

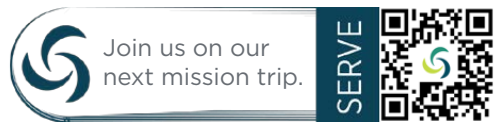
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Senior Pastor

This is the place where I usually write about the most recently completed church season and reflect on what we've seen God do in the life of our church. But since I missed out on all but about three weeks of the period covered in this Focus Book, I'll just have to let the book speak for itself. Needless to say, it was a typical UBC summer filled with camps, in-house ministries, mission projects, and a great season of worship, all beautifully depicted in the pages that follow.

For my family and I, however, this past summer was anything but ordinary. My first sabbatical in eighteen years of ministry was everything a sabbatical should be: a fair dose of rest, a healthy portion of ministry work outside my typical context, a lot of time spent with family, and numerous reminders of what it means to be an individual worshipper and growing disciple while also being a working minister. On the work side of things, I had the opportunity to lecture for three days at a theological school for worship leaders in Moscow, as well as speak at their school's graduation. I visited a seminary and international church in Amsterdam, spent a month teaching, preaching, and ministering to and with our partner church in South Africa, and visited a number of churches here in Houston. One of the best parts of the summer for Jana and I was being able to share with our kids our ministry work with a number of Zulu churches and relief ministries affiliated with Norwegian Settlers Church in Port Shepstone.

On the ministry development side, I spent a lot of time thinking about our church and comparing it to other churches and ministries where I visited. It was interesting to see things in other churches and think, "Wow, I'm glad we do that differently at UBC," while at the same time being reminded that we have much room for improvement and much to learn from our sister churches around the city. In the end, I kept coming back to the question, "What does THE church, and our church specifically, exist to be and to do?" All kinds of models are visible, and all have something valuable to offer.

In the end, the word 'hope' kept coming up in my thoughts. As a church, we are to live as people of hope, exemplify hope to a world that finds it in short supply, and invite others to discover the source of our hope which is faith and life in Jesus Christ. In partnership with our "Meet the Neighbors" worship series this past summer, our ministry events and mission efforts, and all of our programs, plans, and goals that lie ahead of us, it seems to me that the notion of hope is always present in and around our church. I hope you see it testified in our stories, and I hope you find it a reality in your own life.

Steve Laufer
SENIOR PASTOR



Executive Director

This summer, my wife Diann and I were privileged to take part in an outreach to refugees in Europe. This is the largest migration of people since World War II. Many of the families caught in this crisis come from similar situations that you would find in the Clear Lake area. For certain, their style of clothing is sometimes different, their language is often different, and their culture is almost always different. But along with that, they are often highly educated, middle-class people with kids, with aging parents, with strong family ties, and they hold a strong national identity. They love their family, friends and country. As is true of the Clear Lake area, most of them are secular in their belief systems.

I had several takeaways from the trip, but one that comes to mind is not about the refugees. It is about us, both UBC and myself. We took this trip with Antioch Ministries out of Waco. That is the organization a close relative of ours serves with on the mission field. Antioch mobilized over two thousand people this summer and has about two hundred families on the field full time. It would be very easy to be intimidated by their response and honestly have “ministry envy.” However, the Lord did something very kind for me during the two weeks.

I am forever changed from the encounters with the refugee families. However, the biggest impact I felt Diann and I had was ministering to those staffing the base camps, those attending with us, and the people from the local churches. The Lord provided supernatural insight in how to pray for them, what to ask about, and how to encourage them personally. And once again, the Lord affirmed that UBC is an encouraging and equipping church with a significant calling to equip and encourage others in their Kingdom work. Our calling is different than Antioch’s, but we are a gift from God to other people, other organizations, and ultimately to other nations. This is a place where we learn to say “yes” to God.

So as you read through the Focus Book, you will find stories made possible by the people of UBC saying “yes” to God. Read between the lines, and you will find many others encouraged and “prepared for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

It is a gift to understand our calling. The fullness of Christ awaits. Are you ready to say “yes,” yet again?

Be strong and courageous,

David Mobley
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Facilities Update

Kids' Area Renovation

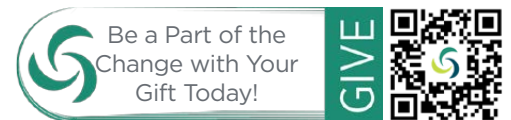
The kids' area renovation is making excellent progress. Ultimately, it will provide greater accommodation for our children, improve ease of transition between worship services, increase functionality of space and enhance safety. In addition, it will provide our children with the skills and tools they need and allow them to envision how they might serve in their community and around the world while reaching their full potential in Christ.

The kids' area renovation has been divided into three phases. Phase 1 was the Great Room renovations, including improved lighting and sound. This phase is complete. Phase 2 began the week of July 5, and completion is projected for the week of October 10. This phase includes an improved welcome area, a renovated workroom and reconfigured restroom facilities and has been fully funded. Phase 3 will begin when funds are available. This phase will include improved classrooms, hallways and a renovated kitchen. Fundraising for Phase 3 began on July 10 and as of September 4, \$55,937 actual dollars have been raised and an additional \$2,000 has been pledged. With our fundraising goal of \$400,000, this leaves \$342,063 required for fundraising to complete the entire project.



Total cost of all three phases is approximately \$725,000, which is less than the cost of the adult area renovation. *The renovation project is being funded entirely with cash payments.* It is important to note that UBC has always demonstrated an ability to be generous with our capital campaigns while being faithful to budget giving. During every capital campaign, budget giving has actually increased.

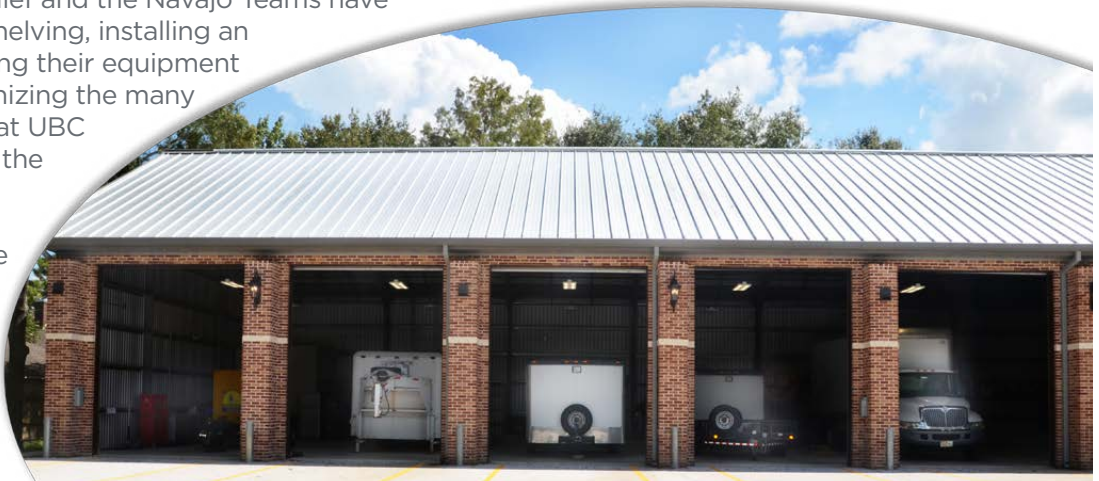
Visit ubc.org/KidsInFlight for more detailed information about the renovation. We encourage you to tour the area and see the progress being made. Thank you for your contributions to this exciting change that will positively impact the future of our church and God's Kingdom.



Mission Training Center

Some items have probably been noticed as “missing” from our parking lot over the last couple of months. All of our disaster relief equipment and our Navajo Team equipment have been placed in the Mission Training Center. The Disaster Relief and the Navajo Teams have been busily adding in shelving, installing an air compressor, relocating their equipment from storage, and organizing the many pieces of equipment that UBC been blessed with over the years.

As funds are available, we will begin construction of the two training rooms, two bathrooms featuring two showers each, and additional storage above.





Pavilion

The Pavilion funding has been used to dry it in and preserve the structure until funding is available for completion. We engaged a new architect to complete the detailed design of the roofing system and are currently out for bids. The initial bids were high due to too many undefined details.

As funds are available, the first priority will be to complete the roof. The bathrooms, storage area and sound system will be completed in that order as funds allow.

The berm grew slightly larger than first anticipated, but as the grass fills in it will be a great play area (as well as gathering place) for concerts and events in the pavilion.

We saved tens of thousands of dollars by avoiding transportation fees for disposing of the dirt from the detention pond.

The fun part is that it is already provided useful space, as you can see from the Cub Scout gathering pictured above.

UBCer Bluce Blazine shared: “This was the annual Bridging Ceremony for Cub Scout Pack 958. Our pack mainly draws students from North Pointe Elementary School (charted at Clear Lake United Methodist Church). We had about 80–90 scouts and their families attend the event. We were able to use a firepit and cook hotdogs... All were impressed by the new facility and were appreciative to UBC for allowing us to use the pavilion after our original location (under the trees by the baseball field) was under water due to heavy rain.”

Worship Center

The Worship Center at UBC was originally built over thirty years ago in 1984; therefore, most of the wiring and some equipment date to that time. While the last major update of the sound and theatrical lights occurred in 1999, many media systems and components are now past their designed “end-of-life,” and are now failing or are at-risk. The industry shift to digital media and the effects of digital TV broadcasting have also seriously changed church media technology within the last ten years. To address these issues, we have begun to replace some of the most critical systems used in our worship as funds allow.

This semester, we updated the wireless microphone system (\$26,000) and replaced a soundboard and associated equipment (\$8,000) in the Multimedia Room used for audio distribution within the facility, for recording, and for producing sermon podcasts.

These new systems are current *state-of-the-art* for digital media and will “feed forward” into more significant renovation of the Worship Center ahead. To minimize cost, these system replacements continue to be designed and installed by our volunteer media team, savings many tens of thousands of dollars over the years. New volunteers to the media team and new training this fall will go hand-in-hand with the new equipment to continue to serve two very different and rich worship environments every Sunday.

Architect Estate Update

After several attempts to obtain summary judgements for the Pavilion and Mission Training Center projects, we received a settlement offer from the estate administrator. We are currently in negotiations over the offer and hope to have additional information to discuss at the Focus Meeting.

UBC Houston Mobile App

REACHING A NEW MILESTONE

Effective communication is key when you want to know what's going on at UBC. Just look up and you'll see *something* is going on. The wall posters and projected slides on the hallway TVs or in services are ever-changing and always helpful. E-News, UBC's e-newsletter, is also a great way to connect. When our website (www.ubc.org) was streamlined and updated in 2014, UBCers had a wealth of resources at their fingertips, including service videos, a group-searching capability and blog updates from our ministry areas. However, as technology has evolved, there became a need to connect content 24/7 to UBCers across multiple mobile platforms, and what better way is there to do that than through a customized mobile app.

Seeking a sleek but relevant app, UBC found The Church App by Subsplash®—a company that has built apps for thousands of forward-looking organization across the world who are looking to connect their content to their audience. In March 2015, UBC officially rolled out a new mobile app, the UBC Houston app.

Available on iOS, Android and Windows, the UBC Houston app features an array of easy-to-access information, like sermon videos and e-bulletins, upcoming events, stories and blogs, social media links. It even accommodates online giving. With push notifications, UBCers always have details on the latest announcements, and the response for the app has been overwhelming. In just seventeen months, the app has received over 2,000 downloads! Check out the UBC Houston app at <http://get.theapp.co/1a89>.

Download it today!

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Sept 14, 2016

1. Holy Imagination
2. Offer the Invitation
3. I Want My Neighbor's Life
4. My Story
5. Put Yourself In Others' Path

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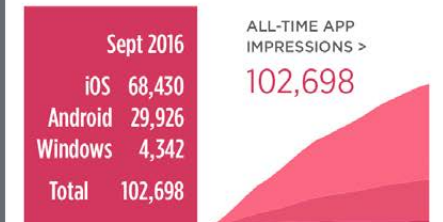
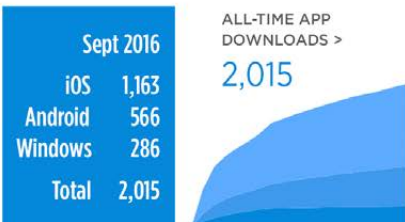
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Care Ministries

National Day of Prayer

On May 5, 2016, Pastor Rick Carpenter and the Deacons coordinated a prayer activity that supported the National Day of Prayer. The UBC Prayer Room was open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for anyone to pray. Twenty-six deacons spent at least thirty minutes praying in the prayer room, and a total of forty-nine people visited the prayer room during that twelve-hour period. The church collected prayer requests from the congregations on the previous Sunday and those requests were available in the prayer room that day to be prayed for as we participated in the National Day of Prayer. Isaiah 58:1a was the Scripture focus for the 2016 National Day of Prayer: "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

Deacon Ordination

On January 17, 2016, twelve UBC members were ordained into the Deacon Ministry. They were: Sabra Barnett, John Cave, Jeff Doi, Paul Glenn, Robert King, Mark Kuhlman, Megan Murphy, Mike Muzsly, David Pedersen, Doug Triplett, David Ward and Kelly Yeary.

Adult Ministries

2016 (WBS) Leadership Training

Our annual WBS leadership training was held on Saturday morning, August 13. Gathering lay leaders in all our family ministry areas, we took the morning to go over essential leadership training for the 2016–2017 church year. The day started with a breakfast and charge to our leaders. We then broke into the various ministry segments (preschool, children, students and adults) and leaders worked with their respective area. The adult area walked through a collaborative conversation with our groups using the motivating and encouraging *Fish! Philosophy* video. Through facilitated conversations, our group leaders were able to talk about best practices, plan for fall events and find ways to engage new visitors. This was another wonderful time for training in our family ministry areas.

2016 Dinner and a Marriage

On May 6, our adult ministry hosted a first-time marriage event in the Clear Lake area called "Dinner and a Marriage." Partnering with the Houston-based marriage ministry, Home Encouragement, we gathered twelve couples together to enjoy a catered meal and hear some practical teaching on marriage. Brett and Kellie Hurst, founders of Home Encouragement, led our discussion and our couples were able to spend time talking over key communication skills. The goal of our Dinner and a Marriage event is to move off our UBC campus and into our Clear Lake community. We had several couples from other churches in the Southeast Houston area join us. We are looking to have a second Dinner and a Marriage after the first part of 2017 at a local restaurant and engage couples from all backgrounds in the Clear Lake area.

Charles Roberson Retirement Luncheon

A large crowd gathered in the Chapel on Sunday, August 28 to honor Charles Roberson for his dedicated and faithful teaching of the Bible. Charles volunteered as a teacher in our Adult Ministries for over forty years! Charles' dedication and service to God's work is truly remarkable. He plans to stay a member of the Young At Heart co-ed group.



Primetime Ministries

Primetime Trips: Liberty Opry & Art Park Players



DAY TRIP

On Saturday, June 4, twenty-six Primetimers braved the rainy, stormy weather and boarded a Harris County bus bound for Liberty, Texas. Our plans for the day were to enjoy gospel music at the Liberty Opry. On the first Saturday of every month, the Opry invites guest groups and individuals to perform with the Liberty Opry Band.

Before the show, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Baytown Seafood Restaurant in downtown Liberty. It was our first visit to Liberty, and we decided it is a very nice little town.

The gospel show started at 2 p.m. with a prayer by opry owner, Jay Cantu, then an afternoon of fun began. The Liberty Opry Band has a great sound and consists of talented and professional musicians who also sing. Several of them performed great gospel songs accompanied by the band. There was a guest singer and a men's trio who filled the afternoon with wonderful music. The Opry comedian "Booger Lee" also entertained us with funny, family-oriented jokes!

The day consisted of good music—good company—and a good time!



EVENING TRIP

On our first evening trip, Friday, July 15, sixteen Primetimers attended a dinner theater in Deer Park called Art Park Players. The catered dinner was delicious and the play, *The Producers*, was laugh-out-loud funny! We all agreed what happens on a Primetime trip says on a Primetime trip. Those who attended will understand!

Women's Ministries

Summer Dig Bible Study

Do you know what a "cast sheep" is? When a sheep is looking for a comfortable place to lay down, like a soft groove in a hillside, she can get so comfortable that she actually rolls onto her back, unable to get back up, like a turtle stuck on it's back. Quickly, gasses can build up in her system causing a toxic effect in her body leading to discomfort, illness and even death unless she's rescued. The shepherd must see her, understand her dilemma and rescue her quickly. And all because she just wanted to be comfortable! This is the kind of thing that we learned about during our Summer Dig into Psalm 23. For those who dug into God's Word, they were rewarded with real help for today's living. They also learned how to dig into scripture on their own using tools presented during the class.

Women's Ministry Leadership

The leadership teams have been hard at work this summer preparing for all of the fall and spring activities that are coming your way. Look forward to new Bible study groups, Tapestry Dinner on November 3 featuring Joy Pottery artist Rachel Norris, and a women's retreat in February at Camp Allen. As always, stay tuned for more details!

Sack Lunch Stories

One of the ways that God speaks to the hearts of people is through the lives of others. This summer, Women's Ministries began a series of opportunities for friends to gather over a sack lunch and listen to the personal story of a UBC member. We began in May with Dr. Steven Laufer who shared the story of his life and education along with part of his personal testimony. The month of June featured Holly Sincox sharing a personal and motivating story of growing up in Clear Lake and finding a relationship with Christ and how Jesus grew her relationship through trials. In July, Lora Doremus shared her personal testimony. Join us every month for more Sack Lunch Stories at UBC on the third floor from 12-1 p.m. Watch the bulletin for details. Don't forget to bring your lunch and a friend.

Working Women's Fellowship

by Rebecca Bresnik

As women, we are pulled in many different directions and it's easy to feel overwhelmed by all of the demands of work, family and life. WWF hopes to empower, equip and enable women from all walks of life to meet together to network and connect in genuine relationships. We hope to provide mutual support for living out our faith in our working environments and community, and to encourage one another through the challenges we face in our careers, families and ministries. Join us for lunch every other month at Bay Oaks Country Club. Watch for details about our next lunch on October 6.



Missions & Serving Ministries

NEW INITIATIVES

Perspectives of the World Christian Movement

During the month of August (and continuing through Fall 2016), UBC Serving Ministries continues a partnership with Sagemont Church to bring perspectives of the world Christian movement to Southeast Houston. This sixteen-week course, entitled “Perspectives of the World Christian Movement,” is one of the most comprehensive training curriculums to highlight the Bible as a singular story of redemption and reconciliation for the whole world, and is foundational for missional-thinking. The course was hosted this year by Sagemont and will be hosted in by UBC in 2017. To learn more about “Perspectives,” visit perspectives.org.

Houston Refugee Assistance Ministry

Several UBC members responded to a recent call to engage with local refugees who are coming weekly to the city of Houston. This new Refugee Assistance Ministry has already responded to the needs of caseworkers at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston by picking up several families at Bush International Airport. UBC volunteer Jerry Hayley shared his experience:

“Except for the communication issues, it was a very easy experience and so very rewarding. Sandra and I both came away feeling so blessed to have been able to be a part of helping to reunite a family that had been apart for who knows how long. One of the local family members who met them at the airport told me that he had been in Houston for sixteen years. We would love to do it again. It was a learning experience for all of us.”

The following explains some of the need and rationale behind this new ministry opportunity. Philoxenia (φιλοξενίας) means the practice of showing love to strangers. This is the literal Greek word that we translate to mean “hospitality” in Hebrews 13:2: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Paul uses this same word in Romans 12:13, embedded in the middle of a great chapter that shows how transformation and renewal in Christ will likely oppose popular belief and culture. It stands to reason that if we must “practice” showing hospitality to strangers then doing so is something that does not come naturally to us. Showing hospitality to strangers is a spiritual exercise, a response that is counter-natural in many ways but it is definitely part of what Paul considers essential if our minds are to be “renewed” in Christ. We have a different loyalty, a different outlook on life and on others because Christ is our center. For more information about the partner agency, visit imgh.org/refugee-services.

The Mercy Tree

UBC officially began supporting clients of The Mercy Tree in January. Each Thursday, one to two dozen homeless men and women come to our chapel and eat lunch. This collaborative partnership between UBC and several local churches includes a wide-range of Christian denominations, and has been a great way for us to see the image of God in people who are experiencing Clear Lake through a different set of lenses.

In early August, UBC Serving Ministries was able to host key leaders from several churches that support The Mercy Tree. We networked, shared stories, and prayed for The Mercy Tree clients and leadership, and we plan to hold this type of gathering twice annually in order to collaborate with each other and give support to The Mercy Tree leaders who often endure a lot of negative attention from community members in Clear Lake. For more information, visit themercytree.org.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Navajo

This year, we had the pleasure of building an educational space on to the Birdsprings Family Worship Center that was built by UBC in 2008. Pastor Tony Nez and the whole congregation at Birdsprings were extremely grateful to the sixty-five volunteers who came primarily from UBC and First Baptist Church Baton Rouge. At this time, core members of the Navajo team are networking in the Navajo nation to determine where God might be calling them to build next year.



Dominican Republic

UBC continued its new connection with ministries in the Dominican Republic this summer with the third “Family Trip” and another “Teachers’ Trip.” In the prior trip, families worked together diligently to build playground equipment for an orphanage and found ways to interact in other ways with the children. The teachers engaged with Dominican teachers and passed along best practices, strategies and skills for communicating with students.



Living Water International

UBC members continued their involvement with Living Water, Inc. (website: water.cc) this year, digging a well in Sutrasfco, Honduras for a community in desperate need of water. Eight UBC members engaged in hard work, digging through boulders and enduring several days of tropical rain in order to leave the community with the precious resource of a well.



UBC Disaster Relief Team

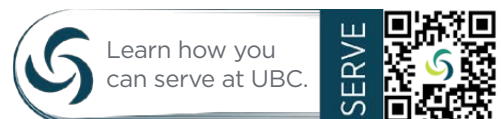
The UBC Disaster Relief Team, related to Texas Baptist Men's organization (TBM), has had a very busy spring and summer! They participated in several "clean-outs" in and around Houston, and also sent people to Louisiana. It is a continuous testimony that people are willing to spend their days off work or vacation days to help strangers literally pick up the pieces of their lives after being flooded. The intensity and continuous need for volunteers has prompted several UBC members and acquaintances to become TBM-Certified through Yellow Cap Training.

(The volunteers who helped clean houses were William [Bill] Boyce, William Martin, Forrest Page, David Pedersen, Lance Stephens, Jim Tatum and Alan Wallace.)

Serving Partnerships

This summer, Serving Ministries also participated in a few fundraising activities for partner ministries, including Baby Bottles for Beltway 8 and Run for Rand which supports our partnership with Genesis in South Africa.

We also partnered with Anchor Point "Pathway to Hope" family camp (July 18-22). The ultimate goal of this camp is to help families and children construct meaningful connections and deeper relationships, allowing the children to not only survive, but ultimately thrive in life.



Dominican Republic Teacher/Orphanage Trip

by Jessica Mellin

This summer a group of women (led by Kymberlee Allen) made the trip again to the Dominican Republic to provide teacher training and help for local orphanages.

Teachers in the Dominican schools care about their students and are passionate about the subjects they teach. They want to grow in their teaching abilities, but in many, many ways, they are already excellent teachers. As each of our groups opened up to us with comments and questions, we learned more about specific challenges they face and found common ground at almost every turn. Even though we teach in different contexts, kids are kids, and lesson plans are lesson plans...and helicopter parents are helicopter parents. It's an honor to help them develop even better teaching skills.

During one orphanage visit, we went outside where most of our group was playing with the kids on the playground. Two women who had just bathed and changed ten babies were out on the playground too. One was sitting, leaning against the wall of the building with a few kids next to her on either side. She looked utterly exhausted.

Aside from administrators working in the office, there were only two women supervising something like thirty kids, all four years old and under.

Can you imagine? You and one of your friends. Thirty kids under the age of four. It was hard to leave because these kids are so hungry for love and affection. Even the biggest four-year olds want you to pick them up and not put them down. They want you to watch them, to follow them around the playground, to push them on the swing. They are starved for attention. It was so hard to leave.

If you are interested in joining a DR Teacher trip next summer, contact Women's Ministries Director Lora Doremus for more information.



Student Ministries

UM ARMY

For three years now, UBC has been the sole Baptist partner in the UM (United Methodist) Army. This ministry brings youth from several churches together to Texas towns in need of repair. There is a strong emphasis on spiritual formation, prayer and worship as well as service throughout the week. It could almost be described as a "working camp," where youth are not only challenged spiritually through prayer, discussion and worship, but also through selfless acts of service.

During the daytime, youth and adults work together on practical ministry projects for elderly people and others in the town needing assistance with things from minor home repairs to wheelchair ramps.

UBC began the partnership with UM Army in 2014 with six students and three adult volunteers. In 2015, it had grown to nine students, four adults and two college students. This year, 2016, UBC took nineteen students, seven adults and two college students!



Silver Cliff 2016

It doesn't take much to understand why our students love Silver Cliff so much. The name evokes strong feelings for each and every one of them. It brings to mind a time and place where they interacted with God in an intense way. They are placed high in the mountains away from a busy life that pulls for their attention in a thousand different directions. Silver Cliff guides our students on a different path—a path that is deeply communal, spiritual, picturesque and fun all at the same time. This year was no different.

Each day, our students gathered for morning Bible study. Chris Burkley, our pastor, challenged our students to live out a life that is committed to loving the Lord but also to loving those around them. During the afternoon, when we were not white-water rafting, students spent time hiking, relaxing and playing ball. After a good meal and time to freshen up, we gathered for evening worship. There is something special to me each evening as I stand outside the doors of what we call the "Opera House" and listen to our students praise the Creator in this no-frills, lodge-meeting house that so many UBC students have sat in before. It is on those moments the Lord continually reminds me of the power of our teenagers and how special they are to this church and to me.

God does amazing things with his people when they follow him into the mountains. Not only in the Old and New Testament, but also for our students here at UBC.





Impact Camp

There is a marked difference between the Impact and Silver Cliff camps. The scenery and temperature are very different, but the way the Lord moves at each is not.

Our intermediate school students packed out the fifty-seven-passenger bus (and a few extra vehicles) and hit the road for Longview, Texas and Letourneau University. Amazingly, the bus made it the entire way without any issues, so we are all praying the “Kyle Wilson/charter bus” battle has come to a cease-fire, but there are no guarantees.

The week at Impact camp is full. Mornings show funny skits, powerful worship, intense recreation, prayer times and vespers services. The week is full of times for our students to focus on Christ and be drawn closer to him. But that is not my favorite part of Impact.

My favorite part is, after everything is over each evening, our UBC students gather in a single room somewhere on campus to talk about what the Lord has shown them this week.

The first two days are awkward and little unsettling for the kids to talk, and the leaders are left wondering if there has been any spiritual impact. But as the week goes on the kids open up; they begin to share the stories of insecurity and painful family issues and personal struggles. They share their hopes and dreams and fears. In the end, they share how Christ is moving in their lives and how he is drawing them closer to him.

I sat in that room this year and just listened to our teenagers talk and it is the most amazing thing to hear our intermediate school students (so eloquently) share about their faith and hope in Jesus Christ. It is this moment that will always be my favorite part of intermediate school camp, no matter where it is located.





Love Africa

I have a few places that I call home. The home I grew up in with my family in Robinson, Texas is first; the place that I now live with my wife and children and Dorothy is second; the side of the mountain at Silver Cliff is third; and Port Shepstone, South Africa is fourth.

Every year as we leave the airport in Durban and begin to drive to Port Shepstone, my heart is full. Then as we make that last turn towards Skogheim Retreat Center, there is sense of coming home. Much like when you return to your family home on holiday, but for me it is a city I have never lived in for more than two weeks at a time. I guess the main reason is because it is in that place that I have seen so many lives changed and God at work in the people, it is hard not to be drawn there.

This year, we took a group of twelve students and adults to South Africa. After a few days of travel and adjustment to the time change, our students jumped right in preparing to host the Epic conference, a weekend event designed to reach out to the students of the South Coast region with the gospel.

We had approximately four hundred students attend the weekend and over forty kids came to know Christ as their Savior for the first time. It is because of the work of our Run For Rand fundraiser that UBC had the privilege to provide the funding for the greater part of this weekend conference, which drew students from all over the region to hear about Christ in their lives.

The week following the conference, we spent morning in Nobamba Secondary School teaching life skills to ninth grade students. It is a hard thing to put yourself out there and talk about such awkward things with people you barely know—things like AIDS/HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, addiction, rape, condoms, virginity and relationships.



It's awkward at first, then quickly becomes something that you realize has to be shared with these students you are getting to know. Most all of them not been taught any of this, and are having sex frequently, adding to the spread of HIV. The Zulu people just don't talk about that sort of thing with their children. So Norwegians Settlers Church has found the place where they can speak the gospel into a dark and hurting place.

According to the medical clinics in the area, 47% of the population in Port Shepstone is infected with HIV or AIDS. Most people will say that is a false read because those are just the ones that go to the clinic, and that 70% is a closer estimation. So this little time in the mornings with these kids, whom our students work so hard to build a relationship, holds a great value that lasts well beyond just the one week we are there.

We spend the majority of our afternoons at the Murchison Community Center, a center set up by Norwegians Settlers Church to share the gospel and help provide skills for people to get ahead. The center provides a gym for men to work out and hear the gospel and a music school that teaches music through hymns and praise music. There is also a reading room where children hear about Jesus, and where also (about a hundred children a day) are served with a small snack of Nutrimeal—helping to provide the vitamins and nutrients they might not get otherwise.

Our students had the opportunity to present the gospel, pray with dying men and women, love on children infected with HIV, lead teenagers in worship and prayer, and see God do things around them that they never thought possible.

And in the end we give God the Glory.

Children's Ministries

We have had a *spectacular* summer in Children's Ministry and it could not have been possible without all of the support and help from our UBC students! As the Children's pastor, I am overwhelmingly grateful to each and every one of our students and adults who volunteered in Children's Ministry this summer. As you read through these events, you will notice the incredible number of volunteers it takes to be able to offer these events. *Thank you so much for your contributions!*

Sports Camp

This year marked our tenth annual sports camp for kids! *Wow!* We have expanded from offering just basketball to now offering three different options for Sports Camp. With choices of basketball, volleyball or tennis, kids spend four intense days learning skills and techniques in their sport of choice.

This summer's basketball camp, which was under the leadership of our very own Zach Bartel, and had eighty-one kids registered and was staffed with over forty UBC students. Volleyball camp, lead by Jennifer Pyle, and had forty-nine kids registered and was staffed with approximately fifteen UBC students. This was our third year to partner with Bay Area Racquet Club to offer tennis, and we maxed out at thirty-six kids and were staffed with six UBC students.

Each day after lunch, the kids gathered in the Chapel for a devotional time. This year, we talked about "Epic Moments" in our life. Epic moments of *discovery* show us that we are valued. Epic moments of *adversity* remind us that God is here. Epic moments of *defeat* can be overcome and epic moments of *victory* prove we are winners! Every day, 166 children heard that Jesus loves them and desires for each of us to have an epic moment of *salvation*.



VBS

Cave Quest 2016: Following Jesus the Light of the World was another amazing week of VBS at UBC. We were blessed with over 645 kids and 265 volunteers!

In preparation for Cave Quest, volunteers worked numerous hours to transform UBC's Worship Center stage into an underground cave! Kids and adults together learned about how God's love takes us through life's darkest times, and that Jesus gives us courage, direction, love and his power when we choose to follow him!

A special thank you goes out to our directors Laura Davis, Jennifer Simmons and Katy Ernst for a job well done!



Kamp Kindness

At Kamp Kindness, a three-day summer mission camp hosted by UBC, kids are put to work doing random acts of kindness. This summer's camp almost topped out with nineteen kids and eight participating adults!

The kids experienced the hustles of snack and breakfast packing at the Houston Food Bank, as well as the blessings of providing food to others at the Park on the Bay in Baycliff with Lighthouse Ministries. In addition to their food service, they also had an opportunity to care for the infirmed. The kids made "comfort blankets" and prepared chemotherapy care packages for children at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

It never ceases to amaze me how much our kids *love* this camp. I love to see our kids love serving so much—it truly blesses my soul.



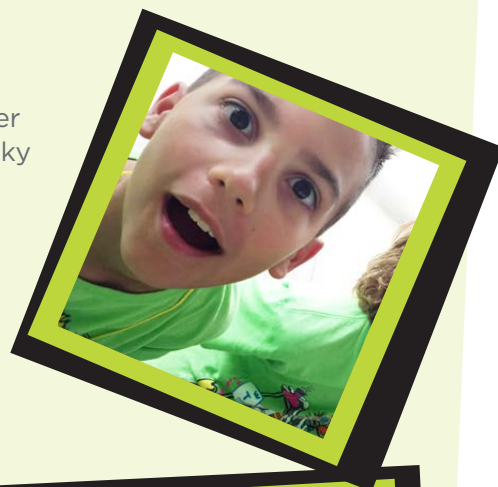
Kamp Kaboom

This summer was our second year to offer Kamp Kaboom, a camp that uses science to draw kids attention to Christ. This year's camp was under the leadership of Robin Mayeau, who was assisted by Nicole Bartel, Becky Eanes, Shelly Jordan and Ann Anguiano. Kamp Kaboom maxed out this year with 106 kids and over fifty student staffers.

Our theme for this year's camp was *Trust*. Each morning began with worship and a skit, then it was off to projects and devotional experiments. Kids experimented with oil and water, and learned that their sin separates them from God. They also did an experiment with stacking nails with the main spiritual point that while sometimes God's plan may seem confusing, it is perfect. Jesus dying on the cross was God's perfect plan. Each day also included projects such as tie-dyed bandanas and magnetic super slime.

Each afternoon, we all loaded up and went on exciting science-themed field trips to places like the Museum of Natural Science, Moody Gardens and also Johnson Space Center. Later in the week, kids had an extended day of science experiments along with a movie and popcorn.

My favorite moment of the week was when this precious little girl was walking out the door crying. I stopped her and her mom and asked why she was crying. Her response was, "I don't want this week to end!" *Priceless!*



CentriKid Preteen Camp

On Monday, August 1, fifty-five kids and thirteen sponsors loaded up and headed to Trinity Pines Baptist Encampment for an amazing week at CentriKid Preteen Camp, an overnight camp for third-sixth graders to experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ!

Each morning, we started at 7:15 with breakfast and morning quiet times. After a brief rally, it was off to recreation—it was *hot!* But our kids had a blast playing crazy games with parachutes and giant earth balls.

One of the great opportunities for kids at CentriKid is the opportunity to pick their own “track time.” Some kids chose the Adventure Track, which included gaga ball and the zip line, and some chose the Blast Track, enjoying time on “the Blob,” kayak and paddleboats. Track times also included baseball, soccer, volleyball, archery, cooking and cheerleading—just to name a few.



Our theme for the week was *Unseen*. Kids studied the passage of Ephesians 6:10–20 and learned how, although the armor of God is unseen, it is powerful and real. Each day we focused on an aspect of the armor of God: unseen strength, unseen truth, unseen peace, visible faith and visible boldness. Our kids were challenged to live out their faith with boldness!

Our key verse for the week was Ephesians 6:19: “Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.”

Preschool Ministries

Right at Home Moms Summer Semester

Our summer semester brought twenty-four women, eleven of whom were new to RAHM, to study *She's Got Issues* by Nicole Unice. Led by Mary-Michele Wilson, we discussed topics of control, insecurities, comparisons, fear, anger and un-forgiveness. These everyday issues that drive you crazy affect you, but you don't have to settle for letting them win. Because we have access to the power of Christ, we can deal with the ordinary struggles. His power can transform our everyday weaknesses into our greatest strengths and gifts.

Our summer group also enjoyed a Mom's Night Out at the Barbazzar coffee house and play dates with the children at area splash pads and at Houston Party Playland.

Right at Home Moms is a family ministry of University Baptist Church, designed to support mothers of infants, toddlers and preschoolers who are modifying their work schedule or leaving the workplace to stay home and raise their children. Our goal is to help new moms find practical Bible study, genuine encouragement, time to refresh their spirit, and a network of Godly friends in a similar phase of life. We believe that motherhood is the hardest but most fulfilling work you'll ever find!

Popsicles on the Playground

What's more fun than getting kids together for a playdate? Adding popsicles and water play! Popsicles on the Playground kicks off summer each year at UBC and is an annual favorite for both preschoolers and their parents! This summer we welcomed 180 kids and parents.



Preschool Play Days

Held July 25–29 at UBC, *Ocean Commotion* brought the story of Noah's Ark to Preschool Play Days. Eighty-seven children (ages nine months–six years) as they experienced hands-on activities through dramatic play, music, learning centers, recreation and chapel time.

Co-directed by Shelia Kapner and Michelle Tanner, *Ocean Commotion* reunited friends from Weekday Ministries, Right at Home Moms, and Preschool WBS groups. New families were also welcomed to the program and experienced the dive into Noah's flood!



“God was very present in the ministry and in all the volunteers and teachers. I believe that Play Days is a great way to reach out to families in the community,” said Rebecca Vicary, first time teen volunteer for Preschool Play Days.



KJOY

by Dana Seibert, Preschool Ministry Intern

KJOY - Kindergartners learning to serve Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last is a four-day camp offered by UBC's Preschool Ministries. Children who have completed Kindergarten are invited to participate with the cost of five or more non-perishable food items.

The KJOY group completed many tasks, July 25-28, where our vision was easily met: You don't have to be grown up to make a difference.

Bible stories were an important part of each day and reminded us that God heals and provides, and we should love others. Before our first ride in the church van, the students enjoyed harvesting Walden Garden, placing Bible verses on the food they brought, and decorated grocery bags to prepare for our donation to Clear Lake Food Pantry.

A favorite among the kids was visiting Brookdale Assisted Living where we painted ceramics with the residents. One particular student, who started out the camp being fairly shy, spent the entire time talking to a resident. The KJOY group had also prepared door hangers and walked the halls proudly displaying their artwork on each resident's door.

KJOY not only helps the kids learn more about how to better serve God's purpose but it also helped one of the Preschool Ministry interns, Jessica Hale. The kids made busy bags for children in hospitals filling them with Bible stories, crayons, and various activities and delivered them to two local hospitals. While visiting Clear Lake Regional, we were given a tour of the children's floor and intensive care unit by the child life specialist. Jessica became extremely interested as she listened to the specialist and realized that God was showing her something that He might be calling her to do. The next day, Jessica made an appointment with the specialist to learn more of what the job entails and she is now pursuing a new career path.

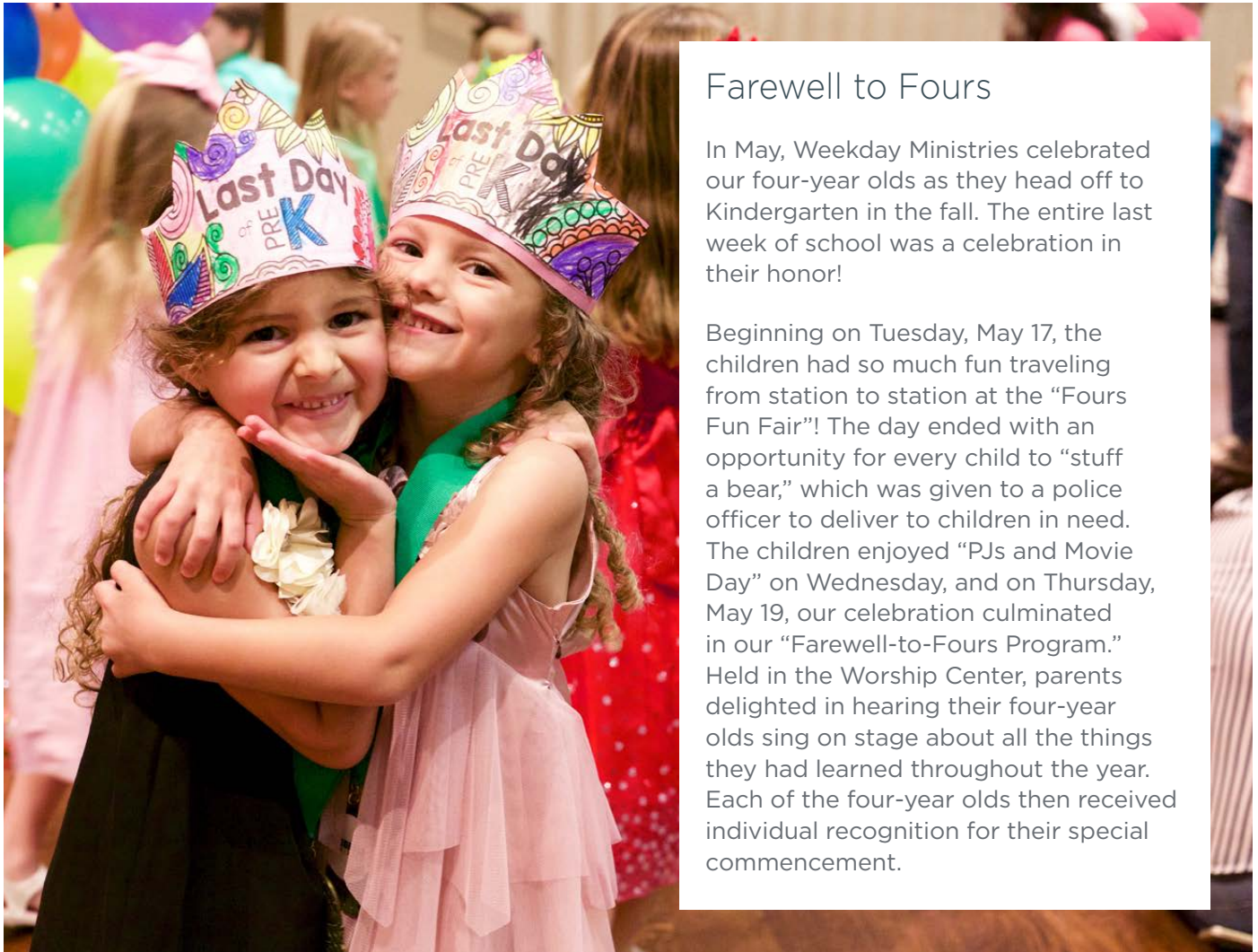
While at the hospital, we were able to visit two of our church members. Both of the members were extremely happy the children came by!

We closed the week with an activity for "yourself last," enjoying Houston Party Playland and lunch at Chick-fil-A.

KJOY focuses on teaching the children why we need to help those who are less fortunate by placing them in areas where they can safely experience the acts that God desires of us. KJOY helps progress their understanding of the true meaning of community service and how everything we do should be done for Jesus and others, before ourselves.



Weekday Ministries



Farewell to Fours

In May, Weekday Ministries celebrated our four-year olds as they head off to Kindergarten in the fall. The entire last week of school was a celebration in their honor!

Beginning on Tuesday, May 17, the children had so much fun traveling from station to station at the “Fours Fun Fair”! The day ended with an opportunity for every child to “stuff a bear,” which was given to a police officer to deliver to children in need. The children enjoyed “PJs and Movie Day” on Wednesday, and on Thursday, May 19, our celebration culminated in our “Farewell-to-Fours Program.” Held in the Worship Center, parents delighted in hearing their four-year olds sing on stage about all the things they had learned throughout the year. Each of the four-year olds then received individual recognition for their special commencement.

Teacher Training

Each summer, our teachers look forward to reconvening and refreshing on training that will help them give the students and families a wonderful experience at Weekday Ministries. Some teachers attended conferences over the summer at Houston-area churches, but August 22–25, everyone attended our fun and informative annual teacher training here at UBC.

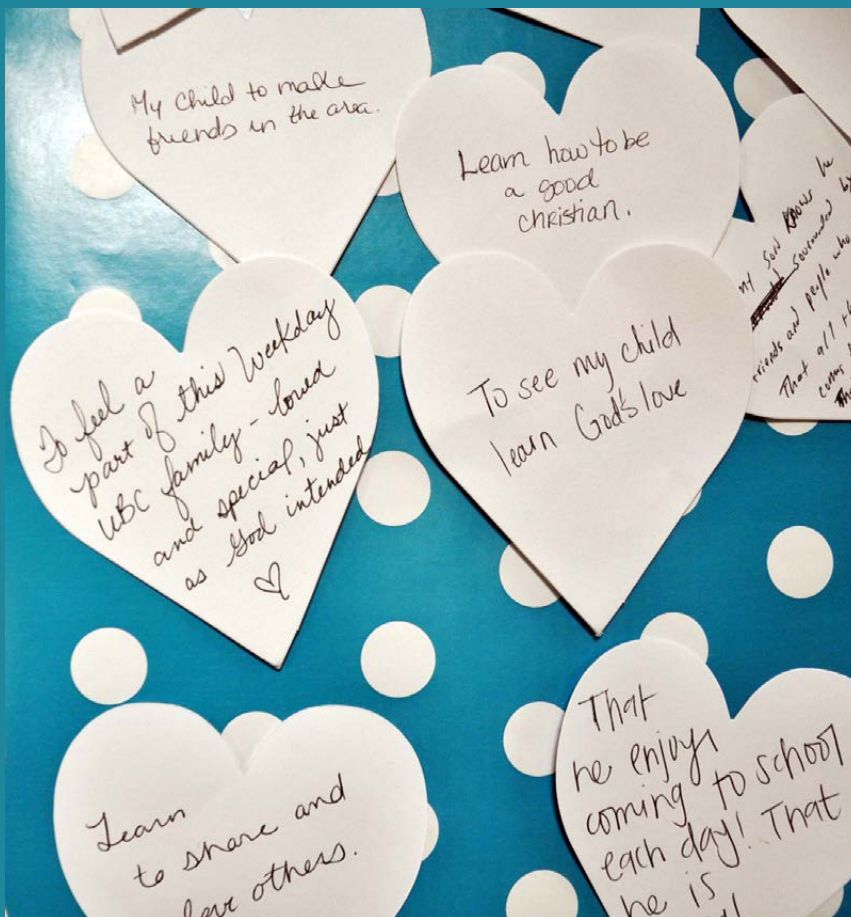
Facilitated by Melissa Dutton, Mary-Michele Wilson and Laura Davis, this year’s licensed-facility training included the basics like Minimum Standards, Brain Development, policies and procedures, emergency procedures, curriculum and safety concerns. New modules that were introduced this summer included “Temper Tantrums” and “Making Bible Stories Come to Life.” An overarching emphasis throughout the training was placed on teaching kids to love God’s Word and “loving kids well,” and was outwardly demonstrated as teachers steadfastly prayed over every child in their class.

When asked about Weekday Ministries 2016–2017 scripture verse: “Let all you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14), Weekday Music Director Laura Davis tenderly elaborated, “When a child is facing separation anxiety, we react with love and kindness. Whether teaching a Bible story or changing a diaper, it’s all done in love.”

Meet the Teacher/ First Day of School

On Monday, August 29, we had a very successful “Meet the Teacher”! Children had an opportunity to explore their new classrooms and spend time with their teachers while their parents attended an orientation led by Weekday Ministries Director Melissa Dutton. Teachers filled out blue hearts expressing their hopes for their students this year, as parents did the same on white hearts for their children.

On the following day, Tuesday, August 30, students arrived for their first day of school to find the UBC campus lawn full of stars and blessings! With the popularity at Weekday, a new 4-year-old class was added this year—allowing the staff to welcome 152 registered students!



Worship Ministries

Highlight Choir Summer Tour

On the morning of Friday, June 10, twenty-five high school choir members and sponsors left UBC for an exciting three-day choir tour to southwest Texas. Highlight choir members spent their first day in San Antonio, having fun at Fiesta Texas. On Saturday, the group headed for Concan, Texas to rehearse at the Concan Baptist Mission, following with a four-hour float on the Frio River. After spending Saturday night in Uvalde, Highlight choir members returned to Concan Baptist Mission and performed along with the Alleluia ringers. The performance also featured Miriam Matney, who performed the “Call To Worship” as a violin accompanist.

Shout/Highlight Choir Spring Concert

On Sunday, May 15 at six o'clock in the evening, the Highlight and Shout choirs and Carillon and Alleluia ringers performed a spring concert for the UBC family. This concert consisted of traditional and contemporary pieces of worship through voice and instrumentation.

Attendance Report

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (4 YRS)					WBS ATTENDANCE (4 YRS)				
WEEKS	2013	2014	2015	2016	WEEKS	2013	2014	2015	2016
Week 1 May	1033	912	858	1019	Week 1 May	914	936	899	915
Week 2 May	1051	914	878	1012	Week 2 May	885	841	817	780
Week 3 May	1036	951	821	840	Week 3 May	916	863	896	807
Week 4 May	954	790	710	925	Week 4 May	816	657	645	864
Week 5 May	*	*	998	985	Week 5 May	*	*	866	788
Week 1 June	1072	1111	829	913	Week 1 June	953	967	686	755
Week 2 June	961	906	796	827	Week 2 June	864	808	775	747
Week 3 June	964	891	902	831	Week 3 June	845	842	645	686
Week 4 June	932	981	857	873	Week 4 June	776	783	683	744
Week 5 June	924	960	N/A	N/A	Week 5 June	873	836	*	*
Week 1 July	920	765	608	712	Week 1 July	724	727	496	497
Week 2 July	952	864	920	827	Week 2 July	835	780	667	675
Week 3 July	954	878	778	816	Week 3 July	792	722	706	720
Week 4 July	921	837	861	836	Week 4 July	818	714	771	677
Week 5 July	N/A	N/A	N/A	955	Week 5 July	*	*	*	747
Week 1 Aug	954	887	836	880	Week 1 Aug	850	808	753	769
Week 2 Aug	1053	949	841	908	Week 2 Aug	870	828	801	870
Week 3 Aug	1011	967	907	1030	Week 3 Aug	837	859	849	923
Week 4 Aug	1044	1052	998	973	Week 4 Aug	999	927	858	938
Week 5 Aug	N/A	832	1026	N/A	Week 5 Aug	*	792	1003	*

* No week that year

WORSHIP AVERAGES			
	9:30	11:00	Totals
May-Aug 2015	558	299	857
May-Aug 2016	577	321	898

WEEKEND BIBLE STUDY AVERAGES					
May-Aug 2016	ENROLLED	AVG ATTENDED	May-Aug 2015	ENROLLED	AVG ATTENDED
ADULTS	834	344	ADULTS	842	402
CHILDREN	402	136	CHILDREN	342	151
PRESCHOOL	441	179	PRESCHOOL	575	188
STUDENTS	326	107	STUDENTS	308	134
TOTALS	2003	772	TOTALS	2067	768

OTHER ORGANIZATION AVERAGES JAN-APR 2016					
Children	AVG ATTENDED	Preschool	AVG ATTENDED	Students	AVG ATTENDED
Awesome Adventures*	47	KJOY Missions Camp	10	UM Army Mission Camp	25
Kamp Kaboom	154	Mission Friends*	12	Back to School Blast	175
Monday Madness*	59	Play Days	109	IS Camp	60
Preteen Camp	30	Popsicles on the Playground	180	Love Africa: South Africa	13
Sports Camp	216	Praise Kids Concert	215	Parent Connect Breakfast	150
Summer Movie Clubhouse*	80	RAHM Summer*	25	Silvecliff HS Camp	76
Family Mission DR Trip	23				
VBS Rally	150			Family	
VBS	896			WBS Leadership Meeting	103

*Avg.

Financial Report

University Baptist Church 11 Months October 2015 to August 2016 (91.67%)

	Revenue and Expenditures (a)	Actual (b)	Annual Budget (e)	Remaining	% of Annual Budget
General Contributions	\$3,282,858.27	\$3,282,858.27			
Budget Contributions	\$61,285.20				
Other Income	\$106,289.75	\$106,289.75			
Total Revenue	\$3,450,433.22	\$3,389,148.02			
Missions Ministry	\$328,285.84	\$328,285.84	\$360,000.00	\$31,714.16	91.19%
Communications Ministry	\$52,365.25	\$52,365.25	\$98,000.00	\$45,634.75	53.43%
Serving Ministries	\$12,474.77	\$12,474.77	\$24,000.00	\$11,525.23	51.98%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$57,223.54	\$41,864.43	\$53,100.00	\$11,235.57	78.84%
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$11,894.39	\$11,894.39	\$24,000.00	\$12,105.61	49.56%
Adult Ministry	\$40,295.92	\$38,895.92	\$80,000.00	\$41,104.08	48.62%
Student Ministry	\$73,281.28	\$42,726.28	\$48,900.00	\$6,173.72	87.37%
Children Ministry	\$27,143.90	\$13,252.81	\$39,600.00	\$26,347.19	33.47%
Preschool Ministry	\$14,101.13	\$14,091.13	\$21,240.00	\$7,148.87	66.34%
Total Ministry	\$617,066.02	\$555,850.82	\$748,840.00	\$192,989.18	74.23%
Administration	\$161,888.26	\$161,818.26	\$182,350.00	\$20,531.74	88.74%
Personnel	\$2,012,966.15	\$2,012,966.15	\$2,248,000.00	\$235,033.85	89.54%
Total Administration	\$2,174,854.41	\$2,174,784.41	\$2,430,350.00	\$255,565.59	89.48%
Facility	\$401,836.03	\$401,836.03	\$463,900.00	\$62,063.97	86.62%
Capital Improvements	\$28,738.14	\$28,738.14	\$0.00	(\$28,738.14)	
Total Facility & CP & Funding	\$430,574.17	\$430,574.17	\$463,900.00	\$33,325.83	92.82%
Total Expenditures	\$3,222,494.60	\$3,161,209.40	\$3,643,090.00	\$481,880.60	86.77%
Net Income	\$227,938.62	\$227,938.62			
	Begin	Activity	End		
Designated Funds (c)	\$949,188.16	(\$437,199.51)	\$511,988.65		
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$37,781.35	\$0.00	\$37,781.35		
Reserve Funds	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00		
Unrestricted Funds			\$294,859.29		
Total Cash & Investments			\$1,344,629.29		
Current Other Assets (d)			\$391.54		
Current Liabilities			\$66,920.67		
Mortgage			\$0.00		

John Hammond, Treasurer

Footnotes:

- "Revenues and Expenditures" lists ministry specific budget contributions made through the year under Revenues and shows actual gross expenditures for each ministry area.
- "Actual" includes ministry specific contributions included in their respective ministry. These contributions off-set ministry area expenses. "Actual" column figures are used to compute "% of annual budget."
- Designated Funds "Activity" includes expenses for remodel, Mission Training Center and the Pavilion.
- Current Other Assets is Weekday Ministry Receivable.
- Reflects revised budget numbers

Membership Report

UBC Membership Additions

May–August 2016

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Erica Patenaude
- Donna M. Robinson-Ratliff
- Michael A. Shutika
- Grace Stilwell
- Kiersten Walker

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- James L. Beaman
- Martha M. Beaman
- Geneva I. Burks
- Thomas Jerald Burks
- Karen Engle
- Michael Engle
- C. J. Gilson
- Matthew Gilson
- Brandon P. Hargrave
- Sarah M. Hargrave
- Katy Hewson
- Keith A. Hewson
- Merlin Merritt
- Shirley Merritt
- Carl W. Morse
- Lucile Morse
- S. Brent Rucker
- Leslie Rucker

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Donna H. Akin
- Jerry P. Akin
- Lianne Beel
- Jason Eric Richards
- Megan B. Richards

UBC Membership Deletions

May–August 2016

By Letter

- Jeff Culver
- Warilyn Culver
- Jeremy Del Greco
- Kristen Del Greco
- Carol Homan
- Bob W. Pahutka
- Doris Shillcutt
- Ron Shillcutt
- Nick Smith
- Christin Trotti
- Scott Trotti

By Erasure

- David Hash
- Sarah Hash
- Savannah Hash
- Suzanne Hash
- Zachary Hash

By Death

- Rose M. King
- H. Steven (Steve) Livesay
- Evelyn C. Smith
- Reagan Steinmeyer
- Betty A. Sweitzer
- Susan K. Whatley

Administrative Report

Focus Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2016

The Focus Meeting was held in the Chapel at University Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2016. David Mobley, Executive Director called the meeting to order in the absence of Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor and led the group in prayer. There were 26 people in attendance.

The Executive Director's Report is on page 3 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Facility Updates Report is on pages 4-5 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016. David Mobley gave an update concerning the update on the renovation of the second floor for the children's area. The Great Room was step 1 and the remodel and reconfiguration of the bathrooms will be step 2. Demolition will begin after Vacation Bible School. Phase 3 will have to have more fundraising before it can begin. David reported that we still need about 40 adult workers for VBS this year which starts in a week.

The UBC Missions Report is on pages 6-7 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Care Ministries Report is on page 8 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Women's Ministries Report is on pages 9-11 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Young Adult Ministries Report is on page 12 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Student Ministries Report is on pages 12-13 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Preschool Ministries Report is on pages 14-15 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Weekday Ministries Report is on page 16-17 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Worship Ministries Report is on pages 18-19 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016.

The Financial Report is on page 21 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016. This report reflects not quite a 10% reduction in the total budget for the fiscal year.

A full report of the membership changes during the period January-April 2016 is on page 22 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016. During that period, 12 were received by baptism; 7 by letter; and 3 by statement. On page 20 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016, you will find the attendance report for Weekend Bible Study and Worship.

Requests for letters

- Linda Bushell
 - William D. Bushell
 - Amber Dodson
 - Gene Engel
 - Heather Engel
 - Carla Flowers
 - Patrick Flowers
 - Cathy Givens
 - Steve Givens
 - Charles E. Howard
 - Mary Ann Howard
 - Barbara J. Thomas
 - John G. Thomas
 - Reanna Tyree
 - Dennis Wainwright
 - Mary Wainwright
 - Christopher Yee
 - Kerri Yee
- By Erasure
- Pearl Friesenhahn
- By Death
- Clarice (Ty) Bell
 - Frances Bennett
 - Billy Burt
 - Walt Guy
 - Merinda Hampton
 - Irwin L. Hopson
 - Dorothy Parish Rush
 - Beverly Sexton
 - Dorothy Wright

The changes in membership were reviewed and the requests for letters were approved by voice vote after a motion by Dan DeVries and a second by Stuart Skeeter. Stuart Skeeter offered a prayer for those leaving, that they would be productive in their new churches and for new members who had recently joined UBC.

The minutes of the January 31, 2016 Focus Meeting is on page 23 of the Book of Reports dated June 5, 2016. The minutes were approved as written by voice vote.

The Nominating Committee came with a recommendation from the UBC Foundation to add an additional person to the board. This person will have a role as a consultant. Candace Griffithe was approved by voice vote.

The UBC Foundation brought a recommendation to add one member each year for the next three years to the Board. This recommendation was approved by voice vote.

David Mobley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Virginia Thomas
Church Secretary

UBC Committee Nominations

After much prayer and God's guidance, the Nominating Committee would like to submit the following people to fill positions on UBC's committees beginning in January 2017:

TRUSTEES:

Jason Demers

Jason has been a member of UBC since 2010. He and his wife Allie attend the 9:30 am service and teach a 4-year-old WBS class in the Preschool Ministry. They attend the CrossFit WBS class at 11 am.

Elinor Walters

Elinor and her husband Ed joined UBC in 2009. She is currently a member of the Music and More WBS class. She has served in several roles at UBC, including Congregant Chair for special service emphasis/events during UBC's 40th Anniversary celebration.

Meghan Murphey

Meghan has been at UBC since 2007. She attends the 11 am service and the 9:30 WBS Quarter Life class in the Young Adults group. Meghan is a newly elected deacon at UBC and recently started serving on the Mission Network Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Richard Simmons

Richard has had many roles at UBC since joining the church in 2002 with his wife Jennifer. He currently attends the 9:30 am service and then serves as director of the 11 am class CrossFit before moving to serve in the Preschool Ministry. He has taught youth, played in the orchestra, and served on the Executive Committee in the past.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Donna Cox

Donna and her husband Randy returned to UBC in 2014. They had previously been at the church from 1996-2001 when Randy served as Minister of Adults. Donna is currently serving as a greeter on Sunday mornings and is a part of the Primetimer Ministry. She usually attends the 9:30 am service.

DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Claire Skeeter

Claire and her husband Stuart joined UBC in 1995. She regularly attends the 9:30 am service, then together they lead an adult WBS class, BASIC, at 11 am. Claire has served in many different areas at UBC including preschool, Mission Friends, Bible Blast and Crave. She has helped with VBS as a group leader for many years and is currently serving on the Faith @ Home team.

FOUNDATION:

Butch Sheehy

Butch and his wife Kelly have been members of UBC since 2012. They transferred by letter from a local church in town where he was active on the church council. He attends the 11 am service at UBC and is ready to be used for service at UBC.

Debs Cofer

Debs joined UBC last year when he and his wife Marsha moved to Clear Lake. He attends the 9:30 am service and is active in the Alpha Omega WBS class at 11 am. He was an active deacon at his last church and has served on several community foundations.

Candace Griffithe

Candace has already been active on Foundation for the past year as she filled an open position on the committee starting in March. She attends the 11 am service, Tuesday morning women's Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible study. She and her husband Mark have been members of UBC for two years now. She is very active with the kids' area remodel committee.

TREASURER

Mike Herman

Mike and his wife Janey have been members of UBC since 2013. He attends the 9:30 am service and is a member of the Alpha Omega WBS class at 11 am. He has served as a deacon at his previous church. He has an accounting background and brings his experiences as CFO in several companies to the UBC treasurer position.

Texas Baptist Annual Convention

The Nominating Committee recommends Randy and Donna Cox to represent UBC as messengers to the Texas Baptist Annual Convention in Waco on November 13-15.

Trustee Committee Update

The Trustee Committee is working closely with the Executive Director and the Executive Council to move things along with the UBC construction projects. The Committee is working on completing the 2016 scheduled audits of the standard operating procedures and is also creating a new standard performance contract to be used with our guest worship musicians. Thank you to the church members and staff that are helping us with this task.

Jeff Doi, UBC Trustee Committee Member

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The UBC Foundation oversees two special scholarship funds as a part of its effort to support the education of young Christian leaders: The Jerry and Carole Lynn O’Neal Scholarship and The Bob Wall Orchestra Scholarship. This spring, on Senior Sunday, the Foundation presented scholarships to three deserving candidates.

The Jerry and Carole Lynn O’Neal Scholarship Fund was established in recognition of Jerry’s ministry and service to the youth of the church throughout his career, to be given to students who demonstrate leadership and discipleship at UBC.

“Jerry loved the music ministry, but his heart was wrapped up in the people with whom he served and came into contact. In his church days, he was passionate about students and youth choir, and teaching and leading young people,” remembers Rick Carpenter.

The UBC Foundation was honored to present Allison Halloran and Priya Vogel with scholarships from the Jerry and Carole Lynn O’Neal Scholarship Fund.

The Bob Wall Orchestra Scholarship was created to honor Bob Wall and his love for and dedication to UBC’s orchestra and its use in nurturing young Christian musicians. It is given to a graduating senior of UBC who has shown spiritual growth in their life, and has a love of music and dedication to the UBC Orchestra during their high school years.

The UBC Foundation was honored to present The Bob Wall Orchestra Scholarship to Kimberly Berlin for exhibiting love of music and dedication to the UBC Orchestra while seeking spiritual growth and maturity throughout high school.

These scholarships show how much we value our students and their Christian leadership among their peers and community. If you are interested in giving to these funds or creating a scholarship fund to be given now or in the future, please contact the UBC Foundation at foundation@ubc.org or by calling 281.488.8517 ext. 450.

TIMOTHY FUND

The Timothy Fund was established within the UBC Foundation in honor of Robert and Melinda Creech’s years of leadership and service at University Baptist Church. It exists to provide financial assistance in the form of a stipend to qualified seminary, or similar college institution, graduate or post-graduate students. The focus is on those pursuing pastoral careers and who would benefit from mentoring by a pastor in a pastoral setting.

The UBC Foundation is honored to provide a stipend for George W. Truett Theological Seminary student, Robin Soard, who is serving in a mentorship in pastoral ministries and spiritual formation with Rick Carpenter as her mentor. This stipend, funded by UBC Foundation, will be for Fall 2016 (August 22–December 5) for a total of \$2,800.

Robin Soard grew up in Crosby, Texas. She attended Howard Payne University and received her degree in Christian Studies in December 2004. Following college, she served with Wycliffe Bible Translators from 2005–2008 in both South Asia and the United States. After starting her studies at George W. Truett Theological Seminary in 2008, Robin felt led to work in the area of spiritual formation and is hoping to discern which direction this will take her.

“I have always enjoyed doing discipleship and equipping people for the work of ministry. When Truett began a spiritual formation program, I shared my heart vision with Dr. Angela Reed and she identified spiritual formation as an excellent path for me.”

This is the first time Robin has worked so closely with a church and staff. She noted that everyone has been welcoming, both members and staff, and the ministers have been eager to help teach her.

The UBC Foundation will continue to help students, like Robin, achieve their goals in growing God’s Kingdom. It is an important part of the UBC Foundation’s mission to support young Christian leaders through mentoring programs like the Timothy Fund. Please consider supporting the UBC Foundation through a legacy gift and make an investment in our future Christian leaders. For more information, visit www.ubc.org/Foundation.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

October 2016–September 2017

We continue to be blessed by the Lord's faithfulness and guidance during our journey through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. Our original FY2016 budget included funding for many items we had been working to fund for many years. However, UBC observes the financial provisions of the Lord as one of the indicators to guide our actions. We believe and experience, year after year, that the Lord equips us for the things He has called us to join Him to accomplish in His Kingdom. When the forecast began to reveal that contributions were not going to allow us to fulfill the entire ministry plans, the Executive Council adopted a reduced spending plan that is currently being met.

Through the Lord's provisions, we are having an incredible 2016. We have been blessed with a variety of personalities to speak God's word to us during Dr. Laufer's sabbatical. Our attendance and giving held steady during that season. We are strengthening our ministry partnerships and establishing new relationships. We were blessed to complete the storage aspect of the Mission Training Center as we continue to work to resolve the construction project challenges brought about by the death of our architect and contractor. We are approaching the completion of Phase 2 of the children's area remodel and are on the way to raising funds for the final phase, all with cash. We saw over four hundred people take a step to deepen their relationship with the Lord and others through the Apprentice Groups. We continue to gain new families with an added bonus of crossing every age demographic. We continue to send out well-equipped families to new seasons of their lives. And we continue to experience the Lord's presence in our worship services, our weekly groups, and in our hallways. So while these discussions of finances are important and necessary, they are but a small portion of the Lord's provision and blessing to this family we call UBC.

For FY2017, the Executive Council felt that we should start from the current provisions. So with some creativity and timely adjustments, the staff recommends and the Executive Council endorses the attached FY2017 budget. We will discuss the details of the budget at the Budget Review Meeting on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Be in prayer for good stewardship as well as for the plans the Lord has for us.

Respectfully,

The Executive Council

Stuart Skeeter, Chair

Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor

Chris Carlson

Delynn Halloran

Brad Miller

Tamra Parks

David Mobley, Executive Director

Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget

The ministry plan for FY2016 was modified as contributions began to fall below the forecasted needs to support the budget. Below shows the initial FY2016 ministry funding plan, the modified FY2016 plan, and the FY2017 proposed plan.

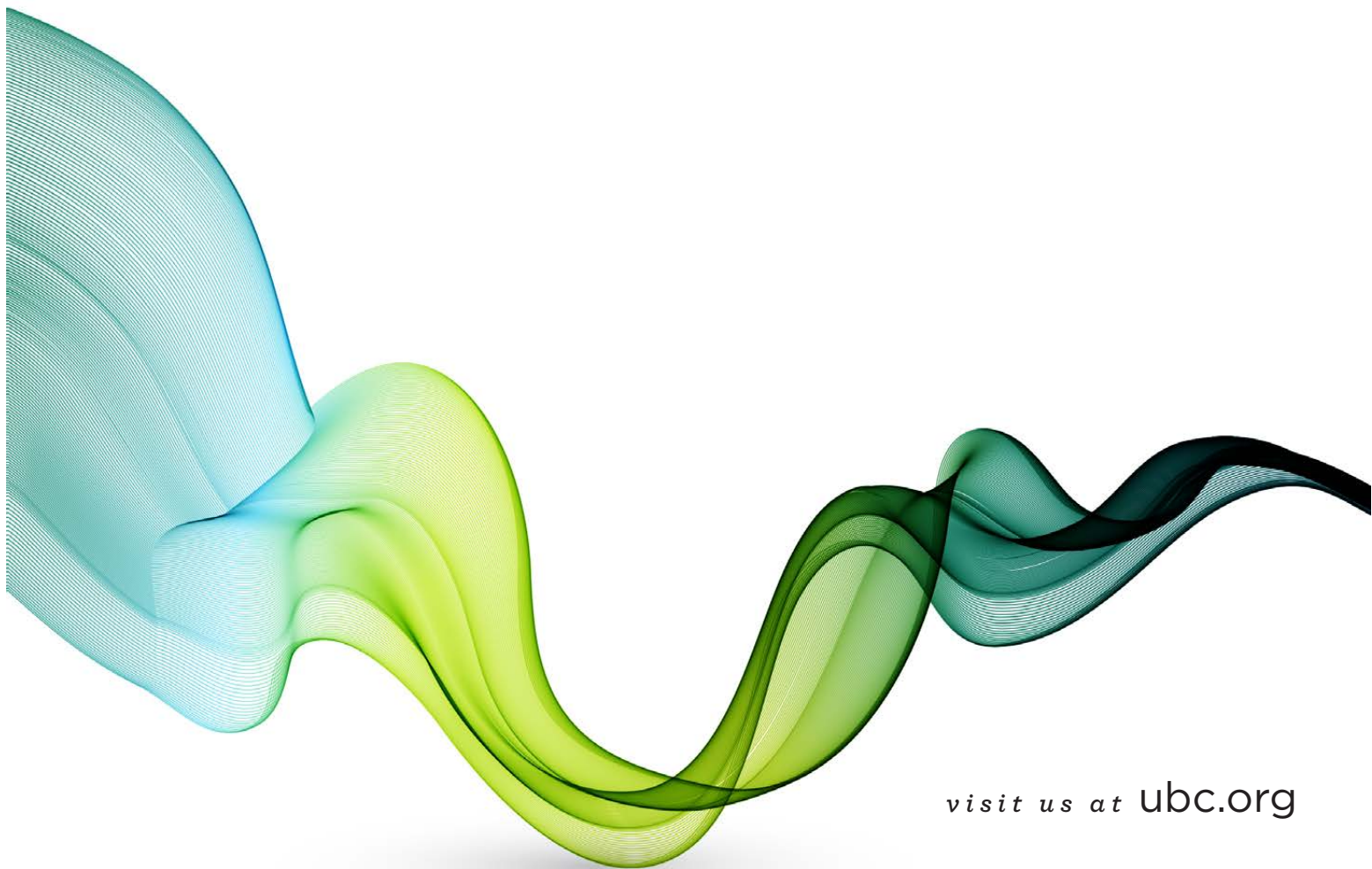
Detailed budget allocations will be available at the Budget Review Meeting for discussion.

Account	FY 2017 Proposed	FY 2016 Reduced Budget	FY 2016 Budget
BUDGET	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 3,643,090	\$ 4,000,000
Missions	\$ 365,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 418,000
Communications	\$ 104,000	\$ 98,000	\$ 122,500
Serving	\$ 25,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,000
Music and Worship	\$ 56,300	\$ 53,100	\$ 62,100
Pastoral Care	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,000
Adult	\$ 82,500	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
Student	\$ 52,000	\$ 48,900	\$ 61,100
Children	\$ 38,500	\$ 39,600	\$ 49,500
Preschool	\$ 22,600	\$ 21,240	\$ 26,550
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$ 770,400	\$ 748,840	\$ 899,750

Administration	\$ 185,950	\$ 182,350	\$ 228,850
Personnel	\$ 2,202,000	\$ 2,248,000	\$ 2,287,500
Facility	\$ 491,650	\$ 463,900	\$ 583,900

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