

## Get Connected

We are excited that you want to get connected at University Baptist Church. We want to acquaint you with the ministers and ministries that best meet your needs. Let us know what you are looking for and we will help you get connected.

### What is your age group?

18-23 31-35 41-45 51-60 71+  
24-30 36-40 46-50 61-70

### If you have children, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

#### What are their ages?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant        | <input type="checkbox"/> High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool     | <input type="checkbox"/> College     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School |                                      |

#### I would like more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Adult Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth        | <input type="checkbox"/> Couples Ministry      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions Ministry       | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles Ministry      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Groups          | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Ministry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministry        | <input type="checkbox"/> College Ministry      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministry          | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry          | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministry         | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekday Preschool     |

#### I would like UBC to know that today:

- I accepted Christ  
 I recommitted my life  
 I need prayer for \_\_\_\_\_

- I am praising God for \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Mission...



**BUILDING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
WHERE PEOPLE ARE TRANSFORMED  
BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

## What We Believe...

- God is bigger, better, closer and more loving than we can imagine.
- The Bible is God's guidebook for knowing Him and for living.
- Through Jesus, God shows us Himself and His intention for humanity.
- In Jesus, God gives life to all who trust in His sacrifice on the cross and His victory in the resurrection. Without Jesus, we are lost and without hope.
- Through His Holy Spirit, God lives in and through us, transforming us daily into a new self.
- The Church makes followers of Jesus by sharing the story of His love.
- The Church helps followers of Jesus grow deeper in their faith and relationship with Him.
- Grace is the only way to have a relationship with God.
- Faith is the only way to enter and grow in our relationship with God.
- Nothing in creation "just happened." God made it all.
- God allows evil to exist to provide us with a choice. God brings good even out of evil events. God promises victory over evil to those who choose Him.
- The Church is to serve people as Jesus served people.
- Heaven and Hell are real places. Death is a beginning, not an ending.
- Jesus is coming again.

## How to Become a Follower of Christ

It's simple. We believe that salvation is not earned by good works. It is a gift from God. We receive that gift by receiving the love of Christ into our hearts and trusting in Him instead of ourselves. Christ died on a cross, suffering in our place for our sins. It was a rescue mission, and He did this to rescue you. He did this because He loves you, just as you are. We encourage you to open your heart and receive this gift from Christ right now. If you have questions or want to talk further, contact any member of our ministry staff, and they will be happy to visit with you and answer your questions.

## How to Become a Member of UBC

You can join a Bible study class at anytime without being a member of our church. Everyone is welcome! Membership in University Baptist requires that you state that you have received Christ as your Lord and Savior and have been baptized. If you are a member of a church already, we will take care of notifying them of your desire to join UBC. You can do all of this by coming forward and telling the pastor during the response time at the end of a service or by indicating your desire to join the church on the perforated guest registration card. Come join us!

## Opportunities This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 PALM SUNDAY	
8:30AM	Worship Team Rehearsal Church Campus Prayer Walk
9:00AM	<b>Bible Study</b>
10:30AM	<b>Worship, Sanctuary</b>
11:45AM	College Lunch at Corner Bakery Missions Committee Meeting
2:00PM	Youth Worship Team
3:00PM	Youth Singers
4:00PM	Sanctuary Bells
5:30PM	The Table College Gathering
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016	
7:00PM	Pastor Search Committee Meeting
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016	
9:00AM	Mission House
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016	
7:15AM	Lenten Breakfast and Book Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting Youth Parent Night & Talent Show Children's Choir
6:15PM	Mini Maestros
6:30PM	ESL Class
7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 MAUNDY THURSDAY	
9:00AM	Mission House
7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 GOOD FRIDAY	
7:00PM	Good Friday Tenebrae Service

## Staff Anniversary

Skip McNeal  
March 22, 2015

Thank you for a year of service to UBC!

## Sermon CDs

For a recording of today's sermon, listen online at [ubcfortworth.org](http://ubcfortworth.org) or purchase a CD for \$2 by contacting Sarah Thornton at [sarah@ubcfortworth.org](mailto:sarah@ubcfortworth.org) or 817.926.3318.

## Vital Signs

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3/13</b>
Worship	229
Sunday School	246
Missions Bible Study	N/A
Total Bible Studies	N/A
Weekday Missions	246

### Offering Report: 3/13

Ministry Budget Goal	22,343
Ministry Budget Given	15,017
Over (Under)	(7,272)

Total Income (as of 1.31.2016)	406,506
Expenditures (as of 1.31.2016)	365,548

### Yr. to Date:

537,993
498,221
(39,772)
406,506
365,548

## Church Prayer Concerns

(Updated at 10:00am on Thursday, March 17)

Sympathy: to the family of **Steve and Caroline Poe** in the loss of their daughter, Stephanie.

to **Johnny Maples** in the loss of his grandfather

An updated hospital list will also be available at Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting at 6:00pm.

## Extended Session

### Serving in Preschool during Worship:

Sherrie Eppstein, Karen Gilstrap, Donna Jobe, Austin Perry, Mahlon Tate, Elizabeth West

### Serving Next Sunday, March 27:

Tim & Becky Biser, Kim Davis, Nancy Madsen, Carolyn Mitchell, Jillian Smith, Lana Mathis

## Deacons of the Week

March 20-26

**AMY SUTTON 817.924.6632**

**LARRY EASTERLING 817.735.4434**

[easterlings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:easterlings@sbcglobal.net)

The deacons are available for prayer during the week.

## Stewardship Spotlight

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, people praised Him and threw their cloaks on the colt He would ride and on the road. What do you already have that you could use to serve God?

## Ministerial Staff

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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 ■ 10:30AM

Children are invited to meet in the Sanctuary foyer at the beginning of the service to get palm branches for our Palm Sunday processional.

### Hosanna!

Sarah Thornton

All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Majesty

### Welcome to Worship

Risa Payne

### Palm Sunday Processional

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

### Time With the Children

Tricia Ryan

(Pre-K and Kindergarten dismiss for KidKconnect in Room 219.)

### Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Worthy Is the Lamb

Sanctuary Choir

Worthy Is the Lamb

Be Unto Your Name

### "Why Should Christ Have First Place In All Things?"

Colossians 1:15-23

Dr. E.L. (Skip) McNeal

Revelation Song

### Ministry Opportunities and Decisions

Worthy Is the Lamb

Today's flowers are given in love and support of the Poe/Prater family and in memory of Stephanie Poe Baldrige.

### MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRY STAFF

Brad Jones, *Interim Worship Leader*

Casey McCarthy, *Interim Choir & Handbell Director*

Sarah Thornton, *Interim Worship Coordinator/Pianist*

Dana Chavarria, *Organist*

## A Word from the Pastor Search Committee...

Thank you, Church Family, for entrusting us with the weighty responsibility of searching for the pastor God has called to lead our congregation. We are humbled and honored by the confidence you have placed in us. We commit ourselves to work diligently on your behalf.

In 1843 a missionary wrote home to her sisters, "It may be that my usefulness will greatly depend upon your prayers for me. Sisters, pray for me." We echo that thought. It may be that our usefulness and effectiveness as the Pastor Search Committee will greatly depend on your prayers for us. Brothers and sisters, pray for us. God already knows the identity of our next pastor. He will lead us to that person in His perfect timing. UBC, keep praying.

### Pastor Search Committee

Sharon Gritz (chair), Chuck Barnes, Jeff DeLong, David Nixon, Toby Owen, Risa Payne, Austin Perry, Julia Robinson, Jillian Smith, Mary Ellen Tarrance, and Cheryl Wilson.



A SIMPLE STORY. AN AMAZING HOPE.

Sometimes the best stories are the simple ones—like the Easter story. Jesus was an innocent man, wrongfully accused. He suffered. He died. He rose. For you. The real story of Easter is about a God who loves and forgives. We will have special services that remember the events of Holy Week—from Jesus' triumphant entrance, to His last meal and fateful death, and ultimately His miraculous resurrection on Easter Sunday. Pray about who God would have you invite.

**PALM SUNDAY**—March 20 | 10:30am

\*Children meet in the Sanctuary foyer before worship **TODAY** to get palm branches for a Palm Sunday processional!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE**

March 24 | 7:00pm | Watson Chapel

*During this meaningful time of worship we will be brought to God's throne of grace as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and partake in the Lord's Supper as a church family.*

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**—March 25 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

*This service of scripture, message, and song will guide us through the shadows of the cross. The Sanctuary Choir and Bells will help lead this service as we remember the journey of Christ to the cross, the ultimate price he paid for us, and how the hope of salvation hinges on this sacrifice.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**—March 27 | 10:30am | Sanctuary

*Bring a friend, and join us on Resurrection Sunday as we celebrate the victory we have in the risen Christ!*



## "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

Spring Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, April 10

Join us for a churchwide picnic in Harris Hall following worship! We will have sandwiches, chips and drinks plus a great opportunity for fellowship with one another. Church members are asked to bring a dessert for the picnic. We'll also "shower" the mission house with food, so stay tuned for specific items needed! Our desire is for God to grow "flowers" of blessing in our community through the ministry of UBC.

## Youth Parent Night & Talent Show

Join us for a simple meal and a chance for our students to showcase their talents!

Wednesday, March 23

6:00pm  
Harris Hall

## Baptist Heritage Study - Online Now!

Did you miss the Baptist Bible study? You can find audio teachings of this 4-week series, taught by Paul Gritz, online now! Go to [ubcfortworth.org/ministries/audio-teaching](http://ubcfortworth.org/ministries/audio-teaching) to catch up.

Over 3,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults are at your fingertips. Utilize your access to RightNow Media to strengthen your spiritual walk. Don't have access? Contact the church office. We can get you online with some of the best teaching available from Bible teachers today!



UBC's World Mission Offering is a separate offering outside of our ministry budget and is used entirely to support local and global missions. Our goal this year is to collect \$40,000 for specified mission projects, including the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Casas por Cristo in Guatemala, Baptist Student Ministries in Maryland/Delaware, and many others. To date we have received \$10,218. Will you help us reach the world for Christ? Mark your gift on the "World Missions Offering" line on your offering envelope.

This June, David Nixon and Jennea Pilcher will be going on a mission trip to Northern Africa to visit the Park Family and to Lesotho, Africa with First Baptist Church of Perryton, TX. We are now accepting order forms for our Easter Dessert Fundraiser! You can acquire a form from David, Jennea, or in the church office. We are selling several different homemade cakes and pies as well as homemade dinner rolls. Completed forms may be given to Jennea or David or turned in at the church office before March 24. Thank you for your support!

*ALSO: On April 15-16 they will be having a garage sale. If you have any items that you would like to donate for them to sell, they will pick them up. If you have items or would like more information, please contact Jennea at 806.202.2900 or [j.pilcher@tcu.edu](mailto:j.pilcher@tcu.edu) or David at 469.865.3627 or [d.w.nixon@tcu.edu](mailto:d.w.nixon@tcu.edu). Thank you for your help!*

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders head out July 15-16 to Camp Copass in Denton. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders head to Riverbend Retreat Center in Granbury July 7-11. Register your child to make incredible memories and a life changing relationship with Christ. Registration is discounted through March 31. Forms are available on the 2nd floor or download them at [ubcfortworth.org](http://ubcfortworth.org). Contact Caroline Poe ([caroline@ubcfortworth.org](mailto:caroline@ubcfortworth.org)) for more information.

**Sunday, March 20 ■ Following Worship**  
Corner Bakery

**COLLEGE LUNCH**

Sunday Evening College Gathering  
Meal at 5:30pm | Study & Prayer, 6:00-7:00pm | Simpson Home

On Sunday evenings throughout the semester join UBC at *The Table*, a gathering for college students. Together, we build Christian community, enjoy a meal, pray, and learn how to follow Jesus. Be there, and bring a friend! All college students are welcome!

Join us for this four week study on Mondays beginning April 4 at 1:45pm. Explore the biblical writing on the hope of heaven led by Dr. Skip McNeal. Literature and media paint a variety of pictures about heaven. Join us as we allow scripture to be our guide to the many questions and thoughts shared around the room. This study is perfect to bring a friend or family member with you. Light lunch will be served on Monday, April 4, at 12:30pm. Please RSVP with the church office. 817.926.3318

Heaven:  
The Hope of Our Souls

Discipleship

Missions

UBC Kids

College

Sr. Adults

## A Word from Pastor Skip

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Passion Week, the final seven days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the beginning of the end of Jesus' work on earth. The triumphal entry on Palm Sunday occurred one week before His resurrection. The shouts of "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" gave way to "Crucify Him!" The point of Passion Week is to realize there is a day coming when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! All of this ends with the saints in Revelation 7:9 shouting, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Scripture continues, "And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell face down before the throne and worshipped God. They said, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and forever. Amen!'" Next Sunday, The Resurrection!"

Pastor Skip

## Altar Flowers

A fresh flower arrangement is a beautiful way to remember loved ones or honor those celebrating anniversaries, recognitions or other special occasions. A standard arrangement costs \$50. You can reserve your dates for 2016 by contacting Sarah Thornton: 817.926.3318 or [sarah@ubcfortworth.org](mailto:sarah@ubcfortworth.org)

Welcome to UBC -  
We're glad you're here!

Each week after worship, our ministry staff looks forward to welcoming guests and members and sharing further information including ministry events, church business and prayer concerns.

Skip McNeal—North Doors  
Caroline Poe—Welcome Center (hallway)  
Kathy Raines—East Sanctuary Door  
Ben Simpson—Front of Sanctuary

## Guest Registration

We are pleased that you chose to visit University Baptist Church today. We would love to get to know you personally. Providing us with some basic information can help us learn how we can serve you better.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Today \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ I was the guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

How many times have you visited UBC? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what church? \_\_\_\_\_

I am:

visiting in the city

a new resident

a student at:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm: \_\_\_\_\_

Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

requesting information on UBC

requesting a call from a minister

interested in becoming a part of the University Baptist Church family

## On the Horizon...

- Mar 27 Easter Sunday
- Mar 28 UBC Offices Closed
- Apr 2 Churchwide Prayer Meeting
- Apr 3 Deacons Meeting
- Property & Space Committee Meeting
- Apr 4 Boomers & Beyond: Heaven Bible Study Begins
- Apr 5 Youth: 10 on Tuesday
- Apr 7 ELC Art Show
- Apr 10 "April Showers" Churchwide Picnic
- Apr 12 College Community Compass
- Apr 17 College Lunch at Torchy's
- Apr 20 Finance Committee Meeting
- Apr 21 Women's Monthly Prayer Meeting
- Apr 22 Kids' Night Out
- Apr 23 7th-8th Graders Serve at PNS