

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Crossroads

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From The Parson's Porch

I've been thinking about my dad a lot lately. Like many Southern men of my era, I always called him Daddy, even when I was grown and he was in advanced age. Daddy was a man's man, a strong, successful young farmer in Union County in the early years of his marriage to my mother. He owned a large farm, fifty acres in one particular field. He was also a skilled carpenter, prevented by childhood accident-induced blindness in his left eye from military service in World War II, so he led construction crews in building army barracks on several bases in North Carolina. He had earlier apprenticed as a meat cutter for a grocery chain, and never forgot how to select the choicest cuts of beef, whether pot roast for Sunday "dinner" (that was the midday meal, not to be confused with "supper," the meal at the end of the day) or a steak on the backyard grill.



Daddy enjoyed saltwater fishing at the North Carolina coast, and he loved to hunt ... quail or rabbit or squirrel. He taught me the responsible handling of a rifle and shotgun, and showed me how to follow a pack of baying beagles' forlorn chorus as they pursued a rabbit back to the spot where they had first flushed him from the underbrush in Chatham County's deep woods. He showed me the safest way to shoot squirrels out of tall pine trees. He owned two 12-gauge shotguns, which he kept unloaded in his bedroom closet, the shells nearby in the top of his chest of drawers (when I was little, I thought he was saying "Chester Drors," whoever that was). He never owned a handgun, didn't think they were safe to have around.

Daddy was far too secure in his manhood to ever need automatic weaponry to prop up his ego. He would have thought it ridiculous to acquire and stockpile weapons capable of firing hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Why would anybody ever need such excessive firepower to go rabbit-hunting, or (God forbid) stop an intruder from harming his family?

But mainly, Daddy was a follower of Jesus, a pastor who lived his life true to the very words he intoned during all those baptisms I witnessed in all those churches, his hand raised in dedication just before he lowered the believer into the waters: ***"In obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ..."***

Daddy would not have been impressed with anyone more obedient to the Second Amendment than to the Second Commandment, the one that insists ***"You shall not make for yourself an idol of anything. You shall not bow down to them or worship them."*** He would have found it sadly amusing how the sentiments of our republic's founders, citizen soldiers, farmers and craftsmen prepared to wield single shot musket-loaders in defiance of British governmental over-reach, could ever be distorted into the defense of a golden calf of unhinged idolatry orchestrated by the profit-driven leaders of the National Rifle Association, who so clearly hold sway over the cowardly elected congressional, judicial and executive ***"leadership"*** of our troubled nation.

You cannot follow Jesus of Nazareth, himself the victim of state-sanctioned murder, and at the same time twist so-called ***Second Amendment "rights"*** into the bizarre defense of a guns-obsessed culture that scornfully contradicts everything Jesus stood for. It cannot be done. ***As scripture demands, "Choose this day whom you will serve."***

Thank you, Daddy, for choosing well.

- Pastor Simpson

Worship in March

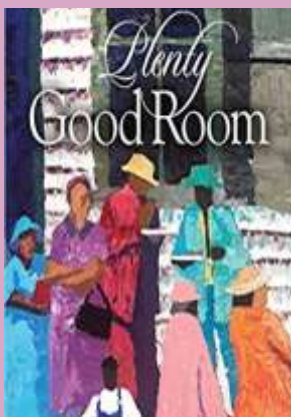
- Mar. 4 Lent 3 **"Just Don't!"** Exodus 20:1-17
 Mar. 11 Lent 4 **"Wasted on the Way"** Numbers 21:4-9
 Mar. 18 Lent 5 **"Thunder or Theo"** John 12:20-33
 Mar. 25 Lent 6 **"Flinty Emptiness"** Isaiah 50:4-9, Phil. 2:5-11

UNC Carolina Choir

in worship

Sunday, March 4

A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals



"Plenty Good Room"

Wednesdays, Feb. 28 - Mar. 21 @6:00p

with Pastor Simpson - Memorial Chapel

Link to book: [Plenty Good Room](#)

Sunday, March 25 **Palm Sunday** 11:00a

Children & Choir palm processional

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

Communion and Worship 6:00p

Foot washing to follow service Memorial Chapel

Sunday, April 1 **EASTER**

Sunrise Service 6:30a UBC Memorial Garden

Celebration of the Resurrection 11:00a



Holy Week



If you would like to honor or remember a loved one on Easter Sunday with a lily, please contact the church office with their names during March.

Cost is \$15 per lily.

Children's Ministry Events!

Father-Daughter Valentine Dance



Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Father Daughter Valentine Dance. This year the dance came right on the heels of my father's passing and I can't express enough how much it meant to have so many of you to quickly sign up to help and to be there for me. You made putting on this event much easier for me during a difficult time. My heartfelt thanks to all the following people who helped in one or more of the many ways needed: *Sue Adams, Jan Allaire, Joe Bray, Donna Brooks, Katherine Brooks, Lillian Brooks, Lucille Burkett-Hoffman, Caroline and Taylor Dunham, Christy Garrison, Linda Giersbrook, Gail Harrison, Donna Harward, April Hedges, Dave Ingram, Chuck James, Tanya Jones, Sandy Kennedy, Pam Lamason, Robin McCoy, John and Stevie McNeal, Andy, Alexandra and Jessica Meyers, Charles Pettee, Lee Richardson, Kim Ring, Betty and Mitch Simpson, Betsy and Daniel Watson, Mandy White, Daun Whitley, and Dawn Williams.*

Club J Mission Kids at TABLE - Mar. 21, 4:30-5:30p

The Club J Mission Kids are scheduled for another opportunity to volunteer at TABLE as part of their kids' afternoon bagging slot. We will leave UBC at 4:15 to go to **TABLE (209 E. Weaver St, Carrboro, NC 27510)** or families can meet us at TABLE.

It would be great if the Club J Mission Kids can bring food donations from UBC when they go to TABLE. Please leave food in the collection box in the Gathering Area and mark it TABLE. Here is a link to TABLE's list of most needed food items: [TABLE NEEDS](#). TABLE also needs plastic grocery bags. If you can donate some, leave them in the collection box. Thank you!

Mother ~ Son Jammin' Fun Luau - April 21, 6:30-8:30p

Come enjoy a tropical themed event full of **games**, **dancing**, **refreshments**, and **music**!

Make sure not to leave before taking a Mother/Son photograph in your **tropical/luau apparel**, so bring your camera. Mothers, don't miss out on a chance to spend some quality time with your son. The cost is \$25 per mother (bring all your sons), and includes food, entertainment and party favors. All ages are invited. **Reservations are required**: email Allison James at allisonaj@nc.rr.com to register.

Volunteers are needed to help the night of the Luau and to make desserts.

Please sign-up on the volunteer sheets in the Gathering Area.

SHIPWRECKED VBS Fun Shop - Sat., April 28, 8:30a-noon

UBC will host a Shipwrecked VBS Fun Shop in our Great Hall. **Group's VBS Fun Shop events** offer hands-on-training where attendees learn how to create amazing decorations with step-by-step instructions, experience a "Day at VBS," network and learn how to plan, coordinate and pull off an amazing VBS event.



For this to be a success, Allison will need some volunteers to help the morning of the FunShop at the registration table and with the refreshments. There are also spots available for VBS Leaders to participate in the Fun Shop. Please let Allison know if you can help or would like to attend the Fun Shop at allisonaj@nc.rr.com.

Children's Ministry Events *continued...*

SHIPWRECKED VBS! Vacation Bible School, June 25–June 29' 9am-noon

Age 3-5th grade

Shipwrecked VBS is where kids learn that Jesus rescues! This amazing adventure will help kids (and adults) begin or deepen their faith by discovering that Jesus cares about them personally and rescues in life's toughest circumstances.

Join us for SHIPWRECKED Vacation Bible School!

Register your kids today or sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper.

Online registration is open **right now!**



Local Missions

IFC: Nonperishable food donations for Chapel Hill Interfaith Council.

Place donations in the **"Feed the Hungry"** box in gathering area.



Easter Baskets for Chin Children!



Easter is just around the corner. We need 22 Easter baskets and goodies to place inside (plastic eggs, candy, small toys and stuffed animals, books)! For more info and to assist, contact Martha Peck at mpeck07@gmail.com.

"I was in prison and you came to visit me..." - Matt 25:36

THERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED AND LIVE OUT GOD'S HEART FOR PRISON MINISTRY



Visit, donate to the commissary accounts, be a pen pal.

See the display in the Gathering Area

Contact Susan Girdler with interest or questions.

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Upcoming
Events!

Women's Sunday

Sunday, April 23

Join the women's choir 10:30a

Choir room



The PSALMS a musical celebration

Sunday, April 29 - Sanctuary



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all of your support, kind words, food, cards,
prayers and the greatly unexpected but much appreciated gifts for our
expenses during the time of my father's passing.
I am so grateful for the outpouring of love. -Allison

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