

The Vision

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Youth Ministry to Recognize Youth Graduates

On behalf of the congregation, the church staff will recognize members of the UBC youth ministry who will be graduating from high school or college. They and their families are invited to a **Recognition Banquet on Saturday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

The evening will be the first of an annual time for our graduating youth. There will be dinner, a time of sharing, and recognition of the graduates. If you plan to attend this special evening, *please RSVP by June 22 to either the church office or Twyla Turner.*

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING ON JUNE 27 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

A Membership Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 27, following the morning worship service. The Finance Committee, with the support of the Church Leadership Council, will recommend that we amend the 2010 budget to include up to \$3,000 (the amount will be increased, details at the meeting) to provide someone to supervise an "open gym" for 3 or 4 hours a day during the months of July and August. The Mission Support Team brought this idea as a way of providing a service to the youth of our immediate community.

Vacation Bible School Is Coming Soon!!!

SonQuest Rainforest

We are planning something different for Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held on five consecutive Sunday mornings

**July 18 through August 15
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

Children ages 5-11 years welcome

See program details inside
under Twyla's column.

Keep these dates in mind, and
if you can help please contact
Twyla

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

I had been on the road for the better part of two days. The first day had been terrible. I was more than ready to reach my destination and get the one day of rest I had earned before having to turn around and drive two days back home. But the end was in sight. Only a couple of more hours. I was driving along in the left lane of the Interstate, part of a long line of cars that were passing our slower traveling companions in the right lane. Then our progress noticeably slowed. There was someone in the left lane (otherwise known as the *passing* or *fast* lane!) who was driving less than the speed limit and refused to move into the right lane. One by one, we were left with no alternative than to pass him using the right lane. As my turn came, we were approaching some more cars in the right lane, but I thought I could make it around him and get back into the left lane. So I pulled out and sped up. So did he. It quickly became obvious that he didn't want to let me complete my pass. But I had the momentum and managed to get around him and back in the left lane. I thought it was over and proceeded on my way. Eventually, I got back in the right lane and was minding my own business. Along came this same guy. He passed me and then remained a little ahead of me in the left lane. For many miles, he stayed there and I watched as he did to others the same thing he had done to me. He slowed down to try to make them pass him on the right, and then he would speed up. At one point, he slowed down until I was almost on his bumper – inviting me to try to pass him again. At this point, however, I knew that he was just playing a game. I should have known that earlier because when I passed him the first time I saw in the mirror that he acknowledged I was "Number 1" (although the finger he used was not the one normally used for the #1 sign).

Now, I can be a very competitive person, but I made the conscious decision not to play his game. I even wished I could communicate with him, and just say, *Congratulations. You win. You da man. I would have surrendered earlier, but I didn't realize we were playing a game. And I'm not going to play anymore.* I've been thinking that I probably need to say that same kind of thing in many more areas of life. What does it mean to "win"? Do I win if I allow someone else to define the game and make all the rules, and then beat them at their own game – but become just like them in the process? I hate to lose at almost anything. And winning sure feels good. But I've learned that the cost of winning can be too steep if it requires me to act in ways that I know are destructive or cruel or simply stupid. Or very unchristlike. There is an old Quaker proverb that says, *If in order to defeat the beast, I must become a beast, then bestiality has won the day.* True on the roads, and in life.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

June

- 23 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 p.m. Knit & Crochet Club (Parlor)
- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner (Fried Chicken)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Missions
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. **NO** Choir Rehearsal
- 24 6:00 a.m. Youth Beach Trip Departure
- 26 7:00 p.m. Youth Graduate Recognition
- 27 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 12:15 p.m. Called Business Meeting (Summer gym program)
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Summer Kickoff Pool Party
- 30 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Missions (Twyla's Office)
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Staff News ...

Dr. and Mrs. Young are representing UBC at the Annual Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which is meeting this week in Charlotte, North Carolina. They left June 22 and will return on June 26. Dr. Young will be preaching on Sunday, June 27. Then they will take their grandchildren back to Missouri and spend a couple of vacation weeks visiting family there. They will be back in the office on July 14.

Dr. Yawn will be in Durham, North Carolina for an infant dedication at Duke University Chapel for their friends the Krzyzewski and Frasher families, the weekend of July 9-11, but back in the office July 12.

Rev. Phil Carpenter will preach on Sunday, July 11, when both Dr. Yawn and Dr. Young will be gone. Phil will also be away on Sunday, July 4 and Wednesday, July 7, because of travels related to his full-time job.

Rev. Twyla Turner will be taking her father to a family wedding in Iowa. They'll be gone July 8 - 13.

The "Church Mouse" observed...

If any "church mouse" observes someone going "above and beyond" and would like to make it known, we have forms available for submission to "The Vision." They can be found on the shelf next to the mailboxes by the church office and elevator. Turn the completed forms into the church office.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions

There will be **NO Youth Missions** in Twyla's office on June 23 due to Leigh's graduation. If you would like to attend her graduation please contact Twyla. We will meet next Wednesday, June 30th at 6:15 pm.

Sunday School

We will resume Youth Sunday School after Twyla's absence on Sunday, so try to be present this Sunday June 27th, as we meet at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship and Bible study at 10 a.m.

Thanks to **Leigh Whitcraft and Kaitlin Martindale**, for their special leadership role with the children on Father's Day Sunday morning.

Kid's Club

We will reschedule our Kid's Club June activity since we had to end our activity on Saturday. The new date for that event will be announced soon. Thank you to all of the children who were present on Saturday for their wonderful and cooperative attitude when we had to go home early. Your understanding was very helpful to Ms. Twyla in a difficult situation.

The **Beach Day** planned for Thursday, June 24 will be rescheduled.

Opportunities for Service—

Please remember our Graduation Dinner that is scheduled for this Saturday night, June 26th. All youth and children will be needed to help with this event as well as their parents to help with food preparation. Details will be emailed to you.

Keep these dates available on your calendar---

June 26-Graduate Recognition Dinner-7 p.m.

June 27—Summer Kick-off Pool Party for Youth

July and August—Details coming...

Vacation Bible School & Summer Camp

Christmas Fundraiser and Operation Christmas Child gift collections and School Supply Collections—Watch for those school supply sales in July

Special Summer Youth Ministry Project This Summer-We will address your Christmas Cards for you so that you only have to write your notes inside your cards this year. More details next week.

SonQuest Rainforest...

is the theme of our 2010 Vacation Bible School.

On Sunday, July 18th, we will kick-off the first of our **5 Sundays** of Vacation Bible School. We will visit the **SonQuest Rainforest** to learn about God. This looks to be a fantastic Bible School and your help is needed. We hope that you will consider inviting children in your neighborhood to join us at VBS on Sunday mornings (while you are in Sunday School and Worship). Perhaps you can provide their transportation! I am challenging our congregation to identify and register **35** children to participate this year. Invitations and registration forms will be available on Sunday, June 27th for you to share in your neighborhood. We will be focusing on students ages **5-11** this year.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

We join the following 2010 graduates and their families in celebrating the accomplishment represented by their graduations from the following academic institutions:

Colleges & Universities

William Dayl Burnett (son of Claire Burnett)
PhD in Music Education from the University of Miami

William Jason Burnett (grandson of Claire Burnett)
BA in Music from Christopher Newport University

Allyson Grimsley (granddaughter of Martha Grimsley)
MBA from American Public University

Jonathon Grimsley (grandson of Martha Grimsley)
BS in Biology from Radford University

High Schools

Rachael Bostjanick (granddaughter, Fran/Ernie Watkins)
Stonewall Jackson High School

Emily Clarke (daughter, Mark/Lisa Clarke, and granddaughter, Marlene Benemann)
Annandale High School (to Old Dominion University)

Alex Grimsley (grandson of Martha Grimsley)
T. C. Williams High School

Betty Leigh Whitcraft (daughter, Mike/Sally Whitcraft and granddaughter, Herb/Betty Hicks)
Robert E. Lee High School (to Bluefield College)

Middle Schools

Kaitlin Martindale (daughter, Tom/Carole Martindale and granddaughter, Herb/Betty Hicks)
Poe Middle School

Jack Whitcraft (son, Mike/Sally Whitcraft and grandson, Herb/Betty Hicks)
Key Middle School

Brian Young (grandson, Jerry/Gerry Sue Young)
Republic (MO) Middle School