

**FOCUS MEETING**  
Sunday, Sept 24  
7pm, The Hangar

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## Harvey Relief

Even before the rain began to dissipate over Houston and Harvey meandered beyond the Texas border, an invitation to serve was sent out to all who were able. Hundreds of volunteers have answered the call.

Each day, these volunteers were organized into work teams and sent into the surrounding communities.

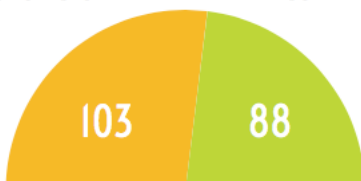
Many in the community donated supplies which volunteers delivered to shelters, churches and First Responders. Team members rolled up their sleeves to pull up carpet, remove dry wall, move furniture and clean out the invasive water from homes, churches and the local Islamic Center.

These efforts will continue as long as we continue to receive requests for storm related assistance, so if you have volunteered already or are planning to volunteer...Thank You! If you know of someone with a storm-related need, please let us know.

### SOCIAL MEDIA BEFORE & AFTER HARVEY

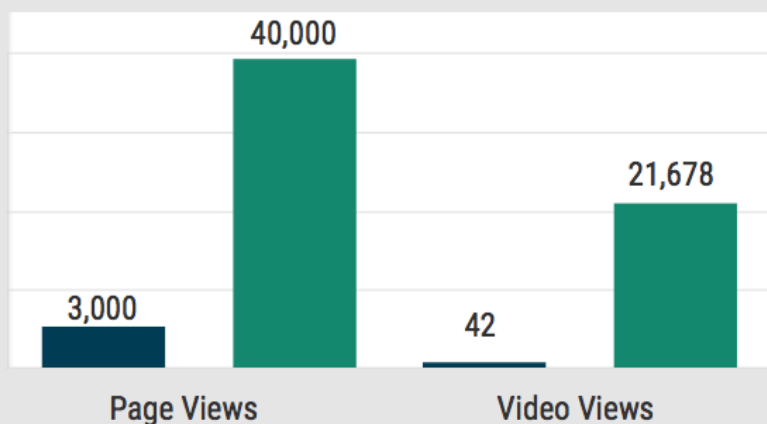
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### UBC FACEBOOK PAGE BECAME A HUB FOR HARVEY INFO

2 Weeks **Before** & **After** Harvey:



## Insights From After the Storm

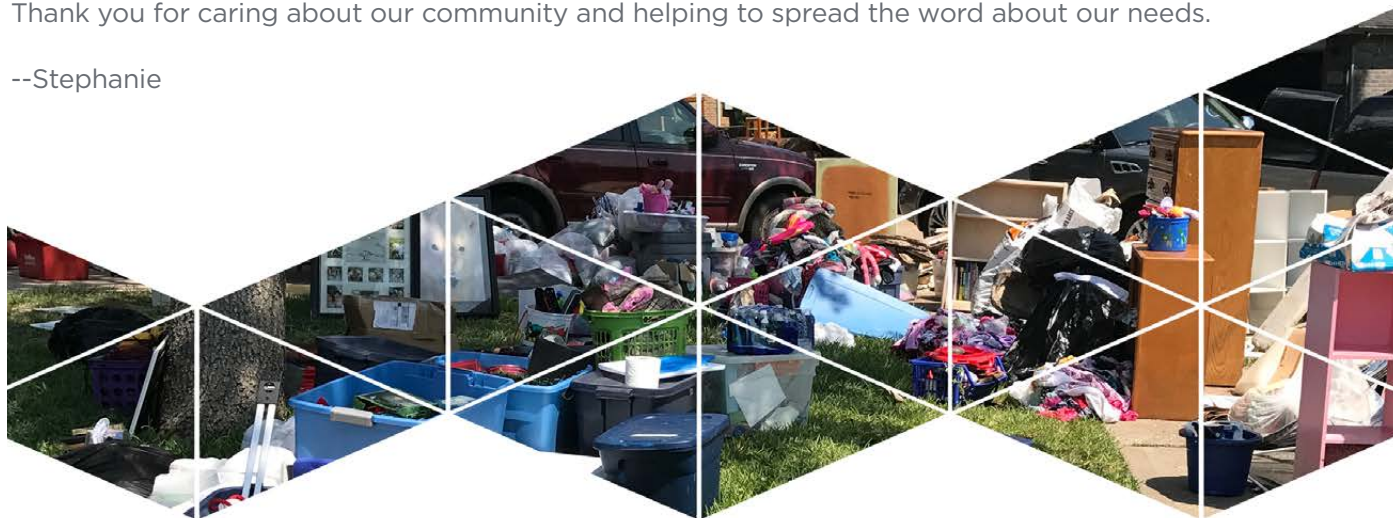


As for our volunteer team this morning, there were about 30 of us ages ranging from 7 years to 60 years that took gloves, bags, saws and face masks from our own garages to help out a neighbor who's house had flooded. It is paramount to get the wet materials out of the house so mold and mildew doesn't have time to set in. I also found out that everyone that flooded probably needs some laundry done. I call it the "laundry brigade." I took two trash bags full of wet clothes, sheets, blankets, pants, etc home to wash/dry and return fresh! Several other people did the same. Then, we decided to start calling other friends that had flooded and asking them if they wanted us to pick up their laundry too. It seems like that's an easy thing we families with younger kids can do too.

The needs are so overwhelming that it's hard to hire a professional company to help even if you could afford it because everyone is spread so thin! I find that so much is being restored right now....it's not just about property....it's about our sense of togetherness....it's about our need to know and be known by others.... homes and hearts are laid bare....it's a soothing balm when kindness, generosity, empathy mixed with a little hope, determination, "construction know-how" and physical strength come rushing in to those deep wounds.

Thank you for caring about our community and helping to spread the word about our needs.

--Stephanie



I just wanted to thank everyone at your church who volunteered and helped our family and fellow neighbors with initial tear down, clear out and clean up of our flood damaged homes. Your efforts were amazing and we can't begin to thank you enough.

On Saturday night as water began to fill our home, my wife and I began to pray over our sleeping 2 year old daughter. We prayed for God to be with us through whatever he had in store for us next. Our lights and power stayed on the entire time. We prayed for the water to stop rising. Even though it kept raining, the water stopped rising. We prayed to be saved from the flood flowing like a raging river on our front lawn. Early Sunday morning we were evacuated out of the neighborhood on kayaks.

A few of my family members got started before I got to the house. UBC volunteers came to our door and offered to help. My family gladly accepted. As I got settled into what was actually taking place and what we as a group needed to get done, I started to realize the blessing we received when your help was offered and my family accepted on my behalf. I thank God he sent your group to our home and neighborhood.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."  
-Mark 11:24

Without your help, we would be working for 3 more days to be in the same place/situation we are now. Thank you so much and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Chad Peterson

# Serving Ministries

## Believers' Odyssey

The 9:30 Believers' Odyssey WBS group hosted a Space Presentation at The Bridge one Sunday afternoon in July. Rex Walheim, a member of that group, did a presentation about the last Shuttle mission for the resident families, including a question and answer time. Residents then had the opportunity to meet Rex, receive signed photographs, and have their picture taken with him. We had snacks available for the families while they waited for their turn. Everyone enjoyed the time together, especially the kids, who were super-excited to meet a real-live astronaut.

### Feel Japan

On August 11th, UBC hosted a cultural event with "Feel Japan," a grass-roots organization that teaches Japanese culture to folks in the Clear Lake area. "Feel Japan" was created by a Japanese mother whose family was relocated to Houston due to her husband's work in the oil and gas industry. Rather than to wait around for an invitation, this enterprising mother created the "Feel Japan" experience so she could bring Japanese friends together with all types of interested Americans. Fellow UBCers, Keiko Lyle and Stephanie Glenn, helped host and organize the August 11th event that numbered almost fifty people, half of whom were Japanese mothers and their children. We look forward to future interaction with our Japanese neighbors!



## Spanish Translation

We are blessed to have a Spanish-language Weekend Bible Study (WBS) group at UBC, consisting of approximately six different families. The group, "Vastago de Gracia" (Root/Stem of Grace) has been meeting in the chapel at 9 am and worshipping with us during the 11 am service. Although most of the group-members are conversant in English, we learned that it was difficult for some to follow along with the sermons. At UBC, we value "being together," so our communications team bought earpieces for those who want them and we identified one of the group members who could provide interpretation services "en vivo" from the music library room where we are live-streaming the video of the service. Celebrate this opportunity with us as we connect with our Spanish-speaking neighbors!

Thanks,

Aaron

## Living Water

UBC sent a team to Guatemala this summer with Living Water International! Here are excerpts written by Megan Murphey while they were there.

“Well, La Maquina is hot! Feels a little bit like home (just not AS humid). The first morning, we loaded up at 6 am and headed out by 6:20. It took us an hour and forty minutes to get to the community of Monterey. The church where we are drilling a well is next to a small school and some local homes. We were welcomed by many from the community and had a little ceremony. The community of Monterey has about 7,000 people, and this is the first well for them.

While we were mixing the synthetic mud for drilling, Mandy and I asked a young girl who was watching us mix the mud if she would come and help us. She was eager and excited. Usually, girls aren't permitted to do manual labor, but I think it was okay since she was helping us women work, and since she was asked to join. The strong gender roles can be very hard to see, as they often go beyond expectations, and into dictating life choices. This usually denies young women from even having an education beyond sixth grade. I think it's good for them to see other women working and it gives them hope and encouragement to follow their dreams and God's calling.”

“We get past one problem and on to the next! With all the gravel, we made when going thru some rock, the water pits had too much gravel in them and started pulling in the gravel with the water through the drill pipe (used to flush the clippings out) and clogging the pipe/stopping the water flow. We pulled and broke pipe apart to clear it and spent the late morning fighting that battle!

Four young men have been helping us a lot this week at the drill site. They are sugar cane harvesters (lots of plantations in the area), and they only work eight months of the year. They are forced to take four months off in the summer without pay, so they have time to help us. It turns out they are from a nearby community that just built an LWI well a few weeks ago, and they wanted to come and help this community also get a well. How awesome is that!? They are such hard workers and very fast and efficient at whatever they do.

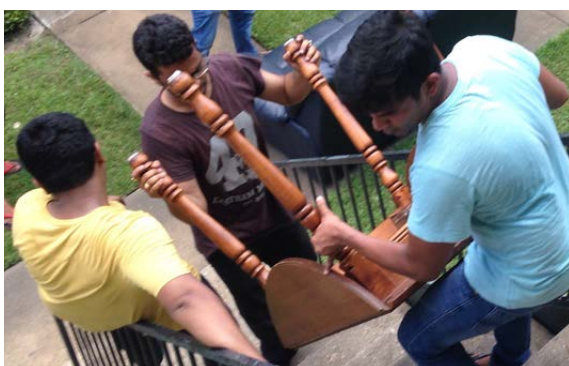
The dedication ceremony went well (no pun intended!). The pastor spoke through John 4:10, the community leader spoke, and then they had us speak. We gave them some Spanish books for the kids to use in school, a Spanish Bible, and a Spanish/English Bible, that we all signed, to the pastor and his wife. They were excited. The pastor's wife said she had prayed for a Bible in English and that God answered all her prayers. They had waited two years for this water well!!



## Disaster Relief

A disaster relief team of UBC Men helped the community of Anahuac near Oak Island. The whole community was devastated by the storm. UBC feeding unit was also involved as we loaned most of our kitchen utensils from the chuck wagon to the local church members so that they could provide meals for the community.

The Team: Butch, Billy Richardson, Patrick O'Neal, Mike Muzsly, Mike Wagget, Jim Tatum & Karol



## The Big Howdy

With a Texas theme, people from many area churches (including UBC) welcomed more than 70 UHCL international students at “The Big Howdy” on August 18. Some of the students had just arrived in the US earlier that day. It was organized by Jeff Newpher, UBC member and director of International Students, Inc.

Students were greeted by members of the community, beginning friendships that will continue to grow. A donated furniture lottery allowed the students to furnish empty apartments. On Saturday,

Moving By Design delivered 187 pieces of furniture, a herculean effort that would have required 40 pick-up trucks. At the end of “The Big Howdy” weekend, some of the students attended UBC on Sunday.

## The House LA

When established churches help new churches, both groups benefit enormously through the sharing of resources and perspectives, especially when the partners are in very different cultural settings.

In May, Aaron and Stephanie Glenn, Megan Murphey and Jessica Doi traveled to Los Angeles on a vision trip to “The House LA” ([www.thehousela.com](http://www.thehousela.com)). This new church start-up is being led by Louis and Anna Kang, acquaintances of Aaron and Stephanie from their time in LA. The Kangs sensed a calling to start a church in downtown Los Angeles, as Louis shared during our services at UBC on September 10th. Through an interesting series of events, God made way for The House LA to put a church building in a parking lot that is a 10-minute walk from the Staples Center, the Nokia Theatre, and LA Live, the heart of downtown entertainment district.

The UBC team learned that The House LA exists in a neighborhood that is largely Central-American but includes recent immigrants from many other parts of the world as well as a large homeless population. The needs are great, but The House LA is resolute in their call to “be the church” in a multi-cultural setting. To do that, the church leaders have a goal to remain multi-ethnic as they grow, in order to represent the great diversity in their part of Los Angeles. Our UBC Foundation is sponsoring a Spanish-speaking intern who is helping the church connect to Spanish-speakers in the neighborhood. Currently, the church members (80+) are 50% Korean, 25% Mexican, 12% Anglo-European, and the rest are made up of people from Nigeria, Ukraine, and several other nationalities. We are planning several opportunities for UBC to engage with The House LA in 2018.



# Care Ministries

## TOTAL ECLIPSE of the SUN

Rick Carpenter's Sabbatical: August 15-31, 2017

After a few days of rest at home following the London/Lee Abbey adventure-in-England, I flew out on Sunday evening, August 13, headed for Greenville, SC.

Ridgecrest is a conference center set in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains just east of Asheville, North Carolina. As a high school student, my home church took groups to Recreation Week at Ridgecrest Conference Center, sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Days at Ridgecrest were—you might say—boring. I walked every morning up to the TW Wilson Prayer Garden, where I sat on a bench and in the cool quiet of the morning, read one of the devotional classics. Listening to the sounds of the forest around me, the babbling mountain brook that flowed through, I spent some nice time praying and listening and thinking and praying and reflecting and praying. My kind of boredom.

In the afternoon, I read for a little while and walked again, and I worked a little more on my writing project.

The time at Ridgecrest was fabulous. Like Lee Abbey, it was quiet and secluded time. The times for meditation, and reading, and writing—these are the ways that I re-energize. And it was very good.

I returned to Houston on Wednesday evening to hear first reports of Harvey the Hurricane. I had no idea that the storm was brewing in the gulf, but I would join 6 million other people in Houston who had no idea that by Saturday, Harvey would be wreaking havoc on the entire region, bringing what turned out to be record rainfalls in Houston—In the 40+ range, and sometimes more than 50 inches.

So for this last week of Sabbatical, I've watched some of the most horrible and widespread destruction by floods that I've ever seen.

And I've watched some of the most inspiring and gut-wrenching stories of courage and ingenuity as folks have come from all parts of Houston, and from Dallas and San Antonio and Waco, bringing boats and hearts of service, to save lives of those who were trapped in their homes, with water rising around them. And I heard no talk of race or religion or political party in the process.

Many of our friends from Tennessee and Kentucky and Alabama, and even the Smiths from England sent text messages to check on us. My response was always, "Kay and I are okay. Had a little street flooding Sunday morning, but no water near our house. I am mostly feeling guilty because so many are being forced out of their homes and into the life-boats, leaving houses with waters that will rise and destroy much if not all of everything they own. So please pray for the people of Houston."

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If I had a twitter account, I just might tweet, "Watching people drive across town or from places far away, bringing boats and trucks and canoes and rafts, rescuing the elderly and children, the sick and the babies, and their parents, without regard to their race, or religion, or political party—this is what makes America great, and IT IS GREAT, and has been for a long time."

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The recovery will begin soon, but it will be long and hard. And for some, it will be painful. Like an eclipse, Harvey has blocked the light of the heavens from the earth. And in many ways, Satan has used the storm to try to block the Light of the World from the people that Jesus died for. But hope is not dead. Because God is not dead. The sun will shine again—as a matter of fact; it is peeking through the clouds even as I write. And in the meantime, God is being glorified by the demonstrations of love and compassion and care being shown by the people of Houston, Texas. I'm ready to get back to work. Thanks, UBC, for three months of Sabbath—rest and rejuvenation. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

Rick Carpenter

*\*To read the full article and/or more of Rick's sabbatical stories visit [www.ubc.org/ubc-life](http://www.ubc.org/ubc-life).*

## Grief Share Group Launches

The first 13-week Grief Share group session took place this Spring. The nineteen participants were a blend of people from UBC, people from other churches in the local area and those with no church affiliation. Cathey Leonard and Randy Cox served as co-facilitators of the group. Each session consisted of group feedback and dialogue regarding the assignments in participants' weekly workbook and the 30-minute video-based Grief Share presentation. At the end of the session, the participants shared the following benefits they received from participating in the Grief Share group.

- When it comes to grief, there are not any rules that work for everyone.
- Grief is different for everybody.
- It's important to be part of a small group of people who are experiencing grief.
- Things change over time and provide a sense of hope.
- The structure of each weekly session helps me move forward and not get stuck.
- The Bible passages and prayers in the workbook and the video are very helpful.
- Grief is deeper than I had imagined.
- When I hear what everyone else has to say, I realize that I am not going crazy.
- When I get to the place where I can help others, it helps me.
- Grief is not a linear process.
- Grief takes time and the amount of time is not the same for everyone.
- When you lose someone you love, you lose more than a person.

## Adult Ministries

### Faith@Home: The Help! Series

I recently sat on a panel at UBC for moms of incoming 6th graders. It was a great reminder of why I love 6th graders. All of those fears and qualms that they eventually shed as they start to figure out who they are as people ... it's fascinating to watch! It's a fun and exciting time, and those mommas who attended were determined to help their kids be prepared to do their best. Amazing! Several of those kiddos will be at my old campus, and it makes me sad I won't be there for them and their families, but I know God has called me on to something new. A sweet momma stopped me on my way out, seeking advice about a course for her child. She had so many hesitations, thinking she knew what she should do, but feeling pressure from a friend to do something different. While I can easily offer advice from 10 years of experience, the best answer I can give to people is to pray. We get so caught up in trying to keep our kids on par with their classmates that we lose sight of the truth that kids don't develop the same way. What's best for one isn't best for the next. And we forget the truth that the Lord is sovereign. He knows His plan for our kids! If He wants them in a certain school/college, job, city or whatever as adults, it's going to happen! We don't have to stress about every little thing. He's in control, and His Spirit is going to guide admission applications and all kinds of other things so that His purposes are fulfilled. If we focus on our kids' hearts, so much just seems to fall into place by itself. That precious momma sighed a big sigh, smiled, and walked away looking so confident as she told me she was going to go pray with her child about what they should do. Right answer mom, right answer.

## Primetime Ministries

On the road again.....

On Friday night, July 28, twenty-three Primetimers enjoyed dinner together and a play at College of the Mainland Theater. Dinner was at Cracker Barrel where the food was the usual good home cookin'. We enjoyed sitting at tables together and chatting while we ate. This is a great way to get to know other UBC folks that you see at church, but don't always have an opportunity to talk with. The play at the college....Song of Singapore - The Swing Musical....was entertaining and fun. The music was tunes of the 40's that were familiar being sung by a group (4 guys and a gal) in close harmony accompanied by a small band of very talented musicians. The story-line was wacky and kept us awake! It was an enjoyable evening.



## Women's Ministries

### Women's Summer Lecture Series

We did something new this summer in the form of eight stand-alone lectures in preparation for Thinking Faith Academy that will start in the Fall. Here's what we learned:

- An overview of the whole Bible
- The Life Story of Muhammed and an Introduction to Islam
- Christianity in the U.S. and How Women Responded
- Loving a Loving God (An Introduction to Systematic Theology)
- Worldviews Expressed in Art Through History
- Styles of Evangelism
- How To Tell Your Story

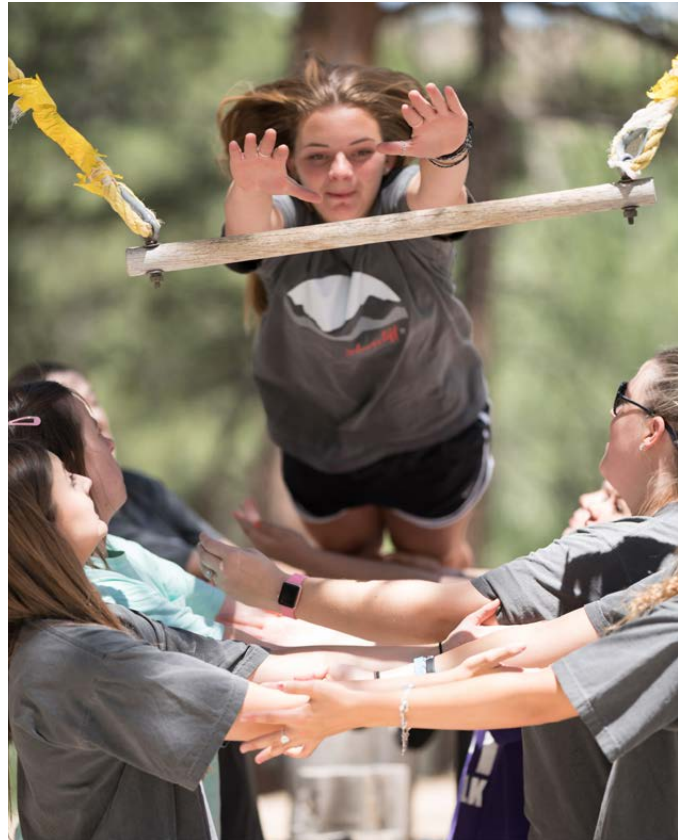
One participant said that attending the lectures was the most meaningful thing she did all summer.

# Student Ministries

## Silvercliff

This was my first time to go to Silvercliff. I didn't know what to expect. I thought it would be kind of like a fun vacation...fun activities on the side of a mountain. But when I got there, it was that, but so much more. The band sang a song called "It is Well." Trevor, the speaker, talked about that song and why the author wrote it. The author went through hardship but realized that even then, it could be well with his soul because of God. At the time, I didn't think about how this would apply to me in the future. But now that Hurricane Harvey has happened, and I have seen the hardships that others are facing, I better understand what the author was trying to convey. God is there for us to help us and see us through the struggles we face, no matter what they are. I'm so glad I went to Silvercliff. I can now trust that it is well with my soul.

Joshua



## UM Army

#UMArmy2017 The first site my group had was to tear apart a deck and rebuild it. As soon as we got there, it felt like the family was part of our group. The grandfather helped us take apart the deck even though we later found out he works during the night and was supposed to be sleeping. While we worked, the grandmother hosted VBS in her trailer home. They offered us refreshments and food. The nine or ten-year-old grandson was a little shy, but towards the end of the first day, he helped us whenever he could. Even though the three or four-year-old granddaughter did not talk, she offered me her water while I was working. She offered it to me even though she was hot and sweating. The grandfather tried to give us money. These things made me question, who was serving who? But then I thought, that is how we are created...to serve one another.

Lendon Dutton

## Beach Retreat, 2017

One weekend each spring we have the opportunity to rent beach houses at the Point West resort in Galveston. We rent one house for each of the high school grade levels. This year we packed 82 students, 14 WBS leaders and a ton of food and sodas into each house.

The primary focus of the weekend is for students to grow in understanding of faith through Christ centered Bible studies led by the WBS leaders with whom they have spent the last few years. The other focus of the weekend is to allow students to slow down and get away from the daily pressures of Clear Lake. You can see the stress slip away and watch their countenance change as the freedom to be a teenager in a safe environment around adults that truly care for them sinks in. This is when the walls break down and students are more willing to open up and let others in, something that many students will never experience. UBC students have the distinct privilege to share this moment with fellow peers and adults who are striving to be apprentices of Christ.

The time together is precious, and the scenery is, well, it's Galveston. The deep impact of spiritual growth together as a community of believers will be everlasting.



## Love Africa

This past summer, I had the opportunity to go back Port Shepstone, South Africa. It was a completely different experience compared to the first time I went, but one that was no less life-changing. The first time I went, South Africa was full of new experiences and new places for me. However, this time when we stepped off the plane in Durban I didn't feel anything other than a sense of homecoming. I took a deep breath and felt the air rush over me filled with the scents of air plane disinfectant and KFC, trust me it's ten times better than in the States. I felt something I wasn't expecting. I felt like I was home. So, one night when I was talking with Kyle about how I didn't feel the excitement I felt last year, he told me that when you come back, it is an entirely different experience because you return to a place where people love you. That idea hit me hard. The thought of people I had met once loving me unconditionally was something I had never experienced, something I didn't know existed, but Genesis and Port Shepstone taught me what it feels like to come home to a place where people love you even if you've only been there once.

While we were in Port Shepstone this year, we did something different. Typically, we teach a life skills class to Nobamba High School, but this year we got to put on a Holiday Bible Club for the Boboi area. Given that we had a pretty small team compared to years past we weren't sure how we were going to pull this off, but God had it all taken care of. We showed up to the community center the first day to find that it was set up for a wedding. This was a pretty difficult bump in the road since we had to have it cleared up in an hour. Luckily, we had more than enough YouthAlive kids show up to volunteer. These high school kids were a real blessing because by the end of the week we had over three hundred kids come to Bible Club each day and there was no way the ten members of our team could have put this on without them. It was amazing to step back and just take care of the administrative parts while the youth poured into and bonded with the younger kids. That week God moved and provided in such a way that I had never seen.

My favorite part about South Africa this year was having a smaller team. Going into it I thought having a smaller team was not going to be as much fun, but the trip proved me wrong. All of our team became very close. We spent nights playing cards, taking funny videos and just bonding. Many churches go on mission trips to do something for someone else or leave them with something. What I love about UBC is that we focus on our relationships with our mission partners and even the people we serve alongside. To me, it wasn't what we did or what we left, but who we impacted and how they impacted us. From the boys and girls at Rehoboth who remembered our names when we walked down the hill to the youth like Siphos and Phibs, I saw the impact and the way that God worked in all our hearts. South Africa holds a special place in my heart because it feels like home. It is a place where God is evident and strong. It is much more than just a place.

Simon Holmes



# Children's Ministries



By the  
Numbers  
Smiles 😊



**SUMMER MOVIE  
CLUBHOUSE 80+**

**KAMP KINDNESS 30**

**AA (SCHLITTERBAHN) 40**

**MM (PIRATES BAY  
WATER PARK) 60**



\*children and volunteers

\*VBS includes Children's & Preschool Ministries

## VBS

Our theme for VBS this year was, “Maker Fun Factory, the VBS where kids learn they were created by God and built for a purpose!”

This summer UBC had numbers never seen before! There were over 1,000 children and volunteers involved every day with the highest day reaching 1,023.

VBS is lay-led and that is a huge part of what makes this week so successful. Merideth Bahnsen and Jennifer Simmons co-directed the elementary group while Katy Ernst directed the preschool group.

Ben Sandstrom joined the team as VBS Worship Leader. Karen shared about the addition of Ben this year, “It was amazing to have Ben lead worship for us! It made all the difference for me and for our week.”

A big emphasis during the week was to raise money to build a Noah’s Ark at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic! It was a daunting task to raise \$6,000 to build the Ark, but we did it!

A big thanks to Kyle Wilson, Steve Laufer and Aaron Glenn for being a part of skits every day and bringing so much energy and fun. The kids love having them on stage.

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Ben shares,

I really liked teaming up with Karen and the team at VBS. I think VBS is such a powerful thing for young kids growing up in the church and a great opportunity for outreach to new families in the community. It’s a lot of hard work but we went full force. We wanted to set the bar really high and go all out and do the best we can. Shout out to Clear Brook Band and all the dads that helped build that phenomenal set. I was happy to be a part of it this year and see the impact VBS, through UBC, is having in the community.

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## VBS God Sightings

I wanted to express how pleased we were with the VBS experience at UBC. This was our first year to attend, and we hope to attend each year.

The leader my daughter had was Beth Ransom, her helpers were Natalie and Myles.

They were kind, energetic, joyous and they seemed to really care for my daughter. She loved going and loved all her teachers. I was impressed with the two young helpers. They were happy to be there and very kind and loving towards the kids.

Also, every volunteer I encountered was smiling, happy and welcoming. The organization was wonderful too. And we received a notecard in the mail to my daughter from her teacher and the two young helpers. Impressive. I know this must have taken a lot of time, hard work and effort, and organization, but it was worth it. A very positive and uplifting experience.

I just wanted to say thank you and let y'all know what a great job y'all did.

Kelly

My first grader and kindergartner said at bath time that they wanted to work at church when they grow up. Partly because of watching Ben on stage and partly because of hearing about the trips to the DR. It was just super sweet.

One day, my teen helper kind of jokingly told Luke Bernal, PreK snack room helper, that he was an 'accident.' Luke spoke up so fast and said "Man. That's messed up. Nobody is an accident. The Bible says God knew you and had plans for you before you were born. So nobody can be an accident." It was so powerful and I was just so impressed and blessed to see an older youth speaking to a younger like that.

Erin





## DR Trip

The Summer of 2017 brought many new experiences and unexpected blessings to my family. We traveled with seven other families from UBC to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip with South Texas Children's Home (STCH) International Ministries. Our trip included three days working at an orphanage in Santiago and two days with the wonderful Dominican people and members of the Iglesia Bautista Quinsequina (IBQ) church in Santo Domingo.

We had a total of 31 UBC members on the trip, including 16 adults and 15 kids between the ages of seven and sixteen years old. Half of our team had been on this mission trip before, but for my family, this was the first international mission trip for the four of us together.

One of the unique aspects of the DR mission trip is that it's a family trip, and all of the children on our team participated in every part of the mission work. At the orphanage, we were divided into small groups and rotated between organized activities with the children and helping with a construction project.

This year's mission project was a construction of a huge Noah's ark playground in just three days - not a feat typically assigned to a group of engineers, teachers, marketing managers, stay-home moms, nurses and kids. But our Dominican construction manager, the famous "Russell," was unbelievably patient with and trusting of all of us, especially the UBC kids and the ever-present (and sometimes sneaky) orphan boys. Russell insisted that the UBC kids work alongside their parents as we measured, lifted, hammered, cut and drilled the lumber to build the playground.

Working with Russell was one of the most impactful aspects of the trip. Our first morning together in Santiago, Russell led our devotional and challenged us to "do more" than we are inclined or even think possible. Like young David when he faced the giant, Russell's message inspired us to continuously ask ourselves, "what more can I do to serve God this week?" Russell encouraged us to remember that when we are equipped with faith and the knowledge that God will enable us to go beyond our own perceived limits, we can do more than we, or anyone else, ever thought possible.

We were all put to the test the next three days as we physically and mentally pushed ourselves to do more than we ever thought we could do. I watched teenage boys, who are used to filling their summer days playing video games in their air- conditioned homes, carry load after load of heavy lumber across the vast grounds of the orphanage. I saw our young UBC kids running and playing, laughing and loving on the orphan children for hours in the oppressive Dominican heat. And no one complained about the heat or hard work or the mosquitos and bug spray! After the first long day of hard physical work, I cautiously asked my 15-year-old son his thoughts on the day. His answer was not at all what I expected - he loved it and was already talking about coming back next year!

“  
Now faith is the  
substance of things  
hoped for, the evidence  
of things not seen.  
-Hebrews 11:1  
”

Given that none of us are carpenters by trade or hobby, Russell had to give us quite a bit of on-the-job training so we could build that big Ark. And the fact that we had a daunting amount of work to do in a short time-frame, the virtue of Russell's patience was more apparent and appreciated each day. He taught us a lot about construction and, because of Russell, I can build a ladder from scratch! Obviously, though, the construction skills we mastered were not the important things we learned. Russell exemplified the fruits of the spirit in every way, and I realized I had some work to do in my relationships within my family. Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control - You do need a good dose of all of those when building a ladder with your 12-year-old daughter who insists on doing the drilling by herself!

While the construction project was rewarding, I think most of us would agree that spending time with the orphans was the best part of the trip. Those precious children stole our hearts the moment we met them. Serving in preschool and children's ministry for 15 years has shown me that I have a big heart for children. But I never expected to love the children in this Dominican orphanage so instantly and completely. When I reflect back, the reason for that is obvious. The orphans loved us the minute they saw us! They ran to us and jumped in our arms, and the smallest ones grabbed on and wouldn't let go. They were funny and fun-loving and had big personalities. They were smart and creative. The older children and teenagers were so incredibly polite and grateful, they were responsible, and they always looked out for each other.

But most of all, it was easy to love these orphans because they had beautiful spirits, their eyes danced with a love of life, and for the most part, they were happy. In spite of not having a single possession of their own, in spite of the abusive situations from which they were rescued before living in the orphanage, in spite of living in stifling heat year-round without air conditioning, in spite of so many hardships in their young little lives, these sweet children were happy! You simply can't spend time with these children without seeing God in them and how He is working through them.

We ended our mission trip by spending two days in Santo Domingo at the IBQ, STCH's Dominican headquarters. We met our Samuel's Fund children, many for the first time, and took them on an all-day outing to a children's museum and a pizza restaurant with a view of the beautiful blue Caribbean ocean. On our last night, we were treated to a wonderful celebration and delicious feast that the STCH workers prepared to thank us for our work there. And to top it off, we were blessed to attend church at IBQ the following morning and had the privilege of worshiping and praising God with our new Dominican friends.

I came home forever changed. We all did. My family is stronger now because of the bonds we created while working together on this trip. We all left a piece of our hearts at the orphanage in Santiago and will always cherish memories of our time with the children who blessed our lives. We learned that the Dominican people are amazing and that they have a lot to teach us about gratitude, love, joy, kindness, gentleness, self-control and faithfulness. And most of all, this trip taught us so very clearly that joy doesn't come from comfort and material "blessings," but rather a deep love and sincere hope in Jesus Christ. This verse perfectly captures what we experienced in the Dominican Republic during the summer of 2017: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" - Hebrews 11:1.

Audra Olson



## Preschool Ministries

KJOY 2017 by Kymberlee Allen

This year, we hosted KJOY for the seventh year in a row! It is one of the weeks I look forward to most every summer, and I have been blessed to be a part of it all seven years. KJOY is an impactful week for Kindergartners and their families, and I hope the community as well. KJOY stands for Kindergartners learning to serve Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. It is a difficult lesson to learn, especially for Kindergartners, but every year they surprise me with how quickly they get excited about serving others.

The children brought canned food and other nonperishable food items to take to the Clear Lake Food Pantry, and we labeled them with scripture. Then, we harvested green beans, peppers, cucumbers, and squash in Walden Garden for the food pantry as well. We picked 44 lbs of vegetables! The children put together busy bags for patients at Clear Lake Regional Hospital and Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital. We also stuffed prayer bears for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Clear Lake.

My favorite part of the week was taking the children to Brookdale Assisted Living. The kids made door hangers to put on the residents' doors before we arrived, and we toured the facility to deliver them. It was so special to watch the children interact with the residents. They helped them paint, told them about their week, and performed their favorite VBS songs. Some of them were a little shy at first, but they all ended their time at Brookdale by giving their new friends the sweetest hugs.

I think these children have started to learn that serving others is serving Jesus. And I hope that they know they can make a difference even at six years old!

## Ready, Set, Go!

As part of Preschool Ministry's 2017 goals, Ready, Set, Go! was created for summer mission opportunities. For June, our preschool families were encouraged to donate non-perishable food items. Our KJOY campers would then deliver the food, along with the 44 pounds of vegetables harvested from the Walden Garden to our local Clear Lake Food Pantry housed at Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Our second opportunity, Popsicles in the Parks, was designed to minister to families visiting local city parks. UBC Preschool families were to share cold popsicles, bottled water, and pick up litter. Originally scheduled for July 15, we had to postpone the event due to extreme rain until September 9. However, Hurricane Harvey hit hard the week prior and left so much devastation that we canceled the activity to focus on helping our neighbors in need.

On August 5, families gathered at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Bacliff where we were helpers for the homeless. Our ten Preschool families purchased bottled water, peanut butter, Vienna sausage, tuna, crackers, fruit cups, pudding snacks, granola bars, pop tarts, breath mints, and wet wipes. The children began by sorting the different food donations, then grabbed a bag and placed 1-2 items inside the bag. The kids were so excited to be such big helpers! They were also eager to make a handmade card with sweet prayers and beautiful artwork to brighten the person's day who received a bag.

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“UBC Preschool Ministries was the first to create these care kits for our community,” said Tammy Eckart of LCM. “And it was a huge success, filling 75 bags!”

Our time together ended with a tour of the building and resale shop. One of our preschool dads, Tim Assel, led us in prayer asking God to continue the work of LCM and for those who enter their doors to be blessed.

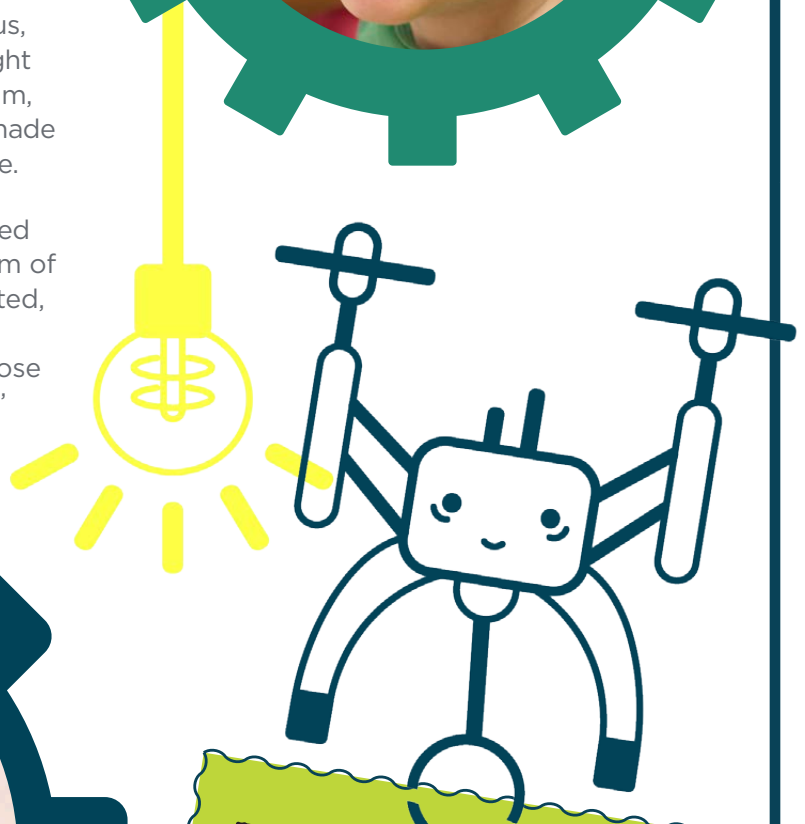


## Preschool Play Days

Gadgets & Gizmos brought 95 children, ages five months - 6 years, to experience Bible truths, music, dramatic play, learning centers, and recreation.

"Who made you? God made me!" We began every morning of chapel time with this question and response. By day two, the children had memorized the scripture for the week, "I am... wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14. Our Bible stories of Jesus and the Blind Man, Nicodemus, Good Samaritan, and Light of the World taught us four daily points: God made me to trust Him, God made me to be His friend forever, God made me to help others, and God made me to shine.

Shelia Kapner and Michelle Tanner co-directed Gadgets & Gizmos, July 24-27, leading a team of 24 fantastic teachers! One teacher commented, "The Bible stories are leaving imprints in the children's lives and they want to follow in those people's footsteps like the Good Samaritan!"



I am...wonderfully made.  
Psalm 139:14



## Right at Home Moms

Right at Home Moms offered two incredible studies for 21 ladies during the spring semester, January 11 – May 17. *Guarding Your Child's Heart*, led by Anne Gowan, equipped us to teach our children effective ways to memorize and meditate on scripture. *God is in the Laundry Room*, led by Becky Clark, focused on seeing purpose and significance wherever you are in your day. This study reminded us when we seek the Lord with our whole heart, we find Him everywhere - even in the laundry room.

In May, RAHM welcomed a new director, Megan Richards. "Being a mom is hard. But being a mom of little ones is especially hard," Megan said. "Some of my biggest regrets in my time at home with little ones might have been avoided if I was a part of a group like RAHM. There is so much value to having a group of other believers in the same life-stage to do life with and have some older moms encouraging you to run your race well. Now that my kids are out of the baby/toddler stage, I want to be that source of encouragement to these moms. As the director of RAHM, I am looking to create a place of rest, encouragement, and spiritual growth for moms. We all need a place where we can be honest and transparent, and dig into the word and pray through life's challenges with each other. My desire as director is to create that place for moms of young ones here at UBC."

Our summer semester, June 21 – August 9, included Mary Michele Wilson leading Kingdom Woman. Twenty-five women embraced their spiritual purpose, power, and possibilities as God designed us to be. We also enjoyed outside activities of play dates and a Mom's Night Out.

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

May 24 brought perfect weather and outdoor fun at our Popsicles on the Playground! Prepared to get wet, our little ones were amused with wading pools and bubbles while the older preschoolers climbed the giant waterslide for a huge splash. The newly added 32-foot slip-n-slide brought a ton of laughter and smiles. Children also enjoyed sidewalk chalk and riding tricycles and, of course, colorful popsicles. We welcomed over 100 people to this event saying goodbye to the school year and hello to summer.



## Mom and Me Missions

Mom and Me Mission Monday's came out of a desire to help my two boys live out our family's verse, Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We believe that these good works and bringing glory to God are available to us from the time we're tiny, not simply as adults.

Serving Jesus is fun, but serving Jesus with friends is even better! I asked God to lead me to opportunities that would be meaningful to a wide age-range of children while also showing families that serving doesn't necessarily equate to spending lots of money.

I decided to start each week with a Bible story. I wanted the kids to correlate serving others with serving Jesus. This summer we learned about Jesus feeding the 5,000, Jesus calming the storm, the Good Samaritan, Jesus meeting the little children, and storing up treasures in Heaven. After our devotion time, the kids answered questions about how they could serve others as Jesus did in that week's story. Then we prayed over the work we were about to do.

The first week, the kids assembled snack bags for the homeless to keep in their parents' cars. They prayed over these bags and asked their parents to give a bag to any person they see on a street corner asking for help.

Through a partnership with Houston CBF missionaries Butch and Nell Green, we filled three backpacks with school supplies for children who have recently arrived in Houston as refugees. The kids had a great time picking out supplies at Target. They also cleaned out their home library shelves of preschool age books for the Greens' early childhood reading program they are beginning in the fall for preschool aged refugees and their parents.

Throughout the summer, we served our church, our community, and the world. Eight families with children ranging in age from infant to 11 years old, both from UBC and the community, joined mine throughout the summer to learn more about Jesus's heart and how to serve. As a line from the song I wrote for my boys goes, may we be filled with joy and laughter in all we do for Jesus's glory!

Laura Ozinga



## Praise Kids Spring Concert

On May 7, Preschool Ministry's Praise Kids Choir presented Be Strong in the Lord as their spring concert. First, the theme song was sung by the entire choir and followed by the three-year-olds singing songs from the Seeds of Courage CD. Through learning the songs, this young choir was also hiding God's Word in their heart by memorizing scripture. They enjoyed playing their paper plate guitars, made earlier in the semester as a craft project, to the song "Out of the Mud."

Entering the chapel next was the four-year-old choir donning a superhero cape and mask. Opening with "Jesus is My Superhero," you could see it was their favorite song!

Our Kindergarten choir showed us their rhythm and beat to "William Tell Overture" with paper plate cymbals. The audience was also amazed at their talent as they played the boom whacker instruments to "Wonderful God," and bells to "Hallelujah."

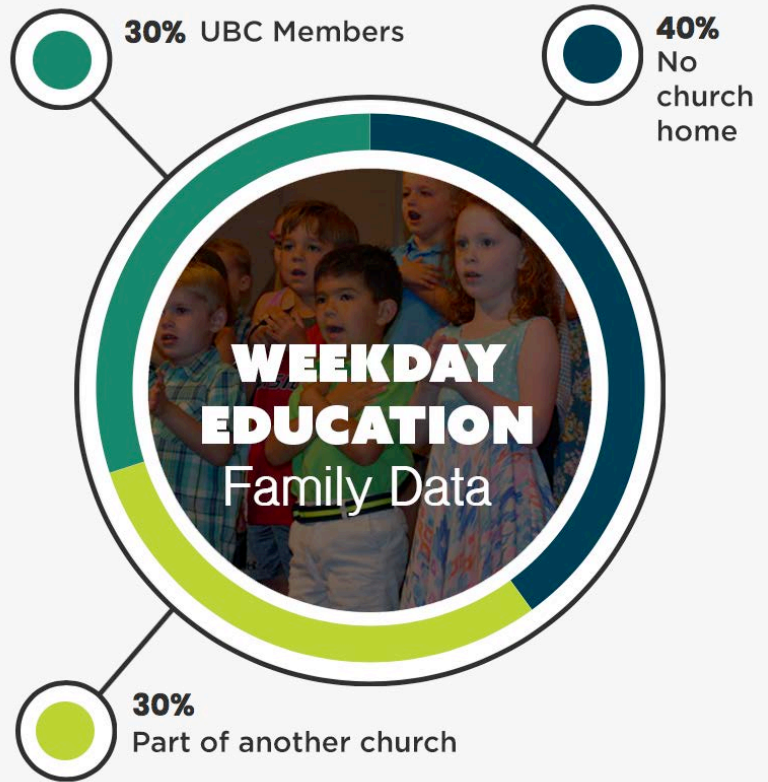
We enjoyed food and fellowship together as Praise Kids Choir came to another year's end. The choirs are under the direction of 3s - Kim Dischler, Wendy Knowles, Leslie Rucker; 4s - Shannah Murphy, Mary Teutsch, Kelly Wilson; 5s - Ryan Martinets, Michelle Tressler. Thank you to these wonderful leaders and to all who attended our concert!



# Weekday Ministries

September 5 is the start of another school year at Weekday Preschool! With 156 children enrolled, teachers and staff are busy with preparations. The number of kids enrolled is higher this year than in recent past. Co-Director, Melissa Dutton shares how the theme verse (“Let all you do be done in love” from 1 Corinthians 16:14) will be the focus of teachers and staff. It’s a call to minister, not just to the kids in their classroom, but also to the whole family.

Another important figure for the Weekday program is the number of families plugged into a church. This year, 30% are families from UBC, 30% are families from other churches, and 40% are families not currently plugged in. The families not currently connected is a great way for Weekday staff and UBC to minister and encourage them in their journey to get involved at a local church.



A noticeable change to the staff this year is at the director position. Laura David and Melissa Dutton are partnering together to lead as Co-Directors of Weekday. Dutton shares this about the change, “I’m excited about the co-directing! It’s fun to get fresh ideas and new excitement, having someone new.”

The start of a new year at Weekday brings Meet the Teachers, a fun and exciting day for children and parents. October brings the start of many family events, Donuts for Dads being the first.

Be sure to watch for photos and updates from Weekday throughout the coming school year!



Farewell to Fours Week of fun to end the year!

The Four year olds started their last week of Weekday with a Fun Fair! The kids had 10 different activities to participate in and had a blast!

Water Day was the second event...and shaving cream and sprinklers were a huge hit!

The week ended with the Farewell to Fours program where the children sang about all of the things they had learned while being a part of the Weekday program. There was a reception after the program where certificates and Bibles were given out! What a special last week of school!!!



# Worship Ministries

## Living the Story Wall

This summer, Pastor Steve told the stories of Jonah, Nehemiah, and Ruth. The summer series was called Living the Story. We asked you to share your story with us, your UBC family, in 100 words or less!

Ben shared this about the heart behind Living the Story Wall:

As we started to talk about this concept of Living the Story, we wanted to celebrate the stories within the life of the church. From senior adults to young adults to students. From families in 9:30 am worship to families in 11 am worship. I think it's been a really powerful tool for the church, to gather around the wall and read these testimonies and to see how God is moving!

Thanks to all who submitted their story!



# Attendance Report

WORSHIP AVERAGES			
	9:30	11:00	Totals
May-Aug 2016	577	321	898
May-Aug 2017	540	379	919

ADULT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
May-Aug 2016	834	344
May-Aug 2017	862	310

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
May-Aug 2016	436	199
May-Aug 2017	418	186

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
May-Aug 2016	416	152
May-Aug 2017	316	133

STUDENT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
May-Aug 2016	318	135
May-Aug 2017	462	113

CHILDREN'S AVG. MAY-AUG 2017	
Chorus Kids Spring Concert	200+
Girls In Action (GA's)	34
Royal Ambassadors (RA's)	30

PRESCHOOL AVG. MAY-AUG 2017	
Praise Kids Concert	210
VBS Rally Night	150+
Popsicles on the Playground	160
KJOY Missions Camp	16
Play Days	135
PS Ready Set Go Missions-Aug	45
RAHM Summer	30

STUDENT MINISTRY AVG. MAY-AUG 2017	
Beach Retreat	84
Silvercliff	152
UM Army	31
South Africa	11
Tres Dias	71
Back to School Bash	165+

OTHER ORG AVG. MAY-AUG 2017	
Leadership Appreciation Dinner	150

# Financial Report

## University Baptist Church 11 Months October 2016 to August 2017 (92%)

	Revenue and Expenditures (a)	Actual (b)	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget Spent
General Contributions	\$3,073,148	\$3,073,148			
Budget Contributions	\$40,517				
Other Income	\$85,264	\$85,264			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,198,929</b>	<b>\$3,158,412</b>			
<b>Missions Ministry</b>	<b>\$307,315</b>	<b>\$307,315</b>	<b>\$365,000</b>	<b>\$57,685</b>	<b>84.20%</b>
Communications Ministry	\$78,072	\$78,072	\$104,000	\$25,928	75.07%
Serving Ministries	\$14,927	\$13,113	\$25,500	\$12,387	51.42%
Music & Worship Ministry	\$49,173	\$45,371	\$56,300	\$10,929	80.59%
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$14,827	\$14,802	\$24,000	\$9,198	61.67%
Adult Ministry	\$48,285	\$45,910	\$82,500	\$36,590	55.65%
Student Ministry	\$72,360	\$58,735	\$52,000	-\$6,735	112.95%
Children Ministry	\$32,950	\$16,794	\$38,500	\$21,706	43.62%
Preschool Ministry	\$14,353	\$14,253	\$22,600	\$8,347	63.07%
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$632,261</b>	<b>\$594,364</b>	<b>\$770,400</b>	<b>\$176,036</b>	<b>77.15%</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$163,520</b>	<b>\$160,900</b>	<b>\$185,950</b>	<b>\$25,050</b>	<b>86.53%</b>
Personnel	\$1,928,863	\$1,928,863	\$2,202,000	\$273,137	87.60%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$2,092,383</b>	<b>\$2,089,763</b>	<b>\$2,387,950</b>	<b>\$298,187</b>	<b>87.51%</b>
<b>Facility</b>	<b>\$425,927</b>	<b>\$425,927</b>	<b>\$491,650</b>	<b>\$65,723</b>	<b>86.63%</b>
Capital Improvements	\$77,020	\$77,020	\$0	(\$77,020)	
<b>Total Facility &amp; CP &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$502,946</b>	<b>\$502,946</b>	<b>\$491,650</b>	<b>-\$11,296</b>	<b>102.30%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,227,590</b>	<b>\$3,187,073</b>	<b>\$3,650,000</b>	<b>\$462,927</b>	<b>87.32%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$28,661</b>	<b>-\$28,661</b>			
	<b>Begin</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>End</b>		
Designated Funds (c)	\$512,843	(\$70,746)	\$442,098		
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$51,958	\$0	\$51,958		
Reserve Funds	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000		
Unrestricted Funds			\$33,694		
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$1,027,749</b>		
<b>Current Other Assets (d)</b>			<b>\$805</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			<b>\$62,355</b>		
<b>Mortgage</b>			<b>\$0</b>		

Mike Herman, Treasurer

### Footnotes:

a) "Revenues and Expenditures" lists ministry specific budget contributions made through the year under Revenues and shows actual gross expenditures for each ministry area.

b) "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."

c) Designated Funds "Activity" includes expenses for children area remodel

d) Current Other Assets is Weekday Ministry Receivable and a prepaid expense.

# Membership Report

## UBC Membership Additions May–August 2017

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Caitlyn Cahill
- Kristin Dykman
- Madison Dykman
- Aydan McLauren
- Lauren McLauren
- Zahra Nobukht
- Dan Ray
- Julie Ray
- Emma Rucker
- Brad Tressler
- Laura Vincent
- Payton Warner

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- None

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Aaron McDonald
- Amanda M, McDonald
- Lilly McDonald
- Audrey Pfeiffer
- Cassidy Pfeiffer
- Charles L. Pfeiffer
- Jessica M. Pfeiffer
- William (Will) Pfeiffer
- Bethany M. Rodney
- Brett N. Rodney

## UBC Membership Deletions May–August 2017

### By Letter

- Anthony Blankenship
- Kathleen Blankenship
- Rylan Chapman
- Jessica Jfari-Rouhani
- Ramien Jfari-Rouhani

### By Erasure

- None

### By Death

- John S. (Stan) Moore

# Administrative Report

## Focus Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2017

The Focus Meeting was held in the Great Room at University Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Dr. Steven Laufer, Senior Pastor called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. There were 34 people in attendance.

The Senior Pastor's Report is on page 4 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Executive Director's Report is on page 5 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Facility Updates Report is on page 6 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Personnel Updates are on page 7 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Care Ministries Report is on page 8 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Serving Ministries Report is on pages 8 - 10 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Primetime Ministries Report is on page 11 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Men's Ministry Launch Report is on page 12 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Women's Ministries Report is on pages 12 - 13 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Student Ministries Report is on pages 14 - 16 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Children's Ministries Report is on pages 17 - 18 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Preschool Ministries Report is on pages 19 - 20 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Weekday Ministries Report is on pages 21 - 22 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Worship Ministries Report is on pages 23 - 24 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Communication Team Report is on page 24 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Attendance Report for Weekend Bible Study and Worship are found on page 25 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The Financial Report is on page 26 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

A full report of the membership changes during the period January - April, 2017 is on page 27 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017. During that period, 7 were received by baptism; 1 by letter; and 5 by statement.

### Requests for letters

- Amber Brown
- Jeff Brown
- Kinley Chapa
- Phil Covington
- Doug Deason
- Joy Deason
- Eric Givens
- Leslie Kraus
- Martha Ann McDade
- Matt Marsh
- Trudy Marsh
- Eric Patenaude
- Erica Patenaude
- Kimberly Patenaude
- Jonathan Womack
- Rachael Womack

### By Erasure

- Donald A. Barron
- Donna Barron
- Dianne Fightmaster
- Tom Fightmaster

### By Death

- Joyce Bowman
- Debbie Henderson
- George B. Rush, Sr.

*Focus Meeting Minutes cont.*

The changes in membership were reviewed and the requests for letters were approved by voice vote after a motion by Karol Peters and a second by Diann Mobley. A prayer was offered for those leaving, that they would be productive in their new churches and for new members who had recently joined UBC by Richard Simmons.

The minutes of the January 29, 2017 Focus Meeting is on pages 28 - 29 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017. The minutes were approved as written by voice vote after a motion by Butch Peters and a second by Terry Reeves.

The Worship Pastor Search Task Force team report is on page 29 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

The UBC Foundation Report is on page 30 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017.

A recommendation came from the Serving Office and the Mission Network Council and has been endorsed by the primary donors of the original mission house purchase, Executive Council and Trustees to sell the church-owned townhouse that has been used as a missionary residence. This report is on page 31 of the Book of Reports dated June 4, 2017. The recommendation was approved by a voice vote after a motion by Todd Hamilton and a second by Butch Peters.

A recommendation was brought before the meeting by the Pastors for the licensing of Lawrence Maher IV to the Gospel Ministry. A second was made by Todd Hamilton that Lawrence Maher IV be licensed to the Gospel Ministry and the recommendation was approved by voice vote.

Dr. Laufer asked for a motion to end the meeting. A motion was given by Todd Hamilton and a second by Kyle Tupin.

Dr. Laufer closed the meeting and asked Karol Peters to close with a prayer.

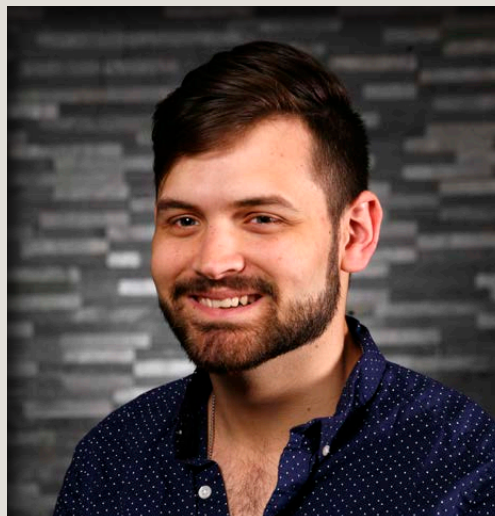
Virginia Thomas  
Church Secretary

## New Team Members



Brittany Stalcup

Brittany (Shradar) Stalcup was hired in June as the Student Ministries Assistant! She grew up at UBC and recently got married to Stephen Stalcup. Brittany is excited to be a part of organizing events for the students and parents. She is also teaching seventh-grade girls WBS.



Robert Killingsworth

Robert Killingsworth was hired this past July to work on the Multimedia team under Michael Cowey as the Head Sound Tech, a new position in the department. He supervises our different sound systems as well as our volunteer sound engineers during Sunday morning services. Robert also runs sound for various events and services during the week.



# UBC Foundation Report

## **FINANCIALS -**

At the end of November 2016 with the transfer of \$81000 from checking into the account, we had \$171,675. We now have \$185,481 which is an increase of \$13,918. YTD we are up \$11,494

For June earnings were 0.4pct

YTD the combined stock and bond portfolios are up 6.6 pct with the stock portfolio up 8.4 pct

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES -**

1. The Foundation added a new annual fundraiser in 2017. On May 22, UBC members were encouraged to Dine Out to Donate. Our first Dine Out to Donate program raised approximately \$1,500 from 10 participating restaurants. This amount covers an additional student scholarship for 2018.
2. Due to Harvey Relief efforts, the UBCF annual Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to Monday, November 13.

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -**

In May four Student Scholarships were given for a total of \$6,800 to Simon Holmes, Racheal Doerksen, Lauren Floyd, and Alan Mather.

## **MINISTRIES SUPPORTED:**

1. WOW (Worship on Wheels), the Philippines mission led by Troy Beaver, was granted \$7,500 for two needs: one year funding of a driver who will perform general maintenance, vehicle repairs, and cooking; and one year funding of a ministry assistant/teacher.
2. House LA (Los Angeles church plant) led by Pastor Louis Kang received \$2,400 for one year funding for one intern.

The UBCF Board requested that both these ministries give a quarterly update on the progress of the mission and results achieved through the use of this grant.

3. The Leadership Academy led by Brady Pyle was granted \$2,000 to help with costs of luncheons and other administrative costs. Brady and two students involved with the program gave a presentation describing how funds were used and the success of the program at the UBCF Foundation July Board meeting.

## Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

For FY2018, the Executive Council felt that we should maintain the current operating budget. However, by leveraging savings through medical plan adjustments and insurance savings, ministry funding has increased.

Though the budget remains the same, based on current projections, the FY2018 budget represents a four percent increase from FY2017 contributions.

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

Account	FY2018	FY2017
	Proposed	Budget
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,650,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,650,000</b>
Missions	\$ 365,000	\$ 365,000
Communications	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000
Serving	\$ 27,850	\$ 25,500
Music & Worship	\$ 52,800	\$ 56,300
Pastoral Care	\$ 23,150	\$ 24,000
Adult	\$ 85,700	\$ 82,500
Student	\$ 57,000	\$ 52,000
Children	\$ 45,900	\$ 38,500
Preschool	\$ 23,600	\$ 22,600
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 785,000</b>	<b>\$ 770,400</b>
Administration	\$ 191,000	\$ 185,950
Personnel	\$ 2,189,000	\$ 2,202,000
Facility	\$ 485,000	\$ 491,650

Summary of Changes		
	Difference	
Missions Giving	\$0.0	
Multi Media & Communications	\$0.0	
Serving Ministries	\$2,350.0	Training and conferences
Music & Worship Ministry	(\$3,500.0)	Children choirs moved to children budget
Pastoral Care Ministry	(\$850.0)	Copies and postage
Adult Ministry	\$3,200.0	Increased men, women, senior adults
Student Ministry	\$5,000.0	Camps and retreats
Children's Ministry	\$7,400.0	Children choirs, VBS, events, camps
Preschool Ministry	\$1,000.0	Restored professional development
Administration	\$5,050.0	Equipment, staff appreciation
Personnel	(\$13,000.0)	Sabbaticals, benefits
Facilities & Capital Improvements	(\$6,650.0)	Insurance savings



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