

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Crossroads

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From the Parson's Porch

I guess this must be how the Hebrew children felt during their Babylonian captivity, far away from the hallowed ground they called home.

I'm a Carolina grad, class of 1972. That beautiful campus is still nestled just across Columbia street from my church study here at University Baptist Church, but these days the Carolina of those days seems like a foreign country, a distant memory.

The Carolina I cherish was respected far and wide as a safe haven for academic freedom, ideas freely exchanged, differences of opinion not merely tolerated but encouraged, an incubator for the creative, progressive voice of the New South. It really did seem like hallowed ground to me, a place of venerable customs and the fierce defense of open debate, a place unto itself, set apart, led by the likes of such thoughtful, mannerly folks as Bill Friday and other statesmen and women who, even when they disagreed, did so with decorum and a decent regard for the opinions of others.

At least that's how I remember it. Maybe Smokey Robinson would insist "*it's just my imagination, running away with me.*"

The grim, systematic takeover of Carolina's governing boards by state legislature clones is an embarrassment that shows no promise of relenting, a bleak, mean-spirited landscape now stalked by humorless attack dogs, incapable of what pastor/scholar Carlyle Marney termed "*plumbing the darkness of the great dark room.*"

To paraphrase the lament of an esteemed Boston cleric of old, what this place needs is a few leaders who know intellectual integrity at closer than second hand.

- Mitchell Simpson, pastor



February Worship Sermon Titles

- Feb. 3:** *"Prenatal Omniscience"* (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
Feb. 10: *"Mixed Signals"* (Isaiah 6:1-13)
Feb. 17: *"Once More, From the Beginning"* (Psalm 1)
Feb. 25: *"'And That's the Way It Is"* (Psalm 37:1-11)

Youth Souper Bowl Fundraiser: Feb. 3

Join the youth in the Great Hall **THIS SUNDAY** at 12:30p for a *FREE* hot bowl of soup!

Donations are welcome to support Youth Ministries.



How My Faith Informs My Work

Wednesdays in February and March

@6:00p - Memorial Chapel



Valentine Luncheon

Sunday, February 10

Join us for a Valentine's Day Luncheon in the Great Hall. Grab a take-out from a local eatery and bring a sweetie and/or a friend!



Ash Wednesday Service

Conferring of Ashes

6:00p Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 6



UNC Carolina Choir

Sunday, March 3 11:00a

Women's Sunday - March 31



Dr. Lydia H. Hoyle, Campbell University Divinity School, teaches courses in Christian history, American religion, and Baptist history. Her research interests and publications have included women and missions, children and mission education, Baptist history, and women in ministry. Currently, she is working on a study of Baptists and children.

Dr. Hoyle is married to Rick Hoyle, a social psychologist at Duke University. They are the parents of three children: Matthew, Michael, and Jessica. In addition to her involvement in a local congregation, Dr. Hoyle teaches, preaches, and leads retreats in churches across the state.

Join us and sing in the Women's Choir at 10:30a in the choir room.

Children's Activities

Mark Your New 2019 Calendars for These Exciting Children's Ministry Events!

February 9th: Father-Daughter Valentine Dance 6:30-8:30p



Sign up to volunteer or bring dessert in the downstairs gathering area! \$25 per father. Fathers, sign up on the UBC website.

March 23rd: **Mother~Son Jammin' Fun Luau 6:30-8:30p**



May 4th: 2019 VBS FunShop: ROAR!

The VBS **FunShop** in our Great Hall on Saturday May 4 from 8:30am-Noon. Group's VBS FunShop 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. Last year we hosted over 30 attendees from 11 different churches.

For this to be a success, **Allison needs volunteers** the morning of the FunShop at the registration table, setting out refreshments and manning station tables. There are also spots available for some of our own VBS Leaders to participate in the FunShop. **Please let Allison know if you can help or would like to attend the FunShop**

June 24th - June 28th: Vacation Bible School: ROAR!



Don't miss this MANE event of summer 2019! Mark your calendar and plan to bring the whole herd on this African safari adventure! Ages 3 to 5th Grade.

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar!, kids explore **God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.**

College Bible Study Class

12:01p Sundays - College Room 3rd floor

The **Bible study focuses on talking points** from each Sunday's scripture.

Lunch will be provided by volunteers. If you can assist with a meal for 8 - 10 students, please contact **Betty Simpson** at **mitchbettysimpson@gmail.com**.

Local Missions Opportunities

MLK Workday, January 21: *Many hands make light work!*



UBC College Students on Mission Trips: Your Support Needed NOW!

Suitin, daughter of Siangluai Mang (*deacon and leader of the Chin families*) is traveling to Africa in **late May** to work at the Village of Hope in Ghana. She will be at an orphanage of 250 children, rescued from off the streets and other dangerous and abusive conditions. To make a contribution towards the \$2500 cost, checks written to UBC with "**Suitin Mission Trip**" on the memo line.



Brooklyn Cooper, one of our college students, will visit Colombia over spring break to report on the millions of Venezuelan migrants entering the country because of Venezuela's political and economic crises. She'll be part of a team of reporters, photographers and interactive designers that will create five extensive pieces from **Mar. 7-15**. Brooklyn's GoFund Me page at <https://www.gofundme.com/brooklynn039s-trip-to-colombia>. Checks can be written to UBC with "**Brooklyn Cooper Mission Trip**" on the memo line.



Easter Baskets

UBC Mission's provide Easter baskets of goodies, books and small toys for the 28 Chin children and a bag of toiletries for the parents of the 19 families. Please place these items **now** in the downstairs Gathering Area. **Deadline is April 7, 2019.**

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sermons, weekly prayers and articles
The Parson's Porch Blog

Contribution statements for 2018 are available on the table in the Gathering Area.



Lawnmowers needed for UBC!

If you can help maintain the UBC lawn between March and November, please contact Steve Harward at sharward2@nc.rr.com to get on the schedule!

"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

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