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God's Promises

ON WATCH

What promises has God made to you? As I have been studying Obadiah this month, this little book has prompted me to think about faith in some new and interesting ways. Verse 15 says, "The house of Jacob shall be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them, and there shall be no survivor of the house of Esau; for the Lord has spoken."

This verse comes as a crescendo of God's promises to restore the oppressed and suffering people and to punish those who saw what was happening and did nothing. As I have been trying to explicate each week this month, we can take many lessons from these 21 verses. First, pride and arrogance can lead people to act in ways that hurt other people. Second, when we know the right thing to do, we need to do it. And third, God's promises are consistent throughout history.

Today, while rereading Obadiah, I thought about us and wondered what God has promised us. If we list tangible things, like providing for our needs, then what about those people who do not have enough? We could reconsider the question and maintain faith that God has provided for our needs, while recognizing that we do not see everything God sees. What else? What has God promised you? Once we identify a promise, we can wrestle with what we've done in response to this promise.

For example, if we consider God meeting our needs,

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 2024

11:00 AM

Sermon:

God's Got This

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Obadiah 15-21

Anthem:

And the Father Will Dance

Hayes

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jackie Lockwood

Ushers: Gayle & Herman Eaker

College Dinner: Will resume in August

UBC Kids Missions



UBC kids worked on a fun mission project during our April 21 Children's Church and will gather on Saturday, April 27 at noon in the Fellowship Hall to finish the project. Sign up [here](#) and bring a friend!

what do we do with this knowledge? We can foster a grateful heart and exercise our gratitude muscles. Probably every person who reads this column could spend some time each day giving thanks to God for what we have. We could also hold our resources up in the light of Christ and ask what we are doing with what we have. Could we be more generous? Might we explore a deeper sense of what stewardship means and join the new Stewardship Committee?

When we think about God's promises, several top my list: God loves us. God is always with us. God will walk along beside us throughout our lives, and at the last, welcome us into everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27). These promises might feel distant at times, yet these are God's most important promises. God's love allows us to be loving and nourishes the spirit of community we share as we build the kingdom of heaven. God's presence is assuring in times of trouble ("Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Psalm 23).

What has God promised you today? What are you going to do with that promise?

Peace,
Matt



First quarter giving statements have been sent. If you did not receive yours (either through email or print), or you have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.



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. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 24

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Sanctuary Choir & Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 *Homelessness & Program Access* at The Haven

SATURDAY, April 27

12:00 UBC Kids Mission Project

SUNDAY, April 28

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
2:00 Jubilate Concert
3:00 Jubilate Reception

MONDAY, April 29

10:30 Bible Reading Group

TUESDAY, April 30

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Pattie Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Jeanne Nye

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer



Join us on Wednesday evening for dinner at 5:30 and a program beginning at 7:00.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at 5:00.

Our menu tomorrow will be:

Butter Croissants

Chicken Salad

Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower

Chips

Assorted Cookies

This week, we will have dinner at 5:30 and then make our way to The Haven for the program *Homelessness & Program Access*. See below for additional information.

Coming Wednesday, April 24!

On Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm, The Haven will host a Housing First event, *Homelessness & Program Access* to learn answers to the following questions:

1. What is the Homeless Information Line and what improvements have been made this year?
2. If someone is currently at risk of or experiencing homelessness, how do they access Haven housing programs?
3. What is a Coordinated Entry System and what role does it play in ending homelessness in the Charlottesville community?
4. Who is eligible for housing programs at The Haven?

The event will take place in the Haven's sanctuary with a presentation and a Q&A portion to follow.

We will meet for our Wednesday night dinner and then travel to The Haven for this program.

You can register for the event using [this link](#).

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

*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!

May 1: Jesse Groves, Herman Eaker

May 4: Bobby Gregg

May 5: Kelly Kossi, Nancy Gaines



Touch - A - Truck 2024

UBC is looking for volunteers to assist with the Touch-a-Truck Event to be held on Saturday morning, May 11 from 9 - 12 in the parking lots of University Baptist Church. Please consider how you and your family and friends can help make this event a success for others in our community! Please review the available slots [here](#) and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!



UBC Softball

Did you know that UBC has a softball team?

Their first game is Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm at Darden Towe.

If you're interested in playing or just finding out more information, contact George Martin at cva2011@aol.com.



We are quickly approaching the time of year when we celebrate all that our students have accomplished in their educational journeys this year! Mark your calendars as we honor our graduating students during worship on Sunday, May 5. Will you have a graduate in your family this year? Please send notice of ALL graduations - high school, college, graduate programs, technical certifications - to Linda at linda@universitybaptist.org. Please include the correct name, school, degree/major information, and any plans following graduation.

Jubilate Spring Concert

Jubilate's Annual Spring Concert will be held Sunday, April 28, 2:00 pm in the UBC Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

If you can provide help for the reception, please click [here](#) to view the online signup sheet or contact Debby Johnson at djohns33@gmail.com.



On the Move Together for Hope: Virtual Walk-Run-Ride-Swim-Go! For Poverty Alleviation in 338 Counties of Persistent Poverty

13.1, 26.2, 50, 75, 100, 140.6 miles or more this summer. Set your own goals, choose your place and days. Walk, ride, run, swim (row, paddle, trail hike, trail run, exercise) and dog walking.

New This Year: Exercise Time (log your time: yoga, weightlifting, aerobics, etc.). Get there any way you can!

Log your miles May 15 through August 15, 2024. Support the good work of Together for Hope (TFH) and the Together for Hope partner or friend of your choice. Set a goal and get moving this summer and earn a really cool t-shirt. Log your miles or time each week on the Runsignup website. Register by July 15 to get the cool t-shirt. Register [here](#). Maybe some groups in the church want to register together and encourage one another.



Coming Soon!
Save the Date
VBS 2024
June 17- 21
9:00 - noon
We are going to Camp



VBS Interest Meeting

Join us on Sunday, May 5, 12:00 pm in the Conference Room and find out how you can be part of our 2024 VBS!



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News, April 23. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. This month he joined the program to discuss the issues of the day through the lens of faith and more. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).

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

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