

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Crossroads

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From the Parson's Porch



Thank you, UBC, for thirty matchless years!

Love, Betty, Aaron, Ellie, Andrew, and Mitch

March Calendar Dates to Remember:

Sun., Mar. 1: **Pastor Simpson's Retirement Celebration**

- **11a-12:30p:** Worship with Pastor Simpson - Sanctuary
- **12:30-2:00p:** Luncheon - Great Hall
- **2-3:00p:** Special Celebration - Sanctuary

Music, Speakers, A Video Tribute, Presentations

UBC Members: Please park farther from the church to allow out of town guests to park at UBC.

Sun., Mar. 8: ***"Dreams and Visions" (Ps. 121) - David Smith - Transitional Group Facilitator***

- **First Congregational Meeting** with David Smith, 6p - Great Hall

- ◇ Opportunity for our congregation to begin a dialogue about UBC's heritage, mission, vision, and affiliations including denominational, inter-denominational, and community relationships.
- ◇ Led by UBC's Transitional Facilitator, David Smith, each meeting is scheduled for 90 minutes. Participants will be randomly seated in small groups and provided discussion topics. These discussion groups will have an opportunity to share their results, with the summarized results provided to the Pastor Search Team.
- ◇ This information will begin to frame the church's identity and assist the Pastor Search Team as it seeks to identify a new pastor. It is hoped these congregational meetings will help us to focus on God's mission for University Baptist Church.
- ◇ All members, regular attendees, and youth (ages 10 or older) are invited!
- ◇ ***Childcare will be provided for children. Please inform Allison James at allisonaj@nc.rr.com, if your children will be attending.***

Mon., Mar. 9: *First day in UBC office for Barry Jones - UBC Interim Pastor*

Wed., Mar. 11: ***"Walking in the Wilderness"*** Bible Study with Barry Jones, 6p - Memorial Chapel

- ***Biblical Reflections on Transition***

Sun., Mar. 15: ***"Going Out of Our Way"*** (John 4:5-42) - Barry Jones

Sun., Mar. 22: ***"Grace or Grasp"*** (John 9:1-41) - Barry Jones

- **Second Congregational Meeting** with David Smith, 6p - Great Hall

March Worship Sermon Titles

Mar. 1: "Sincerely Yours" (1 Cor. 1:18-31)

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Sign Pastor Simpson's Quilt!

Designed and sewn by Tim Rickman!
Please add **ONLY your name & ONLY use the available black pens**. Sign the quilt in the white triangle sections. Quilt will be available in the Memorial Chapel through **Sunday, March 1**



Holy Week

Sunday, April 5, **Palm Sunday** 11:00a

Children & Choir palm processional

Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday

Communion and Worship, 6:00p

Sunday, April 12, **EASTER**

Sunrise Service, 6:30a - UBC Memorial Garden

Celebration of the Resurrection, 11:00a



**Pastor Simpson's
Retirement
Celebration**

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

11:00a: *Worship - Sanctuary*

12:30p: *Luncheon - Great Hall*

2:00p: *Retirement Celebration - Sanctuary*

Welcome Barry Jones as Interim Pastor



Barry is a professor at Campbell University Divinity School of Old Testament and Hebrew. Barry received his M. Div. from Southeastern Seminary and a Ph.D. from Duke. He was the pastor of Park View Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina from December, 1994 – August, 1997 and as an interim pastor at seven different churches since 1999. His most recent interim was at Forest Hills Baptist church in Raleigh from September, 2017 – August, 2018.

Barry begins his interim pastorate on Monday, March 9.

He will participate in our *First Congregational Meeting on Sunday evening, March 8.*

Barry will begin a four week Bible Study on Biblical Transitions, *Wednesday, March 11* and speak in worship, *Sunday, March 15.*

Children's Activities

Valentine Dance



More photos by Joe Bray on the UBC Facebook page!

UBC's 2020 annual Father-Daughter Valentine Dance was a beautiful night filled with lots of fun and tons of special moments that will make lasting memories for all. We had several dads and daughters attending for the first time, so when it looked like our numbers were going to be low, we actually had almost 100 girls! I want to thank everyone who helped to make this another wonderful evening, from the Club J Mission Kids who helped bring down all the decorations the Wednesday night before (Tennyson Litchfield, Mary Katherine & Daniel Watson, and Alexandra & Ethan Meyers) to the decorating team on Friday who knocked it out in two hours (Sue Adams, Jan Allaire, Chuck & Alex James, Martha Peck, Kim Ring, Thomas Toms, and Daun Whitley) to everyone who donated food, to the volunteers who were there to see that things ran smoothly (Joe Bray, Donna Brooks, Anna Cherry, Megan Facer, Gail Harrison, April Hedges, Sharon Kepley, Craig & Robin McCoy, Grace Mulholland, Emily Peddycord, Lee Richardson, Kim Ring, Bruce & Samantha Shaw, and Betty & Mitch Simpson). Furthermore, a huge thank you to a small group who helped on Sunday after the Valentine Lunch to store everything until next year (Dewanna Banks and her grandsons, Jayden and Jax; Stan Cromer, and the Watson family). Phew, you guys don't know how much it means to me personally to have all your help. Finally, thank you to my mom, Jan Allaire, my husband, Chuck James, and my son, DJ AJ (Alex James). You helped with every aspect listed above and then some! Thank you so much!

Club J Mission Kids

The Club J Mission Kids have used their servant hearts to make valentines for the Ronald McDonald House, as well as something special for the Simpsons' Retirement Celebration. They also volunteered during the kids' bagging shift at TABLE. This is a great group of very enthusiastic helpers!



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

Come enjoy a tropical themed event full of games, dancing, refreshments, and music! Don't leave before taking a Mother/Son photo 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. Older sons and their moms can spend time together in service by volunteering! \$25 per mother (bring all your sons). Includes food, entertainment, and party favors. All ages are invited. Reservations are required, so email Allison James at allisonaj@nc.rr.com to register. Volunteers are needed to help at the Luau and to make desserts. Please sign-up on the sheets in the Gathering Area, or contact Allison James for more info.

Rocky Railway VBS FunShop, Sunday, April 25, 8:30a-Noon - Great Hall

UBC hosts Group's VBS FunShop, offering hands-on training where attendees learn how to create amazing decorations, experience a "Day at VBS," network and learn how to plan, coordinate, and pull off an amazing VBS event. Volunteers needed to help the morning of the FunShop at the registration table and refreshments. Spots available for VBS Leaders to participate. Contact Allison if you can help or want to attend.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, 9a-Noon - 3-5th Grade

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that Jesus' power pulls them through life's ups and downs. Register your kids today or sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper. Online registration is open right now! Go to www.vbspro.events/p/rockyrailwayubc-chapelhillnc to register your children, and/or to volunteer!





Easter Baskets

UBC Mission's provide Easter baskets of goodies, books and small toys for our Chin children and a bag of toiletries for the parents of the Chin Families. Please place these items **now** in the downstairs Gathering Area. **Deadline is Sunday, March 29, 2019.**

Hayes Barton Church Consignment Sale, Volunteers Needed: Saturday, March 28, 12-2p

- Select clothes for our Chin families
- Contact Betsy Watson at betsywatson42@gmail.com to assist or for more information
- Hayes Barton Baptist Church: 1800 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC, 27608

Sunday, March 29: Annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk, "Love in Motion," 2:30p

- 3.7 or 0.8 mile family-friendly stroll through town, register [here](#) or in the downstairs Gathering Area
- Proceeds go to global hunger issues, refugees, and the Interfaith Council in Carrboro
- Contact Sharon Kepley at skepley7@gmail.com for questions and more information

UBC Hosted a Free Dental Clinic With UNC Dental School & Baptists on Mission, Feb. 15:

During the 8-hour clinic, 18 patients were seen, and were provided with 16 screenings, 11 cleanings, 9 extractions, 14 restorations, and recommendations for follow up care! Special thanks to Dave Ingram, Cullen Libby, Martha Peck, and Charles Pettee for volunteering as office presence during the clinic!



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Beautiful watercolor note cards, painted and made by our own Cullen Libby, are available in the foyer for \$1.00 per card with envelope. *Cullen is donating 50% of proceeds to support UBC missions activities.*



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

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

See the display in the Gathering Area

Contact Susan Girdler with interest or questions. sgirdler@gmail.com or 919.623.4469

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