


# FOCUS!

SEPT-DEC 2019



**FOCUS MEETING**  
Sunday, Jan 26  
7 pm, The Chapel







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# Senior Pastor

There is a stark contrast in Israel between the traditional location of the Sermon on the Mount and the traditional location of the crucifixion of Jesus. The former is located on a serene hilltop overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Everything is green, the air is sweet, and the environment is quiet. The latter, on the other hand, is tucked away in the Old City of Jerusalem surrounded by buildings and noise and people. It's not that this site isn't reverent and holy, but it can be REALLY hard to experience the reverence and holiness in the dim light being jostled at every turn by tourists with selfie sticks and long lines waiting to see the different highlights of the site.

Jesus, in his most popular season of ministry, seemed to operate in both types of environs, sometimes the quiet and simple, other times the crowded and chaotic. But, the more and more popular he became, the more crowded his personal time and space would become. People LOVED being near him. They loved hearing him teach. They loved watching him to see what incredible thing he would do next. The only sad thing about the season of Jesus's popularity is that it had to come to an end!

But in the world's eyes, that is the way popularity works. You'll continue to be loved and revered as long as you satisfy the adoring crowd. But if you start to push a little too hard, or fail to live up to expectations, the fall can be swift and painful. This, of course, was the exact dynamic Jesus would experience as he moved into his final season of ministry, the Year of Opposition.

Still today, Jesus can be quite popular among certain crowds. (Just visit the holy sites in Israel for examples.) The qualities of love, mercy, compassion, and justice are maybe more popular now than they've ever been. And he is recognized as a paragon of all these qualities by the religious and non-religious all over the world. But if you turn the conversation to topics such as generosity, tolerance, holiness, and self-sacrifice . . . well, these aren't quite as popular as the first. As long as we can merely receive blessings from Jesus, he is quite popular. But as soon as we realize that Jesus places expectations on us, that popularity can quickly evaporate.

As always, this book of testimonies, I hope, illustrates how UBC is living out the very things that we talk about and teach on in our services and classes, and that we claim to believe. We are not just a church that talks. We are also a church that goes, that serves, that gives, that sacrifices. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many blessings we all receive for being children of God through Christ's sacrifice. And many of us also embrace the callings that that relationship places on us.

Thanks for your involvement and investment in our church family this past semester. And thanks for making these stories the many lived out examples of Jesus's ministry that they are in our own time and our own place.

Steven Laufer  
SENIOR PASTOR



I enjoy nature. Why else would I get up at 4:30 in the morning (yes, there are two 4:30's in the day), walk a half-mile in the cold and sometimes the rain. Step over a small creek but pass through a significant ravine, traveled by a variety of animals that can be higher on the food chain than me. Climb into an elevated 4x4 box to sit for multiple hours.

My favorite part is to sit in the total quiet of the predawn East Texas morning. As the first hints of daylight begin to creep into the area, one solitary bird will start their morning with a song that cannot be contained. And that notifies the rest that they need to join in. Shortly there is a symphony of these God fed, God trained, beautifully harmonized creations filling my ears with music and my heart with peace.

Later in the morning, the bigger guys come out to play. They typically appear soaring high overhead, and the first indication of their presence are the shadows that move quickly over the landscape. Some are God's cleanup crews, but my favorite is the hawk who flies with such little effort. The stronger the winds, the less effort for them to soar, circle, turn, and dive to locate their first meal of the day.

The interesting thing is that I don't have to travel to East Texas for this experience. We have a large hawk that loves the tallest tree at the back of our church property. One Sunday morning, when I arrived early and parked at the Mission Training Center, I was taken by surprise as he swept down directly at me, so I thought. Then he redirects, picks up a rodent from the detention pond, and returns to his perch. Nature can be graphic at times.

I can also think this way about Kingdom work. As much as I enjoy it and love to participate in it, I sometimes feel I need to travel to other places to experience God's creative purposes. But in reality, He provides those opportunities to observe Him at work and engage in His creation in my daily routines.

As you read through God's activities in the following pages, it's easy to get caught up in the beautiful symphony that has followed our predawn preparations. But hopefully, you will recognize the work may not be as far away as you imagine, and the Lord has designed us to easily maneuver when we operate as a "Family of Christ Followers."

Be strong and courageous,

David Mobley  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival 2019 brought many blessings! First, it was the coldest October 31 in 25 years! We were extremely thankful it didn't, rain but we did have gusty winds and temperatures in the 40's. That didn't seem to stop people from participating. More than 1300 people attended our annual Fall Festival dressed in their best costumes. Second, we are always pleased to see so many people - and many we do not know - on our campus. The Walker and Phillips families enjoyed the evening full of fun, games, and inflatables, and then returned to church on Sunday morning as first-time visitors. Third, it's rare that we have any remaining candy after this big event. However, we had quite a bit left and were able to share with Angel Tree and Military Mamas Network. Angel Tree helps children of incarcerated parents by providing a Christmas present from their incarcerated parent. Military Mamas Network supplies care packages for soldiers throughout the year. This Christmas was extra special with added treats of chocolate for both organizations.

And, not to go unnoticed, we were tremendously blessed to have 250 volunteers give of their time to Fall Festival! Perhaps you couldn't volunteer, but you donated candy, helped sort the candy, or were a prayer warrior on behalf of the event. Thank you ALL for making our largest community outreach of the year a huge success!









# Serving Ministries

## COLOMBIA

In October, UBC engaged with our Colombian partners who have started a respite center for Venezuelan migrants along the Pan American Highway, in a small, mountainous community 90 minutes outside of Cali. The UBC team volunteered at the respite center, visiting and supporting Venezuelans who show up in waves of 15-30 people every day. The migrants have a chance to eat, to rest, to contact family members back home, and to receive some general training about some of the mental health symptoms they might be experiencing on their long journey. The need for this respite center doesn't show any signs of slowing as thousands of Venezuelans continue to leave their home country each week. Relief efforts are still the focus of most organizations, but as Venezuelans start trying to settle down in Colombia, there will be – and already is – a need for development, job training, micro-enterprise financing, and help with assimilation. UBC plans to be along for the ride as our partners, SEPAZ, evolve with the needs.

An amazing secondary connection with the respite center is that the center is located in a small town called Mondomo. There are dozens of indigenous churches in the area being pastored by Guambiano leaders. Some of our UBC team members taught mini courses on leadership training to these pastors and their spouses while others in the team worked down the street in the respite center. It seems there is ample opportunity for UBCers to use their gifts and skills! Please pray for our partners and for the local pastors to have endurance in a difficult terrain.

## SPACE WEEKEND

Each fall, families from UBC host international students in their home for a night during Space Weekend. Students who are participating in International Student Collegiate Ministries from around Texas drive with their group leaders to Clear Lake for a uniquely American immersion experience! UBC is blessed to have many volunteers participate in this event. Students tour the Johnson Space Center, have a meal at UBC, hear a personal testimony from one of our astronaut members, spend the evening visiting in host homes, and then attend worship service at UBC the next morning. Both hosts and students benefit from this fun and meaningful time together.





## VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT

Our second-annual Veteran's Day Concert took place on a chilly evening on November 15. This was an opportunity to hear live music, hang out with friends, meet some special veterans, and thank them for their service. Several great volunteers from our Texas Baptist Men and Women grilled burgers and hot dogs for the attendees, and many of UBC's support staff added the details to make it a nice evening.

Thanks to everyone.





## Faith@Home

During the months of September and October, Faith@Home hosted two separate 4-week series. September's focus was on parenting and featured the following topics: Guarding Against Sex Trafficking (Christa Mayfield), Teens and Social Media (Kimberly Collins), Dealing with Anxiety in Teens (Amy Carlson), and Brain Development in Teens (Kyle Wilson). The presenters encouraged parents and provided lots of resources and tips so they could continue to gain knowledge that will help improve their parenting skills.

In October, the focus shifted to marriage.

- *Real Life Romance*: Brett and Kellie Hurst from Home Encouragement joined us and encouraged couples to take a look at their romance, evaluate it, and take it up a notch.
- *Overcoming Gridlock*: Charny Beck of STCH Ministries was our presenter. Charny shared a lot of valuable information from John Gottman's *The Four Horsemen*.
- *Spiritual Intimacy*: Jenny Dietz, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, focused on what it is like to "create shared meaning" and gave practical tips on how to make that happen.
- *Strengthen Your Marriage*: Steve Christopherson, a Licensed Professional Counselor, used stories and analogies to help participants consider ways to strengthen their marriages and gave practical tips that couples could implement right away.

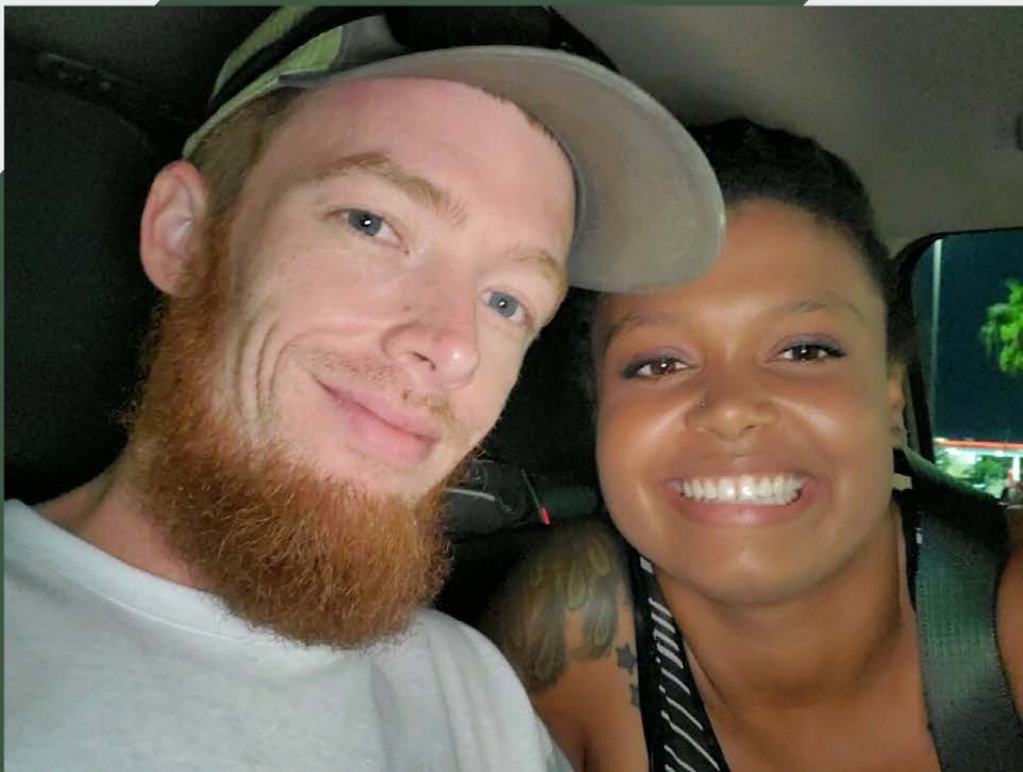
Overall, both series were amazing. Sixty-eight people participated in the September sessions, and 65 people participated during October.



## Date Night Fall 2019... Huge Success!

What a great turnout we had for our Fall 2019 Date Night. Approximately 80 couples invested in their marriage by spending the evening on an intentional date. The couples used conversation starters focused around *Falling Deeper in Love*.

At UBC, we strive to be a church that supports couples and equips them to grow and be intentional about their relationship. To that end, Faith@Home will be hosting a marriage retreat: *Rooted in Love* (February 21-22). Be sure to register soon because space is limited!





# Primetime Ministries

Thirty-four of UBC's Primetime seniors boarded a Harris County bus to attend a Houston Astros afternoon game. Since food is a vital part of every event, some ordered sack lunches from Jason's Deli, and others carried a big purse and purchased food at the ballpark. Several staff members met us there to join in the excitement. The hometown team spirit was very strong among our group, but our team didn't give us a win. We enjoyed cheering and visiting with each other between game action. There was talk of making this an annual event!

An even larger group of Primetimers went on a Christmas lights tour of the River Oaks area. Wearing jingle bell necklaces and Christmas lights headbands, 43 of us climbed aboard a big, comfortable bus and settled in for a long, winter's ride to a restaurant in Houston - Molina's Cantina. From there, we rode through lighted arches with Christmas trees on both sides of Post Oak Blvd. The beautifully decorated homes in River Oaks didn't disappoint, and we ooh'ed and ahh'ed for 40+ minutes as we made our way up one street and down another. The ride back to UBC went fast as we listened to Christmas music and talked about the decorated homes and yards that were so awesome. There was talk of making this an annual event, too!







## Adult Ministries

Groups at UBC help us connect with others in life and ministry. Some of our groups have been meeting for a long time, some for a short time, and others in between. A key to our church's continued health and growth are groups like the MT Nesters @ 11 who have been doing life and ministry together for nine years.

*Our class has been together for nine years as of last August. Matt Marsh started us as a class for people whose kids had moved out of the house, and who were needing a place to connect. We have broadened our group to include others in a similar age range and we have had several great teachers and class members since we started. Our class is very lively, and with four teachers with very diverse church backgrounds, no two weeks are quite the same. You can expect lots of sharing when we have our Bible study times each Sunday. We also have a monthly men's Bible study that meets in homes, and we go out each month on the second Sunday for lunch.*

*Over the years, we have participated in several different serving activities: Coats for Katya, Kid's Hope, Fall Festival, gifts of cheer to missionaries and people in the military, and ministries to individuals in our church. We also have many members who serve individually with the Navajo trip, the DR, Texas Baptist Men, Bay Area Turning Point, etc. We also serve each other with visits and food as our class members are having surgery, or if they have parents who are in need of special care or perhaps pass away. I have heard from many people that caring during hospital visits and the openness, hugs and comfort from other class members are the things that make our class a place of comfort for them. We care, we serve, and we build one another up in Bible study.*





## Illumination Arts Ministry

Illumination Arts Ministry has had a very exciting year. We have completed two book studies: *Finding Divine Inspiration* and *Created to Thrive*. We taught an Art and Trauma Healing Bible Study based on the book *Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church Can Help*.

In September we installed our third Art Show titled "Give Thanks" on the walls outside the Worship Center on the second floor. Our next show will be titled "On a Mission" based on Matthew 25:35-40. The Winter Show will be on display January 24 - March 15, 2020.

We have had a variety of guest artists join us for our monthly meetings, telling their story and teaching their art form. We painted wood pumpkins with Urban Easel, hosted Karen Follett an Interior Designer, created glass crosses with Mosaic Artist Michele Patrick, and decorated Christmas cookies at Savannah Bakery and Café.

Jessica Christian and our knitting artists have decided to call their group UBC Needle Arts. The group meets on Mondays from 10 am - 12 pm at UBC. Jessica teaches beginning knitting and helps those who want to take their knitting to the next level.





## Women's Ministries

### Thinking Faith Academy

There is only one semester left in the three-year, rotating curriculum of Thinking Faith Academy. This fall we studied Church History along with some spiritual formation practices that originated during each era that we studied. It was fascinating to pray like a Puritan, to walk along a Labyrinth, to gaze into the face of Jesus as depicted in a sacred Eastern Orthodox icon, or to engage in a personal examination of the day like Ignatius of Loyola taught us. Next semester we will be learning about prayer. Join us!

### Women of the Word (W.O.W)

The Women's Discipleship Team collaborated over three weeks to offer tools and inspiration to anyone wanting to dig deeper into God's Word. Kathy Bailey headed the effort as women were invited to learn new ways to engage with the Bible. Sessions were led by Kathy Bailey, Patricia Denson, Erin True, Debbie Hampton, Kristin Hamon and Adelee Morrison. If Jesus is known as the greatest Teacher who ever lived, shouldn't we be dedicated to learning what He taught?

### MomsNext

The pilot semester of MomsNext covered a lot of ground. MomsNext, a branch of MOPS International (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a ministry group for moms of school-aged children. The intention is to build relationships and community and to help one another through this challenging season of parenting. Each meeting explored a different topic. We started with friendship, discussing how our expectations and efforts towards others can cultivate friendship. We planted succulents as a metaphor of how friendships also need to be fed nutrients, sunshine, and water. At the next meeting, guest speaker Charlene Wolfe educated us about anxiety and stress. She encouraged us to discern what is within our control and what is not our responsibility. George Ann McBride, from Stitches of Love, joined us for our meeting on creativity. She showed us how to make adorable pumpkins out of fabric. We can all be a little creative! Holly Sincox was our second guest speaker and she encouraged us to make time to answer our children's questions and foster good conversations with them. We finished the semester by talking about our family traditions and memories of Christmas. We were also reminded that one of the best gifts we can give our children is the gift of prayer. We have been so grateful for all the people who have encouraged and supported us to kickstart this ministry. Thank you so much fellow MomsNext Leaders, amazing Mentor Moms, and special guests!



## Tapestry

Tapestry Dinner is the largest women's outreach event of the year. This year we hosted 325 women, including nine tables designated for international women. We honored our partners in Crisis Work and enjoyed an inspiring message from Debbie Moseley of The Bridge Over Troubled Waters. The audience participated in an activity that revealed a significant amount of unity among women regarding difficult life issues that challenge many women. Our task now is to figure out how to respond to what we learned. We are continuing to follow up with our guests, addressing the interests they shared in different areas of ministry at UBC. We also held a special prayer meeting where we prayed together over all of the prayer requests (more than 40 of them) that we received that night.

Special thanks go out to all who worked hard to make the evening so special, including our wonderful servers (UBC Men), those who helped with food, door prize donations, set up, decorations, and everyone who hosted a table. Tapestry is set for November 5, 2020, so mark your calendars.









# Student Ministries

## Students Fall Retreat 2019

What does retreat mean for you? For some, it is a deeply negative word. It conjures up Ideas of giving in or running from a battle worth fighting. For me, it invokes the idea of a fledgling band of brothers in arms falling back to defeat the enemy with a strategic plan that benefits their small size and overwhelming odds. Our hope for Fall Retreat is that our students can fall back to a simple moment surrounded by nature and sharpen their hearts, minds, and souls with each other and the Word of God hidden in their hearts. This year we retreated to Forest Glenn Retreat Center in Huntsville, smack in the middle of the Sam Houston National Forest. We invited our good friend Jeff Mangum to share God's Word with our students. Due to a last-minute change with our original speaker, Jeff made himself available and our teenagers were excited that he was able to join us. Jeff challenged our students to live with reckless abandon for the gospel. Between incredible times of worship, challenging messages of hope, and a schedule that was altered to allow for our entire student ministry to root the Astros on in their World Series run, a genuine connection was developed among our teenagers.

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For many of our students, fall retreat holds a special place in their hearts. It's one of the few times a year they are forced to slow down, take time away from their devices, and heavy schedules to focus intently on their relationship with their friends from church and on their relationship with God. I am thankful that UBC supports our students in such amazing ways. Our Student Ministry would not be anywhere near as successful as it is without the support we receive from the entire church. We truly appreciate all you do for us.



# Preschool Ministries

## Parent Dedication

Nov 10

Thomas and Amy Lawrence - son, Travis Anderson

Ross and Alyssa McDaniel - daughter, Everlee (Big brother, Cort)

Jonathan and Amanda Pfeiffer - daughter, Eva Grace (Big brothers, Levi and Samuel)

Nov 24

Cory and Maria Simon - daughter, Catherine Jane Fabiosa Simon



McDaniel





Pfeiffer



Simon





# Right at Home Moms – Fall 2019 Semester

By Jennifer Gallardo, RAHM Co-Director

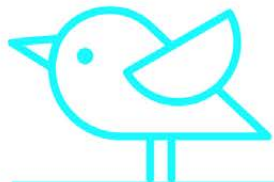
The ten-week fall semester of Right at Home Moms began with a breakfast hosted by the leaders to welcome each member, those new and returning. Jessica Pfeiffer led the group of almost 20 women in a marriage focused study based on the book *Grace Filled Marriage* by Tim Kimmel, navigating through tough topics graciously and purposefully to make sure each woman was heard. The book study was accompanied by videos from RightNow Media, which is a valuable tool that is accessible to each member even after the semester has ended. The main topic of the book was that the missing ingredient in most marriages isn't love, but grace. Grace is essential in keeping our vows and having a love that is healthy, strong, and committed. It's the exact way that God loves us, even when we may not deserve it. Upon completion of the marriage study, we were encouraged to use Group Care Night on December 13 as a date night with our husbands.

RAHM also focuses on growing the personal relationships of the women who attend. This is achieved through various events such as after-class playground meetings, scheduled playdates, dinner nights, and social gatherings. Thanks to the many things Houston has to offer, a scheduled playdate at the Houston Zoo was rained out but quickly moved to the Children's Museum. A fun mom's night out was held at Bada Bing Pizza, where two tables of women got to share and laugh over delicious food. It's customary to end the semester with a potluck to share the highlights of the study and talk about the next semester. In early December, we always have a great time at our Annual RAHM Cookie Exchange. It's a morning full of fun and fellowship as we bake cookies with our children.

Each semester of Right at Home Moms brings something different in relation to the topic and the women that attend. Yet the focus is always the same: to foster relationships while studying the Bible and growing in our faith. We look forward to our spring semester of *Grace Based Parenting* by Tim Kimmel. Although the book is complementary to our previous session, it will provide separate and specific ways to help our members with the throes of motherhood.



# Weekday Ministries



## Staff Appreciation

Our mission focus for the month of October was to let our church staff know how much we appreciate them! Each class was given a staff member and had the opportunity to participate in an activity made especially for that individual! The kids loved surprising our staff members with their special projects, and the staff loved getting their special gifts from the children.







## Donuts for Dads & Muffins for Moms

We love celebrating our Weekday families! As a part of our intentional ministry efforts, we plan several events throughout the year that are specifically designed to allow our kiddos to invite their extended family members. On October 24, Weekday Ministry dads, grandpas, and uncles joined us for Donuts for Dads, a fun morning with a sweet treat. The kids loved having the special men in their life here to sing and fellowship! Then, on November 14, moms, grandmothers and aunts joined us for our annual Muffins for Moms. These events are always special times where great memories are made for our families.











## Weekday on Mission

Our preschoolers collected 40 welcome boxes filled with toys, toiletries, and other personal necessities to be given to children who check in to The Bridge Over Troubled Water, a local domestic violence shelter. On November 21, the children shared praise and prayer time around the boxes, singing songs of love to God and praying for the children that would receive the boxes. During worship that day, we focused on thankfulness and how we should be the hands and feet of Christ. It was a great way to begin the holiday season!





## Worship Ministries

### The Belonging

The Belonging, UBC's new Sunday evening service is off to a great start. Creating space on Sunday evenings for a fourth worship service has been a positive change. From the music and environment to the preaching and worship elements, the belonging has created an intimate and sacred environment for people to connect with God and each other in a powerful way. It has been great seeing members of our church and new folks finding community. We ask that you continue to pray for The Belonging and all who help to lead it as we are on a new exciting adventure together. We look forward to what the Lord has in store.

# THE BELONGING



## Dessert Theater

Winter Wonderland Dessert Theater was a fun and exciting experience in working together to build a family-friendly variety presentation from the ground up for our student ministry music ensembles. Highlight (High School) & Shout (Intermediate) Student Choirs, and Alleluia (High School) & Carillon (Intermediate) Handbell Choirs worked the entire Fall semester on their pieces, and individual students worked on their songs and dances to make them into the amazing presentations that were performed in November. Thank you, UBC, for your support of our student music groups!

Dessert Theater is the major fundraising activity to help sponsor the Highlight Choir's Spring Serving/Mission Trip. In March 2020, we will be serving with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association to help facilitate the ministries of local Baptist churches, ministries, and the Association in New York City!





Aerial view of proposed Master Plan



GlenShannon view of Administration / Lobby & Contemporary Worship Buildings



## Facilities Update

If you've been in Focus Meetings or other expansion-related gatherings over the last year, you have already heard about the ongoing plans to prepare UBC's facilities for the next generation of ministry. Many people have been praying, discussing, researching, and planning as we try to discern God's direction and the path forward. No final decisions have been made, but here are some of the latest renderings from our architect.

We've created an online page, [www.ubc.org/expansion](http://www.ubc.org/expansion), to allow you to review the concepts, conversations, and rationale for this project. It is definitely "God-sized," and we want to make sure all of the family is informed and that everyone has a chance to weigh in on this important venture. If you have further questions or comments, please feel free to contact a member of the Executive Committee or the Next-Gen Team.

View inside Welcome Center looking towards the Contemporary Worship Building



View of new Welcome Center & Contemporary Worship Buildings





# Attendance Report

WORSHIP AVERAGES					
	9:30	11:00	Spanish Service	The Belonging	Totals
Sept-Dec 2018	477	361	NA	NA	838
Sept-Dec 2019	484	350	13	52	899

ADULT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2018	859	352
Sept-Dec 2019	906	429

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS (BIRTH-PREK-4)		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2018	281	167
Sept-Dec 2019	276	163

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS (K-5TH GRADE)		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2018	465	173
Sept-Dec 2019	482	169

STUDENT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2018	459	166
Sept-Dec 2019	427	148

PRESCHOOL AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2019
PS/CM Christmas Concert	300+
Praise Kids	18
Mission Friends	9
Embrace Grace	3
Fall Festival	1300+
Right At Home Moms	21

CHILDREN'S AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2019
Chorus Kids	47
Handbells	18
Bible Blast/Drill	26
Royal Amassadors	26
Girls In Action	14
Turkey Shoot	32

STUDENT MINISTRY AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2019
Fall Retreat	116
IS Late Night	24
Crave	20+
Merge	20+

ADULT MINISTRY AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2019
Tapestry Dinner	325
College & Career Christmas Party	34



# Financial Report

## University Baptist Church 12 Months October 2018 to Sept 2019 (100%)

	Actual	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget Spent
Budgetary Contributions	\$3,690,351			
Ministry Contributions	\$18,657			
Other Income	\$12,656			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,721,664</b>			
Missions Ministry	\$369,035	\$371,500	\$2,465	99.34%
Communications Ministry	\$84,339	\$114,000	\$29,661	73.98%
Serving Ministries	\$15,488	\$18,200	\$2,712	85.10%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$57,085	\$55,800	-\$1,285	102.30%
Family Ministry	\$17,750	\$34,500	\$16,750	51.45%
Women's Ministry	\$9,843	\$11,500	\$1,657	85.60%
Adult Ministry	\$48,115	\$69,200	\$21,085	69.53%
Student Ministry	\$62,551	\$62,000	-\$551	100.89%
Children Ministry	\$49,631	\$49,000	-\$631	101.29%
Preschool Ministry	\$15,965	\$23,600	\$7,635	67.65%
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$729,803</b>	<b>\$809,300</b>	<b>\$79,497</b>	<b>90.18%</b>
Administration	\$198,079	\$219,700	\$21,621	90.16%
Personnel	\$2,136,250	\$2,196,000	\$59,750	97.28%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$2,334,329</b>	<b>\$2,415,700</b>	<b>\$81,371</b>	<b>96.63%</b>
Facility	\$473,244	\$490,000	\$16,756	96.58%
Capital Improvements	\$67,772	\$0	(\$67,772)	
<b>Total Facility &amp; CP &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$541,016</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>-\$51,016</b>	<b>110.41%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,605,149</b>	<b>\$3,715,000</b>	<b>\$109,851</b>	<b>97.04%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$116,515</b>			
	Begin	Activity	End	
Designated Funds	\$521,906	(\$52,656)	\$469,250	
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$136,515	\$0	\$136,515	
Reserve Funds	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	
Unrestricted Funds			\$47,346	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$1,153,111</b>	
Current Other Assets (a)			\$0	
Current Liabilities			\$46,645	
Mortgage/Long-Term Liability			\$0	

Mike Herman, Treasurer

Footnotes:

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



**University Baptist Church**  
**2 Months October 2019 to Nov 2019 (16%)**

	Actual	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget Spent
Budgetary Contributions	\$581,289			
Ministry Contributions	\$2,270			
Other Income	\$15,386			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$598,945</b>			
Missions Ministry	\$58,129	\$382,000	\$323,871	15.22%
Communications Ministry	\$18,276	\$114,000	\$95,724	16.03%
Serving Ministries	\$724	\$18,200	\$17,476	3.98%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$4,510	\$59,500	\$54,990	7.58%
Family Ministry	(\$2,252)	\$41,500	\$43,752	-5.43%
Women's Ministry	\$1,097	\$11,500	\$10,403	9.54%
Adult Ministry	\$4,427	\$63,700	\$59,273	6.95%
Student Ministry	\$3,365	\$66,400	\$63,035	5.07%
Children Ministry	\$2,748	\$55,000	\$52,252	5.00%
Preschool Ministry	\$523	\$23,600	\$23,077	2.22%
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$91,548</b>	<b>\$835,400</b>	<b>\$743,852</b>	<b>10.96%</b>
Administration	\$37,772	\$219,600	\$181,828	17.20%
Personnel	\$314,580	\$2,275,000	\$1,960,420	13.83%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$352,352</b>	<b>\$2,494,600</b>	<b>\$2,142,248</b>	<b>14.12%</b>
Facility	\$90,541	\$490,000	\$399,459	18.48%
Capital Improvements	\$14,193	\$0	(\$14,193)	
<b>Total Facility &amp; CP &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$104,734</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$385,266</b>	<b>21.37%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$548,634</b>	<b>\$3,820,000</b>	<b>\$3,271,366</b>	<b>14.36%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$50,311</b>			
	Begin	Activity	End	
Designated Funds	\$469,251	\$217,605	\$686,856	
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$136,515	\$0	\$136,515	
Reserve Funds	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	
Unrestricted Funds			\$99,312	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$1,422,683</b>	
Current Other Assets (a)			\$375	
Current Liabilities			\$74,707	
Mortgage/Long-Term Liability			\$0	

Mike Herman, Treasurer

Footnotes:

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



# Membership Report

## UBC Membership Additions

September–December 2019

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Sydney Biekert
- David Cunningham
- Marian Cunningham
- Sarah Cunningham
- Christian DeOre
- Sophia DeOre
- Emma Henderson
- Caleb Heuser
- Bentlee Jones
- Hunter Jones
- Joseph Klein
- Joey Mather
- Marcy Mather
- Linda Oelze
- Drew Richards
- Scarlett Stephens

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- Jayela Christides
- Charles E. Elgin
- Martie Elgin

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Sarah R. Deitrick
- Linda Fletcher
- Larry J. Fletcher
- Allison Hardy
- David D. Hardy
- Leah J. Hewitt
- Richard W. Heitt
- James B. Hill
- Nathalee M. Hill

## UBC Membership Deletions

September–December 2019

### MEMBERS LETTERED OUT

- Micah Duckett
- Michael Duckett
- Ashley Kay Hendrick Fairleigh
- Jonathan Howells
- Rebekah Howells
- Tammy Jay Standing
- Kennedy Strong
- Sally Williams

### MEMBERS BY ERASURE

- Mike Zvolanek

### BY DEATH

- Barbara Brenton
- Edna Chrestman
- Dorothy Killingsworth
- Mary McGinty



# Administrative Report

## Focus Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2019

The Focus Meeting was held in the Chapel at University Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday September 29, 2019. Dr. Steven Laufer, Senior Pastor called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. There were 88 people in attendance.

### BOOK OF REPORTS DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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During that period, 8 were received by baptism; 13 by letter, and 2 by statement.

#### Requests for letters

- Scott Butler, Jr.
- Shelbi Smith Butler
- Jim Clarkson
- Mary Lynn Clarkson
- Andrew Johnston
- Grace Johnston
- Dale Lonsford
- Yolanda Lonsford
- Mary Lee Santarelli

#### By Erasure

- Huey Barnett
- Sabra Barnett
- April Evans
- Ellie Evans
- Kami Evans
- Kurt Evans

#### By Death

- Bill Baker
- Martha Krueger
- Noma Light
- Pete Reeder

The changes in membership were reviewed and the requests for letters were approved by voice vote after a motion by Laura Vincent and a second by Kathy Ozenberger. A prayer was offered for those leaving, that they would be productive in their new churches and for new members who had recently joined UBC by Kyle Wilson.

The minutes of the June 2, 2019 Focus Meeting and minutes for a Special Called Business Meeting on May 19, 2019 are on pages 53 - 54 of the Book of Reports dated September 29, 2019. The minutes were approved as written by voice vote after a motion by David Henry and a second by Kirk Heuiser.



The Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget is on page 55 of the Book of Reports dated September 29, 2019. This comes as a recommendation by the Executive Council so no motion is needed but a second was given by Eddie Weller, Jr. All questions concerning the new budget were done at the Budget Review Meeting last Sunday, September 22, 2019. The budget was approved by a show of hands and the motion carried.

The UBC Foundation Report is on pages 56 - 5746 of the Book of Reports dated September 29, 2019.

Donna Cox, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a recommendation from the Nominating Committee for the following positions:

Trustees		
Jeff Jackson	3 yr. term	
James Blanding	3 yr. term	
Marc Schneider	3 yr. term	
Executive Council		
Travis Grindstaff	3 yr. term	
UBC Foundation		
Brent Cochran	3 yr. term	
UBC Church Officers		
Marty Chenault	Treasurer	
William Martin	Assistant Treasurer	

Since this is a recommendation from the nominating committee a motion is not needed but a second was given by Laura Vincent and the recommendation was approved by voice vote.

Steve Laufer presented the names of messengers going to the BGCT Annual Convention in Waco, TX. In November of 2019. The list is as follows:

- David Mobley
- Steve Laufer
- Randy Cox
- Donna Cox
- Butch Peters
- Karol Peters
- Garet Robinson
- Pat Garrett

These individuals were approved by voice vote after a motion by Kyle Tupin and a second by David Ward. Dr. Laufer asked for a motion to end the meeting. A motion was given by Eddie Weller, Jr. and a second by Laura Vincent. Dr. Laufer adjourned the meeting.

Virginia Thomas  
Church Secretary



# UBC Foundation Reports

## UBC Foundation Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament was held on November 11th and under the leadership of UBCF Board Chair, Butch Sheehy, netted a record **\$34,120.01**! Thank you to the volunteers, players and the sponsors who made it such a successful event:

### 2019 UBCF GOLF TOURNAMENT MAJOR SPONSORS:

#### Title Sponsor

Norman Frede Chevrolet - Norman Frede

#### Eagle Sponsors

TFR Wealth Management - Bobby James

The Cofer Family -Debs Cofer

#### Birdie Sponsors

Waldron & Schneider Law - Richard Simmons

The Briggs Family - Mark Briggs

CTS Commercial Maintenance Services - CT Florez

David B. Turrentine Independent Insurance Agency - David Turrentine

Gulfex Holdings, LLC - Aubrey Davis

AAA Blast-Cote - Gary Gaston

BRK Foundation - Butch Sheehy

Galveston Bay Paint & Decorating Benjamin Moore - Art & Kathy Arnold

Cory & Andrea Thompson

Gas and Supply USA - Ruben Pena (Birdie Plus Sponsor)

Performance Insulation Contractors - Rodney Lang

Jackrabbit Steel Products - Vickie Oakley

Dumont Shpata Atelier, LTD - Ed Dumont

Veritex Community Bank - Shawn Broddle

The Prochazka Family - Scott Prochazka

Savannah Café and Bakery

Griffin Trade Group, LP

Hole in One Sponsors

Gay Family Auto - Kevin Lardie

Marine Max - Paul Glenn

### *Special Thanks To*

- Savannah Café and Bakery for donating the delicious box lunches for the players
- David Gordon, DDS for donating a Zoom Session that includes a dental exam and teeth whitening
- Scott Olsen, Stephen Morris and Ashley Williams and the staff at Bay Oaks Country Club



## Dine Out to Donate

UBC Foundation is thankful to the UBC members who participated in the Spring and Fall Dine Out to Donate. Combined, the events raised \$2,585 for the 3rd Floor Student Ministry remodeling project.

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE RESTAURANTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN 2019:**

Angelo's Pizza and Pasta – Spring  
B.J.'s – Spring and Fall  
Blaze Pizza – Spring  
Chick fil A (League City) – Spring  
Grazia Italian Kitchen – Spring and Fall  
Jimmy Changas – Spring and Fall  
Red River BBQ – Spring and Fall  
Savannah Café and Bakery – Spring and Fall  
Seabrook Waffle Company – Spring

## SAVE THE DATE: UBC Foundation Luncheon – Sunday, January 26, 2020

**High Ground Advisors** will be presenting regarding estate and financial planning. Check for a sign up in Fellowship Hall and on the UBC website soon.

### **UBC Foundation Planned Giving efforts:**

Please visit for information on ways you can support the Foundation through your estate plans and sign up to receive our monthly newsletter with valuable information about savvy living, finances, tax updates and what's happening in Washington.

Please like the UBC Foundation of Houston Facebook page to stay up to date on our latest news.

**Thank you for your support.**



# UBC Foundation Financial Review

Period Ending:	10/31/19		
<b><u>Review of Cash Investment Strategy</u></b>			
<b><u>Current Cash Holdings by Bank</u></b>		as of: 10/31/19	
Frost Bank		\$	41,802.89
HighGround Advisors		\$	272,649.87
Other Cash - UBC Receivable		\$	8,100.00
Total - Ties to Balance Sheet		\$	322,552.76
<b><u>Investment Earning Review</u></b>			
Investment Income		Year to Date	
Realized 4030		\$	5,102.37
Unrealized 4036		\$	33,821.25
<b><u>Review Operating Activity</u></b>			
		Year to Date	
Unrestricted Contributions 4011		\$	3,340.00
Expenditures		Year to Date	
	Projects and Ministries	\$	13,800.00
	Scholarships	\$	16,000.00
	Office Expenses	\$	450.00
	Marketing	\$	3,500.00
	Total	\$	33,750.00
<b><u>Fund Raising Activity Review</u></b>			
<b><u>Oct 2019 Dine Out Event</u></b>		Year to Date	
income from Spring Event		\$	1,564.60
Income from Fall Event		\$	1,020.91
Expenses		\$	(350.00)
	Total	\$	2,235.51
<b><u>Golf Tournament 2019</u></b>		Year to Date	
Major Sponsors		\$	29,500.00
Sign Sponsors		\$	3,300.00
Donations		\$	1,550.00
Cash Donations at Tournament		\$	1,600.00
Income from players		\$	5,500.00
Expenses		\$	(7,390.50)
	Golf Total	\$	34,059.50



# Missions Giving Report

## Missions and Serving Funding (Beyond Budget)

### Denominational Support

**\$188,740**

BGCT	
BGCT General	\$71,060
BGCT World Wide	\$2,805
BGCT SBC	\$9,451
World Hunger	\$8,875
Union Baptist Association	\$80,000
CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship)	\$10,484
Lottie Moon	\$3,459
Annie Armstrong	\$1,906
Mary Hill Davis	\$700

### Local

**\$107,959**

Vastago de Gracia (Hispanic Ministry)	\$24,773
MTC Classroom Build Out	\$10,000
Crisis Ministry (Individual Financial Assistance)	\$9,519
Faithful Friends Ministry (Animal Therapy)	\$6,098
Redeemed Ministries (Human Trafficking)	\$6,000
Bay Area Turning Point (Women's Shelter)	\$5,230
The Bridge Over Trouble Water (Shelter)	\$5,230
Baptist Student Ministries	\$5,000
Anchor Point (Crisis Pregnancy Center)	\$4,855
Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center	\$3,600
The Mercy Tree (Local Homeless Ministry)	\$3,290
Right at Home (Preschool Ministry)	\$3,075
Furniture Ministry	\$2,684
Student Missions (UM Army, Vision Weekend)	\$2,424
Interfaith Caring Ministries (Family Assistance)	\$2,400
Kids Hope (Children Mentoring)	\$2,372
Community Garden	\$2,296
1,000 Hills (Downtown Homeless Ministry)	\$1,871
Missions Centers of Houston	\$1,800
Crossing Cultures (Local Internationals Outreach)	\$1,760
Driving With Care (Hospital and Dr rides)	\$1,006
Stitches of Love (Quilting Ministry)	\$957
Soul Care Training	\$750
Angel Tree (Gifts for families of incarcerated)	\$445
Clothed By Faith (Mother's Ministry)	\$399
Heartis (Retirement Center Worship Services)	\$125

### National

**\$197,969**

Navajo Mission Team	\$116,191
Buckner Ministries (Work on the South Texas Border)	\$40,923
The House LA (Church Plant)	\$22,596
Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief	\$7,624
New City Church - New York City church plant	\$6,000
His Hands Ministry (George Archer's Work)	\$1,511
International Space Weekend (International Students)	\$1,500
CBF Annual Meeting	\$1,000
Military Ministry	\$424
Hawaii Baptist Academy	\$200

### International

**\$224,362**

South Africa - Genesis	\$66,639
Doninican Republic - South Texas Children's Home	\$63,745
Colombia - Sepaz	\$39,183
Philippines - WOW (Worship On Wheels)	\$24,080
Central America - Living Water (Water Wells)	\$10,500
South Africa - Campus Crusade	\$5,000
Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary	\$5,000
Mexico - Vine and Branches	\$4,800
Mexico - Johnson Mexican Indigenous	\$2,250
Ukraine - Coats for Katya	\$1,991
Zambia - Alliance for Children Everywhere - Foster Care	\$1,174

**\$719,030**





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