

Welcome to UBC

Sunday, October 10, 2021



our mission

Becoming a family of Christ followers,
connecting people with God's Kingdom

how to connect

- ✓ THE BIG THREE:
- ✓ Find a worship time
- ✓ Find a regular group
- ✓ Find a place to serve

Visit the Connection Corner before or after
services to talk to someone about becoming
a covenant member.



social media

On social media, search for @ubchouston

University Baptist Church | 16106 Middlebrook Dr. | Houston, TX 77059

9:30AM TODAY IN WORSHIP

Prelude Jim Smith

Call to Worship
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Welcome to Worship Aaron Glenn

A TIME OF WORSHIP

*Hymns of Praise Congregation
*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Because He Lives*

Prayer Laura Davis

Choral Response Sanctuary Choir
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

*Hymns of Faith Congregation
*I Know Whom I Have Believed
Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Scripture Reading
Jenna Stewart, Pastor Search Task Force
Psalm 23 - NLT

Worship Through Music
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
Amazing Grace

Today's Message
"Courage"
Dr. Matt Cook

*Song of Response Congregation
Whiter than Snow

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Announcements Aaron Glenn

UBC Foundation Update
Wally Long & Karol Peters

*Closing Song Congregation
Heaven Came Down

*All who are able, please stand.

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FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU! Fall Festival is coming soon (mark your calendars for Friday, Oct 29!), and we need your help collecting candy! Drop off wrapped candy (no gum, please) in the collection boxes around the building. We also need volunteers to help with the games during the festival.

If you can volunteer to help us, stop by the Fellowship Hall today or email Mabel Hoff at mabel.hoff@ubc.org. Yard signs will be available for pick up on Sunday, Oct 17.



FALL RETREAT is a time for students, grades 6-12th, to retreat from normal life and fellowship with other students as they grow deeper in their relationship with God. We leave Friday, November 5, for Forest Glen and return Sunday afternoon, November 7. The cost is \$135. Register today at ubc.org/students.

We believe that prayer is a conversation with God that helps align our heart with His. The **UBC PRAYER GUIDE VOL. 3** is available online at ubc.org/transition. Printed copies are available onsite.

We have launched UBC's new **SPIRITUAL LIFE PATHWAY!** To find out more scan the QR code to visit the SLP webpage at ubc.org/slp.



TONIGHT, Sunday, October 10, from 6-8 pm, we'll gather at the Pavilion for **SUNDAY NIGHT OUT!** There will be live music, food trucks, large inflatable games, and more. No RSVP necessary, just show up and enjoy an evening with the UBC family.



The mission of the **UBC FOUNDATION** is to use donations and financial gifts (received from UBC members and other sources) to invest in the future kingdom of God, by funding missions and ministries and through supporting young missionaries and pastors.

If you have a recommendation of someone who might be interested in serving on the UBC Foundation. You can find more information and submit names online at **ubc.org/nominate**.



UPCOMING UBC FOUNDATION EVENT:

Sign up for the **UBC Foundation Golf Tournament!** This annual fundraising event is Monday, November 1, at noon! Stop by the Fellowship Hall today or visit **ubc.org/golf**.

For information on the open **Women's Ministries & Communication Specialist positions** visit **ubc.org/quicklinks**.

11AM TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome & Parent Dedication

Aaron Glenn
The Campos Family

Worship in Song

Stand in Your Love

Scripture Reading

Jenna Stewart, Pastor Search
Task Force
Psalm 23 - NLT
Good Grace

Baptism

Baylor Janese
Better Word

Prayer

Laura Davis
We Need You

Today's Message

"Courage"
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Song of Response

Build My Life

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Join us for dinner! Our weekly **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL** is from 5-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for adults is \$10, \$5 for children under age 10. **This year registration and payment are due in advance online.** Please visit our website at ubc.org/foodservices to see what's on the menu and to register.

On Tuesday, October 12, 6-8 pm, the Figgins, Perrys and Traylor will host an open meeting in the Chapel to discuss proposed UBC Bylaw changes they have submitted for consideration to the Trustees regarding the role of the Senior Pastor, the role of the Executive Director, and other related issues. This is strictly an informational meeting. No voting will take place. The hosts invite all UBC family members to attend. Please know the Trustees are currently reviewing this proposal, getting input from other members, and will provide their final disposition of the proposed by-law changes at our upcoming January Focus meeting.

Faith@Home presents the **ART4HEALING** Method on Saturday, October 23 from 10 am-12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our mission is to support emotional healing through art and creative expression for those living in pain, grief, anger, fear, or stress. Everyone (13 years and older) is invited to join us for this free two hour workshop led by Julie Ranna. Register at ubc.org/faithathome.

On this week's episode of **LIVING UBC**, we're focusing on South Africa and a special partner in ministry, Trevor Downham. Trevor has visited UBC numerous times and will be with us again in our services on November 14. Kyle Wilson, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries, provides an introduction, followed by a short recent devotional posted by Trevor. Find Living UBC wherever you listen to podcasts, on our website at ubc.org/podcast, or go to the **UBC Houston app**.

Holly Sincox and Delynn Halloran are leading a **NEW THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** from 9:30-11:30 am in EB 103/105. During this 7-week study, *Knowing God by Name: A Personal Encounter*, author Mary Kassian focuses on 35 Hebrew names of God that describe His character, His relationships, and His purpose. Register at ubc.org/women.



ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

Worship Totals

Total On-Campus: **481**

Online (devices connected): **202**

Last Week's Offering: **\$54,108**

Weekly Requirement: **\$71,000**

Budget (Oct-Sept): **\$3,820,000**

Actual: **\$3,557,000**



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From the Lay Leaders of **UBC's Executive Council**

(Travis Grindstaff, Chair; Delynn Halloran; Robbie Kimbrough;
Scott Prochazka; and Brady Pyle)

Thank you UBC family for your prayers and support through this extended season of transition. As your elected lay leaders, we want you to know that we have been listening carefully, working proactively, and praying along with all of you. We are in awe of God's continuing work among and through the people of UBC and we urge you to continue to ask God for wisdom and strength as we search God together for UBC's next Senior Pastor.

Our responsibility, as members of the Executive Council, is to provide lay leadership to fulfill the Church's mission as developed and communicated by the Senior Pastor with resource management by the Executive Director and through the planning and programs carried out by the entire staff. A significant part of that charge is to communicate clearly and frequently with you. Frankly, this is something we have not been doing well enough. So, beginning today, you will find an increased emphasis on communication about the roles and responsibilities of the lay leadership, our ongoing areas of emphasis for the year, and our working relationship with the pastors and staff.

We will provide ongoing updates to you through our normal communications channels: our weekly e-news, the Sunday bulletin, and more. We are also launching an expanded webpage ubc.org/UBCLeaders, which is available now and will be refreshed regularly in the coming weeks and months. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section will be available in the next week to address a range of topics of interest as requested by UBC members.

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The Executive Council's current top priority is to support the Pastor Search Task Force as they work to find our next Senior Pastor. This search team is spending a tremendous amount of time, energy, and prayer to dutifully review the many applications that are now being received. We ask for your heartfelt support for our UBC search team as they look for and recognize the Senior Pastor that God has in mind for us.

Meanwhile, to increase transparency and improve communications with staff until a Senior Pastor joins the Executive Council, we are including Bart, Garet, Aaron, and Randy in our meetings. Additionally, we have regular communications established between the leadership of the Executive Council, Trustees, and Deacon Fellowship.

There has been much discussion over the past several months about UBC's bylaws. The Executive Council and the Trustees have discussed and agree on the need for a comprehensive review of our bylaws after our new Senior Pastor arrives. We believe our new Senior Pastor should be included in the comprehensive review of the bylaws alongside the Trustees, staff, lay leaders, and members.

Recently, the Trustees received proposed UBC bylaw changes by some UBC members. These bylaw changes do not come from one of the elected leadership organizations, though members are certainly welcome to propose such changes and there is a process to do so.

The Trustees are currently reviewing the proposed bylaw changes and have met with the three members sponsoring the change. To consider whether the proposed changes are aligned with the mission of our church, the Trustee's review will include input from others who have experience and expertise in the areas of church governance and bylaws, including current UBC members, UBC pastors, and external experts. The Trustee review will also include an external benchmark with other Baptist churches of similar size.

The Trustees will present their disposition of the proposed bylaw changes at the next UBC Focus Meeting, which is scheduled for late January. If the Trustees recommend pursuing any changes to the bylaws, then there would be an open process to discuss all recommendations at that time followed by a publicized business meeting and a church vote. We encourage all members to support the well-defined UBC bylaw process which has been successfully followed on several occasions to amend the bylaws over the years.

The recently released *UBC Profile* provides a comprehensive look at UBC as told by the hundreds of participants in the Congregational Conversations and the UBC Survey. Within these pages is an intentional section on Unity through Diversity. That section closes with this statement: "We want to demonstrate that we are all joined in our common desire to become a family of Christ Followers, connecting people with God's Kingdom even when we see the world through different lenses."

The third UBC Prayer Guide has also been released and is titled, *A Time of Prayer for a Season of Transition*. We ask all who call UBC their church home to continue to pray as we work to become such a family.