

The Vision

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION OFFERING BEING TAKEN

The Mission Support Team has decided to try a consolidated Mission Offering this year. Beginning this month and continuing through the end of the year, we will periodically be emphasizing one of four mission partners:

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
World Hunger through Baptist World Aid
NorthStar Church Network Mission Offering
CBF Global Missions Offering

All money given to this Consolidated Missions Offering will be divided equally between these four mission causes. You will still be able to designate your offering to be divided some other way, but you will need to clearly mark that on the envelope. Envelopes for this offering will be available in the near future.

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions makes possible special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives that are not funded through regular streams of giving but are uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists: New Church Investment Grants, Bland Ministry Center & Appalachian Regional Ministry, Innovative Discipleship Grants, Disaster Response Ministries, Development Disabilities Mentoring, Ministers and Families in Crisis, Chaplain Service, and many others.

DATE SET FOR UBC FLU SHOT CLINIC

The date for our annual **Flu Shot Clinic** is **Sunday, October 18**, following worship and the Quarterly Membership Meeting, from 1pm - 2pm in the church Conference Room. We will need to have 30 people sign up, so please add your name(s) to the register posted in the News 'n Dos Hallway downstairs. This is the annual regular flu serum and is furnished by INOVA. The cost will be \$25, but is covered for those who have Medicare Part B (**bring your card**). If your Medicare is through an HMO (i.e., Kaiser) you will need to get your shot there or pay the \$25 fee here.

***Last Call for Requests
for 2010 UBC Ministry Budget***
The Finance Committee will meet this Sunday, September 27, at 12:30 p.m. to review the budget requests for 2010 and to make the final preparation for the presentation of that budget to the church in October. Any budget requests must be turned in by that time to be considered.

Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

It seems to me that our society is in crisis. The crisis issues are many: economic, health, education, environmental, political and international relations, to name a few. But regardless of the issue, the crisis is the “war” atmosphere that surrounds each issue, with opposing sides “shouting” at the other with very little listening. Each side seems to assume it has the whole truth and so the only victory is to “destroy” the other side. As I “stewed” over the Mark text for last Sunday’s sermon and anticipate another in two weeks, I am impressed Jesus has a saving word for our crisis issues.

Jesus’ disciples were following him on the road. The crisis for them was who would be appointed by Jesus to be first, to lead the others in the new kingdom order of the world he had said he was going to set up. In addition to saying to them that the greatest or winner in their crisis would be the servant of the others, Jesus said “whoever welcomes the children they saw playing around them in his name (as he did) welcomed him and his father.” It occurred to me he is talking about each of them looking within themselves for greatness rather than looking outside themselves for greatness. Look at who you are and at how you use who you are. Don’t look at who other people are and try to overpower them. I’ve often wondered and read other’s opinions about why Jesus welcomed children. I think he may have used children not because they are weak or vulnerable or appealing. They often are neither of these. But maybe Jesus used them because they are always inquisitive and curious! Children know they need to be taught because they need to grow.

Aren’t we all children, always, but as we get bigger we tend to assume we must “know all things!” There is humility; a dependence (yes, mixed with some stubbornness) about young children. Because of his curiosity I used to think that the purpose of my son was to keep me humble. All we can really do with children is to offer them the gifts God has given us with the approach of agape type love to teach them how to identify their unique gifts and hopefully offer those with the same agape type love approach to others (i.e. serve). We cannot force children (as least for long) to take what we have to offer them. If we do they will drive us crazy pushing back. (Maybe that is relevant to why we get nowhere with the social crises I mentioned above.) Maybe, the key to our social wars is to be more curious and inquisitive of the opposing sides which just might help us realize that defeating our “enemies” is not the final goal. Living in peace and reconciliation is the goal. And in the end, the better solutions to the issues will come closer to rising to the surface. Okay? I promise to stay curious about you! I beg for yours!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

September

- 23 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
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 25-27 Youth Retreat to Meadows’ Farm
- 27 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee (2010 Budget)
- 28 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 30 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
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FALL PROGRAMS RESUMING

Women’s Bible Study

Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Teacher: Rev. Twyla Turner

Open to all women

Mended Hearts Ministry

Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.

ALL are welcome – No special skills needed

Knit & Crochet Club

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Beginning September 23

3:30 p.m.

2009 White House Ornaments Available through October 25

Cost: \$15.00

Payment Must Accompany Order

Checks payable to Sandy Godwin

(not UBC!)

**Order envelopes available during the week
through church office or on Sundays in
Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary Hallway**

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions will meet on Wednesday night, September 23. We will meet at the Youth office at 6:15 p.m. We will spend some time working in the church library as well as talking about this year's mission program. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. Hope to see you to begin a new year of missions.

There will be no Youth Sunday School this week due to the retreat this weekend.

Our canoe and camp trip/retreat will take place on this weekend, September 25-27. We will meet at the church at 7:45 p.m. on Friday night and load the bus. Make sure to bring a sleeping bag, swim wear for Saturday when we go canoeing and sun screen. The plan for the weekend is as follows: we will travel to Meadows Farm Friday evening, camp out, canoe on Saturday, camp out Saturday night and return home on Sunday. Part of this weekend will include participation by all in some activities for the Amazing Bible Race. If you are on the Amazing Race Team, please make plans to participate in this event as we will be concluding leg 1 and beginning leg 2. Your presence is very important. Watch your email for permission slips, schedule and a list of what you need to bring with you.

Major Fall Student Ministry Events...

Mark these events on your calendar now so that you can participate.

October 3—Youth Paintball

October 9-11--Junior High Weekend—
Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center

Theme—Up2U! Theme Verse: Hebrews 12:1-2

October 18-- Cropwalk

October 25—Cox Farms—Children and Youth

October 31—Youth Paintball

November 14-Youth Paintball

November 15—Children's Faith & Fun Day (Kid's Club)

November 24—Thanksgiving Mission Project

November 27-28--Youth Lock-in/Deck the Worship Hall

December 12—Youth Paintball

Dec. 13—Kid's Club Christmas Event

Dec. Christmas Mission Project

Dec. 20—Youth Christmas Event

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

• *Staying Ahead of the Game with Safety Awareness*

*presented by Columbia Baptist Church and NorthStar Church
Network Churches on Mission Group*

**October 3, 9am – 12noon
Columbia Baptist Church
103 W. Columbia St.
Falls Church, VA**

Emergency Preparedness, Financial Stability,
Avoiding Scams, and more for older adults and those
who care for them

• SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ANNANDALE SPRINGFIELD...

...Adventures in Learning:

Open House Registration

September 30, 10am - 12noon

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Two Classes: *Concepts of
Sheol...Gehenna...Hell and
History and World Affairs*

...Next Lunch 'n Life: October 22

PROGRAM: Jerusalem Women Speak:

3 Women, 3 Faiths, One Shared Vision

Three women from Abrahamic faiths speak

George Mason Friends

USED BOOK SALE

Rare and unusual books, children's books

George Mason Regional Library

7001 Little River Turnpike

Oct. 22, 5-9pm Oct. 23, 10am-6pm

Oct. 24, 10am-5pm Oct. 25, noon-5pm