

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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Vacation Bible School

Starts This Sunday!!!

SonQuest Rainforest

**Five Consecutive
Sunday Mornings**

**July 18 through August 15
from 9:30 to 12 noon**

**Children ages 5-11 years
welcome**

See program details inside under
the Youth News column

Church Conducts

**Eight Week Supervised
Open Gym Ministry
for Local Youth!**

Kids are Playing Daily!

**Supervised Play
from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

**Mr. Derek Highsmith (Full
time employee of Leary
School) and Mr. Ryan Gehr
(grandson of Tom and
Helen Gehr) are our
Gym Supervisors**

Unravelings J. Wayne Yawn

The longer I am involved in Jesus preaching and teaching the more I am convinced it is best not to tell people about Jesus, but to help show them Jesus and how they have already or can experience who Jesus represented: God! I am finding that making this shift moves me from proclamation to interpretation. Interpreting what Jesus said the proper noun 'God' represents in everyday events and challenges is, as you've heard me say often, is: agape type love. I am finding that what Jesus showed this type love represents always results in an individual experiencing the fullest of lives. Because it involves the individual engaging all other individuals connected with that individual in such a way as to help them use their gifts at the highest level. In such giving of one's self (gifts), the giver receives. Simply put and experienced, agape love is **intention rather than emotion driven** application of one's **unique gifts/powers**—existence—to enable others to use their unique gifts, for the **good of the whole community**, whomever that consists of at the moment. If you will observe, this means one's power or gifts are applied to encourage others to **distribute** their power/gifts, rather than to use their power/gifts to **dominate**, control, extol or to prove themselves superior to another.

This works, and I think does every day! Over the last days Diane and I were in Durham, NC for a friend's baby dedication. The event gave us lengthy quality time to be with longtime friends Mickie and Mike Krzyzewski. He is head basketball coach at Duke University, 2010 NCAA national basketball champions. He also coached the 2008 USA Olympic gold metal winning team. Mike described how he decided to manage the professional Olympic players, each of which is the top in their field with the necessary equal size egos. Trying to compete with them by trying to force them to do what he said would probably just motivate resistance and lead to another USA Olympic defeat as experienced in recent Olympics. Mike said he spoke with them and asked them to individually come back to the next meeting with how they thought the team should perform. They did and together they decided on 13 team values/standards that they would hold each other to accomplish. It worked! They won the gold! And when Mike returned to Duke this last year, he did the same, with the same championship results. I listened as he told this and then I asked if I could offer an interpretation. I told him it sounded like what Jesus helped people experience about God's true power. It is not dominant power but distributes to each of person gifts to become talents. To Mike's athletes God gave top basketball talent that they have developed. I interpreted to Mike that he challenged them to take that talent/power and distribute it to one another to demand the best out of one another rather than try to dominate one another, or to dominate him or for him to try to demand of them what he wanted of them. Distributive power trumped imperial power at the Olympics! And when the 2009-10 Duke Basketball team "bought into" the same distributive power paradigm, they challenged each other, and then their individual competitors on the Butler University team, to be their best. As I described this from Jesus' power perspective, Mike began to interpret that the arena felt like a holy temple during and after the game. The game was the winner, and will be remembered as the way basketball games should be. The feeling was holy, fully alive, and a shame one team had to have the highest score when the bell rang, because everyone won! The game of life was the winner. People experienced the fullest style of life, and they "didn't want it to end."

It doesn't have to! Just the immediate circumstances change! End of interpretation! The sermon was the experience of the game when the game happened. But I suggest that for me it is also sermon in the retelling of the interpretation and subsequent reliving of it. Amen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

July

- 13 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 18 8:30 a.m. Sunday Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. After Worship Fellowship
- Quarterly Membership Meeting**
- 19 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 20 9:45 a.m. GoungAtHeartsGadabouts to Charlottesville
- 21 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

On the Street Where You Live

Be the Temple of God For People to Gather In To Experience God

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING THE TEMPLE OF GOD this week using the gifts (powers) God gave you at birth and are your **Holy of Holies** to serve one of the persons whose name appears on the back page of this "**The Vision**" or one of the persons with whom you regularly come in contact. If you patiently ponder one or more of these persons long enough it will become clear to you how you can use one or more of your **Holy of Holies** gifts to apply a gift(s) with agape-type-love to help the person whose name you select to be more fully alive by using their gifts (powers) to help that person. And in so doing you will become more fully alive yourself. If you can't come up with a way to use a gift to help them, contact the person and just listen or ask them. [Listening is one gift you can use to love them with Jesus' agape type love.] It will become clear how you can apply your other gifts with the same agape type love application system. Even if it doesn't seem to matter to the other person, you will be a more fully alive person just for engaging this process! **Read the reminder of this process on the office entrance bulletin board.** Questions? Consult Dr. Yawn.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions-- We will resume Youth Missions on Wed., July 14th, at 6:30 pm. There will be no dinner served so if you want to eat make sure to bring money to pay for your dinner at Subway.

Sunday School— We will meet on Sunday, July 18th, at 9:15. We will be conducting VBS starting at 9:30 a.m. and all Youth are needed to help with our program this year. Please make sure to be present so that you can assist the students who attend VBS with our stories, music, games, crafts and snacks.

Kid's Club--Our mini golf date will be rescheduled soon.

Special Summer Youth Ministry Project This Year-

It is only 5 months until those pesky Christmas card envelopes that you have to address every year. This summer our youth will be offering a special service to you to raise funds for our Christmas in VBS mission projects. We will address your Christmas Cards for you so that you only have to write your notes inside your cards this year. You just give us your list and we will hand address or we will make labels and address your cards (your choice) so that this year you will just have to write your notes inside the cards. We are doing this for donations so that we can purchase items to fill shoe boxes with gifts for children through the Operation Christmas Child Program of the Samaritan's Purse ministry. Gift boxes will be collected in August and in November this year and we will work on this special project (gift boxes) with our children during mission time in VBS this year. If you wish to have your cards addressed, please bring the cards and your list, in whatever format you have it and we will work on your cards during July and August. Please see Twyla if you have questions.

Keep these dates available on your calendar---

July and August—Details coming...

Vacation Bible School & Summer Camp & Beach Day
Christmas Fundraiser and Operation Christmas Child gift collections and **School Supply Collections—Watch for those school supply sales this week at Staples and Wal-mart.**

SonQuest Rainforest is the theme of our 2010 Vacation Bible School—which begins this Sunday,

July 18th. On Sunday, 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, for you to share in your neighborhood. We will be focusing on students ages **5-11** this year. I look forward to seeing you with some children this Sunday morning.

Remember!

**Third Sunday Is
Inez Fletcher Fund
Offering for Annual
Scholarships for Young Girls
Entering Christian Ministry
[Receiver at Doors at Service End]**

**Quarterly
Membership Meeting
Sunday July 18
Following Worship
and
After Worship Fellowship
Fellowship Hall**

**Please, Do Not Bring Finger Foods This Time!
The ladies think it's too hot. Moreover, this
meeting is expected to be brief.**

**Young At Heart Gadabouts
Trip To
Charlottesville, Virginia**

**For Lunch At
Wood Grill Buffet**

**Tuesday, July 20
Bus Leaves the Church 9:45 a.m.
Contact Phyllis Thompson**

[No Scheduled Return Time]