

UNIVERSITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

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FORT WORTH, TX 76109
ubcfortworth.org

The Prayer of University Baptist Church is for the power of God to be unleashed on our lives, on this church, and on this community so every tongue, tribe and nation would come to know and proclaim the saving work of Jesus Christ.



OUR MISSION

Building a Christian community where people are transformed by the love of Christ.

OUR STRATEGY

Bring others to Christ
Belong to a community of faith
Believe in Christ
Become disciples



Key Convictions

Gospel Centered – The central characteristic of UBC is an unwavering commitment to the Gospel. The Gospel is consistently proclaimed in the weekly services and in the lives of the members. It is a clear expectation that everyone associated with UBC has an opportunity to hear the Gospel and be encouraged to share the Gospel. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Biblically Guided – We consult the Scriptures and submit to them in all things that we do. We pursue doctrinal integrity to the best of our ability by seeing the Word of God as authoritative and living and active. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Prayer Driven – UBC strives to be a *praying* church in all aspects of service. We seek to acknowledge that God leads us in all things. Consequently, prayer is essential to who we are and is a core part of our identity. Ephesians 6:18-20

Emphasis on Fasting—Complements and accentuates prayer. Fasting is a physical and holistic response to help facilitate our prayers. Fasting and prayer spotlights God's freedom that sets prisoners free, provides justice and community. Isaiah 58

Discipleship Focused – Ministry efforts at UBC are anchored in the core principles of discipleship. As seen in the Great Commission, we are committed to *go make disciples*. We seek to take Gospel to the lost and not wait for the lost to come find us. We pray earnestly for a movement of God that leads to salvation and *baptisms* among the lost. We also commit to *teaching* our church family to *obey all that He has commanded*. In short, this means we are a church that makes disciples who make disciples. Some practical implications include:

We seek to integrate practical expressions of discipleship in every ministry area of the church. Our ministries are evaluated on their ability to effectively make disciples.

A church committed to church planting as the chief expression of church growth. We are not driven by numerical attendance and increasing the church budget. Rather, the answer for growth will be planting new churches in key communities when appropriate. The focus is empowering new congregations to be self-sufficient as a result of effective discipleship at UBC.

Church staff and church members are consistently challenged to personally engage in intentional relationships of discipleship, especially those that target the lost. Our goal is taking the gospel to all people.

UBC is a missional church. We seek to be witnesses of the Gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. Over time our goal would be for UBC to be a launching pad for missional endeavors in our immediate community and around the world. (Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 67; Acts 2:41, 47)

Families Valued – Families are a priority for UBC. We are a church for every stage of life and a church that emphasizes the importance of family.

Pastoral Care – UBC is a place where people are loved and cared for when they face times of difficulty and hardship. The congregation shares in this responsibility so that people are loved by their church.

Spiritual Worship – The key theological message of worship is one that adheres to the truths found in Romans 12. Specifically, worship is much more than a weekly expression of a genre of music but a way of life. It is found in a renewed mind and offering ourselves as living sacrifices. UBC seeks to stress this truth in every capacity. (Romans 12:1-2)

Holistic Giving - We seek to be a church that gives sacrificially, generously and cheerfully. Rather than emphasizing a financial formula we cultivate an atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to surrender not only their finances to God but all other areas of life as well. As Paul encourages the church in Corinth, we seek to excel in faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness in love as well as the grace of giving.

A Loving Community – UBC is a place for all people. We seek to love everyone who comes through those doors no matter their gender, race, age, ethnicity, socio-economic status or any other delineation by which an individual can be defined. UBC will be a place where all people can come and be well loved. (1 John 4:7-12)



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH—WHERE WE ARE

University Baptist Church (UBC) is located at 2720 Wabash Avenue, Fort Worth, TX, 76109. We are just across the street from the Texas Christian University (TCU) campus. The doors of our Sanctuary open out to the north side of the campus.



The church campus is currently comprised of:

- Sanctuary—Opened in 1974; 10,000 square feet; 800 person capacity
- Education Building—Opened in 1957 (addition 1967); 63,000 square feet
- Chapel—Opened in 1951; 4,100 square feet; 200 person capacity

The church has additional properties including four residences (close proximity to church), a vacant lot across from church parking lot, and two mission properties - Luz del Mundo (5024 Townsend) and Mision de Paz (2805 and 2813 Sappington). In addition, an apartment is rented to provide Bible study and homework tutoring at the Morningside Apartments (2900 South Freeway).

Along with being neighbors with TCU, just to the west of our campus is Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center, a Fort Worth Independent School District School of Choice elementary school (K-5). Other school campuses within a two mile radius are Kinderfrogs and Starpoint, TCU laboratory schools for Pre-K—6th Grade; Lily B. Clayton, Tanglewood, and Westcliff elementary schools; Daggett and McLean middle schools; and Paschal High School.

Demographic Information (two mile radius of UBC):

- Currently there are 53,249 persons residing in the area.
- Population is projected to grow 3.2% (1708 persons) between 2015-2020.

- The racial/ethnic diversity of the area is considered high. Among individual groups, Anglos represent 53.2% of the population and all other racial/ethnic groups make up 46.8% which is above the national average of 38%. The largest of these groups, Hispanics/Latinos accounts for 38.7% of the total population. Native-American/Others are projected to be the fastest growing group increasing by 13.4% between 2015 and 2020.
- Area household concerns which are likely to exceed the national average – finding a good church, finding spiritual teaching, achieving educational objectives, and achieving a fulfilling marriage.

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH – WHO WE ARE

Since its beginning in 1929, University Baptist Church (UBC) has been focused on carrying out the Great Commission. 1929 marked the beginning of the Great Depression and the year UBC's charter members decided the Texas Christian University (TCU) area needed an evangelical witness. This holds true today. Consequently, the church continues to identify itself as *University Baptist Church*.

Church growth has ebbed and flowed throughout an 86-year-old ministry. Three *UBC Heritage videos*, located on our website, ubcfortworth.org, provide more information on our former pastors and historical development as a church.

While our past is a part of who we are, our future is more important. It is what we will become. A current profile of University Baptist Fort Worth includes:

WE BRING OTHERS TO MEET CHRIST

Fellowship – both between church members and with guests – is warm and contagious. Everyone is welcome. Some of the events we use initially to introduce others to Christ include:

Kid Power Camp
 Early Learning Center (ELC)
 Good News Club
 ESL (English as a Second Language classes)
 Kid Konnect
 Trunk or Treat
 Kids' Night Out
 Bible Study

Music Programs
Children's Breakfast with Santa
Adopt-a-Student (College)
The Table (College dinner and Bible study)
DiscipleNow
Summer Camps - Children, Pre-teen, Youth
Safehouse (Youth midweek Bible study)
Women2Women Fellowships
Summer Activities - Six Flags, Rangers Game,
Whirlyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Pool Parties



WE BELONG TO A COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The UBC family is building a Christian community. Visit our website, ubcfortworth.org, for testimonies about the bond within the UBC community. Our church includes:

• **STAFF**

A profile of each staff member can be found on our website, ubcfortworth.org.

Jerimiah Smith, Pastor

Caroline Poe, Minister of Families and Education

Kathy Raines, Minister of Administration

Jennea Pilcher, Interim Minister to Students

Casey McCarthy, Interim Minister of Worship and Music

Dana Chavarria, Organist

Moira Hopfe-Ostensen, Pianist

Debi Roche, Financial Accountant

Sonia Dominguez, Pastor's Administrative Assistant

Natalie Yarnell, Receptionist/Missions and Education Administrative Assistant

Music and Media Administrative Assistant

John Fisher, Building Engineer

Rindo Nong, Custodian

April Lintz, ELC/Preschool Director

• **DEACONS**

Composed of both men and women, the deacon body includes 39 active and 17 Life Deacons. UBC dedicates deacons as a servant group ministering to the membership, pastor, staff, programs, events, and missions of the church. Current leadership includes Alan Wolfskill—Chair, Austin Perry—Vice Chairman, and Amy Sutton—Secretary.

• **FINANCES**

Annual Budget October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

INCOME	1,151,196
TCU Football Parking Income	<u>55,000</u>
	1,206,196
EXPENSES	
Cooperative Giving	33,530
UBC Missions	19,650
Pastoral Ministry	16,150
Education Ministry	89,500
Music Ministry	11,589
Support Ministry	79,810
Building & Grounds	297,200
Personnel	<u>658,767</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,206,196

• **LAY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Based on 2016-2017 Church Council Handbook

GROUPS	PURPOSE OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Trustees	Act for the Church in legal matters.	4
Church Council	Maintain a comprehensive calendar of ministries and activities for approval by the Church and recommend members to serve on the Nominating Committee.	28
Committees*	Finance, Missions, Music, Nominating, Personnel, Property and Space, Stewardship, Deacon Nominating/License and Ordination, Youth	6 per committee
Ministry Teams*	Boomers & Beyond, Childhood Education, College, Decorations, Extended Session, Family Hospitality, Food Service, Library, Missions, Multi-Media, New Member, Ordinance, Photography & Heritage, UBC Cares, Usher, Welcome, Women2Women	4 to 12 per team
Deacons	A service body ministering to the church and community.	39 active + 17 Life Deacons
Moderator and Vice-Moderator	Preside at Church business meetings.	1 each
Church Clerk	Keep accurate records of the proceedings of each business meeting.	1

*Purpose and duties of each Committee and Ministry Team are available in the Church Council Handbook.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, AND BUILD THAT BELIEF THROUGH WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

♦ **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, 10:30am

Sunday Worship Services at UBC seek to create an atmosphere where authentic worship may be experienced. The music incorporates both contemporary and traditional expressions. Congregational singing, choirs, vocal and instrumental ensembles, and a band are all utilized.

Average annual worship attendance is recorded for the period October 1 to September 30. The averages for the prior five years and current year are:

2012 - 2013	255
2013 - 2014	245
2014 - 2015	248
2015 - 2016	236
2016 - 2017 (April 30)	302

• **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Bible Study

Sunday, 9:00am

Lay and seminary-trained teachers lead strong biblical teaching from infants through senior adults each Sunday morning. The Preschool area provides continuing childhood education during Sunday worship.

The Table

Sunday 5:30pm

Under the leadership of our College Minister, college students gather on Sunday evenings for dinner, fellowship and Bible Study.

Discipleship

Wednesday 6:00pm

Prayer meeting

Missions education including Mission Kids (Fall)

Youth Safehouse Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Financial Peace University (Winter)

Parenting classes and other special interest discipleship opportunities



Music

Wednesdays and Sundays, various times

Sanctuary Choir
Worship Team
Handbell Choir
Youth Worship Team
Youth Singers
Children's Choir - Infants to 6th grade (Spring)



WE BECOME CHRIST'S DISCIPLES BY SHARING HIS TRANSFORMING LOVE

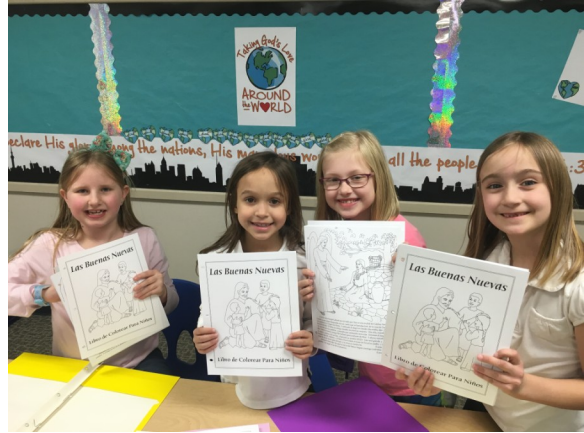
We care. And, because we care, University Baptist Church engages in witnessing, outreach, missions and other ministries in varied and exciting ways. All age groups are invited to grow as disciples.



• CHURCHWIDE MISSIONS/MINISTRY

Border Ministry
Cambodia (DJD Cambodian Ministries)
Casas por Cristo (Guatemala)
Iglesia Bautista Luz del Mundo (Fort Worth)

Mision de Paz (Fort Worth)
 Morningside Apartments (Fort Worth)
 Thanksgiving Baskets for missions
 Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)
 Christmas Gift Cards for missions
 School Supplies for missions
 Mission House - Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 ESL classes
 Lottie Moon (IMB/SBC)
 Annie Armstrong (NAM/SBC)
 Mary Hill Davis (BGCT)
 Church Planting (McQuittys)



• CHILDREN'S MISSIONS/MINISTRY

Raised money for an oven (Casas por Cristo).
 Collected boxes of crayons, put together coloring books printed in English and Spanish, and delivered them to UBC mission house and Presbyterian Night Shelter's women/children center.
 Wrote messages of "God loves you" in three languages—English, Spanish, and Korean—on UBC sidewalks before Trunk-or-Treat.
 Collected canned goods, filled 60 Thanksgiving baskets/bags, including handmade cards in them.
 Collected money to fund some projects through World Vision catalog: Bibles, soccer balls and ducks.
 Childrens Choirs assembled coloring books, wrote Bible verses, and recorded a song in Spanish to share with our friends in Guatemala.

• YOUTH MISSIONS/MINISTRY

Beautiful Feet Ministries
 Presbyterian Night Shelter (PNS)
 Students Helping Seniors
 Tarrant Churches Together MLK Day of Service
 Worship Team

• COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONS/MINISTRY

Adopt-a-Student
 College Spring Break Mission Trip
 Cookie Bakers
 Finals Week Care Packages
 Tarrant Churches Together MLK Day of Service



- **DEACONS' MISSIONS/MINISTRY**

Breakfast with Santa
Church campus patrol
Monthly Prayer Meeting
One Need, One Deed

- **ADULTS' MISSIONS/MINISTRY**

Family Hospitality Teams: preparing/serving meals
for families at time of funeral
Stahala Fund (Food Pantry; assistance to families)
Decorating Ministry Team
Extended Session Ministry Team
Food Service Ministry Team
Library Ministry Team
Missions Ministry Team
Multi-Media Ministry Team
New Member Ministry Team
Ordinance Ministry Team
Photography & Heritage Ministry Team
Ushers Ministry Team
UBC Cares Ministry Team (homebound)
Welcome Ministry Team
Greeters
Widow's Support Group
Men's Class: Prepare meals for church twice/year
Ladies' Class: Decorating bedroom at PNS
Prepare meals for college students

- **WOMEN2WOMEN MINISTRY**

At The Well
Knitting hats/prayer shawls for local shelters and homebound
Lunches, brunches and game nights
Inspirational speakers
Retreats
Sewing Circle
Spiritual Friends
Third Thursday Prayer

- **COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center (Adopt-a-School)
Christian Women's Job Corps
Hospital Volunteers
Meals on Wheels
Tarrant Baptist Association: WMU



- **EARLY LEARNING CENTER** for babies and preschoolers

Meets each Tuesday and Thursday during the school year. ELC charges a fee.

To accomplish our goal of becoming Christ's disciples, the following are voluntary external entities with whom UBC has connections. Some of these connections are on-going, while others serve as a one-time ministry for a particular group of the church.

- Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center
(UBC's Adopt-a-School with the Fort Worth ISD)
- Baptist General Convention of Texas
 - ◆ BaptistWay Press (literature)
 - ◆ Cooperative Program
 - ◆ Mary Hill Davis State Missions Offering
- Baptist Student Ministry—TCU
- Beautiful Feet Ministries (Student Ministry participation)
- Bible League International (Croatian Bible Translation)
- Casas por Cristo
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (Good News Club)
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Mission Kids curriculum)
- DJD Cambodian Ministries
- Hope Literacy (ESL Classes)
- Maryland-Delaware Baptist Convention (Mike McQuitty)
- Meals on Wheels
- Presbyterian Night Shelter
- Riverbend Retreat Center
- Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
- Southern Baptist Convention
 - ◆ IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 - ◆ LifeWay Christian Resources (children's curriculum, music literature)
 - ◆ NAMB Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Tarrant Baptist Association
- Tarrant Area Food Bank
- Tarrant Churches Together
(MLK Day of Service—Student Ministry participation)
- World Vision (Mission Kids)



FORT WORTH—THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Fort Worth, the fifth largest city in Texas, has a growing population of over 810,000. Though an urban environment, people note it has the friendliness of a smaller town. Annual events such as the Stock Show and Rodeo, Main Street Arts Festival, Mayfest, and Fourth of July celebration bring together a diverse community. Known for “Cowboys and Culture,” some areas of interest found in our city are:

Attractions:

- Fort Worth Botanic Gardens
- Fort Worth Zoo (highly ranked nationally)
- Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge
- Historic Stockyards
- Will Rogers Memorial Center-Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, NRCHA Equestrian Events, Golden Gloves Tournaments
- Trinity Trails— over 40 miles of trails for biking, jogging and walking

Culture and Entertainment:

- Bass Performance Hall (renowned opera house)
- Casa Mañana Theater
- Coyote Drive-In Theater
- Local theater groups - Amphibian, Artes de la Rosa, Circle, Fort Worth Theatre, Hip Pocket, Jubilee, Stage West
- Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
- Texas Ballet
- Ballet Concerto

Museums:

- Amon Carter Museum of American Art
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History (Children)
- Kimbell Art Museum
- Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
- National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
- Sid Richardson Museum

Universities/Colleges:

- Texas Christian University
- Texas Wesleyan University
- Texas A&M Law School
- University of North Texas Health Science Center
- Tarrant County Community College
(South and Trinity River campuses)



Dining and Shopping:

Magnolia Street Arts District – dining, galleries and musical entertainment

West 7th Street and Montgomery Plaza – dining, shopping and musical entertainment

Sundance Square – dining, shopping and musical entertainment

University Park Village – dining and shopping

Sports:

TCU College Athletics

TWU College Athletics

Colonial National Invitational Golf Tournament

Texas Motor Speedway

Professional Sports in the Metroplex – Cowboys, Rangers, Mavericks, Stars, FC Dallas

Amusement Parks in the Metroplex:

Six Flags

Hurricane Harbor

Great Wolf Lodge

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