

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. 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 have now been mailed and are available in the pew envelope racks.

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.

UBC FLU SHOT CLINIC PLACED ON HOLD

Because of a shortage of vaccine, Inova Health Systems has placed on indefinite hold all of their flu shot clinics after October 12, which includes the one scheduled at UBC on October 18. We urge you to make arrangements to get your flu shot somewhere else as soon as possible. The Inova Clinic is giving shots on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12noon. Call 703-750-8818 for details.

Quarterly Membership Meeting Sunday, October 18 – 12:30 p.m.

Book of Reports are now available through the church office for you to examine in advance of the meeting this Sunday. Items of business to be discussed and voted on include the proposed UBC Ministry Budget for 2010 and recommendation from the Building & Grounds Committee to allow Mr. Ohi to make building alterations that will allow the day care center to provide infant care.

Remember to Bring Finger Foods!

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

I always told my children that nothing good ever happens after midnight, so they should be home by that time lest they become part of some of the other kinds of things that *do* happen that time of night. I still hold to that evaluation. But I have to admit that some *interesting* things happen in those late night hours. It was just after midnight, and I was standing in the checkout line at the 24-hour Giant. I know I was ignoring my own carefully formulated maxim, but I'm like most other people in that I don't listen to me either. Besides it was the first chance I had that day to get to the store.

In front of me in the checkout line was a couple, and I found the young woman's appearance to be ...well, interesting. Where to begin? Her hair was sort of a fluorescent pink in color. What there was of it. The back and sides were shaved bald. The top was braided and hung to the middle of her back. She had a very ornamental left ear – the only one I could see. Her pants stopped at the knees, and then she had on long socks with broad black and white horizontal stripes. She was wearing a black leather jacket that had two words hand-written on the back in large letters – “Domination” and “Pain.” Other than that, she appeared to be quite “normal,” whatever that means. I don't share this description to in any way disparage the young lady. I describe her so that you will understand the *dissonance* I felt when I noticed that among her purchases was – ready? – *Glamour* magazine! The visual image just did not fit together in my mind. Perhaps my own prejudices are showing here, but I don't find the gothic look and *Glamour* magazine to be a compatible mental image. So now I have this recurring mental image, in response to which red flags go up and my mind says, “This does not compute!”

The incident did, however, get me to thinking about how the world must sometimes look at us. We claim to be followers of Jesus Christ. We claim to be new creatures, in the process of looking and behaving more like Him. When they observe us in action, however, does the image we give support our claims or does it too often create the same kind of dissonance in others that the young lady's appearance created in me? How often do we hear people who claim to be Christ-followers use vitriolic language to attack other believers with whom they disagree? All, of course, in defense of the “true faith.” Or we speak of our compassion for the disadvantaged, but have become quite skillful in not even noticing them Or we repeat that most ancient confession, *Jesus Is Lord*, but give our best time, energy, and resources to the true “lords” of our lives – the chief being ourselves. As has been observed, Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found hard. Don't be misled. And don't mislead.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

October

- 14 8:45 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
3:30 p.m. Knit & Crochet Club Resumes (Parlor)
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner (Tacos)
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 15 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 17 8:00 a.m. CROP Walk at Lake Accotink Park
- 18 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
12:30 p.m. Quarterly Membership Meeting
- 19 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 21 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:45 p.m. Begin POTLUCK DINNER
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. MISSION NIGHT: Baptist World Aid (Paul Montacute)
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FALL PROGRAM RESUMING

Including

Knit & Crochet Club Meetings

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Beginning October 14

3:30 p.m.

Special Education Ministry Celebration and Crossroad

Our Special Education ministry has been ministering to special needs persons now for many decades. For many years now it has been under the leadership of Charles “Rocky” Rockholt. For health reasons, Rocky is very reluctantly having to give up participation in this ministry. As part of the after worship fellowship on Sunday, October 25, we will recognize and celebrate his many years of ministry. That Sunday will be his last Sunday leading the Special Education ministry, which brings us to the crossroad. ***If this ministry is to continue, we need someone to step in and pick up this ministry.*** At a very minimum, we need a man to assume the role of teaching the male students. If no one steps forward, the ministry will not be able to continue. If you would be interested, please talk to a Pastor.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions will meet on Wednesday night, October 14 and on October 21. We will meet at the Youth office at 6:15 p.m. We will spend some time working in the church library, then we will work on quizzes from the Amazing Bible Race that you may not yet have completed. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

This Saturday, October 17 is the Annandale **CROPWALK**. All students are encouraged to participate in this event. You can earn money to help feed the hungry around the world and you can also earn community service hours for your participation in this event. We will meet at the church at 8 am and should be through walking by 10:30 am in case you have other things planned for Saturday. If you would like to support our students who are walking, please see the student or Twyla to make a donation. This has always been a fun and healthy way to help others. Youth-please notify Twyla by phone or email if you will be participating this year.

Sunday in **Youth Sunday School** we will work on the fast forward of week one, leg 2 of the Amazing Bible Race. You have until Nov. 1 to complete any missed quizzes from Leg 1. If you were absent last week, you will receive the first quiz of Leg 2 on Sunday morning. We need you as we start this new journey of Bible study.

Thanks to all who prayed for our trip to **Junior High Weekend** last weekend. Our trip to Eagle Eyrie was really good. The speaker challenged us to not allow ourselves to be distracted from God by the things of the world. Also, to not let ourselves stink--but to allow people to sense the aroma of God through our actions. To be encouraged in our faith journey by remembering the faith heroes who preceded us. To make sure that we clothe ourselves with the accessories of compassion, kindness, humility, etc., to show our Christianity. And most of all love. This will make our outfit "POP"! Lastly, we were reminded that as followers of Christ we don't travel 1st or 2nd class, but that we are to be servants (3rd class travelers) and roll up our sleeves and be ready to work. We were reminded throughout the weekend that all of these choices were "Up2U!" which was the theme of the weekend. **James the Juggler** made a return appearance at the talent show and was very warmly received. Thank you again for your prayerful support. Don't forget that next Sunday, October 25th is our annual trip to **Cox Farm** for the **Fall Festival**. We will leave after church and will return at approximately 7 p.m. *All children and youth are invited and encouraged to attend.* Youth--this will be another opportunity to earn community service time, serving as a mentor to one of the children. Make plans to attend now.

Major Fall Student Ministry Events---

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

- 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

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.

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!

Next AARP Safe Driving Class

October 26-27, 10am - 3pm

for adults 50 and over

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

MISSION NIGHT

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

TOPIC: Baptist World Aid,
with Paul Montacute, Executive Director
Join us for POTLUCK DINNER
beginning at 5:45 p.m.