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Sunday, Sept 27  
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# Senior Pastor

After a summer of worship where we considered Heroes and Villains in the days of Israel's transition from tribal confederacy to monarchy, it seems only right to give some testimonies of how UBCers played the part of spiritual heroes from May through August. In the book of 1 Samuel, heroic actions took the form of personal sacrifice, committed prayer and enduring trials by Hannah; listening to the voice of God, responding in obedience and proclaiming the Word of God by Samuel; and facing one's fears, standing up for justice and allowing God to use one's self to bring about deliverance by Saul. And while we were considering these examples as we worshiped together all summer, many of you were out setting similar examples of your own and serving others in our church family, in our city, and in the global church around the world. Just take a look through these pages and see if you don't recognize stories that parallel the above heroic narratives:

- Personal sacrifice of time and money to travel and serve others on one of our mission trips,
- Committed prayer for our children and youth while attending camps and mission experiences,
- Listening to the voice of God and obeying by volunteering to serve at VBS, Sports Camp, Preschool Play Days, and other events,
- Standing up for justice and acting for deliverance in the form of community ministries around our city,
- And many, many other examples of UBC members using their talents, finances, time and hearts to invest in the work of God's Kingdom.

Of course, our summer worship series also considered the tragedy of Eli, Eli's sons, and Saul in their villainous failure of using all they had to serve only themselves. May we all remember their examples and may we all seek to give back.

If you missed out on summer opportunities, if you're new to UBC, or if God is moving in a fresh way in your life, let these stories of Summer 2015 motivate you to dive in as we transition to the fall season of Belonging, Preparing and Serving.

Steve Laufer  
SENIOR PASTOR

# Executive Director

I love this season of becoming grandparents, especially in our age of technology. Recently, our entire family, though scattered across the globe, was enjoying a Google hangout video conference with our youngest son, Stephen, from the NICU in Kansas City. His twin boys arrived several weeks early, but in good health. Diann's head cold prevented us from being present (a subject for another article).

The NICU nurses were taking the boys out of their protective environment for Stephen to hold for the first time. They turned the camera during the transition and it was on Stephen's face. I'll never forget the pure look of love, enjoyment, happiness and awe on his face as he watched them carry Reed to our daughter-in-law, Baylee. Then Stephen moved to get Barron and the nurse turned the camera for us to see the beautiful scene. We didn't hang out long, but I'm so thankful for the memory.

That scene helps us remember that we are the children of God, adopted into His family. And I can only imagine that Christ looks at us with that same expression of unconditional love and affection. So enjoy reading these stories of what God is doing through His children, the offspring of his bride, the Church.

Barron and Reed truly have little to offer their parents at this point, but yet they are so loved. And there is great anticipation for what the Lord has for them. May it be true for us as well, as we serve Him through our family, our community and His church.

Be strong and courageous,

David Mobley  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# UBC Missions



## NAVAJO MISSION TRIP

Discerning God's Direction  
blog post by Aaron Glenn, June 23, 2015

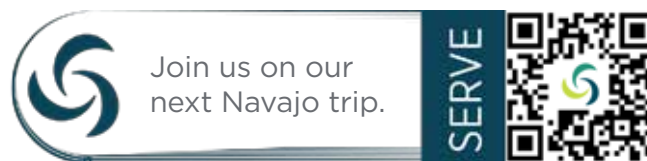
**"Be flexible."**

It is uncanny how that little statement almost always defines what we call mission trips, and it is no different this time as we get to know people on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation.

As a reminder, about eighty people from UBC are staying in a hotel at Towaoc (pronounced Toy-ah-K), Colorado, on the reservation. The majority of us are commuting forty-five minutes south to a build-site on Navajo territory, and things seem to be going well down there despite some very intense heat, breaking one hundred degrees. (I plan to visit all of them on that work site today and can blog a more detailed report after doing so.)

Until this point, I have been among the dozen others of our UBC folks who have been engaging on the Ute Reservation in an attempt to get to know our host community and to discern God's direction for us in this region... Simply put, it has been amazing!

For the past two evenings, we have met with Ute pastors and some of their family members for a time of sharing and prayer. Although ecumenical, we start each evening at 6 pm in the Baptist way—with a potluck! (I especially like that part.) There is no substitute for table fellowship with others in order to bring down the defenses.



When I say pastors, picture strong, wise and hard-working women. Most of these are also grandmothers—all working bi-vocationally, some helping to raise grandchildren. There are also a few men, who are wise in their own right and with life experience among the group, but out here, the women are the driving force in the churches and they have blessed us!

As we planned this time over the past few months, it was decided early on that UBC would participate, but not lead. This is our time to listen, learn and respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to pray.

*For the full story visit the mission ministries blog at [ubc.org/blogs](http://ubc.org/blogs).*



# Coming Home

blog post by Aaron Glenn, June 28, 2015

Well, our time with the Ute and the Navajo has come to a close. Many of us will leave at 4 am tomorrow (Friday) morning to head back to Texas, while others will take their time with an extra day or two for sight-seeing.

We had a nice service at the build-site this evening with the traditional “key ceremony”—handing over the keys of the new building to the pastor and other church leaders. Testimonies were shared and there was a great feeling of camaraderie amongst everyone who had worked so hard all week on the building project, cooking team, VBS and others. Each team gave a brief report to the group and it seemed that everyone was pleased with the results of their efforts. There is no denying that our UBC volunteers feel a strong passion for the work they do and for their specific sense of calling to this work. It was fun to interact with each other in this beautiful environment while celebrating a job well done!

On the Ute side of things, we wrapped up basketball camp on a positive note. After the first day (Monday) we learned a little better how to relate to some of the harder-to-reach kids. We tried our best to give positive reinforcement and to speak words of affirmation and care to the children. At the end of the camp, we gave each child a basketball and we placed Bibles on a table that were an “optional” gift if they wanted one. We were happy to see every Bible taken from the table and pray that God will be faithful to show these children that they are beloved by Him.

We continued to meet each evening with the group of Ute pastors and lay people for times of sharing, singing and praying. Each night we went from 6-10:30 pm, and we are leaving with a sense of friendship and respect for these brothers and sisters in Christ. We gained a little insight into life on the reservation and to the unique ways God is speaking and directing leaders in this cultural context. There are many ways we (as UBC) could overlap with the Ute Mountain Ute tribe in the future, so we pray for God’s direction in this area. We have open doors among the tribal leaders and also now have some budding relationships with church leaders. The Ute Mountain Ute tribe has just over two-thousand members living on the reservation, which is the size of UBC’s membership! There are many ways our tribe and the Ute tribe can learn and help one another.



# Anchor Point

## Helping “Anchor” Hope

Anchor Point, a non-profit ministry in the Clear Lake area, works through a variety of programs to deliver hope to families, including pregnant teens and women, babies on the way, troubled youth and their families, foster and adopted children, and families considering adoption. Turning their words “No one is beyond hope” into action, Anchor Point recently chose UBC as the host location to help educate and empower these families.

During the last week of July, fifteen children and their families met with special volunteers to participate in the Pathway to Hope Family Camp, held at UBC. While the camp (in its second year) is designed to be fun, it also provides tools for families to thrive together. An alternative to medical and cognitive-behavioral therapies, the camp models an approach used by Dr. Karyn Purvis and the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University, helping families feel empowered, connected and corrected in life values.

For five days, the upstairs classrooms were full of interactive toys, and part of the Fellowship Hall was repurposed as a soft agility course. With motivationally phrased posters everywhere, volunteers worked closely with their young “buddies” throughout UBC’s facilities in empowerment exercises involving safety, safe touch, nutrition, sensory processing and self-regulation. Parents or guardians received their own individualized education and training sessions, and each day in the afternoon, the families would reunite and connect through attachment, engagement strategies and playful interaction.

Debbie Simmons, the camp’s executive director, seemed a perfect fit to lead something of such value to local families. Besides Master’s degrees in several areas including Education and Seminary, she is compassionately familiar with common struggles many adoptive families face. Married and with nine adopted children of their own, she and her husband offer a wealth of experience and knowledge very beneficial to the program.

When asked her thoughts about the camp, Debbie beamed, “Through our amazing volunteers, we are giving hope. Families are walking away with hope!”

Her embracing and comforting teaching style was apparent as she sat on a table in the Fellowship Hall for a connected eye-to-eye interview, and then lowered to her knees as she lightly beckoned a five-year old child over for an impromptu interview. After talking with him about “focusing and finishing” and reaffirming the fun he’d had, and the love he had received, she finished with several big hugs and then called all the children from breakfast. Squeals of excitement arose as the kids lined up with their volunteers and shaving cream to venture outside for a much-anticipated “face shaving” event.

The goals of this camp were to help families and children construct meaningful connections, form deeper relationships, and to thrive in life, Anchor Point follows up with the progress made at the camp through a scheduled “post-camp day” and also with “in-home” groups. If you are interested in becoming a special mentor or volunteer for the Pathway to Hope Family Camp, or learn more about any other Anchor Point program, please visit their website at [www.anchorpoint.us](http://www.anchorpoint.us).







Sometimes, mission efforts can center on complicated or delicate issues. Lack of awareness can lead to misconception or even dismissal. It is in these situations that awareness and education are important first steps. Such is the case with the elusive issues of human labor and sex trafficking.

“Human trafficking can affect anyone regardless of class, education, gender or age. It occurs when someone is forcefully coerced or lured by false promises,” explained John Gowan, Director of Development for Redeemed Ministries, a faith-based, non-profit organization that focuses on rehabilitating adult women victims after involvement in domestic (local) sex trafficking.

According to the 2014 Annual Report from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, Texas has the second highest call volume from all fifty states. With its high volume of illicit massage parlors, strip clubs, back-page advertising, cantinas and truck stops, Houston is considered a high probability location for sex trafficking.

“Not only does sex trafficking involve U.S. citizens in the U.S., but it also occurs right here in Texas, and in the Houston area,” said John.

Survivors are often left with emotional scars, lack of security and little resources for their new life. This is where Redeemed steps in: to address the survivors’ needs and provide care in a variety of ways.

Redeemed operates a four-bed safe house (the only known safe house of its kind in Texas) for holistic healing. Survivors receive a structured schedule to address the chaos caused by the trauma, and third-party, trauma-trained counselors develop individualized care for a healthy reintegration to independent living.

Currently, Redeemed provides ongoing services to over thirty female survivors of adult domestic sex trafficking through multiple local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and other anti-trafficking organizations.

Engaging the community and volunteers with a variety of denominational backgrounds, Redeemed believes “everything needed for survivor care is sitting in the pews of our churches.”

Redeemed Ministries holds regular information sessions, and provides opportunities to volunteer. For more information, visit [ubc.org](http://ubc.org) or their website at [redeemedministries.com](http://redeemedministries.com).

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John Gowan



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# Facilities Update

## Recreation & Mission Center

Hopefully you have noticed the work on the Mission Center during the last several weeks. We are nearing completion of Phase 1 to “dry in” the building. This includes the addition of the brick, building the front façade, erecting the columns between the doors, installing all the doors and windows, and completing the building electrical.

Additional funding has been provided for Phase 2. It includes the parking lot, parking lot lighting, drainage, and a new detention area along the back fence.

Phase 3 will be the training rooms and bathrooms; its funding is anticipated with resolution of the architect’s estate.

Work on the Pavilion has also resumed. Phase 1 completes the brick columns, the flat roof and trim, and priming of the steel beams. Phase 2 will complete the metal roof, the bathrooms, electrical, plumbing and walkways. Funding for Phase 2 is also anticipated with resolution of the architect’s estate.

Efforts to recover funds from the former architect’s estate is progressing, so continue to pray for a favorable outcome.





## Future Projects

(Pending Design and Funding)

- Additional parking will provide seventy additional spots (including handicap and senior adult parking in closer proximity to the Worship Center)
- Exploration of possible solutions for foyer modifications, which could dramatically improve transition flow between services
- Eventual addition of a Welcome Center around the current pastoral suite, extending to the parking lot
- Consideration of an amphitheater to enhance the Pavilion
- Chapel expansion, which could provide a performance-type venue for the community as well as a more suitable environment for the contemporary worship service
- Remodel of the student space on the third floor of the Learning Center



## Did You Know?

The 130-ton AC chiller for the Learning Center is the original equipment. We have nursed it along for several years, but it is time to finally say goodbye to the old friend.

The new chiller will arrive mid to late October at a price of about \$111,000. Current plans are to use year end cash flow to cover the expense.

Thanks for your faithful stewardship. It keeps our children comfortable.

David Mobley

# Student Ministries

## Beach Retreat

The first weekend of May, the students and their leaders took time out of their busy schedules to spend a weekend at the beach, and connect with each other and God. We dug in the sand, played football on the beach, ate pounds and pounds of crawfish (cooked to perfection by Kyle), and watched some amazing sunsets.

Each grade had their own lessons and discussions based on the needs of the students in that class. The freshman talked about what it means to be in a Christian community and how they can serve each other and the world with the resources God gives each of them. They were challenged to live a life in community with each other that would inspire the world to want to join our team. The sophomores and juniors explored what it truly means to take up their cross and follow Jesus. They were challenged to think about what it would take to put God above everything else in their lives. The seniors discussed the challenges of maintaining their relationship with the Lord as they move into a new phase of their life. They were challenged to think of ways to nurture a closeness with God as they transition from under their parents' roofs to college.



## Impact Camp by Joy Mather

Kyle Wilson first invited me to be a sponsor at middle school camp back in the fall of 2014. Having enjoyed this camp over the past five years, this is something I have always wanted to do. This was my first time sponsoring anything this big. I was a bit nervous about it, but the anticipation and excitement of having the opportunity to reach out and have an impact on these kids really countered all of my worries. Kyle has been looking for a camp for the middle school to begin a tradition like Silvercliff, and I can say with no doubt he has found it here.

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*(Impact Camp continued)*

With my experience as a camper and now as a leader, the experiences were absolutely incredible. Just having finished Silvercliff (the student ministry high school camp), I didn't expect to hear anything in the Impact sermons that was new to me or deep, but I did take something away from each and every one of them. This, I felt, really affected how I taught the lessons in my small group. It definitely allowed me to be able to challenge the kids with questions when the time was right, which eventually got us into conversations about the lesson.

It was during this time that it was really revealed to me how malleable these kids are and how important it is to be a great role model. The majority of the leadership outside of the small group times involved a strong lead-by-example approach. Sometimes that meant you just had to go completely nuts in recreation, dig in really deep in a prayer time during the sermon, or just throw yourself all into worship. My overall experience at Impact camp 2015 was unforgettable and, if invited again, I would definitely make a point to clear my schedule to make it.

## Silvercliff

There are no words to describe the way God moves in our students during camp. There is something about being nestled at the base of a mountain that reminds you how small you are and how much God loves you. Our speaker from last year, Brian Rayburn, returned and blew us away with his teaching. He challenged us with the truth that the life of a disciple should be characterized by empathy and suffering.



If we are truly following Christ, then we should care deeply about those in the world around us with a consuming love. If we truly love others, then we are giving all we have to serve them. It was a challenging idea which wove its way through all of our conversations that week.

The students talked about not only big changes they could make, but small ways in their daily lives that they could serve God by serving others, listening to others and loving people with abandon. It was amazing.

As always, there was plenty of fun and leisure activities too. We played volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, ping pong, had a belly flop contest and went rafting. There was even a group who spent time lounging in the grass and in hammocks talking about life and God. There is no place on earth like Silvercliff Ranch.





This past July, I had the incredible opportunity to be a part of the Love Africa team to Port Shepstone, South Africa. My daughter, Rachel, had gone to Port Shepstone the year before and desperately wanted to return, so I decided to go with her. Once my deposit was paid, fear and anxiety over the trip consumed me. How will I be able to handle being on a flight for sixteen plus hours? What am I thinking going to a foreign country in Africa? Will my family be all right while I am away? What if there is an emergency? How can God possibly use me for mission work? The doubts and worry kept playing in my mind over and over. Two days before I was to depart, there was a family emergency and I prayed about not going on the trip. Thankfully, God cleared the way for me to get on the flight and travel to now my beloved country, South Africa.

The Love Africa group worked with the Genesis Trust organization in Port Shepstone. Our primary mission field was at a local high school (Nobamba) teaching life skills to ninth grade students. At the beginning of the week, the girls and I were apprehensive and guarded with each other, but after my co-leader and I started sharing and teaching the girls, the tension and uncertainty disappeared. My pronunciation of their names and other Zulu words created lots of laughter. Throughout the week we discussed self-esteem, what love is, God's view on marriage, and HIV prevention. As the discussions became more personal, the girls opened up more. When Friday came, it was hard to say good-bye. All of us had grown so much in the week and the Lord had given us all such a sweet relationship. These girls remain in my thoughts and prayers today.

Every afternoon, the team would visit an after-school program in the Murchison area. The main purpose of our group at this ministry was for us to play with and love on these children, as there are so many children and so few staff that they are starved for love.

Watching the youth from UBC interact with these children completely warmed my heart. There is no language barrier when it comes to playing and loving children. God showed me that my mission there was simply to help the amazing women that work at Murchison by giving them a much-needed break. Some of the youth and I would prepare and serve the protein meal replacement porridge to the children. Most days we served over 125 children, and for a majority of these children, this was the only meal they received all day. Then I would wash and put away all of the cups, bowls and silverware. I only did this for a week. The women at Murchison staff do it every single day, week, month and year. I was in awe of these women. Each of them radiate the love of Christ to these children. Tirelessly, they give a kind word, needed correction or a loving hug. The children that go to Murchison after school are blessed to be in the presence of these Godly women.



The Genesis Trust organization also has a care center for patients who are dying of HIV. One afternoon, I had the opportunity to tour the humble facility. The people that work at the care center are angels on this earth. The patients are treated with such tenderness and compassion. The facility is cheerful, clean and warm. My mother was in a nursing home in League City for the last nine months of her life and how I wish she could have been cared for in a place like this. The patients who are spending their last days on earth are blessed with the face of Jesus reflected by the precious nursing staff.

I spent ten days in Port Shepstone, South Africa and I will never be the same. The struggles in this area are many: unemployment, poor education, poverty, HIV/AIDS, TB, strong racial divides, and a young population. But there is a joy in the people of South Africa that I have never seen before. This joy radiates through Nobamba, Murchison and the care center. This joy rings loud and clear in the songs the students sing every morning. This joy comes across with every smile on the children's faces. This joy is passed on to others through every hug. The people in South Africa know how to love unconditionally. Because of their love for me, I am truly changed and a piece of my heart remains with them. I can't wait to go back, and for you to join me.



The University Baptist Church Team from Texas, visited the Care Centre recently. Pastor Kyle Wilson brought with him an emphatic and energetic message from Hebrews that blessed and encouraged everyone that heard it. Reverend Mashiyane, Pastor Dumisane, Pastor Kyle, our patients and staff joined in a time of worship that made this visit a deeply meaningful time for everyone.

**Hambani Kahle UBC, sizoku khumbula!**

Translation: "Go Well, UBC, I will remember!"



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**RUN 4 RAND**

**Second Annual 5K Run for Rand**

At UBC on Saturday, May 16, UBCers and other community members participated in the second annual RUN for RAND—a 5K fun run/walk promoting an active lifestyle to fight poverty and AIDS in South Africa. (Rand is South African currency). Over 190 people showed to support the 5K run.

The idea of the 5K Run started when Rachel Halloran returned from South Africa in the summer of 2013 with the UBC Love Africa Team. While there, each of the team members were challenged to look for ways to make a difference and help the people living around Port Shepstone, one of the most infected HIV/AIDS areas of South Africa.

"I realized that, after school, most kids don't have anything to do. I was also really surprised to find that they had no organized sports in the schools. Being an athlete, this inspired me to start a running program where kids can go after school and train with each other," shared Rachel.

Several thousand dollars was raised for Genesis Ministry in Port Shepstone. The UBC Love Africa Team took the donated running shoes and funds to Africa in July.



After much determination, coordination and help from church members and the community, Rachel's God-inspired vision came true.

# Family Ministries

## Weekend to Remember

We enjoyed the Weekend to Remember Retreat. It was a wonderful time away for quality and uninterrupted conversation. We better understood the need to give grace in our different communication styles. The differences are based on preferences—one was not right or wrong. This was a well executed conference that we would absolutely recommend to all couples.

—Katie King

## Childrens Ministries

### Chorus Kids

by Karen Murphy

Spring is always filled with the excitement of preparing our children's musical. This year was no different.

Our kids worked diligently at memorizing lines, learning music and motions, and participating in "extra" rehearsals as they prepared for the musical, Back to the Cross.

The first of May was a big day for Chorus Kids. We started off the day leading in worship with one of the songs from our musical. First through fifth choirs sang in the 9:30 a.m. worship service. That night, approximately sixty kids presented Back to the Cross.

We joined Norman and a cast of characters as they embarked on a time-traveled excursion relying on the questionable reliability of the H/O-2000 Temporal Displacement Modulator (otherwise known as the Time Travel Machine), all the while discovering the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel.

Following the musical, children who participated in the Hymns for Memory program received a medal for memorizing three, five or seven hymns. We had seventeen gold medal recipients, seven silver medal recipients, and ten bronze medal recipients. That's a total of thirty-four kids memorizing hymns!

The Chorus Kids ministry is blessed with an amazing group of leaders who have hearts for teaching kids about God's love for us through music. This spring, we had four choir directors, six choir teachers, a choreography director and a drama director. Our ministry goal is to help children become lifelong worshipers of God as they grow in their relationship with Him.

## Family DR Trip

God is doing amazing things in the Dominican Republic. And our family mission team of ten kids and ten adults was blessed to be part of His work there.

We had the opportunity to continue partnering with Raquel's School. In 2014, the mission team built a playground there and cleaned out the school. This year, the team was tasked with building 40 desks to be used in new second story (currently under construction at the school). Reviewing the progress after the first day of work and completing all the desks over the next two days seemed near impossible. But, there is a verse painted on the wall of Raquel's School and in the dining hall at the church: "Porque Nada Hoy Imposible Para Dios...Nothing is Impossible with God." (Luke 1:37). And God would once again show us this truth. By the end of day three, not only were the 40 desks completed, but an additional 22 were also done—62 desks in all!

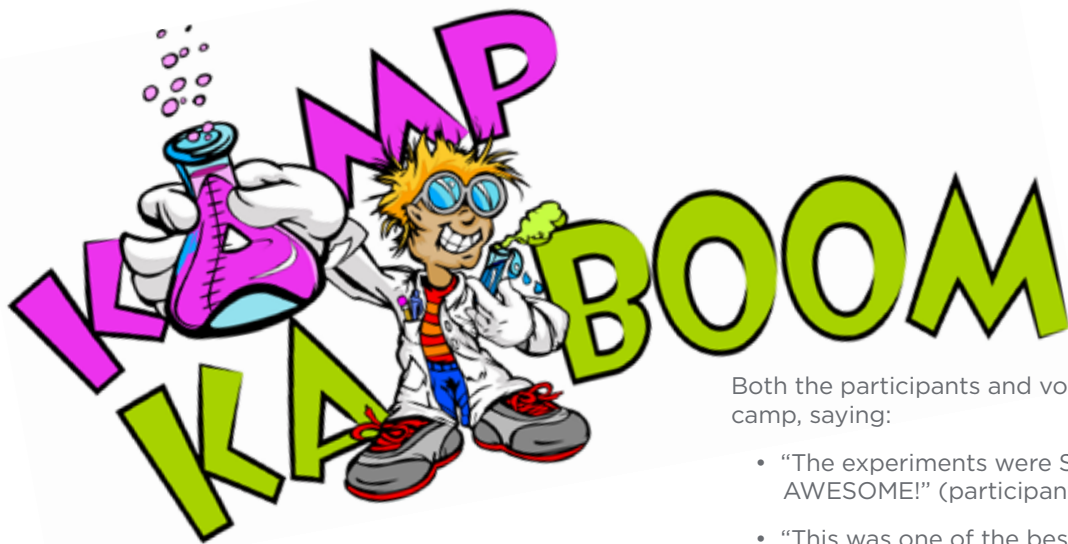
In addition to building the desks, we helped with VBS. And God continued to show Himself as He turned the impossible into the possible. There was rain, heat, humidity, small spaces and more children than seemed practical. But God was able to work through His people to accomplish His work. The kids enjoyed Bible teaching, crafts, music, recreation and skits. And we enjoyed loving on the kids and experiencing how God can help us be creative and flexible to handle impossible situations.

Our trip also included time to play with children at orphanages, have dinner in the homes of Dominican church members and worship with our Dominican friends on Sunday morning. During sharing time on the last night, one of the younger children spoke, "When things are hard, and you go ahead and do it, that's when it's fun. It's really fun!"

There is nothing like a mission trip to push you beyond your limits, beyond your comfort zone and beyond the possible. Join us next summer as we return to the Dominican Republic to join God in His work there.







## UBC Holds First Science Camp

Kids (completed grades 1-5) were having a “blast” everywhere this summer during the week of July 20-23 as UBC hosted its first science camp for kids. Aptly named Kamp Kaboom, this four day camp entertained and transformed almost one hundred children into inquiring, imaginative scientists!

Robin Mayeaux directed the camp with the help of twenty-two teenagers and seven adults. The goals were to conduct scientific investigations and experiments, walk through the BASIC elements of faith (Believe, Ask, Serve, Impact, Celebrate) and just have fun! When Associate Pastor of Children’s Ministries Karen Murphy was asked about the overall success of the camp, she affirmed definitively, “GRAND. SLAM.”

Starting at 8:30 each morning, the children would have worship and a skit to set the stage for the day. During the day, they would do several science experiments, work together in small groups, and then present their own science project. The fun would continue in the afternoons as the children became investigating adventurers on field trips to places like NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston’s Health Science Museum and the Museum of Natural Science.

The last day of camp was celebrated with inflatable slides, and how else?  
*Playing in slime!*

Both the participants and volunteers raved about the camp, saying:

- “The experiments were SUPER-STINKING AWESOME!” (participant)
- “This was one of the best camps from the summer because I had a lot of fun with my friends and my group leader.” (participant)
- “...I’ve learned you can not go away from God. He will always love you.” (participant)
- “I loved seeing their faces light up as they saw different reactions during the experiments...” (volunteer)
- “This [camp] is a perfect setting for me to express my love for kids and spread the word of Jesus...” (volunteer)

Amidst all the scheduled activities, something unexpected and remarkable happened according to Karen, who explained:



A twelve-year old autistic child wrote an absolutely beautiful letter about his experience in the camp and what it meant to him. His father was amazed not only by the letter, but also his son’s transformation. He emphasized that UBC was the most welcoming church they’d ever attended, and asserted that UBC would be their new church home. We are so happy God used this camp experience to positively change this family.



# CentriKid Camp

On Monday morning, July 27, fifty children (completed grades 3-5) and eleven adults loaded a chartered bus and headed north to Trinity Pines Baptist Encampment for a week of preteen camp!

This was UBC's first year to participate in CentriKid. From the future sports star to the young scientist to the rising chef, children had the opportunity to participate in exciting activities of their choice. Each day, they also took part in Bible study, recreation, track times and worship.

The theme for the week was FIT (Faith in Training). Our kids learned about the spiritual practices that help them grow in their faith. They had opportunities to internalize God's word and allow Him to be their teacher, and they were provided with some practical, take-it-home tools for using spiritual practices as they grow their faith. Throughout the week, they were challenged to "be a disciple"—a follower of Jesus Christ.

One of the favorite events of the week was OMC (Organized Mass Chaos), and that it was! Imagine seven hundred kids running toward each other outdoors to spray, dump and squirt everything from shaving cream to silly string—it was messy! But they loved it! After the commotion and everyone was filthy, the camp staff pulled the kids in and talked to them. They talked about sin, how sin is messy, and our need for our Savior.

The kids got to "wear" the lesson, and then invited Christ to make them clean (as they were hosed off with water). Like this example, the children got to physically experience all the "teaching" that went on at the camp. As one of our kids appreciatively articulated, "I loved camp, but there was just a lot of learning."



College and seminary students who staffed the camp hung out with our kids and shared Christ through every aspect of camp! This connection was appreciated as it allowed our leaders a special time each morning for spiritual renewal and refreshment.

UBC is returning to CentriKid again next year! Our dates have been set for August 1-5, 2016—same place!

Please consider joining us for this life-changing, summer camp!



# Kamp Kindness

## UBC Kids Relish In Random Acts of Kindness

For three days this summer, kids from Kamp Kindness were in “full-service” mode at UBC! Kamp Kindness, a mission-based day camp, is for kids who have completed grades 2-5 and who regularly attend UBC’s groups/classes. Along with volunteers, twenty children participated in the camp performing random acts of kindness.

On Monday, they visited to the Houston Food Bank and prepared boxes of food. They sorted, weighed and boxed 6,389 pounds of food in three and half hours, equating to 5,324 meals! Children commented with passion that they loved learning about the distribution process at the food bank and being part of this important service.

The next day, the kids served along Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Baycliff distributing food to recipients at Bayshore Spillway Park. Serving people, seeing their smiles, and hearing them say “Thank you” and “Bless you” really made the children feel special and grateful.



On the last day (Wednesday), the young missionaries baked cookies and potted plants to deliver to some of UBC’s shut-ins. They also hosted a birthday party for one of their senior adults who had no family with whom to celebrate.

As valuable life lessons were abound that week, the children all had good things to say about their experiences with Kamp Kindness. Perhaps one young camper summarized the experience best when she learned how important her role is in helping others, saying, “I learned that God can use kids to help people.” And indeed, God does!

**6,389 POUNDS OF FOOD**

**5,324 MEALS**

**20 CHILDREN**

**3.5 HOURS**



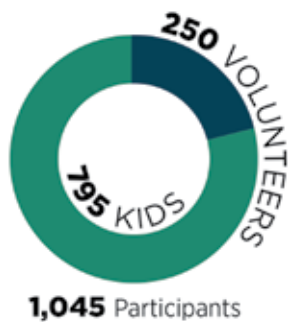


## VBS

In the second week of June, something of great magnitude took shape in the Worship Center. You may have noticed a chill in the air as the rugged terrain and monumental size of a backdrop took the shape of earth's highest summit above sea level. The great symbol of trial and triumph, Mount Everest, was the focal graphic of this year's VBS theme—Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. And it was quite a triumph!

An amazing 795 children registered for the weeklong event, with the remarkable help of over 250 volunteers. The week's activities were part of an icy expedition where kids were taught rock-solid Bible truths to guide them through life's challenges and overcome obstacles.

During the week, VBS was a safe place for kids to talk about questions they had about God. As opportunities arose to discuss life's challenges or share God's love in a unique way, children discovered God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive and love us forever, and that God's awesome power is enough to overcome any "mountain" or problem in our lives. The children experienced this lesson first hand as potential area flooding required Tuesday's VBS to be cancelled. Even with the small change in our scheduling, we were still amazed to watch God at work!



This year's VBS mission focus was on the Dominican Republic, a place where UBC has an established mission field and where the Family Mission Trip was scheduled to occur just a few weeks after the conclusion of VBS.

To engage the children attending VBS with this project, we introduced children from our congregation who had already been to the Dominican Republic. We also introduced children who were headed to there to build the very things for which we raised money in VBS! Our VBS preschoolers raised money to buy drills, and our VBS children (Kindergarten through 5th grade) raised enough money to build sixty desks for the Dominican school in which we worked in last summer while providing ministry!

The accomplishments of VBS could not have happened without the scores of volunteers who spent months preparing, and who stepped up each day during VBS week. Some volunteers came all week; some came for a day or two. But they all had an impact on God's Kingdom.

I am in awe of how God works...and how His plans are so much bigger than mine. From the number of children with whom we had the opportunity to minister, to the tremendous amount of pennies and nickels the children were able to raise for other children in need, I am truly humbled by what God can do, if we follow His lead.

Karen Murphy  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Laura Vincent writes...

"Thursday Bible Expedition for Hikers grades 1-3 was one of the most moving heartfelt presentations of the Gospel message. I re-devoted my own heart to follow Jesus as Lord (not just as my Savior)."

Angie Rozell writes...

On Day 1, I was telling the kids about how God gives us what we need, not necessarily what we want...and its okay to be disappointed, even cry. God loves us no matter what and will always give you what you need. One little boy spoke up and said, 'Yeah, but if you throw a temper tantrum, you don't get ANYTHING!' – Such Wisdom! LOL!"

Robin Mayeaux writes...

"I was describing the Pizza Peak and got choked up when I was saying how we will walk with God forever! VBS doesn't just affect the kids!"

Warren Harold writes....

"I want to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' for the opportunity to work with Troy Beaver again. I first met Troy at VBS last year when he and Katie were paired with me to work the Kindergarten games, and I confess, I felt a little selfish to get to work with Troy again! Between rotations, we have a short but valuable amount of time to connect and talk about their missionary work. It is humbling, to say the least, to know that what we're doing here at VBS not only serves our community but is taken over 8,000 miles away to the Philippines and repeated in an eight-week VBS marathon there. So, thank you for all that you do, and the opportunity to serve in this way. Caunt me in for 2016!"

## Sports Camp

"I spent the week working a basketball camp with one of our area churches (UBC); it was awesome! The children's director did a phenomenal job using sports as a tool to share the gospel. She was gracious, loving and absolutely to the point; she spoke of relationship with Jesus and allowing Him an opportunity to come and live in and with them. I know that seeds were spread daily and the Kingdom is going to grow because of it."

—Fleceia A. Comeaux, South Houston FCA Director  
(Fellowship of Christian Athletes)





## Children Renovations

Our largest area of growth in attendance is in our preschool and children’s ministries. We moved our children to the second floor of the Learning Center with the plans to renovate the space, and have raised about two thirds of the necessary funds. We have also updated our procedures for these projects with the lessons learned from the untimely passing of our architect and general contractor. The initial phase of construction will soon begin with selection of a new construction firm.

## Join The Journey

### THE VISION

There is great value in creating a safe, fun and welcoming environment for our children—a place where kids love coming to church and can’t wait to come back.

When we reach children, we reach families. And through families, we impact the future of our church and God’s Kingdom.

Our plan is to renovate the children’s space and renew the Children’s Ministry identity by becoming **UBC Kids in FLIGHT** (Kids Faithfully Living In God’s Holy Truth).

As we create this new Children’s Ministry area, we are asking you to “join the journey,” inviting children to join in the spiritual journey of belonging, preparing and serving, helping them envision how they can serve in their community and around the world and inspiring them to reach their full potential in Christ.

### THE NEW SPACE

When people step into the Children’s Ministry area, they will know that kids are important at UBC! The welcome area will be open, fun and inviting. Parents will feel confident that their children will be safe and well cared for during their time with us.

As they walk to the classrooms, they will see the values of UBC. One hallway will be transformed to remind kids of the important faith skills that are part of their journey in Children’s Ministry: learning to navigate the Bible, memorizing scripture, praying, sharing their faith and worshiping God with their life.

The other hallway will encourage kids to find their place of service by highlighting the mission opportunities at UBC.

The Great Room will be an exciting and fun place for large group worship and activities.

The new space will be ideal for all the Children’s Ministry activities: WBS, Bible Blast, Bible Drill, Children’s Choir, GAs and RAs. And, it will allow us to continue to reach out to the community to provide a meeting place for organizations such as Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Reach Co-op.

### THE PLAN

Planned Improvements:

- Update and enlarge the check-in area to provide a welcoming experience for members and guests
- Reconfigure bathrooms moving the entrance out of the “public traffic” area to improve safety
- Install new signage to direct parents to rooms
- Modify rooms to maximize space
- Paint hallways to inspire kids in the areas of belonging, preparing, serving
- Update lighting and sound in the Great Room to accommodate children’s large group worship time and activities

### THE PROPOSAL

To transform the children’s area into a welcoming, safe and fun environment for kids requires funding of \$300,000.

The improvements will be completed in three planned phases (as funding is available):

Phase 1: Remodel bathrooms and welcome area

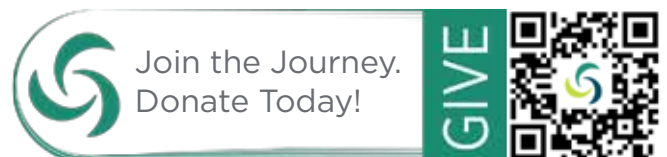
Phase 2: Modify classrooms and hallways

Phase 3: Update Great Room

### THE RESPONSE

The need is now, so we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the effort to transform the children’s area. We are asking the Lord to provide enough one-time gifts to immediately start the project and enough monthly gifts to complete the project within four months.

To participate, write “Capital Improvements” in the memo of your check or online gift.



# Preschool Ministries

## KJOY

by Dana Seibert

Each day at KJOY (July 22-25), UBC kindergartners made or constructed an item they knew they would eventually give to someone else. This was just a small act our KJOY campers did that helped them remember what this camp was all about—**K**indergartners learning to serve **J**esus first, **O**thers second, and **Y**ourself last. The items they made always included Jesus within them. They placed Bible verse stickers on the cans of food to be donated to Clear Lake Food Pantry. They decorated bags with Christian messages and filled them with food, water and a personal written prayer for the homeless. Most of all, everything the children did was filled with the love of Jesus.

The kids were able to see and interact with the people they were helping. They served food to the homeless men and women at the Mercy Tree. The residents of Brookdale Assisted Living engaged in conversations with our kids while painting ceramics. They shared gifts for babies and the staff and volunteers of Anchor Point Pregnancy and Childbirth Service. They prayed with our pastors at UBC.

The children could clearly see how their selfless acts were helping and affecting others. This aided in planting in the students' minds that when they donate food or toys, or give a homeless person some food, it is truly helping those people and making God smile down on their good deeds.

This program enabled the kindergartners to learn why we need to help those who are less fortunate than us by placing them in areas where they can safely experience the acts that God wants us to perform. It helped progress their understanding of the true meaning of community service and how everything we do should be done for Jesus and others before ourselves.

The effects of this program are still impacting others. One of the men whom we fed our first day at the Mercy Tree started frequenting my place of work the next day. I now see this kind and caring man at least twice a month, and he seizes opportunities to help others. He will come in and buy food (with his own scarce money) for people whom he knows cannot go to a store to buy any for themselves.

I know that it was God's will for Patrick to start coming to my place of employment the following day to help remind me, and remind others, that what we can do for strangers, even if it is just a little, can greatly affect all of our lives. With God's blessings, even small acts of selflessness can grow to something bigger.





## RAHM Summer Session

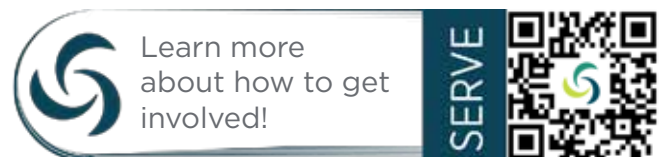
by Terri Neal

Right at Home Moms (RAHM), a family ministry of UBC, is 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.

Blair Webb led our summer study, *The Best Yes* by Lysa Terkeurst. We embraced the Proverbs scriptures and better understood a wisdom-based, decision-making process. Twenty-eight ladies participated in the study accompanied with large group discussion and small group prayer.

RAHM believes that motherhood is the hardest but most fulfilling work you'll ever find! We meet on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:45 am on the third floor. We also have many social events outside of UBC where we gather together for play dates, moms' night out and family activities. If you'd like more information about RAHM, please contact Laura Wardlaw, RAHM Director, or Terri Neal, Associate Pastor of Preschool Ministries.

Preschool Ministries has unique opportunities to share God's word with His tiny little lambs!



Donning their favorite pajamas, Preschool Ministry's Praise Kids Choir presented their spring concert, The P.J. (Prayers to Jesus) Party, on Sunday, May 3. They enjoyed performing for their friends and family, showing their musical talent with beat and rhythm.

On the evening prior, the choir sang for the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living. Hymns of "O, How I Love Jesus," "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," and "Trust and Obey" were familiar to the residents as they joined in the singing. After visiting with our new friends, Praise Kids' families joined together for dinner and a time of fellowship.

Praise Kids Choir is under the direction of Leighann Martinets, and Shannah Murphy serves as the choreographer. The three-year-old class is led by Kelly Wilson, Jessica Jafari-Rouhani, and Ryan Martinets. Directing the four-year olds are Eric Patenaude and Adrienne Felterman. Our kindergartners are led by Michelle Tressler, Mark Ratliff and student volunteer Allison Blackwell.

## Mission Friends

Spring Semester by Kirk Heuser

In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus commands us to go and make disciples from all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Mission Friends, we share what that means and how they too can, "Tell people about Jesus."

Our spring semester taught us about poverty and what it means to be poor. The kids heard from Lee Whitlock about 1000 Hills mission, and assembled over one hundred hygiene packs for some of Houston's homeless. We prayed that God would use these items so that Lee and other men and women could make disciples among those in physical need.

Mandy Loeffler talked to the kids about the Seamen's Church and the need for foreign language Bibles. Ships arrive daily with sailors from around the world who need to know Christ as Lord. We donated Bibles in Romanian and Tagalog for the sailors that visit Houston at the port to help the Seamen's Church in their work to make disciples.

Finally, Wayne Hale shared with the class about Indonesia and his trips following the tsunami in 2004. One of my favorite missionary stories was about an Australian man and his family that moved to Indonesia to help them recover. He was a brick maker. He showed God's love by making bricks to help the people rebuild their homes and told them about Jesus.

Mission Friends meets Wednesday nights and is for preschoolers ages 4 and 5 (by September 1). We have some great adult and student volunteers that lead activities related to the missionaries and their work both in the United States and abroad.



## Preschool Play Days

by Terri Neal

Eighty preschoolers, from birth through completed Kindergarten, enjoyed a week-long camp of Harvest County Fair—Growing the Fruit of the Spirit. From July 13 through 17, Bible stories were brought to life. We studied the Good Samaritan, the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, Jesus Calms the Sea, the Prodigal Son, and Zacchaeus while relating these Bible truths to the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience and kindness.

The children experienced a variety of crafts, activities, games, music, dramatic play and interactive chapel time. A non-UBC attender shared:

“

My daughter had such a great time! Each morning, she woke up excited to start the day. Everyone has been so nice to us, and her teachers are great! This has been a blessing for my daughter and me. Thank you!

”



# Weekday Ministries

## Farewell to Fours

On Thursday, May 21, proud parents and excited children filled the Worship Center as they said “farewell” to the four-year olds in the Weekday Ministries program. The soon-to-be kindergarteners took turns with on-stage speaking parts, participated in song, and accepted their graduation medals. The celebration continued in the Chapel where everyone enjoyed a reception and posed for pictures with their new children’s Bibles.

Weekday Ministries educators and staff provide knowledge and the warmth of God’s love to the children in the community—something the children will carry with them the rest of their lives. When parents were asked how they felt about UBC’s Weekday Ministries program, they couldn’t say enough.

“We loved the personable and individualized touch UBC teachers and staff gave as they ministered to not only our child, but to us (his parents), as well. The caring and compassionate nature with which everyone conducted themselves truly represented God’s love day in and day out.

The programs and presentations were consistently fun, educational, and spiritually edifying. Teachers and lessons focused on the development of the whole child, and we were always confident that he was in a safe, enriching, and—most importantly—loving environment! A great big thank you to all of the wonderful ladies that sowed into us throughout our years at UBC Weekday and made it feel less like a program and more like a second home. You are loved and will be sorely missed!”  
-Allison Lorfing

“The Farewell to Fours program was a wonderful way to celebrate this milestone in our child’s life and to highlight his transition into a new season in his developmental journey. We are grateful to his teachers and the Weekday Staff for their thoughtfulness in preparation, including a sweet reception with snacks and balloons. Our son felt very special and accomplished. Our son would come noticeably more peaceful and content on the days that he had spent in Ms. Jeremy’s and Ms. Michelle’s class. That spoke volumes to me about their care for my child! Thank you!” -Grateful, Stephanie Glenn

“We have loved our experience at UBC weekday ministries. Three of my children have attended and all have loved every second...so much so that one literally cried for three days after the farewell program because she ‘missed school and her teachers.’ I, of course, cried during the farewell at the tender and faith-filled send off into the big world of kindergarten. It was perfect.”  
-Jackie Sarager



# Worship Ministries

## Highlight Choir Tour

On the morning of Friday, June 12, thirty Highlight Choir students and sponsors packed up and left for their annual summer choir tour. Every year, the students tour new destinations, boasting an excursion list that includes Texas cities like Corpus Christi and Dallas, and even the sunny city of Orlando, Florida. This year, there was not a shortage of excitement as the students ventured to the beautiful Texas Hill Country!

After spending a fun-filled day at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, the group traveled to Concan—a small community in Uvalde County, located next to Garner State Park. They rehearsed in preparation for a performance at First Baptist Church (FBC) Concan, and then enjoyed an afternoon floating the famous Frio River.

The Highlight Choir and Alleluia Ringers concluded their tour by leading worship for FBC Concan. The congregation enjoyed hearing the music, especially the handbells, and as the students traveled back to UBC later that day, they relished in their great time of fellowship and worship with First Baptist.

Thank you to the trip sponsors:

Matt and Trudy Marsh

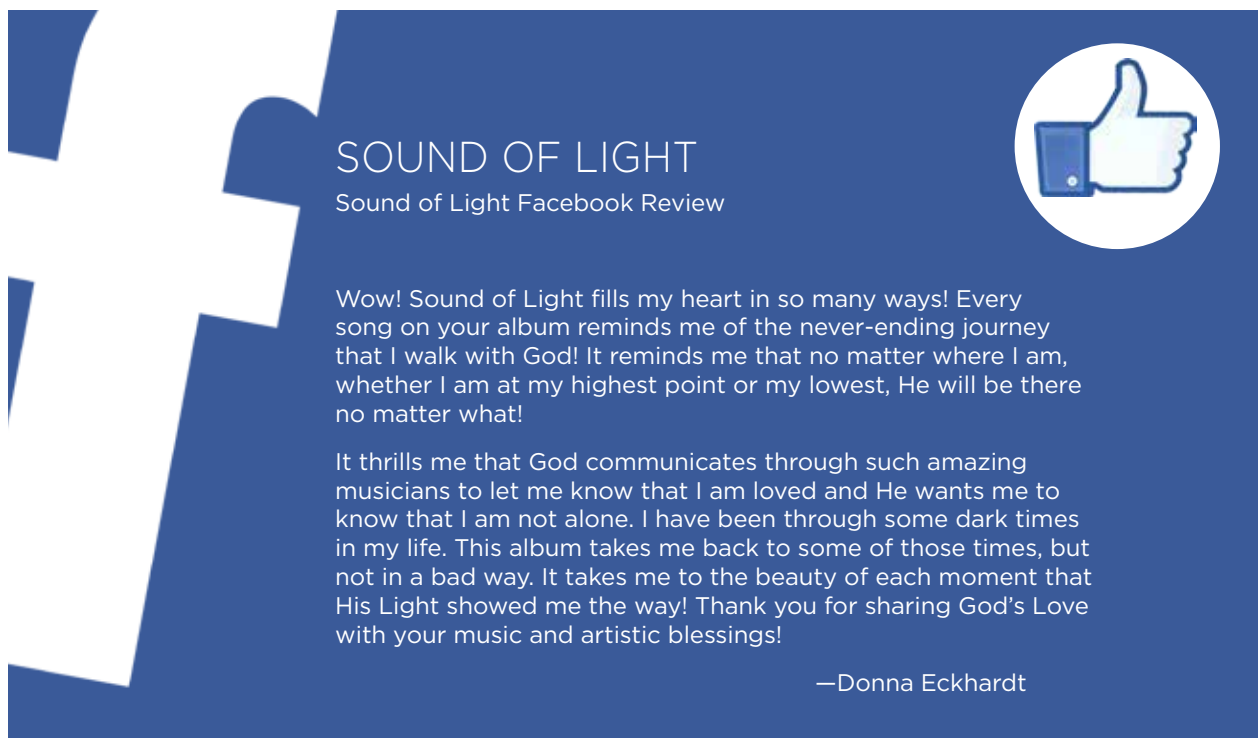
Brian and Kimber Holmes

Terry and Angie Reeves

Lou Ann Bussey, Alleluia Director

Kyle Wilson, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries

Summer student interns: John Jacobs, Julianna Hale, Grant Dougherty



**SOUND OF LIGHT**  
Sound of Light Facebook Review

Wow! Sound of Light fills my heart in so many ways! Every song on your album reminds me of the never-ending journey that I walk with God! It reminds me that no matter where I am, whether I am at my highest point or my lowest, He will be there no matter what!

It thrills me that God communicates through such amazing musicians to let me know that I am loved and He wants me to know that I am not alone. I have been through some dark times in my life. This album takes me back to some of those times, but not in a bad way. It takes me to the beauty of each moment that His Light showed me the way! Thank you for sharing God's Love with your music and artistic blessings!

—Donna Eckhardt

# Attendance Report

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (4 YRS)					WBS ATTENDANCE (4 YRS)				
WEEKS	2012	2013	2014	2015	WEEKS	2012	2013	2014	2015
Week 1 May	1029	1033	912	858	Week 1 May	930	914	936	899
Week 2 May	1065	1051	914	878	Week 2 May	892	885	841	817
Week 3 May	1132	1036	951	821	Week 3 May	922	916	863	896
Week 4 May	879	954	790	710	Week 4 May	773	816	657	645
Week 5 May	N/A	N/A	N/A	998	Week 5 May	N/A	N/A	N/A	866
Week 1 June	986	1072	1111	829	Week 1 June	895	953	967	686
Week 2 June	1039	961	906	796	Week 2 June	877	864	808	775
Week 3 June	1159	964	891	902	Week 3 June	595	845	842	645
Week 4 June	1001	932	981	857	Week 4 June	752	776	783	683
Week 5 June		924	960	N/A	Week 5 June	N/A	873	836	N/A
Week 1 July	949	920	765	608	Week 1 July	749	724	727	496
Week 2 July	867	952	864	920	Week 2 July	724	835	780	667
Week 3 July	941	954	878	778	Week 3 July	818	792	722	706
Week 4 July	1028	921	837	861	Week 4 July	655	818	714	771
Week 5 July	932	N/A	N/A	N/A	Week 5 July	768	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 1 Aug	878	954	887	836	Week 1 Aug	790	850	808	753
Week 2 Aug	941	1053	949	841	Week 2 Aug	784	870	828	801
Week 3 Aug	890	1011	967	907	Week 3 Aug	839	837	859	849
Week 4 Aug	1056	1044	1052	998	Week 4 Aug	1102	999	927	858
Week 5 Aug	N/A	N/A	832	1026	Week 5 Aug	N/A	N/A	792	1003

WORSHIP AVERAGES			
	9:30	11:00	Totals
May-August 2014	593	321	914
May-August 2015	558	299	857

WEEKEND BIBLE STUDY AVERAGES					
May-Aug 2015	ENROLLED	ATTENDED	Jan-Apr 2014	ENROLLED	ATTENDED
ADULTS	842	402	ADULTS	751	364
CHILDREN	342	151	CHILDREN	366	126
PRESCHOOL	575	188	PRESCHOOL	414	202
STUDENTS	308	134	STUDENTS	373	120
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1877</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>813</b>

OTHER ORGANIZATION AVERAGES MAY-AUGUST 2015					
Childrens	AVG ATTENDED	Preschool	AVG ATTENDED	Students	AVG ATTENDED
Awesome Adventures	25	KJOY Missions Camp	18	Army Student Mission Camp	14
Kamp Kaboom	130	Mission Friends	16	Back to School Blast	160
Monday Madness	35	Preschool Play Days	101	IS Camp	77
Preteen Camp	61	Praise Kids Concert	120	Love Africa: South Africa	20
Sports Camp	220	Praise Kids-Nursing Home	30	Love Africa: Zambia	9
Movie Clubhouse	75	RAHM Summer	28	Parent Connect Breakfast	145
VBS	784			Silvercliff HS Camp	78

# Financial Report

## University Baptist Church 10 Months October 2014 to July 2015 (83.33%)

	Revenue and Expenditures (a)	Actual (b)	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget
General Contributions	\$3,133,821.65	\$3,133,821.65	\$3,925,000.00	\$791,178.35	79.84%
Budget Contributions	54,664.07				
Other Income	\$27,556.49	\$27,556.49			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,216,042.21</b>	<b>\$3,161,378.14</b>	<b>\$3,925,000.00</b>	<b>\$763,621.86</b>	<b>80.54%</b>
<b>Missions Ministry</b>	<b>\$319,387.10 #</b>	<b>\$319,387.10</b>	<b>\$410,500.00</b>	<b>\$91,112.90</b>	<b>77.80%</b>
Communications Ministry	\$96,338.98	\$96,338.98	\$122,500.00	\$26,161.02	78.64%
Externally Focused Ministries	\$14,500.46	\$14,500.46	\$30,000.00	\$15,499.54	48.33%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$53,929.92	\$44,808.92	\$62,100.00	\$17,291.08	72.16%
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$13,304.74	\$13,244.74	\$30,000.00	\$16,755.26	44.15%
Adult Ministry	\$57,755.66	\$46,250.58	\$92,000.00	\$45,749.42	50.27%
Student Ministry	\$80,548.51	\$53,148.50	\$61,100.00	\$7,951.50	86.99%
Children Ministry	\$35,643.43	\$29,704.72	\$49,500.00	\$19,795.28	60.01%
Preschool Ministry	\$17,299.15	\$16,956.15	\$26,550.00	\$9,593.85	63.86%
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$688,707.95</b>	<b>\$634,340.15</b>	<b>\$884,250.00</b>	<b>\$249,909.85</b>	<b>71.74%</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$160,164.45</b>	<b>\$160,164.45</b>	<b>\$228,850.00</b>	<b>\$68,685.55</b>	<b>69.99%</b>
Personnel	\$1,747,234.98	\$1,747,234.98	\$2,232,000.00	\$484,765.02	78.28%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$1,907,399.43</b>	<b>\$1,907,399.43</b>	<b>\$2,460,850.00</b>	<b>\$553,450.57</b>	<b>77.51%</b>
<b>Facility</b>	<b>\$435,441.30</b>	<b>\$435,145.03</b>	<b>\$579,900.00</b>	<b>\$144,754.97</b>	<b>75.04%</b>
Capital Improvements	\$8,920.00	\$8,920.00	\$0.00	(\$8,920.00)	
Fiscal Year Funding	\$0.00 #	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Facility &amp; CP &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$444,361.30</b>	<b>\$444,065.03</b>	<b>\$579,900.00</b>	<b>\$135,834.97</b>	<b>76.58%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,040,468.68</b>	<b>\$2,985,804.61</b>	<b>\$3,925,000.00</b>	<b>\$939,195.39</b>	<b>76.07%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$175,573.53</b>	<b>\$175,573.53</b>			
	<b>Begin</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>End</b>		
Designated Funds (c)	\$1,470,006.29	(\$688,440.56)	\$781,565.73		
Budget Designated Funds	\$40,843.07	\$0.00	\$40,843.07		
Reserve Funds	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00		
Unrestricted Funds			\$286,487.93		
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$1,608,896.73</b>		
<b>Current Other Assets (d)</b>			<b>\$1,521.56</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			<b>\$99,779.64</b>		
<b>Mortgage</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>		

Kathryn C. King, Treasurer

### Footnotes:

- "Revenues and Expenditures" lists ministry specific budget contributions made through the year under Revenues and shows actual gross expenditures for each ministry area.
- "Actual" includes ministry specific budget contributions in their respective ministry. These contributions off-set total ministry expenses. "Actual" column figures are used to compute "% of annual budget."
- Designated Funds "Activity" includes expenses for remodel, Mission Training Center and the Pavilion.
- Current Other Assets is Weekday Ministry Receivable.

# UBC Membership Additions

## May-August 2015

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Grant Bahnsen
- Kristin Blackwell
- Kinley Chapa
- Lindsey Felty
- Jacob Johnson
- Rain McLaren
- Bryce Marcelle
- Brooke Richeson
- Jaden Schneider
- Marc Schneider
- Natalie Squier

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- Paul Braden
- Amber Brown
- Jeffrey Brown
- Jessica D. Chapman
- Debs Cofer
- Marsha Lynn Cofer
- Jana Daniels
- Andi Hodson
- Robert Hodson
- Justin A. Kreft
- Lindsey Kreft
- Mary Sue Lansdown
- Mary McGinty
- Clayton Marcelle
- Christi Ortiz
- Mark Ortiz
- Cindy Smith
- Gary Smith
- Edward Summey
- Gloria Summey
- Angela Thomas
- Dana A. Turner
- Mark Turner

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Sara Williams Braden
- Diana Carreon
- Peter N. Carreon
- Sulema Colunga
- Shirley D. Ham
- Frank Hess
- Kelli Sue Hess
- Laura Landenberger
- Wendi Marcelle
- Christina Quinn

# UBC Membership Deletions

## May-August 2015

### By Letter

- Kelly Davidson
- Ed Greene
- Robin Greene
- Jeff Pearce
- Jennifer Pearce
- Dr. Harlan Wichelhaus

### By Erasure

- Lance Halgren
- Susan Halgren

### By Death

- Clarke Covington
- Eileen Johnson
- Jo Anne Ridge
- John Stovall

# Administrative Report

## Focus Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2015

The Focus Meeting was held in the Chapel at University Baptist Church at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 7, 2015. David Mobley, Executive Director called the meeting to order and opened with a short prayer. There were 37 people in attendance. David explained everything about the buildings on our property and how we are going to get them finished.

After that explanation, Dr. Steve Laufer, Sr. Pastor, led the group in prayer. The Sr. Pastor's Report is on page 3 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. The Executive Director's Report is on page 3 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. The Facility Updates Report is on pages 4-6 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. The UBC Welcome New Staff is on pages 6-7 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. The UBC Ministries Reports are on pages 8-21 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015.

A full report of the membership changes during the period January-April 2015 is on page 22 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. During that period, 20 were received by baptism; 11 by letter; and 8 by statement. On page 23 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015, you will find the Attendance Report for Weekend Bible Study and Worship.

Requests for letters

- Jean Barber
- Amanda Castro
- Larry Castro
- Evan Crain
- Gavin Grove
- Jimmie Mizell
- Adam L. Peterson
- Kelly L. Peterson
- Gary Priest
- Susan Priest

By Erasure

- Sean Hulsey
- Deborah Hulsey

By Death

- William (Bill) Anderson
- Bob Leonard
- Zadabeth Uland
- Jim Wilkinson

The changes in membership were reviewed and the requests for letters were approved by voice vote after a motion by Dan DeVries and a second by Phil Hampton. A prayer led by Dan DeVries was offered for those leaving, that they would be productive in their new churches and for new members who had recently joined UBC.

The Financial Report is on page 24 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015.

The minutes of the February 8, 2015 Focus Meeting is on page 25 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015.

The minutes were approved as written by voice vote.

The minutes of a special called Business Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2015 to vote on the acceptance of the candidate for the role of Pastor of Adult Ministries, Dr. Garet Robinson, is on page 27 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015. The ballots were passed out and the vote was taken. The vote was 99% in favor of calling Dr. Garet Robinson to the position of Pastor of Adult Ministries. These minutes were approved as written by voice vote.

The UBC Foundation Report is on page 26 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015.

The Faithful Service Report is on page 27 of the Book of Reports dated June 7, 2015 highlighting the Executive Council.

David Mobley adjourned the meeting and Pat Garrett closed it with a prayer.

Virginia Thomas  
CHURCH SECRETARY

## Nominating Committee

After much prayer and God's guidance, the Nominating Committee would like to submit the following people to fill positions on UBC's committees beginning in January 2016:

TRUSTEES:

### Greg Allan

Greg grew up in the Baptist church and has been a Christian since he was a child. He and his family came to UBC in 1998 when he was in middle school. His wife has been a member of UBC all of her life. They attend the 11:00 service and are involved in a young married couple's Bible study. They also teach in the preschool WBS every other week.

### Zach Bartel

Zach grew up at UBC and became a Christian as a child. After going away to college he came back to UBC and he and his wife now attend the 11:00 service. Zach helps out with the children's ministry whenever possible.

### Ann Hammond

Ann has been a member of UBC since 1987 and has served in many capacities in the church, from working with pre-K to serving as assistant treasurer and as a member of a pastor search committee. She attends the Empty Nester's WBS class and worships at the 9:30 service.



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

### **Chris Carlson**

Chris grew up in the Baptist church and has been a Christian since he was a child. He has been a member of UBC since 2004. He and his wife, Amy, attend the 9:30 service. They are currently members of an 11:00 WBS class (led by the Skeeters) and also teach high school kids at 11:00. Prior to that, Chris served in the preschool department at the 11:00 hour.

### **Delynn Halloran**

Baptized as a child, Delynn has been a member of UBC since 1989. She and her husband attend the 9:30 worship service and the 11:00 Skeeter WBS. She currently serves in the Connection Café. She and husband, Sean, have also served as WBS directors for fifteen years. She has served on the Nominating Committee and facilitated neighborhood Bible studies. She also helped raise funds for South African missions through a community walk/run event, Run for Rand.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

### **Jason Bodie**

Jason has been a member of UBC since 2008. He and his wife, Lea, attend the 9:30 service and are involved in an 11:00 prayer group on Sunday mornings. He has started a men's morning Bible study group, and is looking forward to becoming involved in UBC through the Nominating Committee.

## DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

### **Travis Grindstaff**

Travis joined UBC in 1988 and was baptized at that time. His family attends the 9:30 worship service and an 8:30 WBS class where he is serving as coordinator. He is a member of the Faith Path team and also assists in the preschool department as needed. He has taught kids in WBS in several areas and has chaired a pastor search committee, among many other service capacities at UBC.

## UBC FOUNDATION:

### **David Yeary**

David has been a Christian for forty years and a member of UBC for thirteen years. He and his wife, Kelly, attend the 11:00 service, and the 9:30 Empty Nester's WBS department where he is director. He has also taught middle school kids on Saturday night.

### **Paul Glenn**

Paul became a Christian in childhood. He and his wife, Tia, joined UBC in 2012. They attend the 11:00 worship service and are active members in the Empty Nester's department, where he shares the responsibility of leading and facilitating the Bible study lesson.

## ASSISTANT TREASURER:

### **Lee Anne Ward**

Lee Anne became a Christian at nine years old. She has been a member of UBC since 1974, and her parents were some of the original members. She and her husband, David, were married in the church by George Archer. When their two girls were little, they worked in the nursery and children's areas. They were among a small group that started the Empty Nester's class about five years ago.

## Deacon Nominating Committee Report and Recommendation Sept 2015

The Deacon Nominating Committee has been meeting regularly, April through August of this year (2015). We would like to thank the congregation for their participation in submitting nominations for UBC deacons. We have been prayerfully considering and interviewing candidates to recommend as UBC deacons.

The Deacon Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend this group of 12 candidates be added to the Deacons of University Baptist Church:

Sabra Barnett  
John Cave  
Jeff Doi  
Paul Glenn  
Robert J. King  
Mark Kuhlman  
Megan Murphey  
Mike Muzslay  
David Pedersen  
Doug Triplett  
David Ward  
Kelly Yeary

### 2015 DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joy Bradbury, 2015 Chair  
Anthony Blankenship  
Patricia Garrett (Deacon Representative)  
Susan Greene  
Brittany Shradar  
John Sweitzer (Deacon Representative)

# Deacon Nominations

## Deacon Bio: Doug Triplett

I grew up in La Porte, Texas, graduating from La Porte High School in 1967. Shortly afterwards, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and proudly served my country for six years. I've worked at the same location since 1969, currently employed as a planner at Invista. My wife, Bonnie, is also from La Porte, and we married shortly after her graduation from high school. We have two daughters and three grandchildren.



I attend the 9:30 worship service and sing in the choir. I am also a member of the Discovery Bible study class. In addition, I teach children's choir, attend Tuesday evening Bible studies, and have participated in every Navajo Mission trip since 1990.

I've believed in Jesus Christ since childhood. However, I didn't understand what it meant to be a true disciple until my family joined UBC in May 1989. Since that time, our lives have revolved around the church, doing God's work and trying to show His love to others. I know that I am a sinner, saved by grace. However, I pray that He will continue to use me, faults and all, to be of service to Him and to let others see Jesus in me.



## Deacon Bio: Mark Kuhlman

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I attended Pittsburgh Baptist Church (PBC) during childhood where, at the age of nine, I asked Jesus to be Lord of my life.

I have a degree in Business Administration and Chemical Engineering from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and a Masters of Engineering degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

I've been married to Janet Myers Kuhlman since January 1990. We have three children: Katie (23), Andrew (20) and Emily (12). I am a chemical engineer currently working as Unit Lead with Covestro in Baytown.

The churches I have attended include PBC (1966-1988), Immanuel Baptist Church, New Martinsville, WV (1988-1992) where I was ordained as a deacon; Temple Baptist Church, Moundsville, WV (1993-1998) where I served as deacon, youth teacher and choir member; EFG Evangelisch-Freikirchlichen Gemeinde (Baptisten) in Leverkusen, Germany (1998-2002) where I served in the youth group and first experienced a home Bible study group; PBC (2002-2006) where I served as teacher, trustee and deacon chair; and University Baptist Church (UBC) (2006-present).

At UBC, I attend the 9:30 worship service, teach for Cross Heirs Weekend Bible Study, serve with Financial Peace University (FPU), the Practical Care Team, two Navajo Mission teams, a Honduran Mission Team (with Clear Lake Baptist Church), twice with the Dominican Republic Family Mission Trip. I also serve as a greeter, through Faith@Home, and as ad hoc server in the kitchen.

My other areas of service include serving on the boards of Music in World Cultures and the United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County.

I pray that I (and we, His Bride) continue to become an ever-purer expression of His love.

## Deacon Bio: Mike Muzslay

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio in April, 1943. I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior when I was thirty-six at First Baptist Church of Seabrook a few months after Pamela and I were married in 1978.



We have three daughters: Leigh, Laine and Melissa. Leigh is married to Chris Browne, and they live in Austin, Texas. Laine is married to Bill Odle; they live in Tomball with their children, Michael and Callie. Melissa is married to Marty Croft, and they are stationed with the U.S. Navy in Suffolk, Virginia with their son, Clint.

I grew up in Berea, Ohio and attended Ohio State University. After serving in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service, where I attained the rank of QM2(SS), I move to Texas in 1968 and worked in construction and industrial supply. While doing vendor surveillance for the DuPont company, I became an American Welding Society Certified Welding Inspector. I am now semi-retired and own my own business, Alloy Inspections of Texas, Inc.

I attend the 11:00 am service. I have been an usher starting at the Saturday night service and continued when we changed to the Sunday morning 11:00 service. I am active with the Navajo Mission Team and have made twenty trips. I am also active with the Texas Baptist Men's Chainsaw team and the 9:30 am WBS Men's group.

My relationship with God is on going and becomes stronger each day. I realize He is in control and have learned to give my fears and problems to Him as I am incapable to handle them on my own.

## Deacon Bio: John Cave

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1954. I'm an Air Force child and moved around a fair amount as a child. I grew up attending a United Methodist church in southern California after my Dad retired in 1962. In 1978, I hit bottom and surrendered my life to Christ and began growing in my knowledge of God.



I met Debbie at work and we were married in 1980. I worked twenty-five years for Boeing as an operations manager and have move quite a bit over those years. I currently work for Honeywell. I have served as an elder and a deacon in various churches, including Cottonwood Creek in the north Texas area.

Debbie and I started attending UBC in 2011 and attend the "Empty Nester" WBS class along with the 11:00 service. We have two married sons (Josh and wife, Janet, and Tim and wife, Sarah) in the north Texas area. Tim and Sarah have blessed us with a set of grandsons (Moses and Aaron), which we enjoy immensely.

I help with Walden Garden, Navajo Mission team and serve as the training coach for the Gateway CR program. I am firmly convinced of my need for a savior, growing in my love for Jesus/Holy Spirit/God and giving all of my life to him as my acceptable service.



## Deacon Bio: Jeff Doi

Howdy all. My name is Jeff Doi. I was born in Fountain Valley, California. I was adopted around my first birthday and moved to Texas with my family when I was in the fourth grade.

I accepted Christ the summer before my freshman year of high school, and as such, my faith was very childlike and unfortunately, fairly legalistic. I would not come to understand the depth of what dying to myself and carrying my cross would mean until my post-college life.

I'm an engineer in the space industry, and I'm not married. I co-teach high school seniors weekend bible study. I attend the 11:00 am worship service, and I am an active member in the UBC young adult ministry. My friends would probably say I'm a foodie, and I wouldn't disagree with them. I can find the same amount of beauty in creating or eating a tasty meal as I can looking upon nature in all its glory. So how do I know God exists and that He loves us (aside from the whole Savior thing)? All the wonderful things to be tasted.

## Deacon Bio: Robert King

I was born in San Antonio and have spent most of my life in Texas. During fourth grade, I accepted Christ and spent the first part of my life attending Lutheran (LCMS) churches. In 2007, I joined Houston's First Baptist Church, and in 2008, I transferred my letter of membership to UBC. I currently attend the Traditional service and I am a member of the CrossFIT WBS class.



I understand the challenges of being a husband, father, provider and other perspectives, and have seen God at work during the good times and the bad times. Currently I serve in a leadership position for Faith at Home, and remain open to additional areas of service as God directs.

I have worked for Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. since 2006. Previously, I worked for H.E. Butt Grocery Co. in San Antonio. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Masters of Science in Finance from University of Houston-Clear Lake.

I have been married to Katie since 2008 and we have two children, Samantha (5) and Charles (3).

## Deacon Bio: Megan Murphey

Born in Bellflower, California and raised in Odessa, Texas, I grew up in a Christian home regularly attending Sherwood Baptist Church. When I was eleven years old, I made the decision during a children's revival at the church to become a Christian.



Growing up, I was active in Girls in Action (GAs), youth group and youth choir. I attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and earned a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. While in college, I met and became close friends with Christians in other denominations, which forced me to stretch and grow my understanding of the global and universal Church.

I now work at NASA in the Extravehicular Activity group. I am single and live with my faithful four-legged friend, Misty, who keeps me active.

I regularly attend the 9:30 am young adults small group and the 11 am service on Sundays. I also attend one of the young adults ladies' bible studies during the week. Each summer, I enjoy going on the UBC Living Water International mission trips to drill water wells for villages in Central America. I also regularly support Mission Pre-Born and Air1 radio as organizations that are near and dear to my heart.

## Deacon Bio: David Ward

I was born in Flint, Michigan in 1955. I grew up in Gladwin, Michigan and became a Christian when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord at sixteen years old.

I moved to the Clear Lake area in August 1982 to continue my teaching and coaching career (now thirty-five years). I joined UBC in the spring of 1985, soon after meeting Lee Anne Schooler. Her parents, Gary and Merdell Schooler, are one of the founding families of UBC. Lee Anne and I were married at UBC in July of 1985 by George Archer. We have two daughters, Kymberlee Ward Allen (wife of Greg Allen) and Lyssa Ward. Both girls are life-long members of UBC and are teachers. Lyssa teaches in San Antonio and Kymberlee and I both teach in CCISD—Kymberlee at Bayside Intermediate and I have been at Clear Falls since it opened.

Lee Anne and I attend the 11:00 service and are active members of the 9:30 Empty Nester WBS. We both served in the infant and toddler areas of UBC until our girls reached school age and continued to serve as substitutes in the youth area until our girls reached high school. I am currently serving on the nominating committee and have gone on the Navajo Mission Trip for about the last ten years. I also recently served on the recreation committee and on the search committee for the 11:00 worship team. Lee Anne has recently been asked to serve as assistant treasurer for the church.

Outside of UBC, I have been involved as a school sponsor with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for thirty-three years. In 2010, I was honored to receive the Greater Houston Area - Bill Yeoman's FCA Coach of Influence Award. Lee Anne and I are also on the board of directors for ALMS International Ministries, which was started in January 2014.

## Deacon Bio: Paul Glenn

I was born in El Dorado, Arkansas and was raised in a Christian home. I received Christ as my Savior at the age of nine. I graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a BBA degree in Marketing. I met my wife, Tia, at church and we have been married for thirty-three years. We have one married daughter, Bethany Aman, one son-in-law, Ryan Aman, and two granddaughters, Charlotte and Emmeline.

I have always been in the boat business and my wife has always been a nurse. Our vocations are what brought us to Houston in 1991. We later moved to Seabrook in 2005. Tia is a nurse practitioner and I am currently working in boat/yacht sales and brokerage on Clear Lake.



We attend the 9:30 Empty Nesters class and the 11:00 Worship service. Our WBS class is a huge part of our lives and we thoroughly enjoy being part of such a great Church family.

I have always trusted in God and he has always been with me through all of life's events and challenges. I make certain he is part of my daily business affairs, and he gives me great strength and joy each day of my life.

I was raised in an Assembly of God church and served a three-year elected term as a deacon in my late twenties. I also served as a Royal Rangers leader there for several years. We started attending Champion Forest Baptist Church when we moved to Houston. I served in the Men's Outdoor Ministry there, called True North Outfitters.

It is my desire to serve at UBC in whatever capacity God leads.

## Deacon Bio: Sabra Barnett

I was born in Huntsville, Alabama on June 27, 1939. I can't remember not being in church. By the age of seven or eight, I began to feel God calling me to Him. I was nine years old when I finally got the courage to walk down that aisle, ask God to forgive my sins and to save my soul. I grew up in a Methodist church on the corner of our property in a rural community outside of Jasper, Alabama.



I married at seventeen. Huey was eighteen, and we were married fifty-eight years on May 30, 2015. We have four daughters, thirteen grandchildren (two by marriage) and five great-grandchildren. Over a twenty-year period, Huey went back to college and earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. I attended a hospital-based nursing program.

I have been in choir and hand bells, taught Bible study classes, served as chairman of the social committee and served on the Board of Trustees for UBC. I have been involved in children's activities from infants to teens. I have been on personnel committees, and was on the search committee when Matt Marsh came to join us. Huey was an active deacon for many years, taught Bible study classes, and was on the pulpit committee when Robert Creech became our pastor.

We have been members of UBC since 1981 and attend the 9:30 service. We are thankful to be a part of this church and are blessed to serve. We know the power of prayer in this church and believe there are some great saints serving here. We continue to be involved in leadership development and personal mentoring.

## Deacon Bio: Kelly Yeary

My family and I first moved to Houston in 1998, and joined UBC in 1999 as part of the Saturday night congregation. During my time at UBC, I have served as a director of Preschool Ministries and a teacher for preschool and women's programs.



I was born in Pecos, Texas to my parents, Drury and Gayle Grogan. I grew up in Brownfield, Texas, and at age eight, accepted Jesus as my savior.

In 2006, my family and I moved to Boerne, Texas and became members of First Baptist Church. In 2011, we returned to Houston and rejoined UBC. I now participate in the Second Wind Women's class at 9:30 on Sunday morning and attend the 11:00 service. I am also a part of a Women's Bible study on Wednesday, serve on the Path of Hope committee and am a mentor for Kids Hope.

I have been married for twenty-five years to David Yeary. We have three children: Megan Walker, David Jr. and Annabeth. Megan, 27, lives in Jacksonville, Florida with her husband, Jared Walker. David Jr., 23, recently started an accounting position with Weaver and Tidwell in Houston. Annabeth, 19, attends Texas Tech University as a sophomore chemical engineering major.

David and I love to travel and we are adjusting to our empty nest.

## Deacon Bio: David Pedersen

I was born in San Diego, California, but have lived in the Houston area most of my life. I was raised in Alvin. I accepted Christ as my savior when I was in the seventh grade. Diane and I have been married for twenty-nine years. We have a daughter, Sarah. I have had careers in the chemical industry and aerospace, and now work for the City of Houston, leading the group responsible for automating the purification of drinking water. I have a BS degree from Houston Baptist University.



Diane and I attend the 9:30 worship service and two Bible study groups, the Cross Heirs class on Sunday at 11, and a Wednesday night home Bible study group. My relationship with God and His son Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. Bible study, prayer and service are very important parts of my life. I share my faith when the opportunity arises, teach God's word and serve (or have served) in several areas including the preschool ministry, and teach young adults, practical care and financial peace. I teach the Clean Out class for Texas Baptist Men (TBM) and lead TBM Clean Out teams in disaster recovery efforts.

## Faithful Service

The elected committee members serve for three years. We have a group of very faithful members completing their years of service this December. Please express your thanks to them.

### Executive Council

Brent Perry     Joan Traylor

### Nominating Committee

Dave Ward

### Trustees

Leo Peters

Mike Duckett

Lori Lowery

### UBC Foundation

John Kinsey     Bob Richmond

### Deacon Nominating Committee

Joy Bradbury     Dale Figgins

### Church Officers

Debbie Stacey, Assistant Treasurer

## Trustee Committee Report

The Trustee Committee ended the year by working closely with the Executive Director and the Executive Council to move things along with the UBC construction projects, and helped to establish a new Capital Improvements standard operation procedure. The Committee completed the scheduled audits of the standard operating procedures, and would like to thank the church members and staff that helped us complete our task.

Leo Peters

# Proposed Budget

Fiscal Year 2016

October 2015-September 2016

The Lord has been gracious to UBC and has led us on an incredible journey during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015. He has allowed us to welcome two new pastors. He has inhabited our praises as we have worshipped together, and has brought about change in our lives through the Word as we heard about the Ten Commandments, the Kingdom of God, and the life of King Saul. He has embarked on a new journey with us through the letter to the Hebrews. We have seen evidence of His presence through forty baptisms and by welcoming over one hundred new members.

Through the Lord's provisions, we have consolidated our ministries to preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students into the Learning Center, as well as completing the remodel of our adult meeting spaces. We started raising funds for our children's area remodel, are working through the sudden passing of our architect and contractor, are completing our Mission Training Center, and moving ahead on our gift to the community, the Pavilion.

It is with great expectation of what God will continue to do that the Executive Council recommends the FY 2016 Budget. The staff anticipates that the ministry plans for 2016 requires two percent additional funding. The Executive Council endorses the requested increase, recognizing that UBC's practice is to live within the funding the Lord provides through the obedience of His people.

Please be in prayer for good stewardship as well as the plans God has for us.

**Respectfully,  
The Executive Council**

Brent Perry, Chair  
Brad Miller  
Stuart Skeeter  
David Mobley, Executive Director

Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor  
Tamra Parks  
Joan Traylor

The ministry plan represents a two percent increase from FY 2015.

The increase provides additional funding for missions, Faith@Home initiative, summer interns, Kingdom Care, additional facilities help during our busy summer, payroll taxes, and grounds maintenance.

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET OCTOBER 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2016</b>			
<b>Account</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed</b>		<b>Fiscal Year 2015 Budget</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,925,000</b>
Missions	\$	418,000	\$ 410,500
Communications	\$	122,500	\$ 122,500
Serving	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000
Music and Worship	\$	62,100	\$ 62,100
Pastoral Care	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000
Adult	\$	100,000	\$ 92,000
Student	\$	61,100	\$ 61,100
Children	\$	49,500	\$ 49,500
Preschool	\$	26,550	\$ 26,550
<b>TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>899,750</b>	<b>\$ 884,250</b>
Administration	\$	228,850	\$ 228,850
Personnel	\$	2,287,500	\$ 2,232,000
Facility	\$	583,900	\$ 579,900
Capital Improvements	\$		\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,925,000</b>

# UBC Foundation

The UBC Foundation's primary emphasis is to provide the members of UBC the opportunity to invest in the people and organizations that will impact God's Kingdom in the future. This year, the focus turned to youth at the formative stages of their lives.

## From the very youngest

"Working to establish a foundation for families at Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center"

\$5,000



## To growing families

"Through the resources of Faith@Home"

Financing of The Porch and startup costs

\$10,000

## To scholarships for high school graduates

"Selected on the basis of their service, example and demonstrated Christian leadership through out their high school careers"

\$5000

From left to right: Jessica Hale, Matthew Garrison, Kyle Wilson & Anna Purcell



### 005 UBC Foundation Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2015 Balance Sheet for Period 7 - July

	Current Year
<b>Assets</b>	
Frost Checking	69,322.90
Baptist Foundation of Texas	89,971.20
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>159,294.10</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Foundation Board Fund	110,468.17
Foundation Board Fund-Current Year	1,948.16
<b>Foundation Board Fund-Total</b>	<b>112,416.33</b>
Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadership Fund	11,447.83
Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadership Fund-	128.95
<b>Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadership Fund-T</b>	<b>11,576.78</b>
International Missions Fund	4,914.29
International Missions Fund-Current Yea	55.35
<b>International Missions Fund-Total</b>	<b>4,969.64</b>
Bob Wall Fund Endowment	5,000.00
Bob Wall Fund	1,658.26
Bob Wall Fund-Current Year	75.00
<b>Bob Wall Fund-Total</b>	<b>1,733.26</b>
Timothy Fund	23,335.24
Timothy Fund-Current Year	262.85
<b>Timothy Fund-Total</b>	<b>23,598.09</b>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>159,294.10</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fu</b>	<b>159,294.10</b>

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

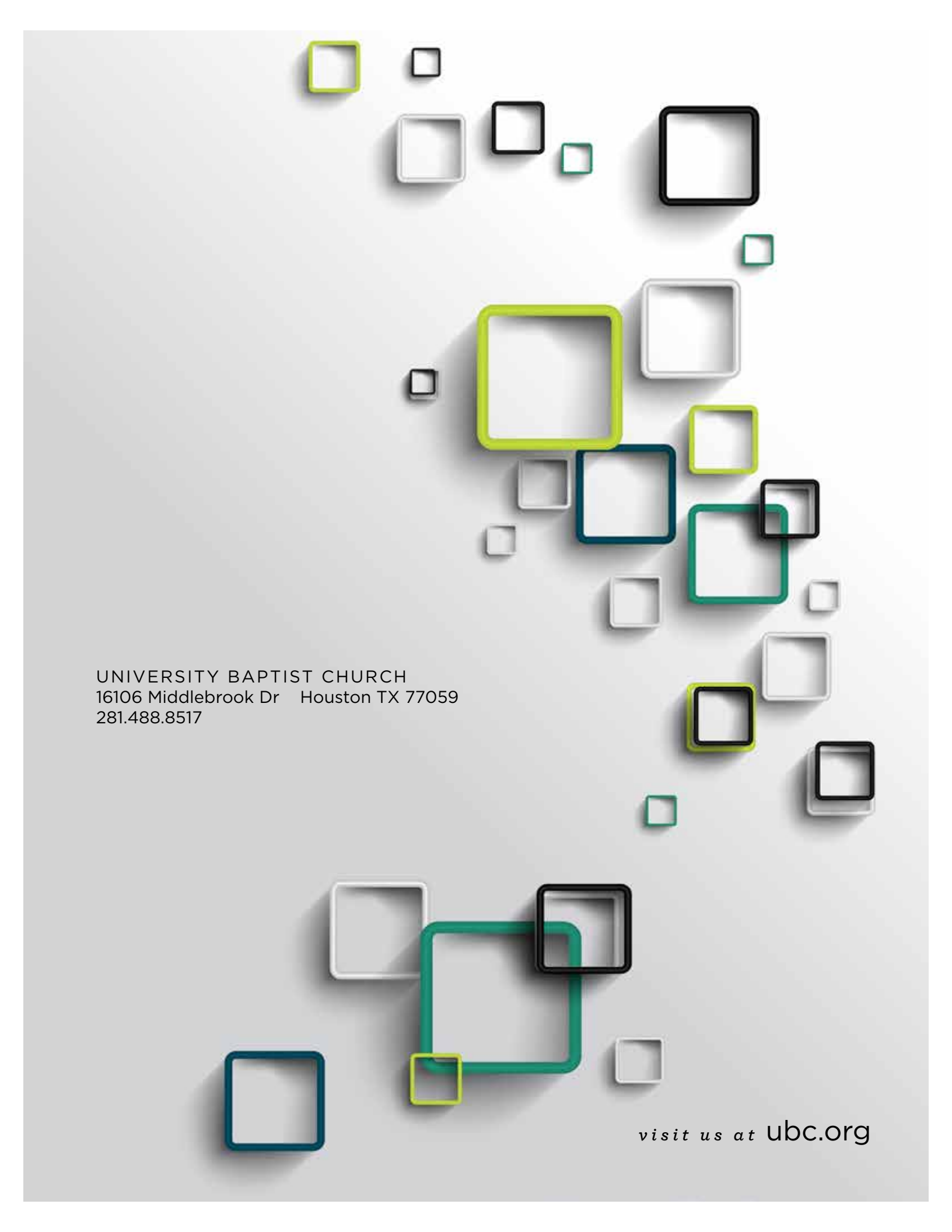
### Jerry O'Neal Scholarship Recipients

Receiving the Jerry & Carole Lynn O'Neal Christian Leadership Scholarship is a huge blessing in my life. This scholarship will help further my education at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor next year where I will pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education. I plan to use my education to teach society's children in school and in church because as I said in my essay for this scholarship, "It is never too young to speak the Truth to little ones."

—Jessica Hale

Receiving the Jerry O'Neal Scholarship means not only being able to receive an excellent education, but also it allows me to live on campus at the University of Houston this fall. For me, this means better involvement in campus activities, stronger relationships with students, and easier access to professors. More importantly though, this means living in the mission field. I'm thrilled, albeit a little daunted, at the idea of living in the mission field, but I feel that God has led me to do so through this scholarship award. I'm so thankful to UBC, not only for granting me this scholarship, but also for investing in me for the past six years. It has prepared me for living my mission for Christ at UH.

—Anna Purcell



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