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Sunday, Jan 29  
7pm, Great Room

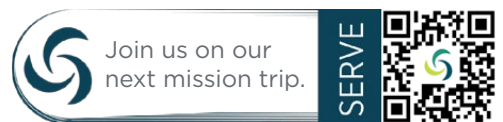


# FOCUS!

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# Senior Pastor

I've spent a lot of time lately thinking about how our consumer culture impacts the Church in America and our church specifically. It has become a favorite pastime of ministers to talk about how "consumer-oriented" are the majority of churchgoers these days: always jumping to different churches; only satisfied when all their needs are met; easily swayed by ease, flash, entertainment; "how can I get the most and give the least" mentality. To be sure, this may be a cynical observation, but it is also one based in reality. People today shop churches the same way they shop department stores, malls, and restaurants.

I like to think of myself as a careful and thorough observer (though that skill is certainly utilized selectively, as members of my family can testify), and at some point simply watching and thinking about churchgoers got boring and I started looking at the other side of the relationship: church leaders. What I discovered was equally troubling. I saw over and over again how church leaders, in certain ways, tend to treat people as commodities, as numbers on a page. How much energy is invested in attracting people to churches, not with Kingdom of God stories and the love of Jesus Christ, but with lights and sound and flash and glitz. Church leaders are just as guilty as churchgoers in creating this culture of consumerism in church life, and maybe even more so because they are the leaders. (And in the end, casting blame really doesn't accomplish much.)

As we look back on our Fall 2016 semester, one focused on the Church as Family, I'm struck by how familiar this language is today while, at the same time, the actual practice of church as family is today so foreign. Churches call members "brothers and sisters" while treating them as "customers". Our Belonging season at UBC is always a good reminder that we exist as a family of believers, united by our belief that our salvation rests in Jesus and our mission is to serve God's purposes in the world. Our goal is not to be the biggest church. Rather our goal is to have the largest possible influence in transforming our world that we can. And we do that together. We can only be agents of transformation if we are allowing the Spirit of God to transform us.

And so, in this Focus Book, I hope you see stories of how our church family is striving to serve one another and facilitate spiritual transformation in each others' lives, so that we might also go out into our world and be agents of God's transforming power in the lives of others. I'm so proud to be a part of this church FAMILY, and I hope you're moved and inspired by the way God is using our church in such a myriad of ways.

STEVEN LAUFER  
SENIOR PASTOR

Hebrews Chapter 11 has long been a great inspiration to me. I love reading through the list of some very ordinary men and women who made a choice to live by faith. When I'm tempted to question my Kingdom impact, I can recall that many of them probably did not recognize their own impact on generations to come, down to this very day. We read about their journeys but can easily forget that there were many days we know nothing about. Those days of ordinary living that when strung together became extraordinary lives.

We lost just such a person this holiday season with the passing of Debbie Henderson. We were blessed to have Debbie walk with our family on many of those simply ordinary days. Yet when we reflect back on those many years, we are blessed with extraordinary memories. Debbie certainly was a candidate for the modern day version of the Hall of Faith and like Hebrews 11:13, she was "still living by faith when she died". Several people approached me after her memorial service and said they did not even know she was sick. Even after 15 months of pancreatic cancer treatments, she was as bright and joyful as those many camping trips, youth retreats, road trips, and Friday night dinners.

As we read through the various reports and stories of the fall semester around UBC, Debbie is a great reminder that the Lord takes our ordinary but faithfully lived days and creates a beautiful Hall of Faith for those that follow. In fact, if you place the words "by faith" in front of each article you read in the pages that follow, I bet (well I would if I weren't Baptist) it adds a new level of appreciation to what the Lord has done through the people of UBC.



Be strong and courageous,

David Mobley  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Executive Director





## Facilities Update

### Kids' Area Renovation

In scripture, we see a great image of Jesus as he corrected the disciples who were preventing the children from approaching him. He wasn't too busy or too important to allow the little children to come to him. We are moving in a similar direction with the improvements we are making in the children area. We want our children's space to be exciting and welcoming, while at the same time, safe and accessible.

To use a football illustration, the kid's area renovation project is "first and goal." We have already improved access by opening up the welcome area, safety by reconfiguring the bathrooms, and the worship space with audio, video and lighting improvements in the Great Room. We have been able to support our leaders with a spacious new workroom and easy access to supplies, as well as improvements to the classroom environment with the completion of the east side rooms.

### Thank You

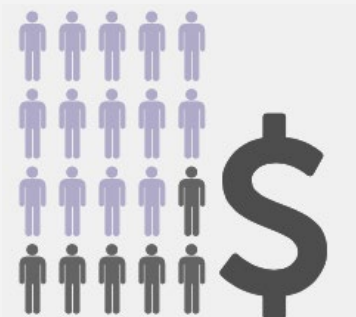
to the 81 families that have contributed \$142,000 towards our \$200,000 goal.

(numbers updated 1/19/17)

\$142,000 **Given**


\$58,000 **Needed**

■ Given ■ Needed




UBC has responded so generously during our latest emphasis as we asked for 200 families to provide \$1,000 each to complete the improvements. We are within \$60,000 of full funding. We are starting the final project phase which will complete the north side classrooms, hallways, kitchen, technology updates, and the Belonging, Preparing, and Serving theming throughout the whole area.

It's not too late to beckon the little children to come to Jesus. Visit [ubc.org/KidsInFlight](http://ubc.org/KidsInFlight) for more information about becoming one of the 200 families.



Be a Part of the  
Change with Your  
Gift Today!

**GIVE**



## Architect Estate Update

We received a settlement offer from the estate administrator, however it came with too many liabilities from other claims against the estate. Arbitration is scheduled for March. All aspects of the projects have been completed until the claim is settled.

## Your Serve Ministry

The primary purpose of the *Your Serve* ministry is to guide adult UBC members to a ministry serving opportunity that is a perfect fit for them. Did you know that there are twenty-two categories that contain over three hundred ways to serve Christ through the ministries of UBC with time commitments that range from one hour per month to several hours per week?

Since our last Focus Meeting in 2016, almost forty UBC new members have completed our online questionnaire and visited with a Connection Team Member to investigate a place of service here at UBC.

The ministry descriptions for all serving opportunities are matched with the online questionnaire that evaluates a member's interests and serving values. As soon as an adult UBC member completes the online questionnaire, he or she can view the various UBC ministry opportunities that match his or her interests and serving values by using a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Although some new adult UBC members discover a place of service to investigate during their visit with a Connection Team Member, it's important to note that a UBC member is not obligated to commit to a specific place of service during or after their discussion with a Connection Team Member. We want each member to feel the leading of the Holy Spirit and have time to think and pray about their place of service before making a commitment to serve.

As UBC members engage with the *Your Serve* ministry, they are often surprised to know how many service opportunities are available to serve Christ through the ministry of UBC and how intentional UBC is about enlisting people in a ministry. We would like to extend this opportunity to current UBC members via our sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday. If you would like for me to deliver a five minute presentation about the *Your Serve* ministry for your WBS Group, please contact me and I will be pleased to schedule a date and time for this brief presentation.

Randy Cox  
Director of Leadership Development



Your Serve Puzzle

Take the online questionnaire



Meet with a Connection Team Member



Connection Team finds appropriate Ministry Leader



Connection Team connects you to your "perfect fit"





# Serving Ministries

## Celebrate the Light

“Lighthouse of Hope,” which UBC hosted for over fifteen years, has been an enormously popular and successful event for local ministry partners at Christmastime. This year, with a new name, “Celebrate the Light,” we welcomed new opportunities for groups to serve together and participate in a more intimate, on-location Christmas celebrations with our same partner agencies.

This year’s local partners included Bay Area Turning Point, Anchor Point, Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center, and The Bridge Over Troubled Water. In addition to the Christmas celebrations at their locations, we added a celebratory “Thank You” meal in the UBC Chapel for staff and volunteer leaders of those partner agencies, and the UBC Serving Office also provided groceries for Alvin South Coast Ministries, a men’s group home in Alvin, Texas.

Between 175 and 200 UBC members (including several WBS groups) rose to the occasion, making Celebrate the Light a success! Several key UBCers took ownership and coordination of each engagement opportunity, making the overall process relatively smooth for the Serving Pastor—you know who you are! Thank you for decorating the Chapel, ordering pizzas, cooking, planning activities, making crafts, leading songs and devotionals, hosting people at tables, playing games with children, buying and packing diaper bags, packing groceries, decorating shelters and agencies for Christmas, serving meals and cleaning up!

by Aaron Glenn



UBC volunteers at Bay Area Turning Point where they had a pizza party and decorated the shelter with residents.



## Christmastime at UBC

Each year UBC participates with two special gift-drives during the holidays.

### Coats for Katya

Ukraine is a country that has been stricken with much conflict and poverty. A young girl, Katya, was hosted as an orphan by a UBC family and attended UBC for a summer. She was from an orphanage in a region called Donetsk, which is very close to the Ukraine/Russian conflict. For the past four years, UBC has been a part of a drive called "Coats for Katya," collecting and shipping warm articles of clothing to this particular orphanage as a reminder to these children that they are not forgotten and that they are loved. This year, we were able to ship coats to a second orphanage in the Odessa region and a box of baby coats to a baby orphanage in Dnipropetrovsk.

UBC's Royal Ambassadors boys' mission group were a huge help in decorating the boxes and in collecting coats during their annual Turkey Shoot, a BB gun target shoot competition. UBC's Girls in Action mission group also collected coats, as well as made Christmas cards in both Ukrainian and Russian to be included in the boxes. Approximately 150 coats were collected, 70 jackets, approximately one hundred pairs of new socks, a few dozen scarves, gloves and hats. We are hoping these coats will reach the Ukraine for the Ukrainian Christmas in January.



### Angel Tree

Angel Tree is a program of prison fellowship that reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives people an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. This year, UBC delivered to 24 families, totaling 64 children. Two WBS classes participated as groups, along with eight individuals. There were approximately 26 preschool families that made fleece blankets for 51 children. We had twelve wrappers and over a hundred people who purchased the gifts. To learn more about Angel Tree, visit [www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree](http://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree).



## Helping and Serving Refugees

Houston has the distinction of resettling more refugees than any other part of the United States. These families, which come from the most devastated parts of the world, have the opportunity to heal and start their lives again in our country. In a bit of God-sized irony, God is helping us fill the Great Commission by bringing people to us from countries that we would likely never visit!

This fall, people from UBC engaged in two different activities related to refugees. Eight people picked up new refugee families from the airport and took them to their new apartments. Approximately thirty people purchased, assembled and delivered “welcome baskets” of staple food items to refugee families already living in southwest Houston. DVDs about the story of Jesus were also offered to families, many of whom chose to accept that additional gift.

The following are two testimonials from each of the engagement events:

“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.” – Jerry Hayley (Airport testimonial, late August)

“We had a great time delivering our baskets. We had two families from the Congo and one family from Syria. The family from Syria invited us in. My husband, Jake, and the dad of the Syrian family used Google-translate to talk to each other. They shared pictures with us from where they are from and where he worked in the metal industry. His wife and daughter fixed us coffee and we all sat at their kitchen table and practiced saying each other’s names and listening to the men talk. That seemed to be the custom for the women and children to sit and listen to the men talk. We also explained Halloween to them so they wouldn’t be surprised by all the costumes. My son had fun learning how to say the kids names and playing with them. It was a great experience for our family and they were very happy to have company.” – Sarah Beth, Jake, and Owen McClintock (Basket delivery testimonial, October 30)

UBC will have a special lunch engagement in February to hear about more ways to be involved locally with refugee families.



## Perspectives of the World Christian Movement

On Tuesdays from August through December, UBC successfully collaborated with volunteers from Sagemont Church to provide intensive training for people interested in biblical themes of mission and in cross-cultural engagement. This sixteen-week course included an extensive reading list and weekly lectures by experienced mission practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. UBC will host this same event in the fall of 2017.

For more information, visit [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org).



## SpaceWeekend

October 1-2 was SpaceWeekend at UBC. Ninety-five international students (from ten different countries and multiple faith backgrounds) and their seventeen UBC host families gathered in the Chapel on Saturday night. As they got to know each other during the UBC-provided dinner, a live view of Earth from the International Space Station was projected on the Chapel screen by the multimedia team.

After dinner, ISS flight director Ed Van Cise shared his personal story of family, education, career and faith. Ed's testimony of the evidence of God's power and love in his life resonated with the students. Later that evening at the host homes (which was the first visit to an American home for most of the students), the topic was discussed more in casual conversations.

For most of the students, Sunday was their first time in any church. Dr. Laufer's Sunday morning message centered on Jacob, a biblical character known in many faiths. It provided more opportunities for students and hosts to discuss spiritual topics during Weekend Bible Study, then at lunch in Clear Lake Park.

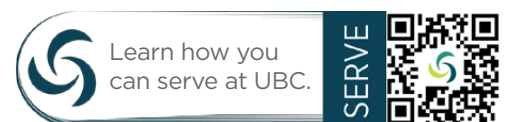
UBC is one of three area churches that individually hosted a SpaceWeekend in 2016. This opportunity to share Christ's love is an investment in the spiritual lives of many international students.



## Disaster Relief Training

In the fall, Texas Baptist Men (TBM) and Women provided several opportunities to train new recruits who were anxious to help with statewide and national relief efforts. UBC is home to many of the “go-to” leaders of TBM in Texas! We also house several special-use trailers in our new mission center. The motivation behind the Disaster Relief Ministry of Texas Baptist Men can be summed up in a single phrase: “a cup of cold water in Jesus’ name.”

Each year, TBM trains volunteers and coordinates efforts to provide prompt assistance and emergency support during times of disaster. TBM has been involved in disaster relief in Texas and around the world since 1967. Nationally, TBM serves through the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, the third largest voluntary disaster relief organization after the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.





## Adult Ministries

### Family Picnic

On Sunday, November 20, we held our first “Family Picnic” following our Sunday morning programming. This picnic time allowed our church family to gather around tables and under a tent to spend time enjoying meals together. Finding time to connect with others in between a busy fall season and just before the start of Advent was timely for our church family. Led by our Groups Ministry, many used this time to enjoy fellowship with others that are part of their Sunday morning group. As part of our planning, we invited six food trucks to help out in providing options for those involved. Everything from tacos to BBQ to Asian-Cajun fusion allowed a wide spread of culinary options. Using our Family Picnic times, the goal is to provide space for each other to connect and also meet others we might not normally come into contact with during our busy Sundays. We are looking forward to having more of these Family Picnic times in the future.

by Garet Robinson

## Primetime Ministries

### Senior Adult Revival

In September, the senior adults hosted a revival with the theme “People Need the Lord.” This anticipated event is held annually for three days during mid-day hours in the UBC Chapel.

With good attendance, they welcomed preacher and speaker Clif Cummings, Associate Pastor of Sugar Creek Baptist Church and musical guest, Lisa Pierre.

### Day Trip

On Wednesday, December 7, Primetime senior adults enjoyed “A Little Day Music,” one of a series of free one-hour concerts presented at noon on the first Wednesday of the month in the Grand Foyer of the Wortham Center.



*Pictured: Pastor and revival speaker Clif Cummings (left), his wife, Pam Cummings (center), and musical guest Lisa Pierre (right)*





# Women's Ministries

## PIES, PIES, PIES!

How many pies can one hundred women eat? About sixty! We didn't finish them all, but they were definitely tasted...and judged! Our Women's Ministries' Kickoff and Pie-Baking Contest was a smashing success.

The goal was to inform UBC women and guests about all of the wonderful opportunities of ministry and service that will be offered this year. (Visit [ubc.org/women](http://ubc.org/women) for more information.) But the real draw was fried chicken, green beans, biscuits, fruit-infused waters, door prizes and a grand prize drawing for a \$50 gift card to DSW, because

"Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15).

All of the beautiful pies were tasted and judged by UBC pastors and staff: Steve Laufer, David Mobley, Rick Carpenter, Randy Cox, Melissa Dutton and Ben Sandstrom. A husband made the grand prize Coconut Cream pie. It was really fun to hear about how husbands got involved in the friendly competition...trash talking each other's pies and texting pictures back and forth. I love how the men supported this event and got so involved.

While the women were enjoying their chicken dinner, they were also inspired by a video testimony of Lori Vaughn and Jennifer Simmons who shared how their involvement with Women's Ministries at UBC has changed their lives.

Thank you Michael Cowey for your incredible work on the video, and thank you Lori and Jennifer for sharing so sweetly and openly about your experiences. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible: the WM Events Team, Communications, pie coordinators Kallae Kreager and Lindsay Sandstrom (that was a ton of work!), and Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry that donated the hand made table runner to the grand prize winner.

We will definitely have this event again next year. It was So. Much. Fun!



## Fall Bible Studies

This Fall, women gathered weekly for Bible Study and fellowship at UBC on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and in various homes and coffee shops around town. When women study the Word together and then talk about how they are growing and changing in a safe environment, things happen. Marriages heal, relationships soften, friendships deepen, truths rise to the surface and become real for the first time. God's Word unites people from different backgrounds and cultures and we learn to love Him and to love each other. Come join us this spring. There's a place for you in the circle.

## Sack Lunch Stories

Many thanks to Angie Reeves for sharing her life story with those who gathered for our women's Sack Lunch Stories at UBC. It's so important to be willing to talk about how God has worked in our lives over time. Our openness and willingness to talk about the "real stuff" is so powerful.

## Tapestry Dinner

Tapestry Dinner is the largest outreach event of the year in Women's Ministry. This year, we set a record for attendance as women brought friends and neighbors to share a meal around beautifully decorated tables and to hear a program by Rachel Norris, speaker and owner of Joy Pottery in Bryan, Texas. Mrs. Norris' testimony was powerful and transparent, and many lives were touched by her openness. As she molded clay right in front of us, she talked about our own transformation in the Potter's hand.

It was mesmerizing. We were able to host seven tables of international women and many wore formal dress from their own countries. Many attended who have no church affiliation. They each received a handwritten thank you for attending and an invitation to join UBC for all of the Christmas services.



## Working Women's Fellowship

The Bay Area Working Women's Fellowship was started in order to give working women a place to get together and encourage each other—to network and to share ideas about how to represent Christ well at work. We meet every other month at Bay Oaks Country Club to share lunch and ideas and to hear from a speaker. In October, Carol Homan shared about seeking first the kingdom of God. Many were motivated by her beautiful transparency as she shared about her 25-year NASA career followed by her career in ministry at UBC. In December, Charlene Wolfe helped us learn how to take the stress out of Christmas by focusing on worship—so simple and yet so very helpful. We ended the semester with a Christmas party at the beautiful home of Linda Wischnewsky. We appreciate Sharon Morris and the WWF team for their tireless leadership.



## Crossing Cultures

Crossing Cultures is a gathering of women from all around the world who enjoy getting together in a Christian environment. There is Bible study on Thursday mornings, outings, parties and more. Some women have been exposed to Christianity for the first time; others are continuing their relationship with Christ while living temporarily in this country. The women enjoyed sharing cultural experiences and foods together, Bible study and prayer, and many were invited to read scripture during Sunday morning worship services in their native languages. The season culminated in a Thanksgiving gathering where all enjoyed a traditional American turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a Christmas party complete with gift exchange and Christmas craft. Thanks to all of the leaders who invest so much love in this vibrant group.



# Young Adult Ministries

## Glamping Trip

The Young Adults were able to get away from the hustle and bustle of our crazy lives in Houston and spend a weekend surrounded by nature at Fairfield Lake State Park, giving about 20-25 of us the opportunity to grow closer as friends and followers of Christ.

On Friday, November 11, we all trickled into the park throughout the day setting up camp, the more experienced campers assisting the novices. Thank you Michael Shutika for being our logistics man.

Saturday was filled with fishing, hiking, kayaking and great food thanks to Elayni Stokes and Aaron Colunga who arranged for our meals. Actually, "feast" would be a better description – that night we had a full fajita buffet! Josh Miller then led us in worship under the stars which gave us the opportunity to focus our eyes upon God.

On Sunday morning, Jeff Doi led us in Bible study using scriptures and topics he had gathered from young adults and focused on different concerns or struggles he found people were experiencing. The exercise helped us to better relate to each other, and allowed us to see that you can always find strength and comfort in God and his Word and from our brothers and sisters.

The weekend was a remarkable time together and wouldn't have been possible without everyone working so closely together. Thank you!

by Christina Quinn







Laura Keith Davis

October 30, 2016 · 1

Engage Retreat 2016. Kyle Wilson is challenging these awesome teenagers to learn about their own character and take on the character of Christ. — at Forest Glen Camps.

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Debbie Keith Hope it was a good weekend. The weather was great. Be careful coming home.

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Kathryn Tijerina Can't wait to hear all about from Cam!!

Like · Reply · 1 · October 30, 2016 at 12:14pm



Lisa McKinney Johnson Thank you Kyle and team for pouring life and truth into our kids!!!!

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# Student Ministries



## Engage Retreat

*What does retreat mean to you?*

For many it's a deeply negative word. It conjures up ideas of giving in or running from a battle worth fighting. For me it invokes the idea of the fledgling army falling back to defeat their enemy with a strategically planned trap. This is our hope for Engage Retreat. That our students might fall back so they can sharpen their hearts, minds, and souls over a weekend. This year we fell back to Forest Glenn retreat center. We invited a few of our former UBC students to speak to current students about their experience of putting on the Character of Christ during their high school days. It was a special weekend to hear from former students that have been in the shoes of current ones just a few short years ago. It was also special to see the ministry to these undergrads and young adults when they were in high school come full circle so they might return and speak of the Lord's work in their life even now.



# Children's Ministries

## Girls in Action

The Girls in Action (GAs) have been busy learning about missionaries around the world and in our own country. To start the fall semester, the GAs collected gift cards to donate to North American missionaries through the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Christmas in August program.

The GAs were busy putting their faith into action through several other projects as well. We collected shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and made care baskets for Syrian refugees. We also collected winter coats and made Christmas cards to give to Ukrainian and Russian orphans. The GAs helped with crafts and games at the UBC preschool Birthday Party for Jesus. At the end of the party, the GAs performed a short play to tell the preschoolers the story of Jesus' birth.

by Shani Richeson





## Royal Ambassadors

The focus of Royal Ambassadors (RAs), the boys' mission education group at UBC, is not just to learn what, how and where God is working in the world, but also to learn to be ready to answer His invitation to join Him in this work.

RAs spend time each week studying about missionaries through magazine and video stories, praying for the missionaries and the people they serve, and learning what it means to be an ambassador for Christ—as well as enjoying pizza together for supper and a physical activity such as kickball or dodge ball.

An important aspect of RAs is the interaction across the continuum of boys from preschool age to adult men, and a key aspect is to work with others in sharing Christ. Earlier in the fall, the boys welcomed special guest speaker Todd Hamilton, retired IMB missionary to the Philippines and UBC member. Mr. Hamilton shared about his family's time in the Philippines and about God's work there. The RAs also helped with a service project by spreading new mulch for the big playground on UBC's grounds.

In November, the RAs partnered with the "Coats for Katya" coat and sock drive. The boys made collection boxes for this annual drive named after a Ukrainian orphan who was hosted by a UBC family for a summer and who attended UBC. The RA families were invited to donate new socks and new or gently used coats during the drive. The items collected are being shipped to Ukrainian orphans (5-16 years old) who are in need of warm coats and socks. Also held in November was the UBC Royal Ambassador Turkey Shoot. The entry fee for the Turkey Shoot was changed this year to coats to further encourage the collection for the coat and sock drive. The Turkey Shoot served as a fun way for both boys and girls to donate coats while learning gun safety. Fourteen boys and GA girls participated this year and eighteen coats were donated.

RAs meet on Wednesday nights from 5:45-7:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Learning Center. We look forward to seeing what God plans to do in and through the Royal Ambassadors and their families throughout 2017.

by Beth Graves



# Preschool Ministries

## Praise Kids Christmas Concert

The Praise Kids Choir presented Joy to the World as their Christmas concert on December 4. The three choirs began the concert by entering the Chapel singing, "O Come All Ye Faithful." The three-year-old choir took the stage with rhythm sticks, keeping the clip-clop beat of a donkey. They also quoted Isaiah 9:6 and John 3:16 in song. The four-year-old choir rang bells with their presentation of "Christmas Bells are Ringing." They told the good news of Jesus' birth and added a beautiful chorus of "hallelujah" to "Away in a Manger." The five-year-old choir performed the "Nutcracker March" with dance ribbons. We were also quite impressed as they played "Jingle Bells" with the percussion boomwhackers. They had great rhythm and tempo!

The choirs and congregation ended the night singing, "Joy to the World" and feasting on snacks together.



by Terri Greer

## RAHM Fall 2016

Right at Home Moms (RAHM) is a family ministry of UBC 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.

Right at Home Moms welcomed sixteen women to our fall study; seven of whom were new to RAHM. We enjoyed watching RightNow Media videos of *The Indestructible Marriage* by Jimmy Evans in our homes with our husbands. We then discussed each session during our regular Wednesday morning study time, facilitated by Megan Richards. Followed with small groups, we shared prayer requests and the praise of welcoming two new baby girls to our RAHM family.

Marriage still works when you follow the right plan, God's plan, of a lasting and thriving marriage. We discovered the perfect roles of husbands and wives, how to overcome communication barriers, different kinds of loves and why only one will last, and how to safeguard our marriage.

We ended the study on November 30 with an evening event for the women and their husbands. We enjoyed fellowship and an Italian dinner as well as a panel of six long-time married couples who responded to many questions of marriage and the challenge of small children.

Our spring semester involves two studies, *Guarding Your Child's Heart* by Gary Smalley and *God is in the Laundry Room* by Susan Senechal. We'd love to have you join us! Please register at [www.ubc.org/right-at-home-moms/](http://www.ubc.org/right-at-home-moms/).





# Weekday Ministries

Weekday Ministries began the 2016-2017 school year with 151 children. With approximately 46 of these families unchurched, what an opportunity UBC has (each year) as these families become a part of our church during the week, and then hopefully will include the weekends!

## Donuts for Dads/ Muffins For Moms

In October, many of the Weekday dads, grandpas and uncles joined us for a fun morning of fellowship at “Donuts for Dads”! The Chapel was filled with families enjoying donuts and time together...as well as a couple of fun songs to start the day off right.



And of course, we can't leave the moms out! Many moms, grandmas and aunts joined us in November for our annual “Muffins for Moms” event. Following breakfast, everyone had an opportunity to continue fellowship and get a head start on Christmas shopping at the Weekday Mini Bazaar. Both events provided for great mornings of praising God for moms and dads!



## Pumpkin Day

The pre-K four-year-old classes had a great time celebrating fall with “Pumpkin Day.” Our preschoolers weighed and measured pumpkins, sticking their sweet hands inside the pumpkins and eating the seeds—they just had a great time! Many moms came to help the children learn all about pumpkins. What a fun fall activity!



## Christmas Program

What better way to celebrate Christmas than to listen to 115 children tell the story of the first Christmas! The children loved the opportunity to tell others about our Savior's birth as they shared the story through songs like "Baby Jesus is Born," "O Come, Let Us adore Him," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Over 275 people came to share this amazing time in December at the annual UBC Weekday Ministries Christmas program.



## Children Giving to Children

Throughout the year, the children and the families of the Weekday Ministries program participated in a variety of mission projects:

### October - Canned Food Drive

In October, we collected 275 cans of food to give to those in need at our annual canned food drive for Clear Lake Food Pantry.

### November - Operation Christmas Child

Just in time for Christmas, the children of Weekday Ministries filled 88 boxes with surprises for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. After the children collected and surrounded the boxes, they had a praise time as songs of love to God were sung before the children prayed over the boxes. We had a chapel lesson about thankfulness, and about being the hands and feet of Christ. It was the perfect way to begin the holiday season!

### December - Angel Tree

Our December project was to collect stocking stuffers for the Angel Tree Ministry, a church wide ministry that helps to fill the needs and desires from children of incarcerated parents at Christmastime. The children and their families provided enough stocking stuffers for all of UBC's Angel Tree children.



# Fall Festival

## Growing and Changing the Community Each Year

This year's Fall Festival featured great weather and lots of new faces! Fall Festival is UBC's largest annual community outreach event, and this year served over 1,700 people from our Clear Lake community. Those attending the festival enjoyed inflatables, face painting, carnival games and hayrides in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere on UBC's campus.

It is no small feat to plan an event for all ages and of this magnitude. The inflatables, for instance, are booked a year in advance. Fall Festival planning meetings begin in the summer (after VBS), and the time dedicated to the festival only increases until it's held on the last day of October.

As the community grows, so does the attendance—and UBCers are getting in on the action! Fall Festival happens because of our many, many volunteers each year. A huge thank you to the 350 people who volunteered their time and effort. And, kudos to the Texas Baptist Men and our own Food Services who cooked 540 hot dogs, 400 barbecue sandwiches and served our volunteers and guests!

My wife and I love volunteering during the Fall Festival," said UBC member Warren Harold. "We are always amazed to see the turnout from the community. This past year, in particular, we heard from so many people how grateful they were to UBC and all the volunteers for hosting this event and providing a safe place to bring their children."

Fall Festival is a great opportunity to invite our neighbors and have them feel familiar with our campus and comfortable at UBC. Afterwards, an invitation is extended to our guests to join us on Sundays and for our special Christmas services like Glory to the King, A Service of Lessons & Carols, and our family-friendly and candlelight Christmas Eve (and Day) services.

One mother attending the festival wrote to UBC:

"...my son and I are so thankful for the fall festival your church hosted. My son is only 18 months old and doesn't really care about costumes and I don't encourage candy consumption. So the festival you hosted was perfect! There was so much to do for every age. I think the church did a great job and I just wanted to say thank you! I will bring my son to a Sunday service soon now."

If you would like to learn about how you can be a part of this fun and effective community outreach event, please contact Terri Greer, Associate Pastor of Preschool Ministries.







# Worship Ministries

## Contemporary Worship Ministries

This past fall, Sound of Light travelled to Port Lavaca, TX to lead an energetic worship set for a large group of students at Calhoun High School. It was a blast to see these students worshipping and responding to God! We will be going back in the first quarter of 2017 to host a concert.

In October, ten of us from our worship team family headed to Dallas for a worship conference at Gateway Church. It was an amazing time to fellowship and bond as a team. We don't often have the opportunity to be led in powerful worship. Our only responsibility was to soak in the presence of the Lord and hear all He wanted to share with us. The conference leaders packed a lot into a couple of days and we were able to go, recharge, and come back having experienced deep growth and rich fellowship. This is something that we do once a year and it is so incredibly valuable to our team.

We continued working on the pre-production for our upcoming album release in 2017. The team feels a strong call to write original music and to be a band on mission. Music crosses over cultures and barriers, and is a connecting point for all people. We want to share the gospel through our music to effect change and growth. This is the 3rd album that we will be releasing. I am thankful to God that we get to Glorify Him through these original songs and excited about this new album because many of these songs are stories that have come from our own lives. We're praying that people will hear their own stories in our songs and be encouraged to draw close to the Lord.

One of our favorite times of the year is the annual Christmas Service, Glory to the King. Our friends, Divisi Strings, joined us once again for an incredible time of music and praise to our King! Along with normal preparation for Glory to the King, we wrote, recorded, and released an original Christmas song. As we were writing the lyrics, I thought how fitting it would be to name the song after our Christmas service, a tradition that holds a special place in our hearts. We released the song as a gift to the church on Christmas Eve. There is now a link on our UBC website if you would like to download the song for free! We hope you will listen to it for Christmas seasons to come!

[www.ubc.org/glorytotheking](http://www.ubc.org/glorytotheking)

- Ben Sandstrom





# Attendance Report

WORSHIP AVERAGES			
	9:30	11:00	Totals
Sept-Dec 2015	608	347	955
Sept-Dec 2016	600	363	963

ADULT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2015	848	340
Sept-Dec 2016	788	347

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2015	405	185
Sept-Dec 2016	402	184

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2015	377	145
Sept-Dec 2016	318	162

STUDENT MINISTRY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS		
	Enrolled	Average Attended
Sept-Dec 2015	313	142
Sept-Dec 2016	340	142

OTHER ORGANIZATION AVG	SEPT-DEC 2016
Group Leader Training (All ages)	107
SA Revival	253
YA Camping Trip	21
Women's Tapestry Dinner	376
Family Picnic	200+

CHILDREN'S AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2016
Chorus Kids	66
Handbells	33
Bible Blast/Drill	32
RA's	25
GA's	35
RA Turkey Shoot	14

PRESCHOOL AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2016
Mission Friends	15
Fall Festival 2017	1678
Happy Birthday Jesus Party	150
Praise Kids	38
Praise Kids Christmas Concert	225
Right At Home Moms Ministry	20
RAHM Marriage Panel Discussion	31

STUDENT MINISTRY AVG.	SEPT-DEC 2016
Crave	45
Merge	22
Mother/Daughter Study	45
Fall Retreat	115
Leadership Academy	35

# Financial Report

## University Baptist Church 3 Months October 2016 to December 2016 (25%)

	Revenue and Expenditures (a)	Actual (b)	Annual Budget	Remaining	% of Annual Budget
General Contributions	\$974,340	\$974,340			
Budget Contributions	\$13,201				
Other Income	\$16,542	\$16,542			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,004,083</b>	<b>\$990,882</b>			
Missions Ministry	\$97,434	\$97,434	\$365,000	\$267,566	26.69%
Communications Ministry	\$16,400	\$16,400	\$104,000	\$87,600	15.77%
Serving Ministries	\$356	(\$1,064)	\$25,500	\$26,564	(4.17%)
Music & Worship Ministry	\$15,867	\$14,155	\$56,300	\$42,145	25.14%
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$12,047	\$12,047	\$24,000	\$11,953	50.20%
Adult Ministry	\$22,238	\$21,228	\$82,500	\$61,272	25.73%
Student Ministry	\$15,815	\$11,765	\$52,000	\$40,235	22.63%
Children Ministry	\$3,254	(\$135)	\$38,500	\$38,635	(0.35%)
Preschool Ministry	\$2,884	\$2,884	\$22,600	\$19,716	12.76%
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$186,295</b>	<b>\$174,714</b>	<b>\$770,400</b>	<b>\$595,686</b>	<b>22.68%</b>
Administration	\$36,320	\$34,700	\$185,950	\$151,250	18.66%
Personnel	\$495,533	\$495,533	\$2,202,000	\$1,706,468	22.50%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$531,853</b>	<b>\$530,233</b>	<b>\$2,387,950</b>	<b>\$1,857,717</b>	<b>22.20%</b>
Facility	\$142,845	\$142,845	\$491,650	\$348,805	29.05%
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Facility &amp; CP &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$142,845</b>	<b>\$142,845</b>	<b>\$491,650</b>	<b>\$348,805</b>	<b>29.05%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$860,992</b>	<b>\$847,792</b>	<b>\$3,650,000</b>	<b>\$2,802,208</b>	<b>23.23%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$143,090</b>	<b>\$143,090</b>			
	Begin	Activity	End		
Designated Funds (c)	\$512,843	-\$46,320	\$466,524		
Prior Year Budget Funds	\$51,958	\$0	\$51,958		
Reserve Funds	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000		
Unrestricted Funds			\$227,681		
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$1,246,163</b>		
Current Other Assets (d)			\$402		
Current Liabilities			\$84,591		
Mortgage			\$0		

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.



# Membership Report

## UBC Membership Additions

September–December 2016

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

- Ellie Evans
- Jay Loeffler
- Owen McClintock
- Sara Beth McClintock
- Andy McNeil
- Chris Pierson
- Heather Pierson
- Cynthia Ann Prindle
- Lillian Ratliff
- Judy Reeder
- Pete Reeder

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER

- Carolyn P. Blytas
- Constantine (Taki) Blytas
- Jillian B. Henderson
- Jennifer Hogle
- Matthew C. Hogle
- Josie Lightfoot

### MEMBERS RECEIVED BY STATEMENT

- Ada E. Aquino
- Felipe Campos
- Gloria Elvia Perez Campos
- Christin L. Carlson
- John J. Carlson
- Jose Alfredo (Freddy) Coronado
- Sharon Coronado
- Jonathan J. Howells
- Rebekah J. Howells
- Jamie R. Powell
- Travis E. Powell
- Conrado L. Rodriguez
- Omeida Rodriguez
- Veronica Rodriguez
- Liliana Vargas
- Garrett Waggoner

## UBC Membership Deletions

September–December 2016

### By Letter

- Darline Archer
- George F. Archer
- Ann Flanagan
- Sonne L. Hooper
- David Le
- Anthony Skach

### By Erasure

- Phillip Covington III
- Andrew Davis
- Craig Davis
- Debra Davis
- Nathan Davis
- Paul Wayne Inbody III
- Robert Dale McIlrath
- Wayne O'Quin
- Andrew Schaafs
- Sarah Schaafs

### By Death

- Steve Wright

# Administrative Report

## Focus Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2016

The Focus Meeting was held in the Chapel at University Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. There were 60 people in attendance.

The Senior Pastor's Report is on page 4 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016. Dr. Laufer spent some time at the first of the meeting sharing his sabbatical with us. It is also written in his report on page 4.

The Executive Director's Report is on page 5 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Facility Updates Report is on pages 6 - 8 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Care Ministries Report is on page 9 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Adult Ministries Report is on page 9 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Primetime Ministries Report is on page 10 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Women's Ministries Report is on pages 10 - 11 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The UBC Missions Report is on pages 12 - 15 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Student Ministries Report is on pages 15 - 19 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Children's Ministries Report is on pages 20 - 22 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Preschool Ministries Report is on pages 22 - 24 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Weekday Ministries Report is on pages 25 - 26 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Worship Ministries Report is on page 26 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Attendance Report for Weekend Bible Study and Worship are found on Page 27 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Financial Report is on page 28 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

A full report of the membership changes during the period May - August, 2016 is on page 29 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016. During that period, 5 were received by baptism; 18 by letter; and 5 by statement. An addendum to the Focus Report dated September 25, 2016 was handed out at the meeting. There was an error in the dismissed members list of the Focus Book that was printed.

### Requests for letters

- Jeff Culver
- Warilyn Culver
- Jeremy Del Greco
- Kristen Del Greco
- Carol Homan
- David Mitchell
- Donna Mitchell
- 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

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



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

The minutes of the June 5, 2016 Focus Meeting is on page 30 – 31 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016. The minutes were approved as written by voice vote after a motion by Wayne Hale and a second by David Ward.

The Nominating Committee came with a recommendation to submit the following people to fill positions on UBC's committees beginning in January, 2017:

Trustees:

- Jason Demers
- Elinor Walters
- Meghan Murphey

UBC Foundation

- Butch Sheehy
- Debs Cofer
- Candace Griffithe

Executive Committee:

- Richard Simmons

UBC Treasurer:

- Mike Herman

Nominating Committee:

- Donna Cox

Texas Baptist Annual Convention Messengers

- Randy Cox
- Donna Cox

Deacon Nominating Committee:

- Claire Skeeter
- Robert Hodson

No motion is needed since this a recommendation by a committee. Mike Muzsly seconded the recommendation and they were approved by voice vote.

The Trustee's Report is on page 33 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The UBC Foundation Report is on page 33 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016.

The Executive Council came with a recommendation for the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget which is on page 34 of the Book of Reports dated September 25, 2016. No motion is needed and a second was given by Sean Halloran. The budget was approved by voice vote.

Dr. Laufer asked for a motion to end the meeting. A motion was given by Wayne Hale and a second by Robert Bradbury.

Dr. Laufer closed the meeting with a prayer.

Virginia Thomas  
Church Secretary

Words of Gratitude: Matt Marsh  
Former Pastor of Worship Ministries at UBC  
Dear UBC Family:

Words cannot even begin to express the gratitude and thankfulness the Marsh family has for the nearly twenty-one years that God has allowed us to be part of this fantastic congregation. We will forever be blessed for our years here. Please know our deep love we have for you, and constant appreciation we have for your allowing us to serve here for so long. The gifts from you at our departure are beyond generous, and we also thank you from the bottom of our hearts for that as well. We are so excited and will follow with great anticipation the future that God has in store for you in the coming days.

In Him,  
Matt and Trudy Marsh



Words of Gratitude: Karen Murphy  
Associate Pastor of Children's Ministries  
UBC Family,

Overwhelmed... and truly blessed - partially begins to describe my feelings. UBC Family, I can't even begin to find the words to express the depth of my gratitude for your generosity and recognition of appreciation for my 10 years of ministry here. I received a call after being here about a week... and the voice on the other end of the phone... said... "Great Church... GREAT Church... GREAT CHURCH Karen..." Little did I know that a few years later, I would have the privilege of serving with Steve Laufer. He was SO RIGHT! This is a GREAT CHURCH!

Thank you so very much for your love, your patience, your support, your encouragement and your generosity. You ARE my family, and I deeply love you and appreciate all that you do for me personally and for the ministry that we share together. Thank you!

Karen Murphy





## Trustee Committee Report

The Trustee Committee completed the 2016 scheduled audits of the standard operating procedures. The Trustees also reviewed and provided comments on the children remodel contract, and initial performance contract language was reviewed to begin work on a standard performance contract that can be utilized with our guest worship musicians. Thank you to the church members and staff that have helped with this task. Also, thank you to Dan DeVries and Petra Finch for serving as Trustees these last 3 years.

-Jeffrey Doi, 2016 Trustee Chair

## UBC Foundation Report

The UBC Foundation has had a busy year. The following are highlights:

- Provided two student scholarships through The Jerry and Carole Lynn O'Neal Scholarship Fund and one scholarship through The Bob Wall Orchestra Scholarship for a total of \$6,500.
- Contributed \$2,000 to UBC Student Leadership Academy - Kyle Wilson
- Provided \$2,500 for the Navajo Ministry to compete the work in Rock Springs.
- Provided a \$2,400 stipend through the Timothy Fund to Robin Soard, a ministerial student at Truett Seminary, who worked as an apprentice to Rick Carpenter for 12 weeks.
- Raised \$14,000 at the annual Golf Tournament with eighty-seven participants and one major sponsor. For the first time four prizes for holes-in-one were made possible by the generous offers of Norman Frede Chevrolet and Marine Max Corp. on Nasa Parkway in Seabrook.

Created a five-year Vision Plan to improve focus and effectiveness of the Foundation, increase the Foundation's visibility while making significant contributions to ministries and missions, and strengthen the Mission statement. Added two new UBC Foundation Board members. Board member roles are redefined to support the five-year plan focus on increasing revenue and enabling more grants.

### 005 UBC Foundation Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2016 Balance Sheet for Period 12 - December

	<u>Current Year</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
1020 Frost Checking	19,141.60
1300 UBC Held Account	250.00
1400 HighGround (formerly Baptist Fou	173,997.33
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>193,388.93</b>
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<b>Liabilities</b>	
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
3010 Foundation Board Fund	133,675.67
Foundation Board Fund-Current Year	14,295.49
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<b>Foundation Board Fund-Total</b>	<b>147,971.16</b>
3020 Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadershi	11,576.78
Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadership Fund-	100.00
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<b>Jerry O'Neal Christian Leadership Fund-T</b>	<b>11,676.78</b>
3040 International Missions Fund	4,969.64
3060 Bob Wall Fund Endowment	5,000.00
Bob Wall Fund Endowment-Current Year	840.00
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<b>Bob Wall Fund Endowment-Total</b>	<b>5,840.00</b>
3065 Bob Wall Fund	1,733.26
3080 Timothy Fund	23,598.09
Timothy Fund-Current Year	-2,400.00
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<b>Timothy Fund-Total</b>	<b>21,198.09</b>
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<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>193,388.93</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Fu</b>	<b>193,388.93</b>
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## Recommendation from the Nominating Committee

It was encouraging how consistent the names were when the nominating committee met to discuss the possible candidates for the Worship Pastor Search Task Force. It flowed very naturally and after a time of prayerful consideration the following candidates have agreed to be considered. The Nominating Committee submits these candidates to serve on the Worship Pastor Search Task Force.

Terry Reeves - Chair, Choir Leadership  
Cory Thompson - Choir Member  
Melody Macaulay - Congregation  
Audra Smith- Handbells  
Laura Ozinga - Alternate

In addition to these members the follow will also serve as voting members:

Steve Laufer - Senior Pastor  
David Mobley - Executive Director  
Richard Simmons - Executive Council Representative

Note: The alternate position will attend the meetings but will be a non-voting member unless someone drops from the Task Force before a candidate is presented.

### Nominating Committee

Lisa Stiles - Chair  
Jason Bodie  
Donna Cox  
Mike Titus - Trustee Representative  
Delynn Halloran - Executive Council Representative

## Search Task Force Bios

### TERRY REEVES

Terry Reeves has been a member of UBC since January 2010. Terry has been a past member and chairman of the UBC Executive Council. Terry has served in the UBC nursery, children's ministry, handbells, Highlight choir, and the Sanctuary Choir, and he has been the president of the Sanctuary Choir for the past several years.

Terry currently teaches the B.A.S.I.C. Weekend Bible Study Class. Terry is married to Angie Reeves who is the teacher of the Lydia Women's Weekend Bible Study Class. Terry and Angie have two children, Ty (19), who is a sophomore at Baylor University, and Erin (11), who is in the 6th grade at Space Center Intermediate School.



### CORY THOMPSON

I have been a member of UBC now for over 20 years. I am married to Andrea and have two sons, Collin, 25, in the Navy and the younger Canon, almost 11, in 5th grade. Over the years, my involvement has included many different areas of service. In the early years at the church, I worked with the youth and directed singles. More recently, I have led a WBS married class and served on the nominating committee. Throughout my time at UBC I have been involved in choir and have contributed in various roles. I love music and being a part of the worship here at UBC. It is impressive to see so many participate and give of themselves to bless the Lord, not just on Sundays, but all through the week with preparation. I count many of the experiences in music over the years here as being some of the most special times in my life. I am grateful to be part of such a strong ministry and look forward to what God will do in the years ahead at UBC.





## MELODY MACAULAY

David and I have been members of UBC since 1995. We have two grown daughters who were baptized and grew up at UBC. I have been involved in G.A.'s, Children's Choirs, Shout Choir, Highlight Choir, Adult Choir, VBS, Women's Bible Study, WBS, Trustees, Nominating Committee, and other activities and ministries. Music has very deep roots for me. My father was a Minister of Music for over 50 years and a professor of music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 22 years. I grew up singing in my father's choirs in church and all through Europe and the former Communist countries in the 1960s and 1970s. Music is an integral part of worship in my life. It touches our hearts in a way that words cannot.



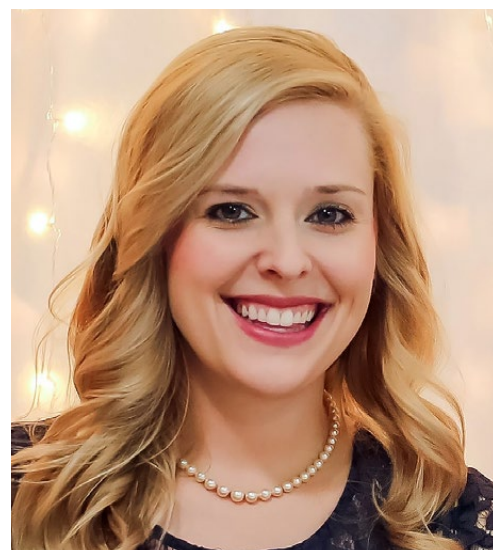
## AUDRA SMITH

I am the wife of Brad Smith and mother to Savannah, Braden, Logan and Nathan Smith. I have attended UBC for 34 years and became a member at 8 years old. I have participated in choir and handbells during all stages of life. I received my Bachelor of Church Music at Dallas Baptist University in 2004. After graduation, I had the incredible opportunity of directing children's, junior high and high school choirs as well as children's and high school handbells. I am honored to serve on the task force to assist in finding our next music minister.



## LAURA OZINGA

Laura began attending UBC in 1998 with her parents (Gene and Debbie Pearce) and younger brother. She was active in Shout and Highlight Choirs, handbells, and Sound Foundation. She also served in preschool ministry in high school and as an intern during the summer of 2004. After college, Laura began teaching for CCISD and returned to UBC. She rejoined music ministry, including sanctuary choir, handbells (until 2014), and Chamber Singers. She enjoys helping with preschool ministry during the summers. Laura's husband, Isaac, is also involved, playing violin in the orchestra and singing in Chamber Singers as time allows. They served in youth ministry for 6 years and are involved in missions in Zambia. Worship has been a passion that brought Laura to the throne of Jesus in a way nothing else could. She's grateful for a church that sees the value of musical excellence in honoring our Lord.









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