

# 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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## 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 Missions**
- **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.

**Baptist World Aid** is the Consolidated Mission Offering emphasis for October. Baptist World Aid is the arm of the Baptist World Alliance that responds to crises around the world, including such things as the recent earthquakes, tsunamis, and typhoons. They also have ongoing ministries to the world's underprivileged, including those facing starvation and refugees. They are often able to work through local Baptist churches and unions already in place in these areas to be the presence of Christ.

## 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 Do's 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.

## Next AARP Safe Driving Class October 26-27, 10am - 3pm

for adults 50 and over

Taught by Tom Gehr

Sign Up Sheet in News n Do's Hallway  
or Call the Church Office to Sign Up

Cost: \$14.00 (\$12.00 for AARP Members)

Payment due first day of class

## Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

It's been around at least as long as the Pharaohs! It is the assumption that since God's power is primarily perceived as superior dominant power, if a human being is given governing power over other people, he/she must be in that position because their god wants them there. Some people throughout history have "shifted" more to considering their leaders to therefore be divine (divine right of kings). The Egyptians thought that! That's why Pharaoh's subjects (obviously outnumbering Pharaoh) could be convinced to build those huge pyramids for them! That's dominant power just through an idea/assumption! And oh, this is why the Hebrew book of Exodus has all those plague stories. Moses' God is fighting Pharaoh-god for supremacy! Moses' God wins and is more dominantly powerful! But, when it comes to God's true power type, Jesus would have the last word! And his word about power turned out to have nothing at all to do with using dominant power. It had totally to do with the type of power that the Creator (shared) with each human being at birth to make them, as the Bible says, in God's image: i.e. servant power!

Last Sunday's sermon text from Mark 10 had the Pharisees quoting Moses (the OT authority for God), that humans could break a marriage relationship with a certificate of divorce. Moses said it! So Pharisees assumed God (as the dominant power) okayed divorce. Jesus countered that he did not care one whit what Moses said about "treating" marriage with divorce. He said that God created people male and female to make them want to leave their mother and father in order to become more whole themselves. And since life is defined as life only if it wants to replicate itself and to become more than what it is at the moment (more in quantity and quality), according to Jesus, divorce can not be part of the original plan. Divorce results in people working against the Designer's goal for them. Marriage is more important than pleasing or displeasing the Designer. Divorce is the decision to keep us from being and experiencing all we are given potential and intention to be. The goal is being more than you start out with being. The goal is taking who God's creative power makes you and developing and growing who you are (including your maleness or femaleness; your innate interest, etc.) and finding ways to use those, as God did, with servant love. That type love is not motivated by domination of others for self-interest, or even by emotions as in romantic and brotherly type love. Divine love is motivated by a mind for justice and mercy for all, even to the point of self-preservation (Jesus), to help everyone else use their gifts to move life beyond what has been achieved at the moment to what it can potentially achieve for the advancement of life.

Yes, the idea of a god with dominant power being interpreted as authorizing dominant people to do as they want has been around for a long time. But it was not Jesus' idea of ultimate power. In fact, that is why I think he knew he would be killed, but also that he would rise, or continue to live, in spite of all that dominant power. His type servant power is ultimate and always eventually trumps dominant power when the goal is quality versus quantity of life. His type life is eternal and will, after physical death, prove to be everlasting. Do we get it? I'm on the way! And you?

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

### October

- 7 8:45 a.m. No Sandwich Ministry due to funeral prep  
10:00 a.m. Ellison Grimsley funeral visitation  
11:00 a.m. Ellison Grimsley funeral, sanctuary  
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner (pork chops)  
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions  
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study  
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 8 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 9-11 Junior High Weekend at Eagle Eyrie
- 11 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)  
12:30 p.m. Church Leadership Council
- 12 OFFICE CLOSED (Columbus Day Holiday)
- 13 11:00 a.m. Young-at-Heart Gadabouts Monthly Event
- 14 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry  
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's 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

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## FALL PROGRAM RESUMING

Including

**Knit & Crochet Club Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month

Beginning October 14

3:30 p.m.

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## ***BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT***

Andrew Willetts, the son of Revs. Jeff and Beth Willetts, has been on our prayer list for some time now after having to have a leg and part of his foot amputated following an accident with a train. A benefit golf tournament is being planned to help the Willetts family with the enormous medical costs involved.

**Friends of Andy Willetts Golf Scramble**  
**October 31, Noon (check-in begins at 11am)**  
**Penderbrook Golf Course**

Cost: \$75 per golfer (green fee, cart, prizes, dinner)

Register by calling Westwood Baptist Church in Springfield, VA at 703-451-5120 by October 20

More information is on the bulletin board in the News n Do's Hallway or contact Dr. Young.

## Youth News...Twyla Turner

**Youth Missions** will meet on Wednesday night, October 7. We will meet at the Youth office at 6:15 p.m. We will spend some time working in the church library. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. Hope to see you there.

This week in **Youth Sunday School** we will have quiz catch-up week. Come this Sunday and get caught up on the quizzes that you missed by working with students who have already completed those quizzes. You will have until Nov. 1 to complete any missed quizzes from Leg 1. If you were not present last week, you will also receive the first quiz of Leg 2 on Sunday morning. We will work on the fast forward of Leg 2 week 1 in class on October 18. We need you as we start on this new journey of our Bible study.

Please remember our Middle School Students as they travel to Eagle Eyrie outside of Lynchburg for **Junior High Weekend**. The theme is "Up2U!" and focuses on Hebrews 12:1-2. We will leave on Friday, immediately after school and will return on Sunday between 4-6 p.m. Please contact Twyla now if you have not yet made a reservation and would like to attend.

Please see one of our students if you are able to support them as they once again participate in the **CROPWALK** of Annandale to raise funds for world hunger. This year the walk will take place on Saturday, October 17, at 8 a.m. Please assist our students in this worthy mission effort.

### Major Fall Student Ministry Events---

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

October 9-11--Junior High Weekend--

Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center

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

October 17-- 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

## Opportunities to Represent UBC

Would you be interested in representing UBC as a messenger to one of both of the following:

NorthStar Church Network Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 24 – 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
New Hope Church in Lorton

Baptist General Assembly of Virginia Annual Mtg.  
November 17-18  
Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center

If you would be interested in attending as a messenger, please let one of the pastors know so you can be elected at the business meeting on October 18.

## SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Next Lunch 'n Life October 22

**PROGRAM: *Three Jerusalem Women Speak***  
**From the Three Abrahamic Faiths**

## Disaster!

Recent typhoons in Asia and a tsunami in American Samoa, have left hundreds dead and homeless. Our Baptist World Alliance's Baptist World Aid "arm" is able to help through local Baptist Conventions. But they can't get help without it being funded. That is where we come in. Phone BWA in Falls Church at 703-790-8980. Use a credit card by phone or send a check to BWA, 405 North Washington Street, Falls Church VA, 22046. Ask for our friend Paul Montacute.

**2009 White House Ornaments**  
**Available through October 25**

**Cost: \$15.00**

Payment Must Accompany Order  
***Checks payable to Sandy Godwin***  
(not UBC!)

**WHO envelopes MUST be used and are available during the week through church office or on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary Hallway. Be sure to put your name on envelope!**