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From Stephen and Philip
to Sunday Bible Study

ON WATCH

Two weeks ago, I wrote about Stephen, “full of grace and power” (Acts 6:8). The Holy Spirit led him to perform great wonders, and the religious leaders brought charges against him. He replied in Acts 7 and told the story of the ancient Israelites starting with Abraham, going through the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, and Moses. From Stephen, we learn the following: (1) Know what you believe and why you believe it. (2) Don’t be afraid to talk about it. (3) Stand firm in your faith.

Last week, I wrote about Philip and his experience with the Ethiopian court official. The Holy Spirit told Philip to join the Ethiopian in his chariot. He did; the Ethiopian asked, “How can I understand what I’m reading unless someone guides me?”

Philip explained the scripture and the Ethiopian saw some water and asked, “What is to prevent you from baptizing me now?”

Stephen and Philip paint an interesting picture of life in the faith community. Learn your beliefs, don’t be ashamed about it, stand firm in your beliefs, and follow the Holy Spirit. The question for us is: How do we do this?

We can learn more about our beliefs by listening to good podcasts, watching educational videos, and reading books. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has a podcast called “[Conversations Matter](#).” The Bible Project offers free [videos on YouTube](#). I can recommend a number of great books to grow in faith. E.g., *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, or *Sailboat Church* by Joan Gray.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 20, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"God Turning Evil to Good"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Genesis 45:1-15

Anthem:

"Ancient Words" arr. Courtney

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Ron Tweel, Charlotte Bailey

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 16

9:00 Work Team

6:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, August 19

8:30 SBS Leadership Development

SUNDAY, August 20

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 UVA Welcome Back Block

Party w/UKirk & Wesley Foundation

3:00 Ice Cream Social @ Goughs'

We can learn to be more confident about our beliefs and to better follow the Holy Spirit by leaning on our community of faith. Engaging with fellow sojourners in Christ can help us grow. When we grow and learn more, we can stand firm and better hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. We might not experience something as explicit as Philip did in Acts, or we might. We won't know until we grow deeper in faith and become an active listener for the movements of the Spirit.

Our weekly Sunday morning Bible study groups are a great way to experience spiritual growth and community. Groups gather throughout the church each week and study scripture and life as Christ-followers. We encourage one another, lift each other up in prayer, and learn more about our beliefs.

This Saturday, the Bible study teachers are gathering to get ready for this new church year. Remember them on Saturday, and if you already attend Sunday morning Bible study, you can get excited about the new year. If you don't, consider joining one. If there isn't one for you, start one. At UBC, our desire is to grow together in faith.

Peace,
Matt

Deacon Ordination & Installation

This Sunday, August 20, during our worship service, we will ordain and/or install five new Deacons. *Sheri Owen* will be ordained and then *Shirley Clark, Ray Gaines, Jimmy Li, Jen May, and Sheri Owen* will be installed as new Deacons. We thank them for their willingness to serve and also extend our thanks and appreciation to those who will be rotating off of the Deacons: *Johnny Ellen, Larry Johnson, Ed Lowry, Brian Mulcahy, and Raynell Stokes.*

MONDAY, August 21

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

5:00 Jubilate Auditions

TUESDAY, August 22

5:00 Jubilate Auditions

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

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

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Linda Boston

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Raynell Stokes

Beth Wright

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Aug. 28: Val Fisk

Aug. 30: Jim Martindale

Aug. 31: Amanda Ohlms

Welcome Back Student Brunch

AUGUST 27, AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!



Welcome Back Brunch Sunday, August 27

Help us welcome our new and returning students to UBC! Our annual Welcome Back Brunch will take place after worship on Sunday, August 27. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and to provide food for the event. Click [here](#) to sign up. Questions? Reach out to [Val!](#)



From the Alba Beasley Recognition Committee

When Alba Beasley announced his retirement, UBC asked that I chair a committee to provide a banquet to recognize his outstanding ministry at our church. Little did we know that COVID would provide such a long delay for all public events, or that Alba would experience health issues which would further delay such a banquet for recognition. Given the totality of COVID, Alba's health, and his limitations to be around people following his discharge from the hospital and rehab, he and Pam asked that a small group come to their house to present several mementos from the congregation such as a framed picture of the Blue Ridge Mountains, personal notes of appreciation from many of you, the famous poster boards which were filled with warm and meaningful words of gratitude and love, and the proceeds of the love offering which so many of you made possible. Alba and Pam can further elaborate on Alba's recovery, but those of us who met with them were impressed with his recovery thus far, as you can see in these photos! If you would like to further express your love and appreciation in the form of a card or letter, their address is 416 Cranberry Lane, Crozet, VA, 22932. Once again, thank you to all who so generously supported the love offering and expressed your love through notes and cards.

Carolyn Lowry, Chair
Alba Beasley Recognition Committee



Ice Cream Social

Bring your homemade ice cream and /or sides and join us on Sunday, August 20 for an ice cream social at the home of Robby and Judy Gough, 3535 Brington Road, Charlottesville, 22901. Come to swim at 3:00 and then enjoy hotdogs and ice cream at 5:00.



Christmas in August Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party August 25-26, 2023

Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun, **Friday, 6:00 - 8:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll introduce our music for the Christmas Program in December.
On **Saturday, 8:00 - 10:00 am** in the Choir Suite, we'll begin rehearsal on our Christmas music.
Then, those who would like to, can join our Rise Against Hunger packaging event, 10:00 - 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Love INC Request

Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) has had many requests for household items, and their reserves are depleting rapidly. They are in need of the following: dinner plates, water glasses, silverware, coffee cups, bowls, pots and pans, cooking utensils, bed sheets, blankets, towels, and washcloths. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the Love INC office at 198 Spotnap Rd. Charlottesville, 22911, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 and 4:00.



Wednesday night dinners will resume on Wednesday, August 30. Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00.

We'll be trying something different this fall. We'll be asking you to RSVP, if you plan to attend the dinner. We want to have enough for everyone, and as we learned in our sermon series last month, we also don't want to waste any food.

Our first program on Wednesday, August 30, will be a Church Conference where we will hear from the Nominating Committee and elect some new people to take over some of our leadership roles. Mark your calendars and keep watching for the dinner menu and a link to RSVP!



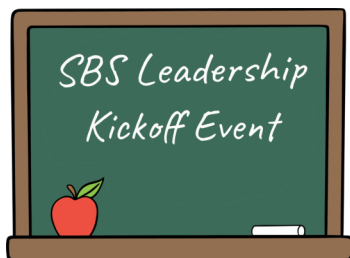
Why Do You Love UBC?

UBC would like to feature YOU on our social media! Participants are invited to answer two questions: What is your favorite UBC memory, and what makes UBC special to you? Our social media assistant, Alaysia, can record your responses in video format, or you can click [here](#) to submit written responses. Your input will help new members get to know UBC while also allowing you to share your experiences with the UBC family.

Sunday Bible Study Leadership Kickoff Event

Saturday, August 19
8:30 - 11:30 am

ALL teachers, leaders,
and interested members



Come for inspiration, information,
encouragement, and team building!

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact [Sarah Buchanan](#) (434-409-9064) to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary during worship.

Available Sundays are:
August 13, 20, 27
Sept. 3, 17, 24
and every Sunday in October.

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Team.

Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any-

time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front steps to serve the ice cream.





State Missions Offering

Each year we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This August, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000. You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church (Make the check out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the "for" line). Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Moses, whose ministry our offering will support:

Dear friends, Due to "separation of church and state," GracelInside is a non-profit Christian ministry that places chaplains inside Virginia's prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ. As a GracelInside chaplain, I am dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of Virginia's state prisons. I currently serve in Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, providing one-on-one pastoral care, conducting worship services, and working with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. I am also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions.

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves change color, I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning; God continues to work patiently in our lives, transforming us, and sanctifying us to the likeness of the image of God's Son, Jesus. What an honor it is to partner with the Savior bringing faith, hope, and love to incarcerated men and women, as Christ says in Matthew 25, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Bio: Chaplain Moses is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her master's degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She majored in biblical studies and obtained a master's degree in theology at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She taught World Religions as adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctoral project was in the field of grief and loss. She lives in Richmond with her sixteen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life. They retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.

WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

To begin school this coming school year 2023-2024, according to the Woodbrook Elementary School website, the suggested supply list for first graders will cost \$44.29 - a 16% increase over the price from two years ago. Sixty percent of the Woodbrook families are on public assistance and cannot afford to buy their children what they need. The financial hardships added by the pandemic and sky-rocketing inflation have compounded the needs of these children. In 2008, Love INC paired the UBC WMU with the Family Support workers at Woodbrook Elementary. In the beginning, we asked you to bring in a variety of school supplies that we sorted and delivered to the school. This method was pretty chaotic. For the last 15 years, we have asked you to donate money. We then asked the Family Support workers what things they specifically needed, purchased those supplies and delivered them to the school. The Woodbrook Family Support workers were delighted with this more efficient method. We want to continue to meet the needs of the less fortunate children " . . . to give (them) hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

Next Packing Event—Saturday, August 26
10:00 - 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Click [here](#) to find out more about Rise Against Hunger (RAH). This is a fun and intergenerational mission event. There's something for all ages.

Go to our [website page](#) to view all the packing dates and to sign up to help us meet our goal of 100,000



Collection for the University of Virginia Hospital Hospitality House

Through the summer, the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for the UVA Hospital Hospitality House. If you have a few things you no longer need, please bring them to the collection boxes in the 1st floor lobby. Click [here](#) for more information and a list of requested items.

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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