

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Monthly Newsletter

Reaching and equipping all ages for a lifetime of following Jesus

ANTICIPATION AND PATIENCE

Dear Church Family,

“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.”
Habakkuk 2:3

Way back in 1979 there was a commercial on television for Heinz Ketchup. It featured two young boys having hamburgers. One of the boys is putting ketchup (Heinz) on his burger when the other boy (with an adorable lisp) says, “Boy, your ketchup is slow!” The other boy responds with, “You mean your mom doesn’t buy Heinz?” Eventually the commercial cuts to the bottle of ketchup being SLOWLY poured out and in the background, you hear the Carly Simon song “Anticipation” playing. All to make the point that Heinz Ketchup (as the tag line says) has “The taste that’s worth the wait”. Or to put it another way, it is worth the anticipation (wait).

Anticipation in the Age of Covid-19

That commercial came to mind as we find ourselves anticipating the re-opening of stores, venues and travel during this pandemic. We as Christians especially are anticipating when we can safely gather again in our worship and fellowship. We wait and pray that our gathering will be sooner rather than later.

Waiting is Not New to God’s People

In Habakkuk we see the nation of Judah around 600BC stubbornly refusing to change their sinful ways. Thus, the Babylonian captivity looms

on the horizon. Habakkuk looks ahead to that judgment from God, knowing “the vision is for the appointed time”. God tells Habakkuk to not only anticipate (wait for) that judgment but also to look beyond the captivity to when God will restore His people to the land. The people of God and the prophet of God are anticipating the work of God. It will all come to pass.

Patience as the Companion of Anticipation

The people of God were to anticipate the good to eventually come (restoration of the Jewish people to the land) but they were to do so with patience. They were to wait on the Lord. The presumption is that the wait would be worth it.

Our Anticipation and Patience

We clearly are in a season of anticipation as a church family right now. We longingly anticipate gathering together again on Sundays for Christian Education and Sunday morning worship services. We anticipate renewing our Growth Groups meeting in person and having Bible studies together. We anticipate just being able to give one another a hug! Yet we need patience. **Our church will not rush into meeting together until we can do so safely with as little health risks as possible.** That waiting is very hard. I for one miss our gathering so much. It has been hard not to be together! However, to borrow from the commercial for Heinz Ketchup, “The fellowship to come is worth the wait!”

In the Meantime...

As we wait to gather I urge you to keep going to our church website, ustickbaptist.org, to see our latest information and to join us every

Sunday morning at 10:30am to worship with us on our livestream. I urge us all to keep in contact in any way possible. I urge us to keep anticipating that “the vision (meeting together) is yet for the appointed time and it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail”. Once again it “tarries” for now but “wait for it” as it “will certainly come and not delay”. Thank you dear friends for your anticipation and your patience.

Waiting with you,



P.S.

Please note that we will have Communion this coming Sunday (May 3) in our livestream service so please prepare at home with some bread and juice to join us.

Pastor Greg Reider
Senior Pastor



SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain: This prayer chain is available for prayer requests concerning our church body and their immediate family. Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life and we have seen many prayers answered. If you would like to have your church family praying for you or an immediate family member, please contact the church office at 208-938-2121 (Tuesday—Friday) or secretary@ustickbaptist.org.

Helps Ministry: This ministry is under the umbrella of the Women's Ministry here at Ustick. If you need help with meals due to illness, hospitalization, or family emergency, the women of Ustick Baptist would like to assist you through our Women's Helps Ministry. Please contact Amy Wolin 208-412-0483.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our church calendar is on our website at ustickbaptist.org. If you would like to schedule something at the church, please contact Teresa in the office at 208-938-2121 or secretary@ustickbaptist.org.

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ELDERS

We, the **Elders** of Ustick Baptist, want you to feel free to contact us with any concerns and cares that you have regarding our church ministries or with any questions. Our role is to oversee the church ministries and to pray for the needs of this body. Please feel free to contact us as we serve our Lord together!
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is available on our website at ustickbaptist.org/media



Breeze is our Church Management System for our church. It is a great tool that we use to stay connected with each other.

We rely on pictures of our congregation, especially now when we can't gather together. Sometimes it helps to put a "face with a name" to know who is being referred to or who is on the Prayer Chain, etc.

We would love to have a picture of every member/attender in Breeze, then a *photo* directory could be printed out.

We encourage you to take a couple minutes to put your photo in your Breeze profile. If you don't know how or would rather not do it, then email it to Teresa at secretary@ustickbaptist.org and she will add it for you.

Let's see if we can have 80% of the congregation's photos in Breeze by the end of May...wouldn't that be great?!

THANK YOU!



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Care & Connections Ministry

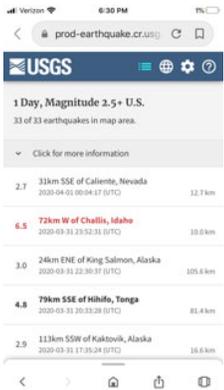
Pastor Mike Beaudin



We miss you UBC! On March 15 with Bill wondering why church is closed and nobody was here except a couple of our annual ducks who did not get the memo that church was closed due to COVID-19. Changes rapidly start!



March 17 as Karen took me to St Luke's Meridian to get my heart checked out. We came out to find these first testing units set up in the parking lot! My how things have changed!



March 31 a 6.5 earthquake hits Idaho near Challis, and the tremors have not stopped since! Seems like everything is changing so fast in our world and yet, NOT everything!



So many ZOOM meetings have been going on that I have lost count! Zoom here, Zoom there, and seems like Zoom everywhere! What has not changed, nor will it, is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Word!



Indeed...OUR GOD REIGNS!



"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER!" Hebrews 13:8



Worship Ministry
Pastor Matt Beck

Because of the Governor’s instructions to “shelter in place,” I am writing this newsletter from the safety of my own home. When I was asked a year ago by the Worship Ministry’s Search Committee what my first year of ministry would look like, I had no idea that it would entail doing ministry virtually. Because of the Covid-19 virus, churches of all sizes have had to embrace technology to offer streamed worship and recorded video messages so that individuals can take part in worship and listen to Bible teaching safely from their own homes.

Since our church decided to suspend services, Colton, Stephen, and I have all been working to figure out what the best platform would be for us to create that bridge to connect the world to the preaching of God’s Word. I am so thankful for the Trustees who have helped us purchase new equipment for the live-streamed services. Because of this new equipment, we will be able to continue to offer this type of service even when we begin to meet back together again. Each week we are doing our best to improve on the at-home experience for everyone.

I want to share with you a few numbers I have been keeping track of since we started streaming our services on April 5.



	Views during Live-stream	Total views as of 4/28/20
April 5	218	528
April 12	230	874
April 19	262	1,411
April 26	334	1,837

What these numbers tell me is that each view is one device (computer, TV, phone, etc.) which, if multiple people are watching our services on just one of those devices, you can see we have a lot of people tuning in to the services.



Since many of you have not had a chance to see the new screen we installed before the pandemic, here are a couple of pictures for you to enjoy. I want to thank Colton, David Schott, Tom Densley, and Dennis Gray for their work on the installation.

Finally, I want to let people know we are working on plans (Lord willing) to do a Worship 101 this summer. Let Jonathan Sexton or myself know if you would like to help.



W O R S H I P
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A summer program to let youth learn how to better worship both corporately and personally
ALL YOUTH (incoming 6th grade – outgoing 12th grade) ARE WELCOME

Wednesdays in the Summer starting June 10th
Before Youth Group at Ustick Baptist Church
Sign up on ustickbaptist.org



Jr/Sr High Youth
Pastor John Buren

Back in 2016 when we branded the youth ministry as “Blaze,” I knew I wanted to use a lighthouse as a means of identification. I originally wanted to call it “Beacon,” but I thought that didn’t have the same marketability. I really wanted to use a lighthouse in the logo, not just because it projects light, but because of what the lighthouse building represents. A lighthouse has to be able to take some hits; waves crash into the tower with strong force, the wind pushes against it relentlessly, and sometimes a vessel might make an uncomfortable collision. The lighthouse needs to be strong enough to endure all of those things and more, all the while blasting a strong beam of light into the darkness. I am glad that our youth ministry has lived up to this imagery, as I have been more than impressed with the way our youth has been dealing with this Covid-19 pandemic. There has been hit after hit (no grad ceremony, no prom, no sports, no birthday parties, no routine etc), yet I have not heard any complaining or doubt. Our students have maintained a hope in the Lord and a good attitude as they made sure to look out for each other and their loved ones. Well done students, keep up the good work!
“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matt. 5:16



We have continued meeting together on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights through Zoom. Zoom has been great, as it allows every student to bring their presence, in both audio and visual form. We can share our screens, which helps a lot with games and lesson aids. We’ve even continued

to have small groups on Wednesday nights by having students join a different Zoom room for discussion times. We spent the Wednesday nights in April going through a series we called “BLESS,” which focused on being a blessing and not merely trying to receive from others. Our Sunday mornings were spent challenging fear and choosing faith.



In May I am excited to start some new series. Our Sunday mornings will be focused on world missions. Jesus gives us the Great Commission in Matt. 28 and it remains a primary task for the Church. We’ll spend some time looking at strategies, history, and what to do in order to take part and fulfill this great task given to us by our Lord. On

Wednesdays, we’ll look at the topics of grace, hope, peace and love, categorized as “Virtues” that each

Christian should display and own in their lives. I am excited to explore these topics in light of this current situation we find ourselves in, as well as typical seasons.

Summer Camp

Speaking of seasons, summer is just a short time away, and summer camp is always one of my favorite events of the youth ministry year. Plan A is still looking to be a go, but it could change at a moment’s notice (more info on this in the parent’s monthly email). I am especially excited for our theme this summer. I came up with it back in November of 2019, completely unaware of exactly how relevant it would be in our current time. It’s “Out of Control,” as that is a truth we have to accept about our lives—we are not in control. We can try to control everything that happens to us and around us, but we simply cannot. So then, what do we do? Trust God and follow Him. **Dates for our camp in Donnelly, ID are June 28-July 2.**



Julie and I certainly miss our church family and look forward to the time that we can all meet together again like normal, but in the meantime know that we are praying for our church and ministries.

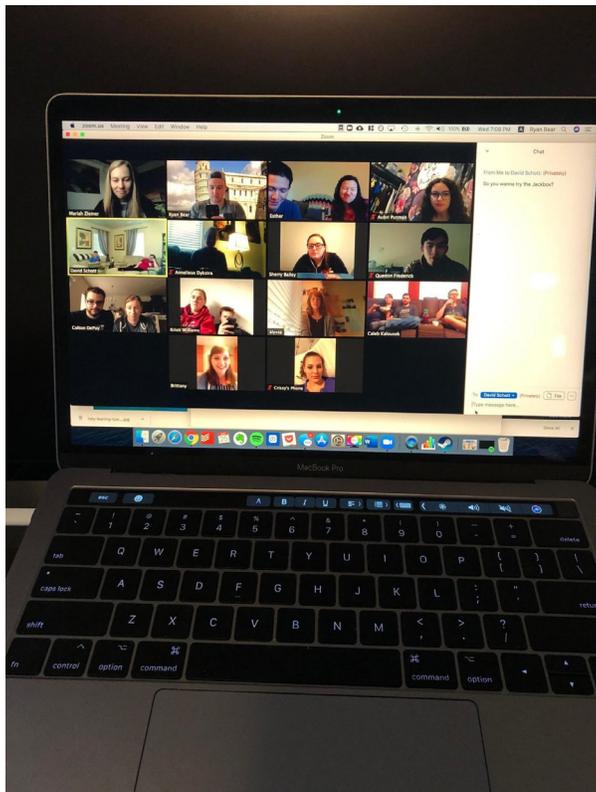


Discipleship Ministry Pastor Ryan Bear

What a month it has been! While our world has changed, the Young Adults continue to meet online over Zoom. Even though it has been different and inconvenient, one of the unexpected blessings of this pandemic has been how intentional the young adults have been in connecting with each other. Instead of taking personal interaction for granted or not even thinking about it, now it is something we are thankful for. We have been really digging into how to tell someone the Gospel. Sharing our faith is our mission given to us directly by God, yet it can feel difficult and uncomfortable. Through this training, we have been encouraging how to share our faith, and especially share our hope with those who are questioning God in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We will next turn to examine what our hope really is, and what heaven will be like.

Likewise, our Growth Group Ministry is now fully online. I need to give a big thank you to our Growth Group leaders for their efforts to reach their members. Many have transitioned to Zoom and have adapted very well. Thank you, leaders, for all you do!

I cannot wait to meet back in person and see you face to face!



Children's Ministry Angie Jacobson - Director

"I miss you a lot...and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion." 2 Timothy 1:4 (Msg)

As we can see through 2 Timothy, this is not the first time, the feelings we are feeling have been felt. In this verse Paul is writing to Timothy from a Roman dungeon. Paul understood captivity. Paul understood what it was to be housebound. I am so thankful that the Bible holds such relevant truths for every circumstance we find ourselves in.

This year, Mike and I chose as our theme for our year: "EMBRACING THE MYSTERIES OF GOD". Little did we know our theme would be this relevant. As I read a Chuck Swindoll devotional I was reminded: The death of His Son was not in vain...we will live with him forever. It's a tough journey, getting there. Full of confusion, struggles, shrugs, followed by a lot of "I don't knows". But when the heavens open and we're there, hey, there will be no more shrugs, and you'll be able to say, "Now I know!"

I am learning to lean into all the unknowns while leaning into the One who does know. I am in constant prayers for all the families who are thrown into crisis schooling while trying to maintain work from home, or experiencing job loss. My family and I are privileged to be a part of this loving church family as we journey these circumstances together. I am thankful for the ways we have been able to connect through: 4th and 5th grade weekly parties; Conflict Management Class; being able to have a Zoom meeting with groups of Moms; preschool story times; emails; texts and calls. I miss you a lot...and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion!

Note: You can find the Sunday School / Kid's Church lesson each week on the homepage of the church website. Just click on UKIDS.



Pastor Greg's 65th Birthday Parade

"Quarantine style"

This was a great SURPRISE! He didn't know it was coming! So many of our congregation showed up - thank you all for taking the time to join the parade!



NEEDS MINISTRY

UBC Family! As COVID-19 pandemic continues on, know that there are needs that will arise. We have a **NEEDS MINISTRY**, led by one of our Elders, Tim Crimmins, to help meet these needs. Below is a flow chart that Roger Baker, one of our Deacons, made to show how this practically works.

Roger writes, *“It is how we might better respond to the growing number of financial, physical and spiritual needs in our church family, and even perhaps our neighbors who live on the same street where we live. We were reminded that it’s so easy to just ‘Do Church’ on Sunday and forget that our lives are supposed to reflect our faith throughout the week. John reminds us in John 13:35 ‘By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.’”*

This team, would like to encourage our church family to share any needs they have, or that they are aware of with Teresa Dudley at secretary@ustickbaptist.org, a Deacon, or a Deaconess, and then those needs will be sent to the Deacons, and they will act as a clearing house and direct those needs to the appropriate party. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in serving on this ministry team, just ask Pastor Mike Beaudin, Tim Crimmins, Dave Moulin, Mary Gray, Roger Baker, or Steve Odell.

Thank you and God bless you richly!

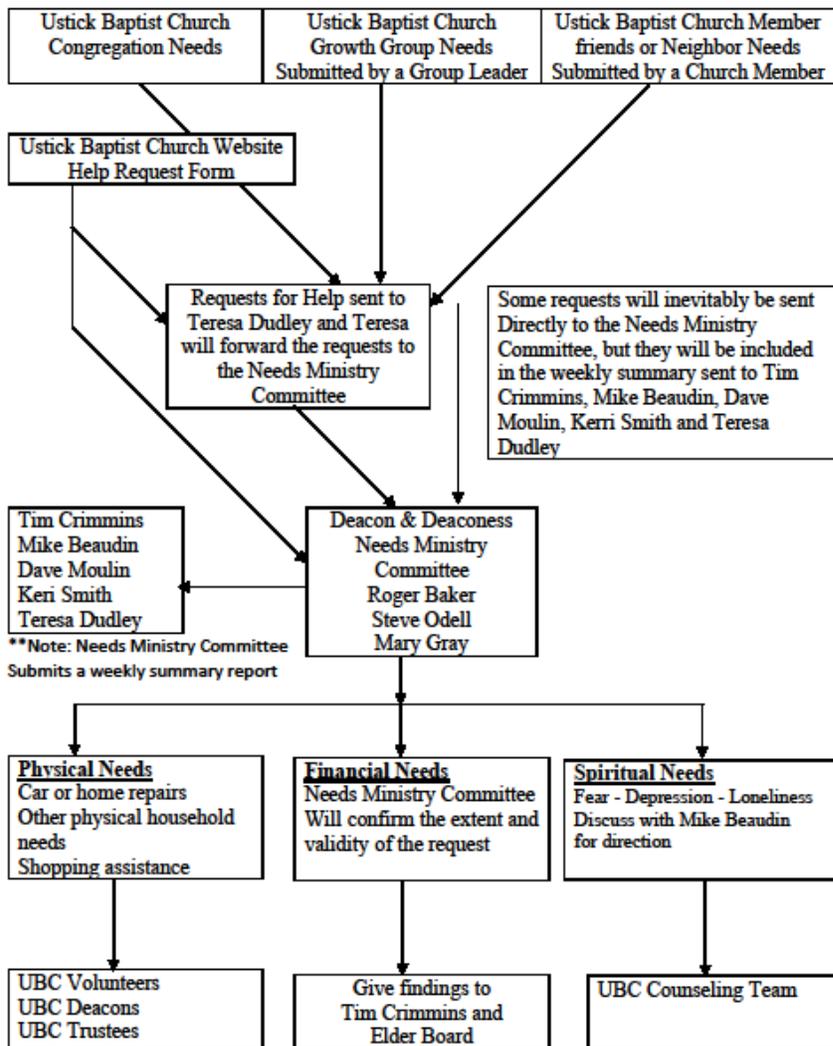
Resources for you are available on our website at ustickbaptist.org

-How Can We Help Each Other

-Hey Neighbor Form

USTICK BAPTIST CHURCH - NEEDS MINISTRY FLOW CHART

Elder Board Approved Flow Chart Dated 4/30/2020



VBS **will be** **UNIQUE** **this year!**

With what is going on in the world and in our neighborhoods we have decided that we are going back to how VBS started at Ustick, in your home/backyards (depending on restrictions) but amp it up to the 2020's and do it virtual with digital support.

If you are wanting to know how, when, where and be a part of coming up with new and fun ideas for VBS please email us at vbs@ustickbaptist.org to get the link for our ZOOM meeting!

When is the meeting:
Sunday May 17 at 1pm

We are excited to see what this VBS will look like and can't wait to hear your ideas too.

We will send out a link on Friday May 15 to all of those who email us back. If you cannot make this meeting or don't have a way to do Zoom, please email us that too so we can keep you up to date.

See you soon on ZOOM!

Amy and Mindy



What have you been up to?

We thought it would be fun to see what the congregation has been up to during quarantine time. An all-church email went out to get some responses and while not very many shared here are the ones that did.



I've been laboring over various musical endeavors while contemplating the realization that I was following the CDC's protocols before they were issued.

Stephen B.

We were as bored as everyone else so the idea of a trip to Swan Falls was received with great enthusiasm. Met at our house but Sharon H. got lost. She finally arrived and we all piled into Don & Betty J.'s van. We were packed in. (Not true - we each drove our own cars.) We practiced SD (Social Distancing or is that Social Dancing). We kept our cars six feet apart. Lots of brake lights came on and off during the drive over.

The normally deserted road to Swan Falls had become an offshoot of I-84 with cars coming and going. Arriving at the view point above Swan Falls Dam we exited the cars and practiced Social Distancing while admiring all the other cars parked there. Thought of heading back to Meridian which is not as crowded. Drove down to the dam area. Everything was locked up tight and there were signs saying we would be killed if we stepped over a fence or even worse broke a lock on one of the toilets. Which I had in mind. Kay had brought cookies and proceeded to pass them out. I think the GG ate about \$40 worth of cookies in nothing flat. Dennis H. wandered away through the sand piles. Linda says he wanders away often. Bill B. was sunburned. He said he probably would not have burned so badly if Sherry had not locked him out of the house.

Phil S. (and Kay)
Honest Reporter



Since we have few visitors these days, Bobbi and I see more of each other than at any time during our marriage. This is both very good and also challenging. Tempers tend to flare and patience gets frayed when we are in close contact all day long, so God has taught us to be honest about when we need "alone time," and how to graciously express this need. The books of 1st and 2nd Peter have been our invaluable helpers in getting through issues because we see that the end result of our trials will be the enrichment of our character and a deeper appreciation of God's love and provision. This would not have happened without the "house arrest" of virus isolation.

On the lighter side, we have appreciated living in Idaho and living next to farmland as it has given us much pleasure in watching God's creatures from our windows. We have a big, ugly pile of branches and brush accumulated over 15 years of living on an acre with trees, and it is the home of about 50 mountain quail and a den of probably 10-15 rabbits. Every once in a while, magnificent cock pheasants make their appearance, sometimes with hens in tow and sometimes by themselves. Doves swoop down

from the top of our house while robins and blackbirds hop from place to place digging worms. Ducks often sail in, quacking loudly, to swim in or on top of our pool, and occasionally a goose will appear to squat on top of our old llama shed and honk its disdain at all the other activity. We don't have many squirrels, but the other day one appeared and was immediately attacked fiercely by two magpies who pecked repeatedly at it until the squirrel turned tail and raced out of the yard as fast as it could go.

And the glorious, magnificent Idaho sunsets! God uses the same materials every day--the atmosphere, the clouds, the lights of sun and sky and paints a new masterpiece every single day. Wow!

We look forward to getting to worship together again in the future as the Lord permits. Until then, we count our blessings as they come, day by day, hour by hour and minute by minute.

Chuck & Bobbi H.

Cynthia read where Tom Hanks and his wife have been passing the time by playing Gin Rummy, so we looked up the rules and have been playing nightly since! We've grown closer as a couple. God has given us time to talk about our priorities and how much of our "busy-ness" isn't central to our relationship with Him, our family and friends, and each other.

The yard looks like a golf course, the garage has been cleaned out, I have two more books to read, and the honey-do list is almost done. Face Time and Zoom are nice substitutes, but after working from home for a month, it just doesn't compare with face-to-face human interaction! And I miss baseball.

Curt & Cynthia G.

QUARANTINE STORIES CONTINUED...

“We need to ride the waves.” This is a phrase Dave and I have challenged ourselves with during seasons of uncertainty. This phrase reminds us that we need to hold our own plans loosely and be flexible for what life brings to us. Needless to say, these past weeks have given both of us reason to fall back on this thought, knowing full well that trusting in the creator of all, the God who can part the seas and still turbulent waters, is the only one who makes “riding the waves” in spiritual victory a possibility.

This past month, the Lord calmed my heart by bringing words of music we sing in church to my mind. Songs I rehearsed included “Great is Thy Faithfulness” and “You Never Let Go”. God helped bolster my faith and quench my fears through music!

I have felt God tugging my heart to be very real to Him in my prayer life, and instead of asking Him to bless my plans, to trust in Him and His will.

I have been taking note of everyday blessings and have even seen how God has allowed me to “ride the waves” through this storm. God is showing me how to teach music in a new way by adjusting my teaching from traditional face-to-face weekly music lessons to online lessons (quite a stretch for me). After finding encouragement through prayer times and online Bible studies with women of Ustick Baptist Church, I have asked God to show me how to encourage others. I have asked Him to help me reach others and make a difference for Him.

These past weeks have been filled with the winds of change, but as the song says, Lord, you never let go of me.

Alison B.

Tim traveled to Mexico for business the week before the shelter-in-place order was given, so upon his return, Tim and I (Paloma) decided he should self-quarantine in his office for two weeks to be safe. That meant I was solely in charge of all household duties and homeschooling our four children, ages newborn to ten. Thankfully, the Lord filled me with supernatural strength and optimism! And though Tim was in a separate space, we were able to keep in not-too-distant contact. Tim’s office has glass panel doors, so we could see him and talk to him throughout the day, play with dry-erase markers on his door, and he would often come outside and kick the soccer ball around with the kids in the backyard, while keeping a safe distance, of course. It was hard for the kids not to hug him!

While it was a lot of work, I was really blessed with a conversation I’d had with my mom the week prior. My mom raised my siblings and me in Mexico without a washer and dryer, without a dishwasher, without disposable diapers, and certainly without grocery delivery. After that conversation, I realized what a comfortable life we have with so many modern conveniences. It makes my life feel easy in comparison to her generation! Our older kids were a tremendous help, too. They helped with chores, and by playing with their baby sister while I cooked and cleaned. God truly provided us with the energy to power through those two weeks of extra work!

Thankfully, Tim didn’t show any symptoms of illness and our family is reunited. We are specially grateful that Tim worked remotely even before the pandemic and that we’ve always homeschooled our children, because other than missing their extracurricular activities and not attending Sunday service, our lives haven’t changed drastically. We’re actually grateful to slow down and focus on our family and the Lord during this unprecedented season!

Tim & Paloma A.

It has been one year since my husband, Ron, went to be with the Lord. I have sensed the Lord telling me to downsize my housing. I found a smaller house to buy, so I have not been bored this month. I have been packing and discovering treasures that Ron left for me, like a journal about this faith and a timeline of his life. I am praising the Lord for His care for me. I will be living even closer to the church when I move on April 29.

Sharee M.



QUARANTINE STORIES CONTINUED...

Aloha UBC family!

I'm back in Idaho from my adventures in Hawaii. I lived and worked for four months on the Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America* cruise ship. I worked over ten hours a day, seven days a week and made so many fun memories and met thousands of friendly people! It made me think of this Irish proverb, "There are good ships and wood ships and ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships and may they ever be!"

Every week there were over 2,000 new passengers and 900 crew on board. I cruised around the Hawaiian Islands over a dozen times. I had so much fun exploring the beaches and local stores in between my work shifts. One of my many jobs in the restaurant department was called "washy washy" where I sprayed hand sanitizer on the passenger's hands before they entered the buffet. Who knew the world would be so obsessed with hand sanitizer now? After two months working as a Restaurant Steward, I was promoted to Assistant Waitress where I was responsible for delivering food from the main galley to my section of tables in the back of one of the main dining rooms. The ocean was very rough which made it challenging to walk straight while balancing a heavy tray of food without running into the long hallway or people. I told the passengers, "You're not drunk, the ship's drunk!"

Suddenly Norwegian canceled cruises because of the Coronavirus and then a few days later, shore leave was suspended indefinitely. My bucket list plan of finally exploring Oahu (hiking, kayaking, helicopter rides, etc.) was canceled. Overnight it changed from a busy crowded ship to an abandoned mansion with white sheets over most of the furniture. We deep cleaned and sanitized for many hours. The officers began to enforce social distancing rules and every crew member received their own room. I was blessed with a stateroom that had a balcony with a beautiful view of

downtown Honolulu! We were so close to paradise but had to remain quarantined on the ship. I survived 34 days without shore leave. Most days were an emotional rollercoaster because many crew members randomly volunteered to go home. We had to continually say goodbye to many of our friends and co-workers. On the other hand, I looked forward to the rainbows and beautiful sunsets which were daily reminders of God's promises.

Before all this craziness started, we had weekly Bible studies lead by crew members. After long days of work, it was such a blessing to get together to read the Bible and pray. The captain also allowed us to arrange an Easter service, so we had a few days to organize a Gospel choir and perform a fun skit that explained the true meaning of Easter. It was a good reminder that God is always in control despite what's going on the world.

A verse that God placed on my heart is "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast" Hebrews 6:19. The anchor is a great symbol that I gave me strength throughout this adventure. I brought anchor decorations for my small crew cabin as a reminder that hope keeps us grounded in the midst of chaos. Thanks so much for praying for me and I look forward to seeing many of you in person soon!

Brittany B.



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Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous!
Do not tremble or be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with
you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

FOREIGN MISSIONS

To engage the body of Ustick Baptist Church in the fulfillment of the Great Commission through cross-cultural missions.

Missionaries our church supports

- ◇ Sam & Melody K.
- ◇ Dave & Donna Jacobsson
- ◇ Nathan & Annie Phillips
- ◇ Cassie Wallace
- ◇ Jason & Jubilee Carr
- ◇ Bri S.
- ◇ PH & Desiree

“Catch and Release”

Christ says, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). The vision of the Foreign Mission Committee is to “CATCH” mission-minded UBC members, family, and friends, prepare them for service, and “RELEASE” them with our financial support, prayers, and blessings to fulfill the Great Commission and “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19).

Part of the purpose of the Foreign Mission Committee is to keep you informed and up to date with what God is doing through Ustick Baptist Church to reach the world for Christ. We want to encourage you to be an active participant in missions through prayer. **Please pray for the missionaries we support.**

If anyone has interest, questions, comments, or suggestions about Foreign missions, please email Mike Webb at mwebbe610@gmail.com (chair Foreign Missions Comm.)

Foreign Missions Committee

The Foreign Missions Committee (FMC) is comprised of dedicated volunteers who pray, serve, and provide missionary encouragement and financial stewardship for the resources used to support Ustick Baptist Missions.

Foreign Missions Committee:

- John & Wendy Dalrymple
- Sharee McMahan
- Robyn Bailey
- Judy Zeimer
- Keith & Karen Tucker
- Mike & JoAnne Webb

COVID-19 IMPACT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

The pandemic is impacting all our UBC supported missionaries whether they are on mission in a foreign country or on mission in their home of record. They have experienced quarantines, blocked travel, delayed departures or returns from the field, and many other related postponements to their regular ministry-mission focus.

Sam & Melody K.



- ◇ On Mission - Thailand
- ◇ Stay at Home restrictions in place in Thailand
- ◇ Praise: They have an administrator approved for their TESOL school.
- ◇ Sam & Melody’s Visas have been extended during the CV-19 delays in Thailand.
- ◇ If the travel restrictions are lifted, they hope to travel to Canada in June

Cassie Wallace

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- ◇ Missionary - Chiang Mai, Thailand
- ◇ On Home Assignment- Idaho
- ◇ Cassie is working on two Bible translation projects for the Deaf in neighboring countries to Thailand
- ◇ Cassie did exegetical revisions of books of Jonah and Ruth via video chat with her Thailand counterparts. Then her sign language team at SIL Thailand make presentations on the Jonah and Ruth to Deaf Thai people to test for comprehension.

Dave & Donna Jacobsson

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- ◇ Missionaries - East Democratic Republic of Congo (EDRC)
- ◇ On Home Assignment, MAF Nampa, ID
- ◇ Dave & Donna are waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted so they can begin deputation and then depart back to the EDRC.

Nathan & Annie Phillips

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- ◇ On Mission - France
- ◇ Nate & Annie announced that they are expecting a baby in August of this year! PTL.
- ◇ They are under “stay home” orders in France too.

Jason & Jubilee Carr

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- ◇ Missionaries - PNG
- ◇ Furlough extended due to CV-19. They are waiting for an opening to return on mission to Papua New Guinea.

Foreign Missions continued...

Bri S.



- ◇ On Mission - Paris, France for North Africa & Middle East
 - ◇ Bri has been under “stay home” orders in France. She says the fine is as high as \$1,600 for going outside for any unauthorized reasons.
 - ◇ She says that even though she cannot travel, her ministry continues via on-line video meetings, ministry presentations, and emails. She shared that 15 students came to saving faith in Christ after one of the ministry presentations she was helping with! PTL.
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PH & Desiree S.

- ◇ On Home Assignment- Idaho
- ◇ PH & Desiree safely evacuated from their mission country and after spending a few weeks in a neighboring country were able to secure travel back to Idaho.
- ◇ They have reunited with their two children and other family and friends in Boise and moved into a home.
- ◇ They are praying about “What’s next?” in their mission-ministry with the Lord.

Short-Term Missions

- ◇ Robyn Bailey - Tanzania: Medical mission with Northwest Nazarene University for 3 weeks in May 2020 - cancelled due to CV-19
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Projects

- ◇ Sewing Ministry EDRC - ongoing