



IMPORTANT TRUTHS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST



Are you ready for this? Please take a moment to Inhale and exhale as you meditate on the following:

You are created in the supernatural image-Genesis 1:26, then you never look down on yourself. Stand tall.

You have an excellent mind as Christ-1Corinthians 2:16, then you are smart and do not believe otherwise.

You are made from a flawless specimen-1Peter 1:23, then produce exceptional work.

You have been set free long ago-John 8:36, then you are free to be all God wants for you. Fulfill destiny.

You prosper in everything you touch as a righteous child of God-Psalm 1:3, then what are you waiting for?

You are surrounded by God's favour like a shield-Proverbs 5:12, then expect goodness always.

You are guaranteed a harvest in planting season-Genesis 8:22, then go for it, do not postpone your sowing.

You are sitting amongst the mightiest authority in creation-Ephesians 2:6, then be confident, don't worry.

You are safe and secured by the most impenetrable security detail-Psalm 18:2, Psalm 91, then fear nothing.

UBC YOUTH NETWORK

CREO-The Young Adult Creative Outreach



Creo-is the space to explore and expand creativity. Workshop and Spaces-To help you grow creatively.

MUSIC

Lets make some MUSIC!

CREATIVE WRITING

Poetry, storytelling, script writing etc.

VISUAL ARTS

Paintng, digital design, drawing, etc.

PERFORMING

Skits and plays that give one the ability to grow and learn

Main Art Subjects

PEOPLE

Create a network of creatives that are able to Collaborate well.

GOD

Show the love of Christ through every thing we do, and we hope to share that to every one that joins.

COMMUNITY

Show people that the community is here to help, by helping them with resources to start projects, educate themselves, and Explore Creativity

ABSTRACT

We will introduce abstract art forms the give an "out of the box" view of art

Expression-Give even kids the ability to express themselves in many ways. Fun-These are intended to come with the maximum amount of fun. Immersive Activity-Creating positive engagement.

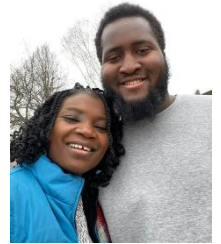
Why- The Social determinants of health are often considered to be at the heart of problematic substance use. Statics shows that young people are less likely to take illicit drugs if a positive creative is made available. It is time for change; adolescent who participate in activities were half as likely as non-participants to have smoked cigarettes according to the National Survey on Drugs use and Health (NSDUH)



EMMANUEL AIGBUKOR COMPLETES STUDY AT ALGOMA U

Congratulations to all our youth completing their exams. We are sad to see Emmanuel Aigbukor move back to Toronto after a successful completion of study at Algoma University. Emmanuel recently completed his music major degree at AU. Since 2020, Emmanuel has been an active member of UBC music team; Afro Caribbean concert and has been responsible for inviting over 12 youths to church. We wish Emmanuel all the best in his pursuits, and he promised to visit soon!

We are counting on that!



BABY DEDICATION



We rejoice with the family of **Cristina Aw aw and Alexis Yapchiongo** on their baby's dedication-**Aleix Neve Franscesca Yapchionco**. It was a joyful welcome of Franscesca to the United Baptist Church family. This is a sign of beautiful things unfolding and even greater things ahead.

Please celebrate with **Jason and Maria Sharpe** as they dedicate their baby, **Faith Lily Ann** on Sunday May 8th, 2022. What an amazing season the Lord has blessed us all with.



Faith and her big sister Promise

Come rejoice with them.

CBOQ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

It was all smiles after a heartwarming accreditation meeting with the CBOQ committee last Wednesday April 26th. This represents steps towards the final stage of the CBOQ accreditation requirement to being fully certified as a CBOQ Minister following ordination several years ago from a previous ministry.

"I am grateful for our Church and leadership support; you are the best there is"

....Pastor Gabriel Araba

MEET THE UBC NEW ATTENDEES AT A GET-TO-GETHER SOCIAL

Our Church family is growing, *for which we give thanks!*

Let us get together to get to know each other at a social time on **Saturday, May 28th, 2022 4pm** in the lower hall.

This is for You - each and every person in the UBC family.

Come for a time of fun, food *and* fellowship

More details to follow but mark the date on your calendar NOW!!!

See you there!





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THE UBC AUDIOVISUAL TEAM IS HATCHING A PLAN?

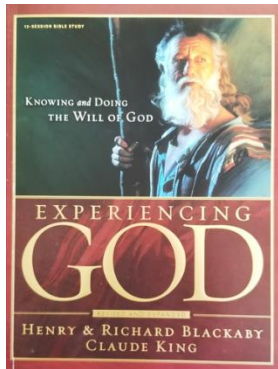
With new volunteers stepping up to serve in the UBC Media team, *we are immensely thankful!*



On Saturday April 29th, 2022 the team met to deliberate on great ideas and ways to further assist Rod, Romi, Roger and Meghan with the huge task they take on weekly. We are happy to have Sesan Adeleke, Ola Olatunbosun, Deniola Ayanbamiji with

Joshua Stephen stepping up by Grace to serve God with their gifting in audiovisuals. We are looking forward to seeing a video format announcement, Flyers for our church programs, more hands to help on our video live streaming and social media presence. Please keep them in your prayers and give them our full support. Blessings on everyone.

INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY



Our souls were nourished and lifted last Thursday in a very interactive bible study time at 6.30pm. Happy to have more people attend this awesome time. Remember, you can get this inspirational experience weekly. It is Worth Every Second You Spend

2 Timothy 2:16- Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

Still on the text- ***Experiencing God***, topic for the day “God Speaks with a Purpose”, page 45. When He speaks to you it is because he wants to do something amazing, and it would require your obedience. It was great to have Fabio and Carina present. It was a great time.

The Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service was on Sunday May 1st, 2022. Thank you for participating. Communion elements were provided for the in-person attendees. All others, prepare their own bread or biscuit and Juice/ wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel prayed for the bread and wine and invited members online as well. Everyone was blessed.



Sunday Service Via Zoom Platform & In-Person



Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am in-person as well as on the zoom platform, in accordance with current APH guidelines.

Please be a part of this amazing time.

For online, Please join church services using the Zoom link below. Zoom link details:



Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!



IN OTHER NEWS , April 2022



AHH- the joys of being a Northerner. This same scenario occurs each and every Spring, *we can count on it.*

Equally, we can also count on your Board of Deacons and your Board of Management, meeting regularly, via Zoom, the second and third Wednesday of each month.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of either Board with your questions, concerns and even kudos -*we`d love to hear from you.* Contact information is on the back of the monthly calendar.

Some highlights from those meetings.

- UBC will host the **Northern Association's Spring Assembly** on May 13th and 14th. While member delegates are identified, **everyone is welcome to attend.** See **page 6** for full details of this event *that's been on hold since 2020.*
- **Appreciation** was expressed for those who helped with the **deep clean of the kitchen and lower level** following over two years of little or no usage in preparation for Good Friday Services. *Ask Rod about doing dishes!*
- **Anett Joseph**, Coordinator for the **Outreach Project**, met with the Board to discuss the development of a **Single and Young Parents' Group**. - funded by **CBOQ grants.**
- The **Annual Meeting** will be combined with the church barbeque, to be held after the morning church service on **June 26th.**
- A new Committee has been formed to organize a **newcomers' meeting/event.**
- Identified was the need for a **Chair for the Personnel Committee.** Sincere **thanks** to **Lloyd Beilhartz** for his dedicated expertise and leadership in this important aspect of church life.
- Pastor Gabriel hosted the **Sault Ste. Marie Evangelical Ministerium** meeting at UBC on April 12th in the lower level.
- Pastor Gabriel will meet with the **CBOQ Accreditation Committee** on April 26th. The last step for his accreditation will be completion of a Baptist History course available in the fall.
- The **Social Committee** expressed **deep appreciation to all** those who helped in so many ways as we were finally able to host **our traditional 50+ year combined Good Friday Service with Willowgove United**, on hold since 2020, due to Covid restrictions. A time of fellowship followed the Service and hot cross buns served.
- With a growing Sunday School, **child size chairs are needed.** If you have a small child's chair that could be donated, contact Sandra Lyons.
- Being explored is holding a **1 or 2-week Vacation Bible School** for children during the month of July. Any who wish to volunteer to help should speak with Pastor Gabriel or any member of the Deacons or Board of Management.
- Approved was the **annual donation for Camp Norland** (\$2,000 and same as for 2021).
- For the period ending March 31, 2022, the church is in a **deficit position** of **-\$5,011.68**

-with appreciation for Minutes from Susan Van Atte and Mary Ellen Johns.



The **Currie McPhail Mission Circle** met at the church on **April 19th, at noon** and brown bagged our lunches. Present were Susan Van Atte, Linda Mador, Virginia Dickson, Sandra Lyons, Verna Scott, Shirlianne Morrison with Mary Ellen Johns joining us for a while. Steph Hattie chaired.

Virginia gave a **devotional**. She read scriptures from Ephesians that were letters written by Paul to The Ephesians and graciously shared two of her original poems with us. **Thank you** Virginia.

Our guest speaker, **Anett Joseph** was introduced. She is the church's **Project Co--Ordinator** who was hired to spearhead and organize the outreach initiatives as outlined in one of our three successful **submissions** to CBOQ for **grant funding**.

The plan is to connect **senior women**, both from within the church as well as from the community, with **single and young parents**, to **share expertise, learn new skills-** parenting, budgeting, shopping, cooking. The discussion revolved around beginning with a small group- **within our own church first** to better determine the needs, with friendships hopefully developing, and progress from a small group into the larger community. With approval from the Board of Management, a letter of request has been sent to CBOQ for permission to adjust our plans as stated in the original submission. Anett was thanked by Susan and presented *with –none other than–* Scrubbies – both an original as well as a new addition to the Scrubbie family as designed and created by our own **Lorraine Smith**. With Covid restrictions lifting, we hope to initiate some projects in the near future.

Minutes from the virtually held **World Day of Prayer** (March 4th) were read. A total of 25 women *and one dog at Holy Trinity*, participated for the **six Hill Area Churches**. Our thanks to **Pastor Gabriel** for facilitating Zoom.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Shirlianne, - we have **\$1,884.42** in the General Account.

Susan reported on **Strategic Giving** – with ongoing support for **Missing Tribe** and **Soura Widows** projects in India. We traditionally have a **"Talent Sale"** at our June meeting, hoping to raise \$250 for each.

With the horrific crisis in **Ukraine**, a donation of **\$300.00** was dropped off at St Mary's Ukrainian Church, made out to **CNEWA** from which **\$0.95 of each dollar** is sent to Ukraine, and **\$0.05** kept for administration.

It's time to renew subscriptions for **LIVE** magazine @\$20.00- cheques payable to **Verna Scott** or cash, can be left in the box provided in the Narthex.

Samples of **Scrubbies, reusable paper towels** and **dish cloths** were shared from Sharon's daughter-in-law, Rebecca Burns who resides in Michigan and generously donates quality handmade items to our Brunch sale. We each took some home to do a **"test run"**, promising to report results to Sharon for possible inclusion in our annual November **Fundraiser for Missions sale**.

With hosting Spring Assembly the weekend of the 13th and 14, **our May meeting** will be held the following week, **May 17th- noon-** brown bag lunch. **Host** for the meeting and agenda to be decided. **Volunteers?????????**

Verna was prepared with a closing prayer.

-with appreciation for Minutes from Shirlianne Morrison.



Originally planned for May, 2020, **Spring Assembly for the Churches of The Northern Association**, before COVID turned our entire world upside down- *several times*-. **is happening** -**May 13 and 14th, 2022**, in person, right here at UBC .

United Baptist has a longstanding and treasured affiliation with **The Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ)**, and while each church in this partnership is completely autonomous, the **support** - *in a myriad of ways*, **guidance** through challenging times and **grants** that have enabled us to

move forward, play a significant role in where we are as a church today and for which we are grateful.

We are known as **Convention Churches**.

However, as in most aspects of life, churches in the north, have differing concerns and issues than our partners to the south, and so have united in a bond of mutual support as **The Churches of the Northern Association**.

They are:

Blind River – Immanuel Baptist
Englehart First Baptist
Kirkland Lake First Baptist
New Liskeard First Baptist
Sudbury- All Nations

Capreol First Baptist
Halleybury & District Baptist
Kipling First Baptist
North Bay First Baptist
Garson First Baptist

United Baptist- Sault Ste. Marie

The governing Northern Association Council consists of The Executive:

Moderator – Rev. Stephen Speer

Vice Moderator- Percy Clarkson

Past Moderator – Rev. Dick Blackwell

Clerk/Treasurer- Rev. Mark Ziller

Baptist Women’s Representative – **vacant**

Camp Norland Rep – Ron Martin

The Pastor and a **designated Northern Association representative** from each of the affiliated churches.

The Agenda:

Friday, May 13th

- 4:00pm -6:00pm** Registration – with snacks
- 6:00pm** Worship Service -songs, sermon, prayer
- 7:00pm-** Camp Norland AGM
- 7:45-9:00pm** Dinner together at **Wacky Wings**
- 9:00pm-** Pastors’ time of private fellowship

Saturday May 14th

- 8:30am** Registration - with snacks
- 9:00am** **Worship Service** -songs, sermon, prayer
- 10:00am** - Breakout Rooms
- 11:00am** Lunch provided by UBC-Freewill offering
- 12-2:00pm** Northern Association AGM
- 2:00pm** Closing Remarks and prayer.

Representing UBC:

Pastor- Gabriel Araba,

Northern Association Representative – Steph Hattie.

Voting Delegates -Rod Stone, Verna Scott and Mary Ellen Johns – *we are allowed 3*.

There is **NO LIMIT** on **NON-Voting delegates** and **all interested members of the church family** are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It is the ideal opportunity -*no traveling involved* - to learn more about our affiliation and meet with others of our common **Baptist faith** and **Northern Ontario perspective**.

Thanks:

Deep appreciation to the dedicated and most capable team that has come together to ensure a warm, welcoming and memorable experience for all attending. We anticipate hosting **40 – 50 participants**.