

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Monthly Newsletter of Ustick Baptist Church

Reaching and equipping all ages for a lifetime of following Jesus

ELDERS CORNER

As we observe Holy Week this week, I'm reminded of Pastor Greg's admonition to us that "last words are lasting words." To that end, I was thinking about some of Jesus' last words to the disciples before His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. In my Bible, these are red-letter words, highlighting their importance since they are spoken by our Savior.

In John 17:21-23, Jesus asks the Father to hear Him on behalf of His believers *"that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one. I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You have loved Me."*

Just as Jesus desires the unity of believers with the Father and Himself, so we as Elders desire unity within the body as it is a witness to the world around us and brings glory to God. With these things in mind, and through the effective prayers of our congregation these past months, the Elders have prayed and considered the needs of our multi-generational church for many months as we consider moving forward with a transitional pastor, our COVID protocols, and other needs. We also seek as much consensus within the Elder group as possible, and believe God is leading us forward in the following ways.

Transition Pastor

The Elders are recommending we hire a Transitional Pastor and call Mike Jacobson to fill this role. As mentioned previously, we believe more time will be beneficial for our church to transition to what God has in store for us, and this gives us the necessary time to see how God plans to lead us through this process. Mike's role would be to lead our church, our staff, provide staff mentoring support and help the Elders with specific projects to set our church up for success with our next Lead Pastor. We plan to send you more information and biographical detail about Mike's qualifications and experience by email in the next week or so.

We have some plans and key dates to give you opportunity to ask questions and vote to move forward. We have asked Mike to preach again on April 11 and kick off our sermon series after Easter in Philippians. After the second service that day, the Elders will host a question-and-answer session to give anyone the opportunity to ask questions and gain better understanding of how we are planning to proceed with this and other topics of interest to anyone who would like to attend. We plan to host this session on Zoom so those not attending that day can still log on and ask questions. More information will be coming about how to join us that way.

Our constitution makes provision for a congregational meeting in May each year. We would like to move that meeting up to **April 18 at 6pm**, to give you the opportunity to vote on this and other proposals:

1. Shall we amend our church constitution to allow for the use of digital and online voting for congregational meetings and decision-making?
2. Shall the church hire a transitional pastor?
3. If the church votes to hire a transitional pastor, shall the church call Mike Jacobson to fill this role?
4. We will vote on new members (if ready to do so)
5. We will vote to approve Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees for new terms of service

The congregational meeting will also be held over Zoom to allow for online comments and voting.

COVID Protocols Exit Plan

Our original goal of installing COVID protocols included helping protect our most vulnerable population, showing love for each other by trying to help protect each other, and respecting the guidance of those in authority. The Elders have heard your thoughts, considered the plans for the vaccine rollout and agreed on how to move forward winding down our protocols. Major points of consideration include trusting that God is leading us in this way, recognizing that everyone has differing views on what is appropriate, understanding that a sizeable portion of our church population has access to the vaccine, that as a multi-generational church we must allow for younger families to have vaccine access, and have more opportunities for relationship building and spiritual edification. To that end, here is our plan:

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1. Distancing protocols are relaxed, effective immediately.
2. Allowances for wearing face coverings can be made for non-Sunday small group meetings, including committee meetings and mid-week small group Bible studies held in the church building. The leader of the group may allow for meeting without masks as long as all in the group agree to do so, effective immediately.
3. Given that Idaho has moved vaccine availability up to the week of April 5 for anyone ages 16 and up, and allowing time for the vaccine to have its effect, we plan to remove all COVID protocol restrictions on **Mother's Day, May 9**, as long as infection rates remain favorable. This date is subject to change if community spread increases or for similar reasons. Those not comfortable with this plan may still worship with us online and make their own personal decision on when they feel comfortable attending.

The Elders would like to thank you for understanding the need to diligently seek God's leading in this area and being patient as we navigate this situation. Also, your prayers have been heard by God and are effective, and we are humbled to serve a church body that continues to seek the Lord in all these things.

Good Friday

As is our tradition, we will worship God and thank Him for His provision of Jesus as our Redeemer and Savior on Good **Friday, April 2** at 7pm. At this service, we will remember our Lord's sacrifice as we celebrate communion together at this service. Since we will share communion on Good Friday, we will not serve communion on Easter Sunday. After the service, the Elders will have a time for prayer, and we invite the congregation to pray with us. Please plan on joining us.

Easter (Resurrection) Sunday

We encourage you to pick up the colorful flyers on the tables near the church entrances and hand them to friends or someone you would like to invite to church as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ **Sunday, April 4**.

Bible Study

There are several Bible studies available to help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of God and your Christian walk with the Lord. We encourage you to join a study to grow in faith and in fervent love for one another (Romans 12: 9-13). A new ACE study led by Art Beauchene on the book of Jonah starts **Sunday, April 11** and will be held Sundays during first service through May. There are currently separate Bible studies for women's and men's groups, along with those taking place in our Growth Groups. We encourage to you plug in to the power that comes from reading and studying God's Word with each other.

Curt Goldgrave
for the UBC Elders

UBC Elders



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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

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

CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor

God will provide...

Pastor of Care & Connections

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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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NEEDS MINISTRY

This team was formed early in 2020 as the Covid-19 Virus was starting. It is led by one of our Elders, Tim Crimmins, to help meet the needs in our church body. If someone in our church body has a need, please contact:

Office— Teresa

secretary@ustickbaptist.org

Deacons— Roger Baker

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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, 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.

THANK YOU!



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Care & Connections Ministry

Pastor Mike Beaudin

But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28



Well I only had 3 people try to guess who this was changing Tim Crimmins' flat tire in our church parking lot. Unfortunately no one guessed correctly, so the contest is over from last month. The answer is, John Dalrymple. Thanks John for your servant's heart and care for Tim. During this last week it is always a reminder of not only Who Jesus is but Why He came and What great

example He gave us to follow in being a servant. Not just as a servant leader but as a servant of God the Father. We, as children of God, are incredibly privileged and blessed to belong to Christ and also to be able to follow Him as our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Our service for God is a wonderful way to show and prove that we love Him. It is also a beautiful way to show and prove that we love others.

Here are some more pictures of "true servants of the Most High God!" They happen to all be in our church family:



Terry Donnelly shared as the special guest speaker at our GEMS Lunch on March 17. Terry is on the national leadership team for the Intentional Grandparenting Ministry called Legacy Coalition. He shared very openly and passionately from God's Word in Psalm 78 of the importance of and impact of the godly roles and responsibilities that grandparents can

have in the lives of their grandchildren.

Watch for more information coming soon with our own intentional grandparenting ministry here at UBC. Remember to save these dates and mark them on your calendar now: **October 21-22**, for the Christian Grandparenting Summit that is scheduled for over 30 simulcast host sites, including our church, or just visit their website at <https://legacycoalition.com/>

Here, Ali Howser, Judy Fossgreen, and Stephen Baldassarre are leading a Gospel & Hymn Favorites Sing-A-Long Hour. This will be a quarterly event so watch for those future dates and times. Thanks



team it was a great time singing and praising God together. And as Stephen said it so eloquently after one of the songs... "Yee-haw!" I would encourage all to attend as the Lord allows! It was a fun and worshipful time together! Praise God!

This friend and brother in Christ is John Hart. We have gotten to know each other through the last couple of years being in the same Growth Group. He is a part of our Men's Ministry Leadership Team and truly a servant of God. John and I got to go help Charlotte Ferguson hang this beautiful lamp she made. We had a great time together doing this and sharing a lunch afterwards. We got to encourage a fellow sister in Christ and help meet a need that she has had for some time. Thanks John for using your time, talents, and resources for serving the Lord and loving on others like you do!



May God bless you all, both richly and often, as you serve the Lord!



Jr/Sr High Youth
Pastor John Buren



2021 is zooming by, it's already April! Yes! I love April, mostly because I love springtime. Julie and I can finally walk our dog without piling on the beanies, gloves and coats. While we walk our dog, I'm usually the one holding the leash. I often feel like a shepherd of one dog during this time, as I try to get our little rat-terrier to walk by my side and not bark at other dogs, and it'd be nice if he didn't stop every ten seconds to sniff the grass. I've come to realize that I am much like my dog in some way (easily distracted and ignorant to the best path), and I am thankful to have a Good Shepherd who is graciously patient, generously helpful and an effective teacher. This Easter season I am making conscience effort to remember to walk closely with the Good Shepherd and to listen to His voice.

March was a great time in youth ministry. In addition to focusing on what we need to give up in order to be the closest to God we can by, we had a fun night at the Eagle Luxe Reel Theater, where we watched the Spiderman cartoon in our own private theater. We also have a fun time playing "Easter Bingo" and learning about Holy Week.



April looks to be an amazing month as well, as we will highlight some of the basics of the Christian faith so that we may excel at those things we build on top of the basics. Just as a basketball player must master passing and dribbling before doing the "fancy stuff," as Christians we need to not neglect the basics. We'll look at the best practices for prayer, Scripture reading, sharing our testimonies and attending church. I am looking forward to it.

I am also looking forward to continuing our tradition for what will be our **6th Annual Students vs Adults Wiffleball Match!** Adults, listen, the students are getting pretty strong and are always ready. We need adults to play and continue our undefeated winning streak! Join us April 25 after second service in the grass behind the church to play. We'll have pizza.



Save the date for **Summer Camp, June 27-July 1**. We'll be at Faith Heights in Donnelly, ID. Sign up and more details will be available soon.





April 2021

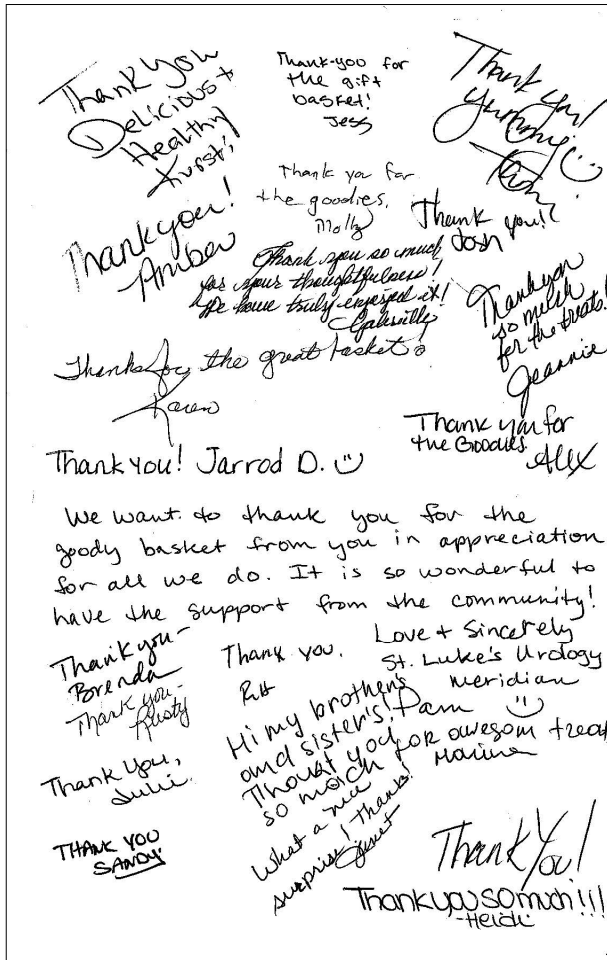
Sunday Mornings

- ◆ Prayer Warriors 7:30am (rm 113)
- ◆ Worship Services 8:30 & 10:30am
- ◆ Nursery available for ages 2 and under (2nd service)
- ◆ Kid's Church: for ages 3-3rd grade (2nd service only) check in room 206

May Newsletter
deadline is April 28!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4  7:30A Prayer Warriors	5 6:30P UBCKids Awana 6:30P Women's Bible Study (TMBS) 6:30P Men's Bible Study	6 9:15A Women's Bible Study (off-site) 7P Young Adults	7 9:15A Women's Bible Study 7P Jr/Sr High	8 10A Quilters 6:30P Worship Team 7P Men's Bible Study	9 7P Good Friday Service 8P Prayer Time with the Elders	10 9A Men's Fishing Event
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**THANK YOU CARDS WE RECEIVED FROM
ST. LUKES FOR
"SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN FEBRUARY"**



...to very thoughtful you!

I wanted to express sincere gratitude for the goodie basket that came to our clinic. Your outreach to the clinic touched my heart as a Christian. You spread the love of Jesus that day with your expression toward us as workers. A "front office" worker

GEMS

(GOD'S EVER MATURING SAINTS)

Thursday, April 15 at 11:50am we will be having our GEMS luncheon again. We are so excited to be able to meet again as a group! This is a great place to get to know people and greet old friends. Please come at 11:50am with your \$5 for the meal. Our speaker will be our very own Pastor Matt Beck, our wonderful Worship Pastor. Questions contact Judy at 208-477-7148 or judyfossgreen@gmail.com.

**MEN'S ADVANCE!
(RETREAT)**

MAY 21-23

at Camp Pinewood in McCall

Theme

Give It Your Best Shot!

Speaker

Pastor Mike Jacobson

Activities

Fun, food and fellowship
games
fishing contest
archery trail shoot
MUCH MORE!

There is no cost for this weekend. We are trusting God to provide the funding to cover this event! If you would like to donate to help cover the costs please [click here](#).

Register here for Men's Advance 2021

Please consider inviting a friend, family member or random person off the street if the Lord leads.

All men aged 16+ are welcome.

A group of guys are planning a round of golf on the way up to camp. If you are interested in joining please contact Darrell Wickham at 208-283-9112.

GOD'S GIRLS LUNCH

This is our widowed and mature single ladies group.

Dear ladies, I appreciate your patience as we have not met in over a year. But, GOOD NEWS, God's Girls is meeting again. Yea! Please mark your calendars for our next three months at noon on:

Monday, April 19

Monday, May 17

Monday, June 21

Please bring a lunch potluck item to share. We will meet in the front lobby/coffee area inside the church for the next three months, and hopefully warmer weather will allow us to meet in the Pavilion area or plan outings.

Questions? Contact Sharon H. at 208-392-1119.

UBC MEN'S MINISTRY FISHING EVENT

SAT., APRIL 10, 9AM-1PM

Wilson Springs Ponds in Nampa along Powerline Road

hot dogs & drinks for lunch

instructors will be available for fly
& bait casting and to teach line tying

prizes given in different categories
for both kids and adults

All MEN and their families are
invited, especially kids

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Please sign in before 9am at table near the north end of the parking lot.

There will be hotdogs and drinks at 12pm and **prizes will be awarded at 1pm** for the tournament.

Adults	Youth under 14
Longest Fish	Longest Fish
Heaviest 2 Fish	Heaviest 2 Fish
Smallest Fish	Smallest Fish

There will be prizes for all participants, so don't leave if you **did not catch any fish or win a prize**, we will have something for you as well.

Questions, contact Lynn Holman 208-329-4236

"WRAPPED IN GOD'S LOVE" QUILT GROUP

Our ministry makes lap quilts for those who are ill, having surgery, need encouragement, or just need to feel wrapped in God's love. We also make baby quilts for Birthright. If you know how to sew and would be interested in making quilts (or learning how) we invite you to **join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 10am-2pm** in the Fireside Room. You don't need to bring anything but your lunch as we have all the supplies and equipment needed. If you know someone that could benefit from receiving a quilt (they do not necessarily have to be members of our church), please contact Ramona 208-895-8265 or Marguerite 208-340-4924.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24
10-11:30AM
AT USTICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Ladies Coffee Connection

Come for a relaxing time of conversation around coffee, tea and light snacks. Catch up with old friends or make some new friends.

Questions, contact Sharee M. 208-473-1903

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

Equip and Send

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 Missions 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 the Foreign Missions Committee at missions@ustickbaptist.org.

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 UBC Missions.

John & Wendy Dalrymple
Sharee McMahon
Robyn Bailey
Mary Gray
Keith & Karen Tucker
Scott & Christine Dykstra

Learn about the missionaries that we, Ustick Baptist Church, are supporting. In these days of modern communications and the Internet, we are limited in the information that we can publish. We want to share with all of you what is going on, so please invite us to your Bible studies, Growth Groups, Sunday school classes, ministry meetings, etc.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of the missionaries, but the needs of the ministries they serve continue so they have all adapted their travel plans and ministry methods to meet the need.

Cassie



Cassie has returned to SE Asia and has completed her two-week quarantine. Cassie's field of expertise is indigenous sign language and this move has got her closer (geographically) to the rest of her team.

Please pray for clarity of purpose in the projects she will join, and good/safe living arrangements in her new country.

Jacob & Tara



Jacob is from Boise and he met his wife Tara while attending Moody Bible Institute. Jacob is an MAF Pilot-Mechanic and Tara has a BA in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

On the field—Jacob, Tara, and family are living in Senegal for the next 10 months or so, doing their language and culture acquisition. Once complete, they will be moving to Kinshasa to join the West DRC MAF team.

Praise God that they have found good housing, are making friends in the community and with their team-mates, and that the children have settled well.

Sam & Melody



Furlough is over, and while Sam & Melody are still located in Canada, they have returned to their mission field.

While Covid travel restrictions have kept them in Canada, Melody has joined her team and has delivered a TESOL class to 10 students. Both her team members and the students have completed the course virtually. In doing so, they have certainly missed the personal interactions, but the course was delivered successfully.

Please pray for their return to SE Asia later this summer, perhaps after they have visited with Gabe, Ali, and their grandchildren in May/June.

Dave & Donna



Dave & Donna have returned to Nyankunde and are settled into their home.

Please pray for health and safety as Covid is in the community and there has been some tribal conflict nearby.

Donna has been in the states, helping her mother convalesce from a nasty fall she took. Pray for peace as Donna tends to Ruth and for Ruth's recovery.

Continue to lift Dave up in prayer as he is serving as Country Director of the East DRC MAF team.

Foreign Missions continued...

Nathan & Annie



On Mission - France

Now settled into their new home.

Please praise the Lord for:

—Ben's good teachers and fast friends in his new school and his new therapy opportunities

—Nathan's work from home abilities, his good computer and work space in "Caleb's office"

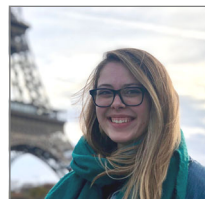
Ask the Lord for:

—Connections with other believers and neighbors,

—Visas, without they cannot travel outside France and return

—And support. They are short of the 100% level, and are trusting the Lord to meet the need.

Bri



On Mission - Paris, France for North Africa & Middle East

Bri is back in France and on mission again. And she has a residency card. PTL!

Cru is re-organizing their mission geographic groups, consolidating from 13 to 7 and this will affect the parts of the world that Bri will be working with.

Please pray for:

—A smooth transition as she takes on new people groups and meets new team members

Gabe & Ali

We have begun support for a young family who have committed their lives to reaching the lost for Jesus in Asia. We are excited to share their story with you, but for security purposes, we will only be able to do so in person.

Short-Term Missions

Most countries are still locked-down, or are slowly coming out of restrictions. Look for opportunities, and as the Lord leads, consider His call and chat with us if you require assistance or prayer.

Projects

Through MAF East Democratic Republic of Congo we continue to support various ministry needs in the Internally Displaced People (IDP) camp(s) in Bunia and nearby.

We are also in the early stages of determining needs that could be met by sending a container. The container shipment could meet the needs of individual MAF families, the CME hospital, or other ministry needs in the community. Please ask the Lord for discernment, wisdom, and guidance as we consider this.

