

The Vision

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The United Baptist Church Vision is "to develop an intentional relationship with God, as in Jesus, so that our lives demonstrate the transforming effect and supreme importance of such a relationship for us, our society, and our world."

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 2, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall to remember the events of that awful day as remembered by some who actually participated in those events. The experience of Easter morning must be understood in the context of the long journey which had culminated in the darkness that fell on Jesus' followers as Friday drew to a close.



EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service **7:30 a.m.**
(On the lawn, weather permitting; otherwise in the Sanctuary)

Breakfast Served by Youth **8:30 a.m.**
(Served in the Fellowship Hall following Sunrise Service)

Bible Study for All Ages **9:30 a.m.**

Easter Celebration Worship **10:55 a.m.**

(There will be no After-Worship Fellowship)

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

Some three years earlier he had come out of the hills of Galilee. The son of a carpenter turned itinerant preacher. He identified publicly with the reform movement of John the Baptizer, out in the wilderness to which all the crazies seemed to drift. But he didn't stay there. He returned to Galilee proclaiming, according to Mark, *The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.* For the next three years, this would be the message he would proclaim and the life that he would live. The kingdom of God was not somewhere in another time and another world. It was there among them. In response, Jesus urged his followers to repent and to believe. He didn't mean to feel sorrow and give assent to a set of propositional statements. He meant to radically alter the way they thought in light of the drawing near of God's kingdom. That is repentance. And he meant for them to trust him and the way of life he proclaimed and modeled. That's what it means to believe in the good news of God's kingdom drawn near.

In some ways, those who rejected his message understood him more clearly than did his own followers. The Roman officials understood that the kingdom of which Jesus spoke threatened their own kingdom. The Jewish rulers, both those who cooperated with the Romans and those who pushed back against them, also understood that Jesus was a threat to them and their power. For three years, the struggle between Jesus' view of God and the world clashed with the views of the Romans and the Jewish authorities. That clash came to a head in Jerusalem during the celebration of the Passover where a "strange bedfellows" coalition, each participating group threatened in their own way by Jesus and his kingdom, managed the Old West equivalent of a "kangaroo court" followed by a lynching. The war was over and the winner was clear. The Romans and Jewish rabbis would tell this story, if they deemed it worth telling at all. Winners always get to write the history.

But where do we turn to hear the story of Jesus? To Roman historians? No, they barely mention Jesus. To the Jewish historians? No, again he is little more than a footnote. The story of Jesus is told by Jesus' followers. The losers have written – and continue to write – this story. How did *that* happen? The answer, according to the story they tell, is that everything changed three days after he was lynched. They proclaimed that Jesus was still with them. Not just as a memory, but as an empowering presence that made them new people. God had vindicated Jesus and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom that had drawn near. The world became a different place, for them and for us. So we still proclaim to our world, ***Christ Is Risen! He is risen indeed!***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

March

- 31 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- NO Evening Activities

April

- 1 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 2 OFFICE CLOSED (Good Friday)
- 4 **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service
- 8:30 a.m. Youth Serve Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages
- 10:55 p.m. Easter Worship Service
- NO After-Worship Fellowship
- 5 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6 11:00 a.m. Prime Timers (Harmony Hucksters)
- 7 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Missions (Twyla's Office)
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH FOUNDATION

THE YEAR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UBC FOUNDATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:15 P.M. (Immediately following the 11 O'clock worship service). THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009 AND THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Kyle Jones, President

Any member of The United Baptist Church can become a member of the UBC Foundation simply by signing an enrollment card. Cards for that purpose will be available at the annual meeting.

Youth News ... Twyla Turner

There will be no **Youth Missions** on Mar. 31 at our regular time. Instead we will meet at the church at 6:45 pm for a lock-in. We will meet in Twyla's office. Please be on time as we will depart the church at 7 pm to head for Wakefield Park Recreation Center. Be sure to bring your swimsuit and a towel since the Rec center is the last place to clean up before you return home late (between 5-6 pm) on Thursday. Cost of the Lock-in is \$15.00 per person to cover admission fees, metro fares and breakfast on Thursday. Watch your email for the details and the permission forms that you will need. Forms must be completed and signed by your parents to participate.

Sunday School

Some of you will be traveling this weekend, but for those of you who are in town, we will meet on Sunday morning for our traditional Easter morning Bible study. Make sure to be present for Easter Sunrise service and to help with serving Easter morning breakfast to reap the benefits during Sunday School time. Be watching for an email with all of the details about this as well this week.

Mission Madness in Richmond VA—

If you and your friends are in need of *community service hours for the 3rd or 4th quarter*, join me for **Mission Madness Weekend** in Richmond Virginia on April 9-11. You will work hard and have a lot of fun at this first time event in Virginia. Grab a friend and come join in. Knock out your community service hours in one day. I hope to see you and a friend there. Cost is \$44.00 per person for the weekend and a t-shirt. **Deadline for sign-up is April 1.**

1 by Youth

1 by Youth is a one day mission activity that will also allow you to earn all of your community service hours in one day. It will take place on Saturday, April 24 and will be an all day event ending with a block party. Come out and join in the fun. We will work hard and then play hard. There are only 5 slots available so if you would like to join in sign up early with Twyla. **Deadline for sign-up is April 10.**

CALLING ALL STUDENTS...

For SUMMER CAMP

It's that time of year already, when we need to make our summer camp plans. We will return to Student Life Camp at Tuscarora on the Delaware River this year. The dates of camp are Aug 3-7 and the cost will be \$200.00 per camper. **A deposit of \$50.00 will be due by April 4 if you would like to attend camp.** The theme this year is Re and the theme verse is Micah 6:8 - The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. (GNB)
Watch this space next week for details about another Summer camp opportunity this year.

Ronald McDonald Thanks You for donating pop tops off food and drink cans recently. You were responsible for donating over 20 lbs of the pop tops to the Ronald McDonald house in Richmond on Valentines Day. The House was able to pay it's entire year's utility bills from the proceeds of the sale of all the pop tops that were added to the collection we donated. So, keep them coming! Charles and Erma Rockholt are our "middle-persons" to get these to the right location. Bring bags of the pop tops to the church office.

Next AARP Safe Driving Class

**Monday & Wednesday
April 19 & 21
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Led by Tom Gehr
Sign Up on the Bulletin Board in
the News n Do's Hallway or Call
the Church Office**

Prime Timers

**Tuesday, April 6
11:00 a.m.**

Program: *Harmony Hucksters*

You will be asked this Sunday to sign up for food that you are willing to provide for this ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness in doing this.