Brian Miller

A WORD FROM VAL



Rise Against Hunger at UBC

On April 15 and 29, UBC will host our first of many meal packing events with Rise Against Hunger! Over the next several weeks, you'll see more information coming out about this partnership, as we strive to pack 100,000 meals at UBC this year, matching the 100,000+ meals being packed by other [CBF Virginia](#) churches in 2023. Our partnership with Rise Against Hunger will be unique. It is rare for them to have one organization host so many events in a single year. And we have already had other groups in Charlottesville and student organizations reach out asking to participate!

Please start inviting your neighbors, friends, and family members to join us for these events. We need at least 50 people in the room to help pack meals at each event. Sending [THIS LINK](#) is a great way to help folks understand what we are doing, where the meals are going, and what kind of impact this can make! One box of meals packed here at UBC can feed one child for a full year of school at one of RAH's partners.

Sign Up to Help

Go to our [website page](https://universitybaptist.org/hunger/) at <https://universitybaptist.org/hunger/> to view all the packing dates and to sign up to help us meet our goal!



March 17-19 - CBF Virginia Mission Madness (no youth group on 19th)
March 26 - Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 (adult volunteer needed)

April 2 - Palm Sunday - Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 (meal & adult volunteer needed)

April 9 - Easter Sunday - no Youth Group

bulletin based on that Sunday's sermon text and other activities. Please feel free to take one for your child(ren). At the end of the service, keep any artwork you'd like and leave the bag/clipboard on your pew.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Mar. 22: Peggy Lawrence, Lynn Martin
Mar. 24: Sharon Leland, Patrick Watson
Mar. 28: Linda Hendon, Alice Batten



Save the Date & Celebrate

Volunteers Extraordinaire
(Hint - Richard V., Ed S., & Alan H.)

Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, April 16, 2023
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Work Team Breakfast

The work team is having breakfast together at The Villa on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:00. Anyone is welcome to join us for breakfast. For anyone who would like to join the work team, we meet at 9:00 each Wednesday morning. There is plenty to do for everyone. No particular skills are needed. Questions? Contact [Alan Hendricks](#).

Children's Activity Bags

Children are an important part of our church, and we love worshiping with them. In the narthex you will find some children's activity bags, designed to help children engage in worship in their own way. Each bag contains a children's bulletin based on that Sunday's sermon text and other activities. Please feel free to take one for your child(ren). At the end of the service, keep any artwork you'd like and leave the bag/clipboard on your pew.

AED & CPR Training and Health & Wellness Ministry

Would you like to receive training on how to use our church's AED or how to perform CPR? CPR is an emergency life-saving procedure performed when the heart has stopped beating. The benefits of performing immediate CPR "Hands-only" (NO mouth-to-mouth contact) FAR outweighs any risks and can double or triple chances of survival. ANYONE can easily use the AED (in conjunction with CPR), without fear of causing harm. The AED machine analyzes the person's heart rhythm and will announce EXACTLY what to do.....or, not do. Getting more people trained will keep all of us safer. If you are interested in receiving training on either or both, please let [Linda](#) know in the church office. She will keep a list and will let you know when we schedule the training. Also, if you are already currently CPR trained, we would like to know that as well. If you are interested in getting involved in the Health and Wellness Ministry, please let Linda know that, too. For more information, contact the [church office](#).



Making Disciples

Jesus commanded, "Go and make disciples." By definition a disciple is, according to

Dictionary.com: "noun – a person who is a pupil or an adherent of the doctrines of another."

Specifically, a distinction is stated under "Religion": one of the 12 personal followers of Christ; one of the 70 followers sent forth by Christ in

Luke 10:1; any other professed follower of Christ- thus ALL followers of Christ.

Hey! That's YOU and ME! Have you never thought of yourself as a "disciple?" Did you think you weren't qualified? Refer back to the first paragraph, last part of last sentence: "ALL followers of Christ."

In this Baptist world in which many of us grew up, the church relegated "disciple making" to Discipleship Training (aka Church Training, Training Union). I will not take time to delve into what happened there. But suffice it to say that Sunday Bible Study IS our endeavor to "make us disciples." Like our younger generations, there are groups of adult-devoted disciples who meet for fellowship, unity, prayer, and to explore God's Word for us today.

If you are not currently attending, or thanks to COVID-19 stopped attending, and sense a spiritual desire to connect with others in your walk as a Christ follower, I encourage you to consider the offerings we have. Over the next several weeks, I will offer introductions for some, and a refresher for others, to know the various adult class offerings you may choose from to continue your journey of becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This week I would like to introduce to you the "Seekers Class." This is a coed, intergenerational class using a variety of writers and Biblical topics in creative discussion that begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This class was so capably led by Jack Averill until just recently. Currently, Matt Tennant is leading the class. They meet on the Ground Floor, Room G-14/The Parlor. They are well-organized and encourage everyone to check on each other for encouragement and prayer.

Also, the “Young Professionals” is a group of graduate students and young adults in their mid-20s to mid-30s. Ben Chenault and Daniel Harper facilitate discussions of Scripture using various resources and study guides the class agrees upon. Everyone receives a warm welcome and invitation to join in the study of God’s Word.

If you are interested and would like to talk with me to learn a little more, I would love the opportunity to talk with you. At this point, I will ask you to call the office, and they will give you my phone number.

Tommy Deal - Education Coordinator



National Missions Offering

Each Spring UBC has participated in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's National Missions Offering. This emphasis helps support our missionaries right here in the US. UBC's offering supports the ministry of Scarlette Jasper, a CBF missionary working in southeastern Kentucky, where UBC has been partnering with missionaries for many years. Scarlette was commissioned by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a field missionary in 2014 and now serves one of the poorest parts of the United States. There, she is the director of [Olive Branch Ministries, Inc.](#), which works to address the needs of the local community. Some of the many needs that Scarlette helps address are working with the homeless, coordinating children's literacy projects, rent and utility aid, assisting with transportation costs for distant medical appointments, providing heaters or propane in the winter, supporting local schools with supplies, and helping veterans get needed services. She maintains a small mission house that serves as an emergency shelter and place for pastoral counseling. You can see her most recent projects on her [Facebook page](#). Even through the challenges of the pandemic, Scarlette has remained active in her community to help with their needs.

Like the majority of our field missionaries, Scarlette must raise her own program and project support. Our goal this year is to raise \$3,000 to support Scarlette and her work in Kentucky.

This year, please consider offering your thoughts, prayers, and financial support to our National Missions Emphasis. When donating online, specify "National Missions" to ensure that your offering is sent to Scarlette.

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin 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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