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Senior Pastor

Change is all around us, all the time. I'm amazed (and maybe slightly frightened) at how different the world is for my kids than the world I experienced at their age. One generation removed and I sometimes feel like I'm trying to learn a foreign language. I work hard as a Christ-follower, and as a leader, to be forward thinking as to how the truths of God's word can effectively speak to our changing social environment. So, it may come as a surprise to learn that I don't like change. I like variety! But I don't love change.

Maybe this dynamic is part of the reason why the Lord sent me, and us, down a pathway this past season of considering how so many things within the community of faith have remained consistent through all these centuries. Our worship series, Faces of Community, was a reminder to me that we stand in the middle of a steady tradition, full of consistent principles, that date back to the days of Abraham. Tribes, clans, families, disciples, and churches have consistently lived in light of God's promise, striving to overcome captivity, experiencing deliverance, struggling with waywardness, and discovering God's victory all in more ways than even we can understand or appreciate.

Of course, the specific manifestations of those principles, and the particular applications of God's charge to his community are as diverse as the cultures that God's people encounter. And that, of course, brings us back to change. But change within the Christian church today should never cause a church to lose its roots; that is, its rootedness in the character of God and cooperation in his work in the world. When this is true, change doesn't have to be scary. It can be inconvenient. And it can be uncomfortable. But it doesn't mean that we've wandered away from the consistent pattern of God's people that extends back to that very first "God's people."

The ministries of the past four months and the stories that have been born out of them are uniquely dual. If you read and look carefully, you'll find links back to stories and encounters with God that first appear in the oldest of our Scriptures. They are traditional. They are rooted in our history. They are pictures of the same God, working in the same ways. But, the careful reader may also observe that some of our stories and ministries are reaching out to new situations and scenarios about which the writers of scripture would not have known. You may see cases where the good news of God's work in the world is interacting with our community in entirely new and fresh ways, commensurate with new and fresh challenges. And in the end, I hope you see that the God of the old cultures and old worlds is every bit as relevant and powerful to deal with our new cultures and new world. And that not only for today but for the ever-shifting cultural landscape that the future promises to reveal.

Enjoy this collection of stories. They are the stories of us. We stand in the line of the People of God, centuries in the making. And we give him thanks and praise for calling us his people, and working in and through our lives.

Steven Laufer
SENIOR PASTOR

Executive Director

Our twin grandsons' favorite activity was to stack blocks. Actually, it was to stack blocks, Legos, pots and pans, cushions, or anything else they could find. It was always an adventure to see how high they got before it falls or before one of them decided to crash it all down. Either way, it brought smiles to their faces and sometimes a huge belly laugh. It was never hard to get Papa to join them.

As they are getting older (closing in on three), they are beginning to move from just stacking to building. The twins still laugh about the complete destruction of what they build, but I doubt that will continue as their fine motor skills improve and their finished products take on a shape everyone can recognize. At that point, crashing their creation could cause consternation.

As adults, we operate in the same manner. As our skills improve, we begin to invest and build things that take on great value to us. There is joy in building that often attracts others to join us. And at times things seem to crash around us. But this is where the Lord's presence can restore the joy of being his child, allowing us to pick up and keep building.

2015 seemed to be just one of those years where things figuratively came crashing down with the death of our architect/contractor. And after patient diligence, the waters of the Jordan seem to have parted to allow us to cross over on dry land. In 2018, we will see the remodel of the children's area completed, the pavilion will be completed, the mission training center will be completed along with new signage, modest foyer renovations, and a start on the third-floor renovations. Not to mention a renewed mission statement, updated core values, and vision for the years to come. Seeing all of this progress brings me a great big belly laugh (hopefully, my diet will make that less obvious).

As you read the Focus Reports, enjoy the building updates, but also the more important things that attracted us to the building projects, the ministry happening in them.

Be strong and courageous,

David Mobley
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Facilities Update

Architect Estate Update

Brent Perry and David Mobley attended mediation before a judge on April 11, 2018, concerning the Bryan Estate (our former architect, Robert Bryan passed away suddenly on March 3, 2015). After a long, three-year process that came close to being a “no decision,” UBC has obtained 50% interest in a commercial lot on Hercules Ave. After the property is sold and delinquent taxes on that property are paid, it is estimated that UBC will recover around \$100,000. While the estate and another party at the mediation spent \$100,000 on legal fees, we are grateful that Brent Perry and his firm donated their time to UBC to avoid that kind of expense.

Pavilion

Through generous donations, the pavilion will be completed this summer! The pavilion additions will include a new roof, a food serving area, restrooms and storage areas. Details of the dedication service will be available soon.

New Signs

Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to replace our large corner sign!





Mission Training Center

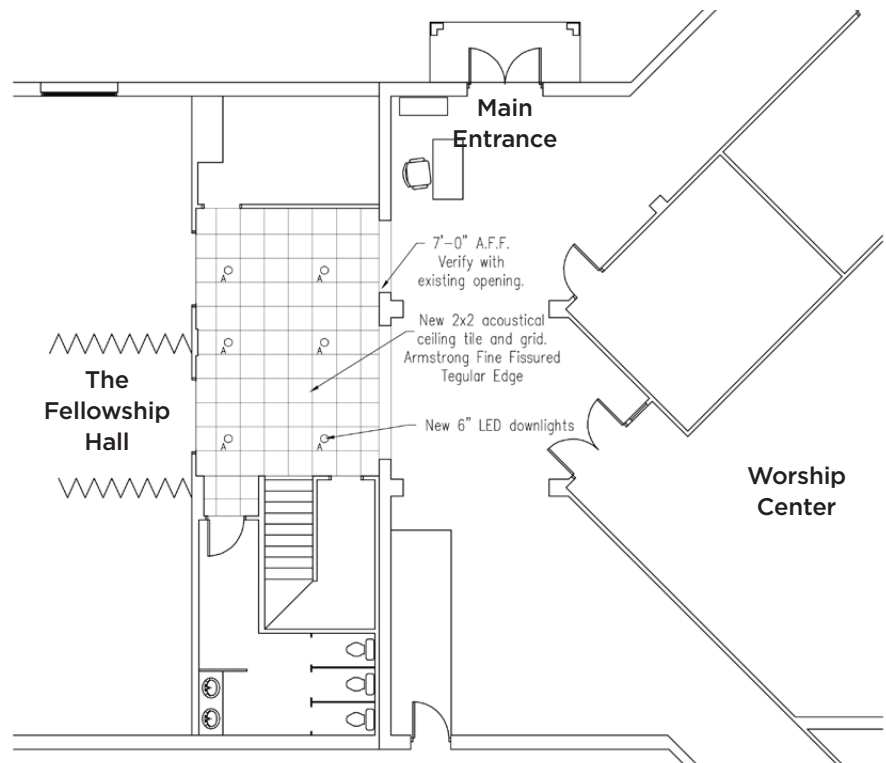
The Mission Training Center (MTC) performed beautifully through the Harvey relief efforts. Because UBC and the MTC provided access to power, trailer hookups, and a willingness to host teams, Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Team set up their command center and supporting equipment here.

Now, through another generous donation, we are completing the interior of the MTC which will have training classrooms, a laundry facility, and bathrooms complete with showers.

Foyer Modifications

If you've ever been caught in the foyer between services, you understand the need to improve our traffic flow. All it takes to increase congestion is for a few people to become unaware as they stop to visit with others in the middle of it all.

Our plans for future building improvements include a spacious foyer and gathering area. But until that happens, we have decided to widen the hallway between the Worship Center and the Fellowship Hall by removing the men's restroom located there. Men will be directed either to the restrooms upstairs or near the pastoral suite. The women's restroom will not be affected. While not ideal, it is the most reasonable short-term solution available. We plan to begin construction after VBS in June.



Serving Ministries

Disaster Relief Efforts

While life for many people of the Bay Area has returned to normal, a lot of recovery work remains to be done. UBC always partners with Texas Baptist Men during times of natural disaster, but hurricane Harvey was different as TBM launched a new initiative around rebuild efforts. We spent the first several months post-Harvey assisting and hosting teams who were cleaning out homes. Next, we transitioned to rebuilding efforts and partnered with TBM on those as well. TBM completed their efforts in the Bay Area at the end of March but is continuing work in the surrounding area known as the Golden Triangle.

The teams brought in by TBM frequently expressed their appreciation for UBC's hospitality. Our members were gracious when working around their sleeping arrangements, our staff was accommodating to their needs and comfort, and our efforts to reach our community through the use of our facilities were noticed. The significant investment we have made in disaster relief efforts, equipment, and facilities was inspirational.



A large crew of college students spent a week staying at UBC and working with TBM to clean out houses destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. Our UBC member, Rex Walheim, shared his testimony and life experiences as an astronaut. Dwain Carter, one of TBM's directors, attended the program with his grandson. After hearing Rex's story, Dwain's grandson had a long conversation with his dad and accepted Christ. It is great how the Lord can even use disasters for his Kingdom purposes!

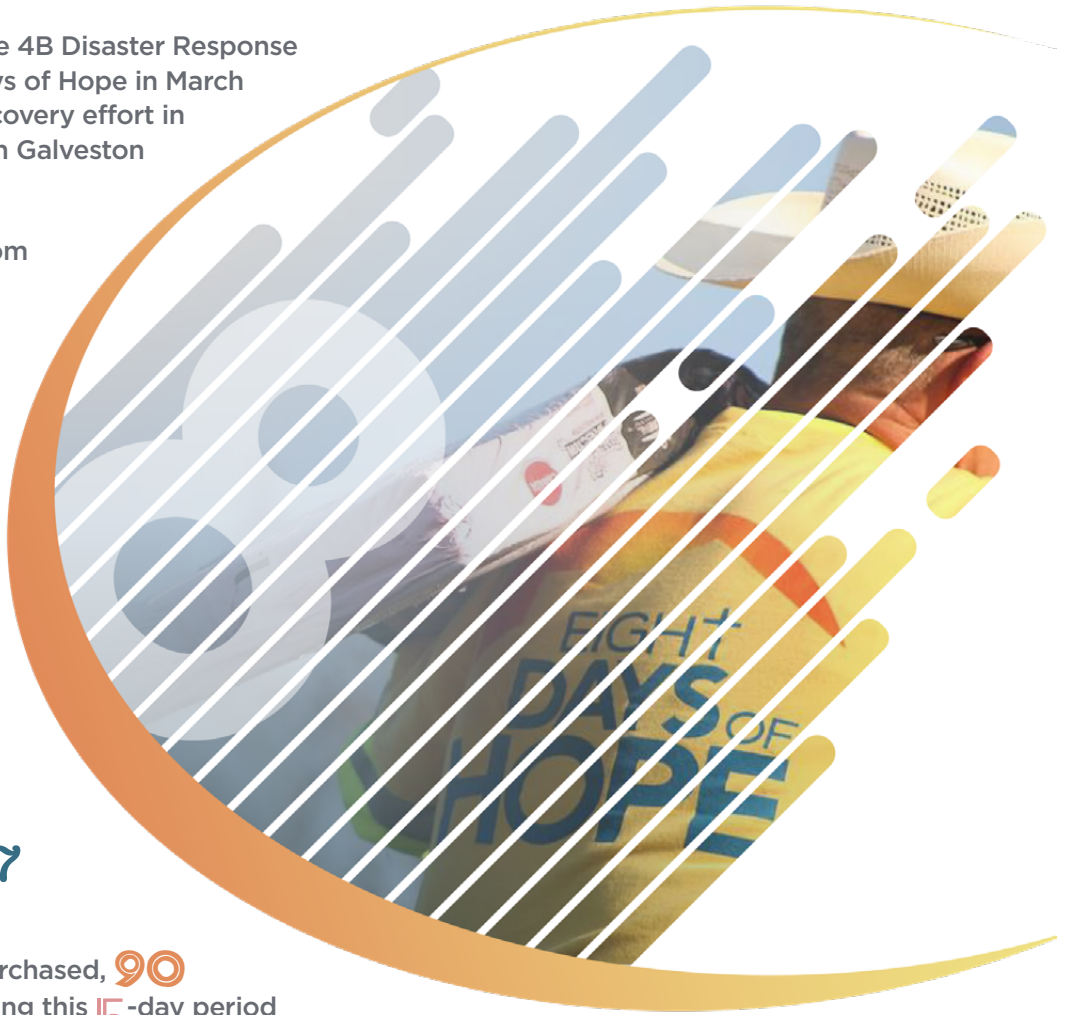


Eight Days of Hope

UBC partnered with the 4B Disaster Response Network and Eight Days of Hope in March for a 15-day Harvey recovery effort in SE Harris County and in Galveston County.

Here are some stats from that massive project:

- **1251** interior home projects completed for **410** families
- Exterior projects completed for **429** families
- Free Furniture and/or appliances provided to **137** families
- **229** kitchens purchased, **90** were installed during this **15**-day period



Total # of Families served: **844**

Total financial value of work completed: more than

\$10,000,000

WBS Group Highlight

The Believer's Odyssey WBS group has recently begun to serve with our partners at The Bridge Over Troubled Waters. This partnership serves as a great example of how a WBS group can engage in meaningful service projects together. The Bridge is a shelter for women and children who have survived domestic abuse and violence. The Believer's Odyssey took it upon themselves to say "Thank You" to the staff at The Bridge on Administrative Professionals Day in April. Believer's Odyssey members took baked goods to the team, along with notes of encouragement and thankfulness for their work on behalf of women and children. Because April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, UBC hosted a pop-up art table in the Fellowship Hall on April 29 where churchgoers could make "God loves you" notes to families living at The Bridge. We are grateful for our local partners and are thrilled when UBC small groups collaborate with them.

Anna and Louis Kang (thehousela.com)

We were delighted to host Anna and Louis Kang and their children at UBC the weekend after Easter. The Kangs are our new church planting partners who lead a two-year-old church in downtown Los Angeles called The House LA. It is so valuable to partner with the Kangs because they help us understand how a church engages people in a post-Christian, diverse, and highly pluralistic part of the country. They are learning to address community needs without being able to rely on a Christian subculture. They are preaching Jesus' gospel of reconciliation and peace, which is timeless, but they must share in a way that addresses the breadth of social and political issues present in the heart of Los Angeles. Please pray for the Kangs to have discernment and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance.



Super Bowl Party

UBC volunteers, in collaboration with 1000 Hills Ministry, hosted a Super Bowl party in the Third Ward for homeless people in that area. The event began with a circle of prayer around the tent to remember God during this sporting event. It was beautiful and awkward all at the same time. Then the crowd put on their team shirts and divided into two partisan sides inside the tent for a fun and enthusiastic evening. More than 85 people were able to watch a game that most of us take for granted. Thank you for giving this community something to cheer about!



Buckner Spring Break Serving Trip

This was the third year UBC volunteers served in the colonia of Penitas, Texas, west of Mission. This serving trip continues to be a tremendous intergenerational opportunity that provides serving components for all ages. We taught “Business 101” classes to local entrepreneurs and provided personalized business coaching. We led Kingdom Care for infants and toddlers, and a soccer camp/VBS for older children. In addition, a construction team built a house with a local family. Partnership is the key to this endeavor.

We continue to be impressed with the Buckner Family Hope Center model in their community that addresses social, spiritual, and physical needs and we are glad to be one of their church partners. At the build site this year we collaborated with Valley Ranch Baptist Church from Dallas and enjoyed building new relationships with a like-minded group of people.

In April, UBC hosted Javier Perez, Director of Buckner International Ministries, in both services. If you are interested in joining us Spring Break 2019, please contact aglenn@ubc.org. For more about the Buckner Family Hope Center in Penitas, go to: www.buckner.org/rio-grande-valley.



Care Ministries

GriefShare Provides Hope for the Future

This spring, UBC has continued to host a GriefShare support group. During the past 18 months, a combined total of forty-six participants have shared in this important ministry to people who have lost a loved one. Gordon Williams and Cathey Leonard, both of whom lost a spouse in 2015, have attended the Grief Share sessions not only as participants but also as facilitators. In a recent conversation, Gordon and Cathey shared some insights they have gained from attending and facilitating a Grief Share support group. “Talking with people who have had common experiences of loss has helped us to better understand what we are experiencing and remind us that we are not alone in our grief.” They also shared, “The daily Bible exercises in the Grief Share workbook, as well as the videos, have been beneficial because they have helped us to heal.” To read more insights from Gordon and Cathey and find out more about how to join GriefShare, visit www.ubc.org/griefshare.

Apprentice Groups

WE DID IT! For the third consecutive year, we gathered together to form short-term small groups for our Lenten season Apprentice Initiative. These small groups, called Apprentice Groups, each met one evening a week through the spring and were led by group facilitators. Apprentice Groups met either at UBC or in homes around Clear Lake, Friendswood, El Lago/ Seabrook, and South Shore Harbor/League City. And IT WAS BEAUTIFUL.

The book we used as our focus material for this initiative, *The Good and Beautiful Community*, was the third in a series of books by James Bryan Smith. The previous two books, *The Good and Beautiful God* and *The Good and Beautiful Life*, were utilized by Apprentice Groups the past two Lenten seasons. The format for the group time included a time of focused silence, followed by sharing about the soul-training exercise for the week, a group discussion of the topic using questions written by different authors, an examination of the Biblical teaching around the topic, and a wrap-up.

While some were skeptical that this format would be successful, I don't think any of us thought that we would have such an excellent response to the groups. But as UBCers often do, we responded with passion and energy.


Each year, around 275 – 325 adults have engaged in 25 – 30 Apprentice Groups. The groups were led by UBC volunteers and staff. The stories we heard were incredible. Stories of new and growing relationships, stories of cross-generational appreciation, stories of continued discussions about Dr. Laufer's sermons and how they often seemed to tie in with the group discussion, stories of groups praying for one another, particularly people who were going through difficult times, and stories of growth and energy in one's personal Christ-following journey. They weren't all happy stories, but they were very good stories.

One of the driving forces in the initial days of the initiative was a small group of people who had, in prior years, met together and navigated through the entire Good and Beautiful book series. Several of those people, including the Skeeters, the Whitlocks, and the Duttons, stepped up to lead groups.


For a list of all the group facilitators, please see page 39 of this Focus Book.

At the Leader Appreciation Lunch, I shared with the 75 or so leaders and their families what I believe to be five major ways the Apprentice Groups Initiative has had an impact on our church family.

1. It has given us a greater appreciation for groups and new relationships.
2. It has helped us think about Bible study in some new ways, letting the material "teach," with the focus on experience.
3. It has added new and deeper meaning to discipleship, seen particularly in the practice of soul-training exercises.
4. It has increased our understanding of the value of small groups that have a beginning and an ending, rather than those that are "continually continuous."



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5. We have been reminded of the ongoing call on all of us, not to try harder, but to surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit that transforms us by the renewing of our minds in Christ Jesus.

The impact, of course, is broader than this list, but the truth is, we stepped out of our comfort zone and, some would say, with unrealistic expectations. We tried something new and different, not to be new and different, but because we believed God was leading us in this direction. The Good and Beautiful God blessed our efforts as he spoke into our lives and our groups, even as we sought him. We say thanks to all who helped make it happen, and thanks be to God for the things he has done through it all.

Rick Carpenter

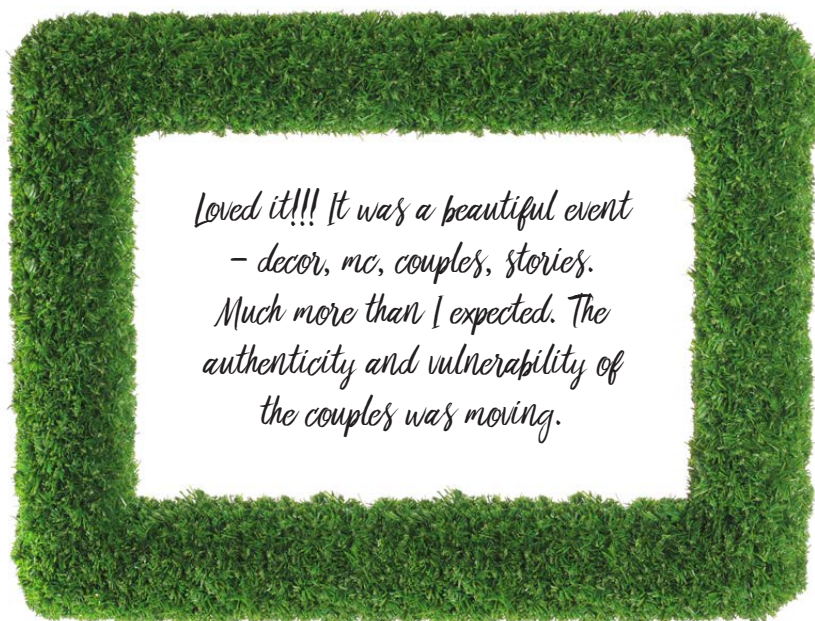
Faith@Home

The Grass Is Greener Where You Water It!

On Friday evening, April 13, UBC hosted a marriage event: The Grass Is Greener Where You Water It. More than 220 couples attended! Our dinner was catered by Robinette and Company and UBC Food Services with table service provided by volunteers from our Student Ministry. Cory Thompson was our Master of Ceremonies, and four couples from UBC, Charles and Van Roberson, Jim and Deborah Horne, Jeff and Cathy Wynn, and Will and Michelle Tanner, shared stories of hope from their marriages.

This event has been in planning since 2017, when the Faith@Home Ministry began to brainstorm ways to create an intentional evening for couples to focus on their marriages. Melissa Dutton and Holly Sincox, along with their team Julie and Stephen Willis, Adrienne Felterman, Lea and Jason Bodie, Michelle Tanner and the event decorator Rachel Spezzapria, spent months planning and praying for the event. A video was created featuring each of the four panel couples sharing what “the grass is greener” meant to them. In the weeks leading up to the event, bookmarks were created and distributed to WBS classes and throughout UBC. The bookmarks were designed to both promote the event and help couples begin to think about how important it is to tend to their marriage. The Faith@Home team was overwhelmed with the positive response to the event, which sold out in just a few weeks’ time and had a waiting list of couples hoping to be able to attend.

A fairy light garden party full of candles and greenery transformed the Chapel the night of the event. There was a photo station for couples to document their night out. The theme of the evening was the importance of community in marriage. Judging by the smiles and positive feedback we have received from couples in attendance, the evening was a huge success.



FAITH@HOME UPDATES

Faith Partners

Our Faith Partners continue to meet together to learn new ways to connect with people who are hurting. Many of our Faith Partners are walking alongside individuals who are hurting, encouraging and praying with them. If needed, Faith Partners are able to suggest other resources that individuals may need.

Faith Partners always point to the peace of Christ, and they do this as trained, confidential faith partners.

The Porch

Did you know that there are brochures located at The Porch in the Fellowship Hall that address a variety of life situations? As people visit The Porch on Sundays and throughout the week, they can peruse the topics and take what they need. Each brochure includes some brief information about the subject and adds additional resources that can help. The Porch has been open for just over three years, and there have been over 2,300 brochures taken. Just imagine how many people have been helped in some way!

Marriage Team

The purpose of the Faith@Home's Marriage Team is to support and encourage healthy marriages. The lay leader of this team, Holly Sincox, has done an outstanding job. The lay team members are Adrienne Felterman, Lea Bodie, Rachel Spezzapria, Michelle Tanner, Julie Willis, and Stephen Willis. The staff member is Melissa Dutton. This team is currently implementing a six-month marriage focus which began with the marriage event, The Grass is Greener Where You Water It. Upcoming events include two marriage panels, a night at Topgolf, a Backyard Pizza Party, and small groups learning about the Five Love Languages.

Parent Forums:

In today's world, there are many tough topics for parents to tackle. This spring, we have focused on helping our parents address hard subjects with their teenagers by giving parents current and relevant information about these important life topics. Faith@Home worked with an organization, Invest in People, Not Pixels, for two connected events to give parents information about how to have loving and empathetic conversations about healthy sexuality that can empower their kids against the dangers of pornography.

Date Nights

It is important to be intentional about dating your spouse. On February 9 and April 27, Faith@Home coordinated with other ministries to encourage couples to go on a date while our family ministry teams cared for their kids. Preschool Ministries offered Kingdom Care, Children's Ministries offered fun activities for kids, and Student Ministries provided Late Night, a fun night at Putt-Putt Fun House and Bay Area Raceway, for intermediate school students. In line with Faith@Home's spring focus, "the grass is greener where you water it," Date Nights gave couples the opportunity to have conversations about their marriage and to make sure that they are good groundskeepers!





Adult Ministries

UBC Men

Over the past several months, UBC Men hosted two Saturday morning breakfasts. The first, on February 10, featured a presentation by Shane Kimbrough about his time on the International Space Station. A discussion followed among the 50 or so who attended. On April 21, we combined our breakfast with a work day. We were able to help with some projects around the church campus including touching up wall paint, clearing dead brush, and preparing materials in the Mission Training Center for summer activities. UBC Men continues to grow and thrive.

New Groups

Part of the ongoing development of our groups at UBC includes regularly starting short and long-term groups. Three new groups launched just after Easter are designed to equip our church family with practical tools for life. The spring session of Financial Peace University is off to a great start and includes several families from outside our church. This 9-week course is a great way to learn how to manage your finances and stay on track with achievable personal goals. In mid-April, Nate Wirt led a two-week training titled Everyday Evangelism. A key component to our continued growth as a church is to make sure members are equipped with practical ways to share their faith. Also, Rick Wright began a Sunday morning men's group during the 9:30 hour that is working through the first installment of the popular "33 Series." Rick's group is an ongoing study that is open to all men.



Women's Ministries

Women's Groups

Women gathered in groups this spring to study God's Word.

Those who joined Thinking Faith Academy (TFA) can write an overview of the entire Bible on a napkin in five minutes. They really can! In the fall, TFA will drill down into the Old Testament. Join us!

Many also enjoyed a Tuesday morning group led by Kathy Bailey that ended with a fun potluck luncheon hosted by Debbie Hampton. Andi Stephens led the Precepts group on Thursday mornings. Holly Sincox led a group on Wednesday evenings that dove into 1 & 2 John.

Embrace Grace met on Wednesday evenings as well, welcoming young single moms.

Groups for women also meet on Sunday mornings at both hours. There is a place for you in Women's Ministry.

Women's Retreat Camp Allen, Navasota

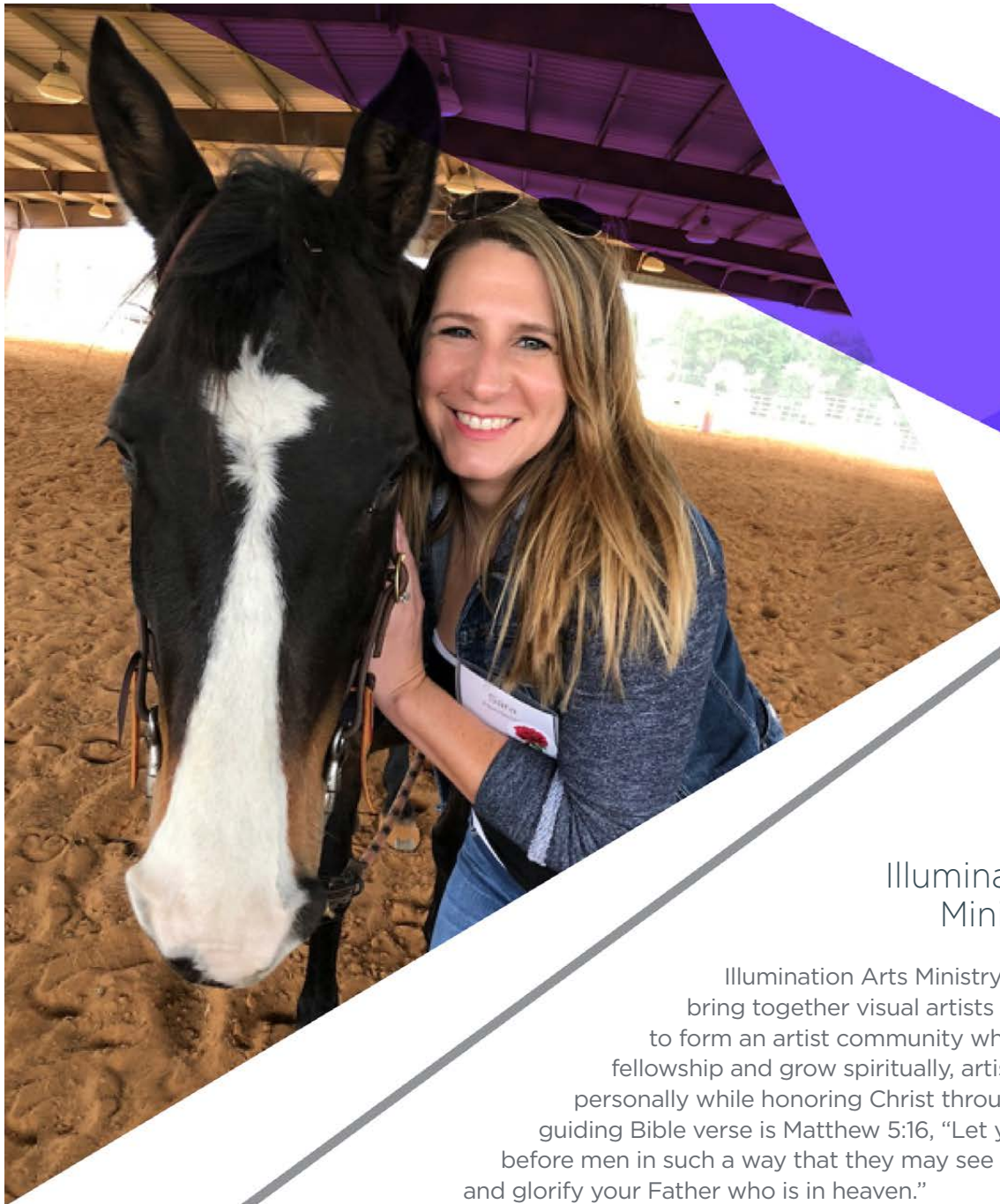
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It was an honor to invite former UBC member, Joy Deason, to be our speaker for the 2018 Women's Retreat! Joy shared with us her 30+ years of experience tackling personality differences. We learned how we are 'wired' and how others are wired too. We are very different from each other, and that's a good thing! Joy gave us helpful tools to deal with stress that most found to be immediately useful. One woman said, "I wish I had known about this 30 years ago when my husband and I first married!" There were many, many Aha! moments during the weekend.

Jenny Verghese and Sara Henderson led worship, and the mighty Women's Events Team kept everything running smoothly.

Aside from all the Aha!'s, we enjoyed the gorgeous facilities at Camp Allen: woods, trails, lakes, horses, birds, flowers, unlimited coffee, comfy couches. We enjoyed structured devotion time, prayer according to personality types (who knew!), and a lot of fun together. Next year's retreat will be at Camp Allen again, so stay tuned for details.





Illumination Arts Ministry

Illumination Arts Ministry's mission is to bring together visual artists and art lovers to form an artist community where we can fellowship and grow spiritually, artistically and personally while honoring Christ through art. Our guiding Bible verse is Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

We have met monthly since September 2016. The meetings offer a place for people to learn from guest artists who tell their story and teach their art form. There have been incredible guest artists this year. TJ Dyer taught us about drawing, Julie Ranna showed us how to recycle old crayons to make beautiful Christmas ornaments, Kristan King presented the art of graphic design, Merlyn Brown told us a story through quilting and fabric art, and photographer Andy Wilson shared his secrets of how to take better photos with your phone. This summer Megan True Blum will share her experience doing live paintings, jewelry artist Annette Kinslow will teach us wire jewelry design, photographer Andy Wilson will be back to present the history of photography, and Allie Demers will show us hand lettering.

We are overjoyed to share our love of art and help UBC and community guests experience the fulfillment of worshiping God through creativity.

Student Ministries

Kyle's Sabbatical

I have a problem with carrying burdens. Not just my burden, but burdens that belong to others. This is especially true for those around me I feel a responsibility towards, even if I may not be directly responsible for them. Because of that, my sabbatical could not have come at a better time.

After Harvey, I carried a weight that just seemed to keep pressing down on me. That pressure pushed right into Fall Retreat (November) and continued through Vision Weekend (January). It felt like I had not had a moment to breathe since May of 2017 when the hard push of summer began and didn't slow down. With all that piled up on my plate, my family life was taking a significant turn. Mary Michele was opening her store. We spent two hard months working on relief efforts at UBC before we were able to move a lot of the work to Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief team. Those hard two months pushed all of our lives out of whack for the entire fall semester and that stress continued into the spring of 2018. I was physically, emotionally, and spiritually tired.

I made the decision that my time on sabbatical would be spent at home with my family. In the last few months, I seemed to be gone or preoccupied when I was with them. There were a lot of projects that needed to be completed, and I wanted to be present with my kids. I had also planned a trip to Waco to visit family.

Over the next few weeks, I spent time training my four-legged friends. In many ways, this is the best stress reliever I have. As a youth minister, there is little immediate impact seen in my work. The results from the work we do are visible when our students leave their home and have the ability to make their own decisions entirely.

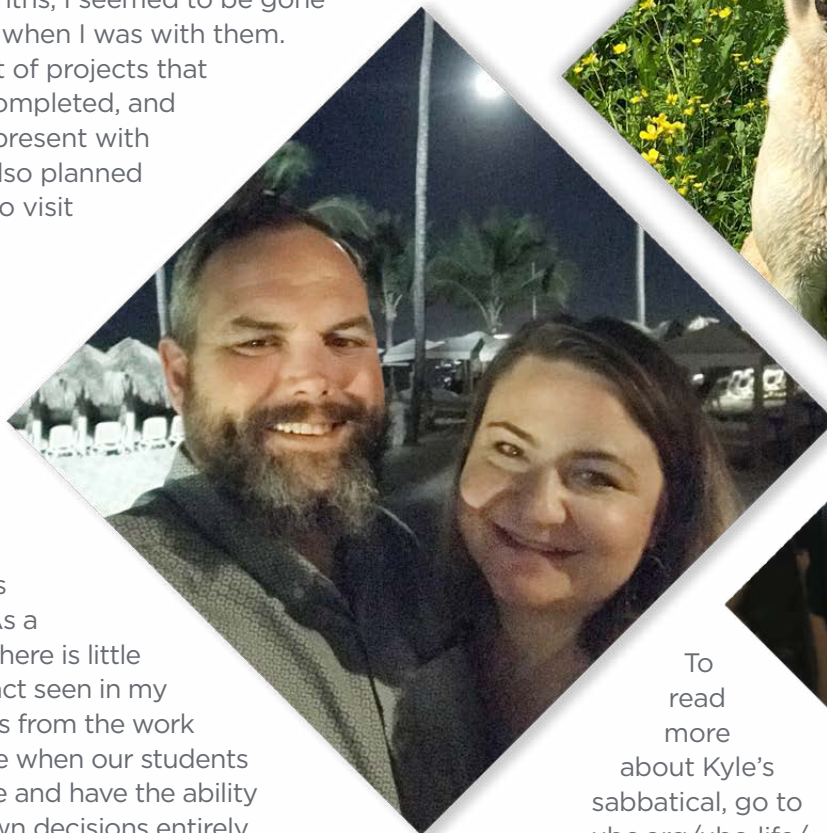
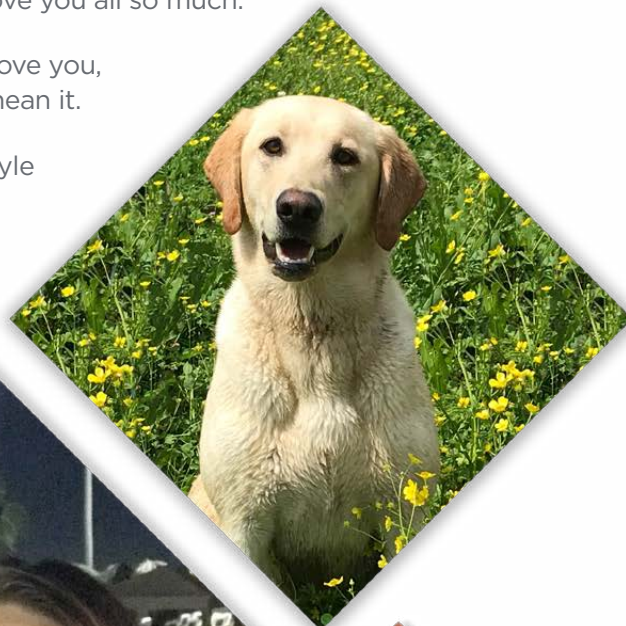
Some are hard to watch, but others make me proud. That only happens years after they have been here. That is the fortunate part of being somewhere for ten years. I have been able to watch our students grow. Dogs are different. They seek to please you. Teenagers...not so much. I can spend a few days or weeks with a dog and teach them a new concept. After a short while, they have it.

Then we teach them the next concept and the next and the next. All of which builds up to this little animal having the ability to do some pretty incredible things. My time spent in the field with no one else around besides my labs and the quiet is a spiritual experience of solitude and rest. I have spent many days sitting on the back of my tailgate in deep conversation with God.

It is the truest of blessings for UBC to grant their staff these sabbaticals. It is just one of the many, many, many reasons I love you all so much.

Love you,
mean it.

Kyle



To read more about Kyle's sabbatical, go to ubc.org/ubc-life/.



**WHERE CAN
YOU
BE THE
LIGHT?**

Vision

This year at Vision we challenged our students to think about what it means to be light in a dark world. Asking them to use Christ as their example, how can we bring hope, clarity, and comfort to those living in darkness? What is our responsibility as Christians when we encounter darkness? And what kind of difference can we make when we live boldly for Christ? They are simple questions that explode with possibility, especially when we think that every day we send our students into an environment that is far from the protection of the home. Our students dreamed of how they can be the light of Christ where they live, work, and play.

Student Groups

1 John 1:7 promises that if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we will have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Student Ministries has been walking in the light by pulling back the veil of deception and living counter-culturally through home discipleship groups and cultivating fellowship with one another.

The high school girls have been meeting in home groups since the fall and have focused on God's Word to discover that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. They have worked through the book *Lies Young Women Believe*. These girls are learning that their lives are hidden in Christ, and they are new creations with their truest beauty coming from the indwelling Spirit.

Our high school boys have also been meeting in home groups that began in late fall. They have diligently focused their lives on scriptures relating to holiness, sexual temptations, and self-control. The book that has accompanied their discipleship discussion has been *Every Young Man's Battle*. Speaking with complete transparency, these young men are walking in the light as they discuss the relevant issues that all teens are facing ranging from relationships to pornography. Recently, the older high school group were able to get a glimpse of what lurks in the darkness on a recent field trip with the group *Elijah Rising*. They saw how the evil of pornography is directly connected to the evil of human sex trafficking in Houston. Pornography is one of the most significant sources of immorality for this generation, and that is why we are continuing the conversation about this topic and will shine the light on all that has been distorted.

Our Student Ministry remains committed to training the next generation to live Godly lifestyles, teaching students to say yes to Jesus and no to the father of lies. May we as a church (Student Ministry included) continue to put on the full armor of God (Eph 6) and be imitators of God in all areas of our lives- those public and private (Eph 5:1).



These young men at UBC desire to stay committed to God's word, living a holy, countercultural lifestyle and the experience with Elijah Rising further catapulted them to live out their faith even more.

Children's Ministries

The start of 2018 was tough for me. I appreciate those who have ministered to me through cards, meals, and taken a moment to ask me how my hands are healing. Thank you so very much! I say this often, and I will say it again...UBC is an amazing family!

Sunday mornings continue to be full of energy and excitement in Children's Ministry. I invite you to come by and see our kids and leaders in action: acting out Bible stories and puppet skits, playing Bible games, working on craft "masterpieces," watching Bible story and application videos, singing, and laughing. The conversation and guidance between the leaders and kids are impressive. Children's Ministry WBS and Kids' Church are such FUN places to be on Sunday mornings. And by the way, our volunteers are some of the best on the planet!

We have made it our mission this spring to reach out to those kids and families who have been MIA with phone calls, cards, and emails. We are blessed to have leaders who have embraced this mission and have made countless contacts. It has been fun to see some of them "back in the pack!"

-Karen Murphy
Associate Pastor of Children's Ministries

UBC KIDS LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS:

Girls in Action

The Girls in Action (GAs) have been learning about missionaries in Russia, New Orleans, and the Amazon. We had a Saturday service project in February at the Joy Fellowship Center in Houston. We organized their clothing pantry, helped stock their food pantry, and learned about the outreach they do in their community. We also helped with the Easter Springtacular for preschoolers with a paper "stained-glass" cross craft and cookie decorating.

We had three missionary speakers talk to the GA's throughout the spring. Todd Hamilton (Uncle Todd) spoke about his mission work in the Philippines, Hilary Morris (aunt of one of our GAs, Emily Simmons) shared about her mission work in the Middle East, and Jenny Johnson (mom of 2 GAs, Deztimee & Dezira) talked about her summer missionary work in New Orleans.

We are planning to take some of our older girls to GA camp in July.



Royal Ambassadors

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is the boys' mission education group at UBC. Our focus is to learn how and where God is working in the world through missions and missionaries, but more importantly to learn to be ready to answer his invitation to join God in that work. This spring the group has averaged 27 boys and five adult volunteers each week. The boys' ages range from 1st to 10th grade, with the 10 young men in the 6th-10th grades serving as youth leaders. We are grateful for the willingness of the youth leaders to invest their time each week working with the younger men.

In January, 23 boys and girls participated in the UBC Pinewood Derby race with many family members and friends on hand to cheer them on. Also this spring, representatives from several of UBC serving trips shared about what God is doing through these mission projects, helping the boys learn about these efforts and how families can participate. Aaron Glenn and his children shared about the work of Buckner International in the Rio Grande Valley and about the Spring Break Trip Buckner trip. Others who shared about their mission efforts included Jeff Dutton, Luke Bernal, Kirk Heuser, Steve Ebell and Coach Dave Ward.

Two key areas of focus for RAs are "to have a Christ-like concern for all people" and "to work with others in sharing Christ." In March, the boys had a chance to meet some college students from Durango, Colorado, who were in town to help with Harvey Rebuild and were staying at UBC. The college students were a real-life example and a great encouragement to the boys to be on mission for God.



Chorus Kids

Our Chorus Kids have worked on six hymns throughout the year. This spring, we have been focused on our musical presentation, "Not Your Average Joe." This presentation is more than a performance for us, it is an opportunity to lead our families and friends in worship through music, drama, and movement. In addition to learning the musical songs, most of our 3rd - 5th graders have worked on special drama parts and choreography. Our musical was presented May 6.



Children's Handbell Choirs In Concert

Music portrays emotion and can very often depict a musical story. This was the case in the presentation of "Moses and The Perfect Ten" presented by our three children's handbell choirs on April 29. Rick Carpenter narrated the story through the eyes of Moses' staff, appropriately named "Rod." The music provided sound effects and musical pictures as the story unfolded. The Hangar was packed with over 100 members of proud families and friends who enjoyed sharing with our 24 young ringers and their seven leaders for this culmination of their spring semester. It was a fun way for the children to learn new ringing techniques, as well as hear once again the struggles that Moses had on his path to obeying God. Thank you to all who participated!



Bible Drill

Each week, 10-14 kids (4th and 5th graders) worked hard during Bible Drill to prepare for local, state, and area competitions. They used games and activities to help them memorize the names of all 66 books of the Bible, 25 verses, and 10 key passages. Also, they had to master finding those items in their Bibles within 10 seconds! WOW!

On March 4, UBC held our Church Drill. Drillers included Harris Broddle, Hannah Foster, Carley Hayes, Jared Jochim, Deztee Johnson, Chloe Martin, Coco Newmyer, Tucker Padron and Tanner Pyle.

Those who went on to the Association Drill on March 25 included Hannah Foster, Carley Hayes, Chloe Martin, Tucker Padron and Tanner Pyle. Harris Broddle also qualified but was not able to attend.

On Friday, April 13, the State Bible Drill was held at Tallowood Baptist Church. Tucker Padron received State Honorable Mention, Carley Hayes and Chloe Martin each received State Good, and Tanner Pyle received State Excellent. We are very proud of our UBC drillers this year!



Preschool Ministries

Easter Springtacular

On March 24, Preschool Ministries welcomed the spring season with our annual Easter Springtacular. We enjoyed free hot dogs and popcorn as families gathered for fun and photo ops.

Chickens and bunnies and goats, oh my! Perhaps the most fun happens at the ever-popular petting zoo. Filled with small animals their size, it's a treat for a young child to hold a fuzzy duck or a turtle.

The pony rides are a delight as is the train ride. The inflatables provide a bouncing good time, and you're always a winner at the relay races and duck pond. You'll find a lot of creativity at the face painting table and with Alejandro, the balloon artist. Crafts and cookie decorating are enjoyed by all, hosted by UBC's Girls in Action.

When the clock strikes 11 am, it's time to begin the first anticipated egg hunt. Divided into age groups, children gathered over 4,000 colorful eggs into Easter baskets. Inside each egg, they found candy, bubbles, stickers, and more.

After the organized fun was over, it was nice to see so many families stay and play on the playground.

Many thanks to those who stuffed and taped thousands of eggs, and to those who served our families and guests during the event. It's enjoyable to welcome spring and know the celebration of our risen Savior will soon come.





Right at Home Moms

What's it like to be married to me? That's a dangerous question, but it was only one of many questions 15 women gathered to discuss in an incredible study during our spring semester of Right at Home Moms. As we searched scripture and read the book *What's It Like to Be Married to Me?* by Linda Dillow, we had an honest conversation and chose to set the goal for a better marriage.

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“I am so grateful for God's presence this semester,” said Erin True, facilitator for this study. “When moms and wives begin to look in the mirror and ask spiritual questions, it begins a wonderful season of personal growth. The women this semester had opened up and been vulnerable in a beautiful way. The group was then able to meet this vulnerability and pain with prayers, encouragement, and love.”

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Throughout the semester we gathered for play dates, a mom's night out, freezer meal swaps, and a class on money-saving ideas and meal planning.

On March 25, our annual Bargain Sale and Market raised over \$2,100. The monies help offset the cost of Kingdom Care and Bible study materials for this ministry. Throughout the Chapel and Fellowship Hall, 17 vendors participated in selling gently-used baby items, home décor, beauty products, vinyl applique, stationery, and much more. The next morning, our Sunday Bake Sale brought hungry tummies to purchase cookies, muffins, and other delicious desserts. Many thanks to Jill Tatum, who coordinates this large undertaking!

Right at Home Moms is a family ministry of UBC designed to support mothers of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who are modifying their work schedule or leaving the workplace to stay home and raise their children. Our goal is to help new moms find practical Bible study, genuine encouragement, time to refresh their spirit, and a network of Godly friends in a similar phase of life. We believe that motherhood is the hardest but most fulfilling work you'll ever find!

Learn more about RAHM and upcoming studies at
www.ubc.org/right-at-home-moms.

Weekday Ministries



Missions:

Every month, Weekday students find a tangible way to show the love of Jesus to others here at UBC, in our community, and around the world. In February, the students made Valentine cards with their families for the widows in our congregation. The deacons were kind enough to pass them out for us, and we heard that the widows were thrilled to receive the Valentines. In March, the children learned about Walden Garden and how it helps feed hungry people right here in our community. They painted flower pots with their teachers and sold the flower pots for \$1, along with chive and basil seeds. The sale earned \$124 for Walden Garden to use to continue providing fresh food for the Clear Lake Food Pantry. In April, we learned 1 in 10 people in our world don't have access to clean water. We read an amazing book called *Lulu and the Long Walk* to help us understand. Then the students went home and brainstormed ways to earn change to bring in to our water jug. We raised \$185.67 to be donated to Living Water International to help them bring clean water in Jesus' Name to the thirsty in our world.



Flowering of the Cross:

Each year, everyone's favorite chapel week is Flowering of the Cross. At chapel during Holy Week, the students are invited to bring in a fresh flower. When they arrive at chapel, the old, rugged cross is laid out for them to see. The children hear how, like this ugly, bare cross, our lives are empty and sad without Jesus. One by one, the students are invited to come to the cross with their flowers. With the help of their teachers, the children decorate the cross with their multi-colored blooms. Everyone in Chapel sings "God is So Good" as the cross is raised for all to see. The cross's transformation awes everyone as we sing God's praises and stare at the beauty of the blooming cross. We celebrate Jesus being alive, our Eternal Savior, and the beauty this truth brings to our lives. It's a perfect visual for young and old alike as we worship each Easter. After the Flowering of the Cross is over, we partner with the Deacons who take the flowers in vases to the widows of the church.

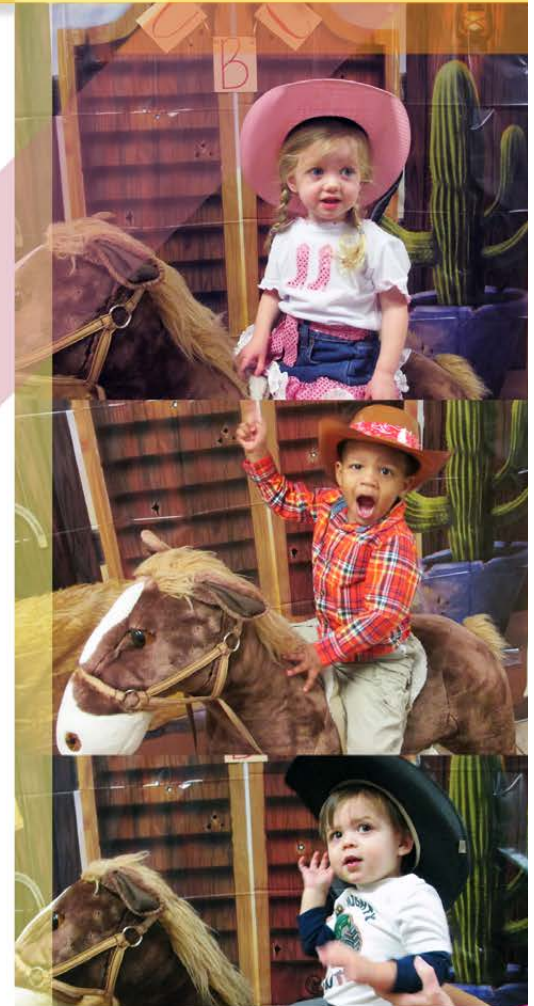


Weekday Pizza Night and Art Show

On April 12, Weekday Ministries hosted our annual Pizza Night and Art Show. Families come to one of two sessions to fellowship together and see some amazing art created by some even more amazing preschoolers! It's always a fun night...we have the opportunity to not only visit with current children in our program, but also their older brothers and sisters who have moved on to elementary school!

Rodeo Day:

We can't grow up in Texas without a little Rodeo Day fun! The children dressed in the finest western wear for school on February 22nd. In class, they played farm and rodeo games to learn more about our Texas heritage. They made cacti art, painted bluebonnets with their sweet fingerprints, and used mini lassos to paint abstract art. The most exciting part was the horse who was ready and willing to take on riders for a photo op at the UBC corral. There's no doubt about it, we definitely have the cutest cowpokes in town!



Registration:

It's only April, but we already have 151 students registered for the 2018-2019 school year! That means we only have 5 slots open throughout the program. Wow! This year, we utilized the Shelby Next program to streamline the registration process. Parents loved not having to keep up with paperwork and being able to enroll and pay the registration fee with just a few clicks through the UBC website. The positive feedback was overwhelming, and we're excited to have made registration easier and more accessible to both our new and returning families.



Worship Ministries

9:30

This spring has been an exciting semester for the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Chamber Singers, and Handbells.

UBC is blessed to have such fine musicians to lead weekly in worship. The Lenten season brought us to focus on our journeys with Jesus Christ. The various worship experiences during this season aided us in this journey.

Thank you 9:30 family for your joyous singing each week.

New Record!

Sound of Light, the contemporary worship band, is preparing a new instrumental hymn and spiritual song record that will be paired with a series of devotionals for meditation and reflections. The team is excited to share this with the church, a community who engages with both traditional and contemporary worship.

We hope this will be a tool for people to connect in worship with the Lord, not just on Sunday morning, but in their home, in a coffee shop, in the car, and with friends and family.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

On April 16, Sound of Light went to Dickinson High School to team up with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for a rally night. We had the honor of leading worship for over 100 students. Saleim Kahleh was the speaker and shared his story of finding his faith. God moved in amazing ways that night. Fourteen students chose to follow Christ and more than 20 students rededicated their life to the Lord.

It is one of my great joys to see this generation passionately pursuing God and encountering all that God has for them to do in their communities and schools. I have a passion to empower and utilize students in our worship ministry. We were able to use some of our high schoolers to lead worship at this event!

-Ben Sandstrom



Attendance Report

WORSHIP AVERAGES			
	9:30	11:00	Totals
Jan-Apr 2017	617	397	1014
Jan-Apr 2018	567	405	972

ADULT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Jan-Apr 2017	788	382
Jan-Apr 2018	862	384

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Jan-Apr 2017	571	203
Jan-Apr 2018	424	192

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Jan-Apr 2017	409	150
Jan-Apr 2018	392	146

STUDENT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Jan-Apr 2017	340	142
Jan-Apr 2018	429	161

PRESCHOOL AVG.	JAN-APR 2018
Praise Kids Choirs	33
Mission Friends	12
Easter Springtacular	500+
Egg Stuffing Event	40
Right At Home Moms Ministry	16
Right At Home Moms Bargain Sale	200+

CHILDREN'S AVG.	JAN-APR 2018
Chorus Kids	51
Handbells	26
Bible Blast/Drill	26
Royal Ambassadors (RA)	28
Girls in Action (GA)	28
Handbell Concert (4.29.18)	100+

ADULT EVENT TOTALS	JAN-APR 2018
Women's Retreat	55
Hymn Sing	100
Marriage Event	220
Men's Breakfast	50+

STUDENT MINISTRY AVG.	JAN-APR 2018
Vision	175+
IS Late Night	50
Crave	30+
Merge	20+

Financial Report

University Baptist Church 7 Months October 2017 to April 2018 (58%)

	Actual	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget Spent
Budgetary Contributions	\$2,465,355			
Ministry Contributions	\$11,399			
Other Income	\$7,924			
Total Revenue	\$2,484,678			
Missions Ministry	\$246,535	\$365,000	\$118,465	67.54%
Communications Ministry	\$56,351	\$104,000	\$47,649	54.18%
Serving Ministries	\$8,969	\$27,850	\$18,881	32.21%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$24,085	\$52,800	\$28,715	45.61%
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$13,119	\$23,150	\$10,031	56.67%
Adult Ministry	\$24,975	\$85,700	\$60,725	29.14%
Student Ministry	\$17,792	\$57,000	\$39,208	31.21%
Children Ministry	\$10,260	\$45,900	\$35,640	22.35%
Preschool Ministry	\$7,576	\$23,600	\$16,025	32.10%
Total Ministry	\$409,662	\$785,000	\$375,338	52.19%
Administration	\$116,389	\$191,000	\$74,611	60.94%
Personnel	\$1,196,286	\$2,189,000	\$992,714	54.65%
Total Administration	\$1,312,675	\$2,380,000	\$1,067,325	55.15%
Facility	\$261,663	\$485,000	\$223,337	53.95%
Capital Improvements	\$3,606	\$0	(\$3,606)	
Total Facility & CP & Funding	\$265,269	\$485,000	\$219,731	54.69%
Total Expenditures	\$1,987,606	\$3,650,000	\$1,662,394	54.45%
Net Income	\$497,072			
	Begin	Activity	End	
Designated Funds	\$513,748	\$370,261	\$884,009	
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Reserve Funds	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	
Unrestricted Funds			\$626,587	
Total Cash & Investments			\$2,010,596	
Current Other Assets (a)			\$1,061	
Current Liabilities			\$71,104	
Mortgage			\$0	

Mike Herman, Treasurer

Footnotes:

a) Current Other Assets is Weekday Ministry Receivable and any prepaid expenses.

Membership Report

UBC Membership Additions January–April 2018

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Shawn Broddle
- Scott Butler
- Daniel Gardner
- Lori Habalou
- Alex O'Hara
- Amy O'Hara
- Maneesh Sharma
- Kennedy Strong
- Danny Wong
- Ethan Wright

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- Patricia Booth
- David Brieden
- Merri Brieden
- Bethany Howard
- Hank Howard
- Jonathan Howard
- Sharlene Howard
- Linda LaBorde
- Greg Simpson
- Marilyn Simpson
- Amelia Taylor
- Jerry Taylor
- Amaryst Wynn
- Camdon Wynn
- Cathy Wynn
- Jaedon Wynn
- Jeff Wynn

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Tammy Hough
- Sanford Hough
- Sarah Leas
- Cindy Lott
- Tim Rogers
- Kim Shanks
- Russ Shanks
- Vanessa Sharma

UBC Membership Deletions January–April 2018

By Letter

- Lynn Carreon
- Pete Carreon III
- Christi Ortiz
- Mark Ortiz
- Jennifer Simmons
- Todd Simmons
- John R. Stokes
- Vernice Stokes

By Erasure

By Death

- Jim Hackett
- Shirley Hughes
- Evelyn Richardson (Passed away on 09/17/2017)

Administrative Report

Focus Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2018

The Focus Meeting was held in The Hangar at University Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Dr. Steven Laufer, Senior Pastor called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. There were 26 people in attendance.

The Senior Pastor's Report is on page 4 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Executive Director's Report is on page 5 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

Harvey Relief Updates are on pages 6 and 7 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Serving Ministries Report is on pages 8 – 10 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Care Ministries Report is on page 11 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Faith @ Home Ministries Report is on pages 11-13 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Adult Ministries Report is on page 13 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Primetime Ministries Report is on page 14 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Men's Ministries Report is on page 14 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Women's Ministries Report is on pages 14 – 17 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Young Adult Ministries Report is on page 17 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Student Ministries Report is on pages 18 - 19 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Children's Ministries Report is on pages 20 - 21 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

Karen Murphy's Sabbatical Report is on page 22 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Preschool Ministries Report is on pages 23 – 25 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Weekday Ministries Report is on pages 26 - 28 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Worship Ministries Report is on page 28 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Bilingual Christmas Eve Report is on page 28 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Attendance Report for Weekend Bible Study and Worship are found on page 29 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

The Financial Report is on pages 30 - 31 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

A full report of the membership changes during the period September - December, 2017 is on page 32 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018. During that period, 13 were received by baptism; 23 by letter; and 18 by statement.

Requests for letters

- Jonie Cockrell
- Mary Gibbs
- Mike Gibbs
- Barbara O'Neill
- Patrick O'Neill
- Robert (Bob) Johnson
- Wanda Johnson

By Erasure

- Ron Moran

By Death

- Wes Brenton
- Lyla Nettles
- Jack Vandervort

The changes in membership were reviewed and the requests for letters were approved by voice vote after a motion by Cory Thompson and a second by Mark Parks. A prayer was offered for those leaving, that they would be productive in their new churches and for new members who had recently joined UBC by Bruce Peterson.

Focus Meeting Minutes cont.

The minutes of the September 24, 2017 Focus Meeting are on pages 33 - 34 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018. The minutes were approved as written by voice vote after a motion by Richard Simmons and a second by Tamara Parks.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following members to serve three-year positions beginning in 2018 as follows:

Trustee – Mike Engle

UBC Foundation – Kelly Dean
John Hammond

Since this is a recommendation from the Nominating Committee a motion is not needed but a second by Richard Simmons was given. These recommendations were approved by a voice vote.

The UBC Foundation Report is on page 35 of the Book of Reports dated January 28, 2018.

Dr. Laufer asked for a motion to end the meeting. A motion was given by Richard Simmons and a second by Chris Carlson.

Dr. Laufer closed the meeting with a prayer.

Virginia Thomas
Church Secretary

Worship Pastor Search Committee Report

The Worship Pastor Search Committee continues to meet and search for our new Pastor of Worship Ministries. In the past year, we have met and talked with numerous capable ministers. However, various circumstances for each of these persons have led them to remain where they are. Consistently we hear from candidates that UBC is an unbelievable church with an outstanding music program, and the candidates wish they were able to consider a move.

The Search Committee has become aware that there are not as many full-time professional church musicians as there once were. Identifying trained church musician candidates interested in a traditional worship model has been challenging. We have learned that God is preparing the right person for us for the right time. While all of us wish the time were now, we understand the importance of waiting upon the Lord. Situations change quickly for individuals, and we believe that God is preparing the right person to come to UBC to lead our music and worship programs.

The Search Committee has interviewed several new candidates and is making new connections with candidates. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee as we meet with them. Members of the Worship Pastor Search Committee are Terry Reeves (Chair), Cory Thompson, Melody Macaulay, Audra Smith, Laura Ozinga, Richard Simmons, Steve Laufer, and David Mobley.

Mission Giving

UBC is proud to have many different serving partners and mission endeavors locally and throughout the world. The Pastor of Serving Ministries works with the Mission Network Council to develop mission strategy and to prioritize mission funding. UBC gives 10% of her offerings to missions (6% goes to Baptist Partners such as The Baptist General Convention of Texas, Cooperative Baptist Global Missions, and the International Mission Board. The remaining 4% is used to support and to strengthen ministries with direct ties to UBC). The organizations supported by the 4% are listed below and include a brief description of the partnership or ministry.

Missions Summary

May-18

<u>Mission Partners, Monthly Giving</u>	<u>Monthly Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
20305 Bay Area Turning Point Org Giving	(\$300.00)	(\$2,100.00)	One of our local partners caring for women and children who are escaping situations of domestic abuse. UBC gives \$300/month towards organizational expenses. This is one of the "Celebrate the Light" groups at Christmas. http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org
20315 Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Ctr Org Giving	(\$300.00)	(\$2,100.00)	One of our crisis pregnancy center partners. UBC gives \$300/month towards organizational expenses and also promotes the "Baby Bottle Fundraiser" between Mother's Day and Father's Day that raised over \$5,000 in 2017. This is one of the "Celebrate the Light" groups at Christmas. http://www.lifelinecpc.org
20325 Generation One Org Giving	(\$100.00)	(\$700.00)	Organization connected more strongly to UBC in the past. Gen 1 works with children and families in the Third Ward of Houston. https://www.generationone.net
20455 The Bridge Over Trouble Water Org Giving	(\$300.00)	(\$2,100.00)	TBOTW is another partner organization housing women and children fleeing domestic abuse. UBC gives them \$300/month. http://www.thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org
20345 Interfaith Caring Ministries Org Giving	(\$200.00)	(\$1,400.00)	Collaboration between local churches and agencies to meet the financial needs of people in crisis. This is our referral source when in-house charitable funds are depleted.
20355 Missions Centers of Houston Org Giving	(\$150.00)	(\$1,050.00)	A subsidiary corporation of the Union Baptist Association in Houston. They help inner city Houston families with physical and spiritual needs. http://missioncenters.org/about-us/
20375 The House LA Org Giving	(\$1,400.00)	(\$4,200.00)	One of UBC's new partner ministries. THLA is a church plant in downtown Los Angeles. UBC is helping them with ministry costs this fiscal year and will re-evaluate needs in September. \$13,200 has been committed for this FY. http://thehousela.com
20415 Anchor Point Org Giving	(\$400.00)	(\$2,800.00)	Another local partner involved in crisis pregnancy and support of mothers and children. In addition to \$400/month in operational support giving, UBC gives \$500 each summer to help with AP's summer camp. http://www.anchorpoint.us
20425 Buckner Rio Grande Valley Org Giving	(\$400.00)	(\$2,800.00)	UBC sends \$400/month to Buckner Ministries as one of our partners. Learn more at http://www.buckner.org/rio-grande-valley
20435 Metro New York Baptist Association Org Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	UBC contributed to the "Multiply Intern Program" sponsored by the MNYBA. One payment of \$6,000. Will be re-evaluated for next FY. https://www.mnyba.org/whoweare/
20445 Redeemed Ministries Org Giving	(\$500.00)	(\$3,500.00)	UBC supports RM with \$500/mo for operational expenses. RM is a local anti-human-trafficking ministry. http://redeemedministries.com
20465 The Mercy Tree Org Giving	(\$150.00)	(\$1,050.00)	UBC pays \$150/month to this local ministry that provides meals and social support to local homeless individuals. http://www.themercytree.org
MNC. Practical Care monthly rental			UBC pays \$245/mo to rent a storage unit for donated furniture until it finds its next home.
MNC, 1000 Hills			UBC pays \$218/mo to provide food for homeless individuals in the Third Ward through 1000 Hills Ministry. https://1000hills.org

Missions Summary

May-18

<u>Missionaries with financial ties to UBC</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Johnsons - Mexican Indigenous	\$0.00	\$200	No current activity or formal partnership with the Johnsons, although several people are still connected to them personally. Learn more or contact the Johnsons at http://www.caringsfcc.com/index.php/missions/mexican-indigenous-missions
Peppers	\$0.00	\$31,616	Funds held by UBC of \$31,616.22 were sent to the Peppers in January 2018. These funds were raised in past years and were held by UBC until the Peppers identified a need for them. They contacted us in January requesting the funds for use in building a laundry facility for the health clinic they administer as part of their ongoing local ministry.
Prices - South Africa	\$0.00	\$0	No current activity
WOW - Beavers Philippines	\$1,574.99	\$1,000	People give directly to the UBC account of the Beavers and UBC has also committed to covering some of the ministry costs of the Beavers ministry called "Worship on Wheels." UBC contributes \$7,000 annually to the ministry costs of WOW. The MNC increased the yearly giving from \$5k to \$7k this fiscal year due to our increased involvement with the Beavers ministry. Learn more about WOW at http://worshiponwheels.com/index.html
<u>Mission Trips 2018</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Living Water	\$85.00	\$0.00	UBC has committed to paying \$5,500/year for cost of well. UBC members provide the labor and pick up their own costs for travel to the location (Central America). The balance in this account has to do with travel costs of trip-goers. Learn more about Living Water, International at https://water.cc
Navajo	\$74,628.11	(\$4,479)	The Navajo mission team raises all of the money used for that particular endeavor. UBC has helped with individual scholarships for trip-goers, but the materials and travel costs are raised by the leaders of that mission trip.
Buckner Spring Break	\$694.04	(\$4,479)	UBC sends \$400/month to Buckner Ministries as one of our partners. This year, UBC contributed \$25,000 to pay for materials to build a house with a family during the "Buckner" serving trip at Spring Break. Learn more at http://www.buckner.org/rio-grande-valley
Student Africa Trip	\$1,125.00	(\$4,217.00)	UBC gives \$20,000 to our South African partner, "Genesis", each year -- the money pays for a health clinic that is part of the holistic ministry of Genesis in South Africa. Learn more at http://www.genesishope.co.za
DR Family Trip	\$6,234.00	(\$12,319.00)	UBC offsets the cost for families to serve together with our partners, STCH (South Texas Childrens Home) in the Dominican Republic. To offset these travel costs, UBC gives \$8,000 to the trip organizers. Learn more about STCH at https://www.stchm.org/international-ministry/

UBC Foundation Report

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -

Thanks to a generous donation in 2017, the Foundation has the opportunity to increase the number of student scholarship recipients from 4 to 5. It also enabled an increase in the amount of the scholarship from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per student for 2018. We are very thankful for this generous donation and the impact it will have on UBC students.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES -

The Foundation's second annual Dine-Out-to-Donate event will be held Monday, May 21, with approximately nine local restaurants participating.

The UBCF Golf Tournament will be Monday, November 5, 2018.

CRESCENDO INTERACTIVE -

The Foundation is partnering with Crescendo Interactive to help launch the UBCF planned giving efforts. A new website and marketing materials will be created to educate UBC members regarding giving gifts through their estate plans.

Apprentice Groups

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Our deepest appreciation to the Group Facilitators for the three years of Apprentice Groups:

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