

# 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.

## Quarterly Membership Meeting Report

The Quarterly Membership Meeting was held Sunday, October 18, following the morning worship service. Two primary items of business were acted upon:

The **2010 UBC Ministry Budget** was approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Also approved was a recommendation from the Building & Grounds Committee that Mr. Ohi, owner of the Amerikids, Inc. **Day Care Center**, be permitted to pursue the possibility of changing two windows on the west side of the preschool wing into doors so that he would be able to offer care for infants. Whether or not this is feasible can only be determined by proceeding with permit applications through Fairfax County and seeing what the county might require.

### MISSION NIGHT

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

**TOPIC: Baptist World Aid**  
**Paul Montacute, Executive Director**

Join us for **POTLUCK DINNER**  
beginning at 5:45 p.m.

## Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

Last Sunday, ten minutes before worship was to start in the sanctuary, One of our men stopped me leaving the class I teach during Sunday School, alarmed! “People are leaving!” Every-preacher’s-nightmare! “Why?” I asked? “They say it is too cold in the sanctuary. Can we move to the chapel where we already have heat? An immediate armada of people and necessary worship items moved from the sanctuary to the chapel. Everyone pitched in and it went amazingly smooth. When the offering time came, I panicked! I turned to Jerry, “Did anyone remember the offering plates? Another, every- preacher’s-nightmare! Sure enough, someone had remembered!

(We got caught by the sudden turn from warm to cold weather. Habitually, we switch from cool to heat the last week in October with no problem. This year the church decided to replace an old inefficient boiler just before the switch over to avoid discomfort in the building. The boiler for the chapel building had been switched on. But the new boiler installation had not been completed and that boiler heats all other buildings.)

There was no debate and no hesitancy to change from the traditional sacred space! Insecurity about being cold was a strong motivator. We live with insecurities constantly! Insecurity about our family, about enough money, about enough retirement income, about health, about an enemy “foreign or domestic,” about death...maybe the earliest and most enduring insecurity. Religious systems developed to deal with the insecurity of death, by worshiping and pleasing one’s god(s) to take care of people before and after death. But it is my experience that even then, depending on one’s level of ability to trust the strength of one’s belief in the god and on one’s own ability to adequately placate the god, insecurity at some level often still looms and gnaws around the edges of security, leaving one with a sense of uncertainty and insecurity.

Maybe insecurity cannot be totally eliminated! Maybe insecurity has a positive rather than just a negative role. What if insecurity is a motivator to achieve a better quality of life, without which we might just not attempt to attempt advances? Isn’t that what was operating last Sunday motivating the shift to make another space, sacred? (By the way in the animal world only human animals live with this as a constant anxiety. Animals just feel insecure and react when danger stares them in the face.) Maybe until we are insecure enough we are not driven to question, move from our comfort level, investigate and “sail for different shores?” I know that has been my personal experience in regard to defining my faith in God, as in Jesus! Maybe, until we get insecure enough with how we as a nation approach most enemies with military might, we will not try other techniques to reduce anger and hostility more. Oh, on Sunday, when we got to the warm chapel, it wasn’t long before it was too warm to be okay, and people started asking for a change in temperature. Well!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

### October

- 21 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry  
4:30 p.m. Worship Support Team  
5:45 p.m. POTLUCK DINNER Begins  
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions  
6:30 p.m. MISSION NIGHT: Paul Montacute (BWA)  
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 22 1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Conference Room)  
2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 24 9:00 a.m. NorthStar Church Network Annual Meeting
- 25 8:30 p.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)  
12:15 p.m. Recognition for Rocky Rockholt  
12:30 p.m. Renovation Committee
- 26-30 UBC Week for ACCA Medical Transportation
- 26 10:00 a.m. AARP Safe Driving Class  
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 27 10:00 a.m. AARP Safe Driving Class
- 28 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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## *Special Education Ministry Celebration and Crossroad*

Our Special Education ministry has been ministering to special needs persons now for many decades. For almost forty of those years, 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 with these special persons.

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. Is this possibly a form of ministry that God has laid upon your heart? If the ministry is to continue, then someone must feel and respond to the “tug of God” to this challenging – but rewarding – ministry. If you would be interested, please talk to a Pastor. For more details, talk with Rocky or Norma Meadows.

## Youth News...Twyla Turner

**Youth Missions** will meet on Wednesday night, October 21. We will also meet on October 28. We will meet at the Youth office at 6:15 p.m. We will be working on decorating new chrismons for our Sanctuary Christmas tree. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

This Sunday in **Youth Sunday School** we will work on the fast forward and weekly challenge of week one of leg 2 of the Amazing Bible Race. Read the book of **Joshua** in the Bible this week to be up to date with your reading. You will have until Nov. 1 to complete any missed quizzes from Leg 1. (We are working on them on Wednesday nights if you want to get caught up on the quizzes you have missed.) If you were not present last week, you will also receive the first quiz of Leg 2 on Sunday morning. We need you as we start on this new journey of our Bible study

Don't forget that Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, is our annual trip to **Cox Farm** for the **Fall Festival**. We will eat pizza for lunch and leave after the after worship fellowship and will return back to the church at approximately 7 p.m. Cost for this event is \$5.00 per person—all ages. *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.

Make plans now to attend the **Halloween Big Game** at **Skyline Paintball** on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Notify Twyla as soon as possible if you intend to go paintballing. Cost is \$35.00 per person for registration/expenses. Your meals are at your own expense—so eat or pack breakfast, pack lunch and pack snacks and beverages for the entire day. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return back at approximately 8 p.m.

### Major Fall Student Ministry Events---

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

2. October 25—Cox Farms—Children and Youth
4. October 31—Youth Paintball
6. November 14—Youth Paintball
8. November 15—Children's Faith & Fun Day (Kid's Club)
10. November 24—Thanksgiving Mission Project
12. November 27-28--Youth Lock-in/Deck the Worship Hall
14. December 12—Youth Paintball
16. Dec. 13—Kid's Club Christmas Event
18. Dec. Christmas Mission Project
20. Dec. 20—Youth Christmas Event

## CONGRATULATIONS SALLY

**Sally Norris** recently reported raising **\$5,372.00** for Church World Service's, Bread for the World. This is a local record! She worked for a year on this effort to feed hungry people all over the world! Way to go Sally! We are grateful to you and proud of you!

## **FINAL OPPORTUNITY!** **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!**

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## **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

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***Next week, October 26-30 is our week to provide medical transportation to those ACCA clients who have been approved for such service. If you are willing to make yourself available for this ministry, please let Gerry Sue Young know of your willingness. Thank you.***

### **Thank You ...**

*I would like to thank all the church family for their outpouring of love and support during this stressful time. The cards, calls, prayers, visits and delicious food were greatly appreciated. Especially our thanks to Wayne and Jerry for the lovely service they provided and to the church for the beautiful floral arrangement on the communion table. Our love and thanks,*

**Martha Grimsley and Family**