



THE LATEST GIST!

We discovered the truth about how to make daddy happy and mom too of course!



If you have been attending the United Baptist Church lately, you would have heard the resounding message on Faith from the pulpit. That God is our Daddy, and It is impossible to please God without Faith- Hebrews 11:6.

At the beginning of the Month of September, Aaron Smith shared on the faithfulness of God, testifying that God is a promise keeper and even from a Medical Doctor's perspective,

God is the greatest physician. His testimony of healing and sustenance encourages us to depend on the unflinching word of God.

I continue to see from time to time and year after year that our lives are being enriched daily as we observe God fulfilling His promises to us every day and in every way. We have learnt that Faith speaks and how we must live everyday from an established supernatural victorious perspective in all situations.

We learnt some more truths to bear in mind about faith. That Faith has a voice and Faith Speaks. What you say to yourself matters. Faith Speaks from belief in God's Word. Faith says, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me." Let the weakling say, "I am strong!" Joel-3:10.

As a family under God, we understand that Faith is about believing in Jesus Christ as the only solution to our life problems.....like the woman with the issue of blood who desperately touched Jesus Christ as her one and only answer. There are many options in life, but Christ is the way the truth and the life.

How Do We Get Faith?

The answer is simple. Engaging with God's word consistently impacts us with power to operate and live by faith.

"So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"-Romans 10:17.



There is no doubt that we have the power to overcome the storms of life, no matter the shape, size, or form of the challenge. Faith speaks the word of God to mountains and reduces them to leveled ground. Faith puts the Believer in command of the supernatural. This is God's will for us. Deuteronomy 26:8-9.

Living a lifestyle of Faith is the way to please God, no doubt it is the way to make our Daddy happy.



Pastor Gabriel Araba

CBOQ UPDATE AND THE REVITALIZATION OF CHURCH PROGRAM

The United Baptist Church has been a part of the CBOQ Church Revitalization program with delegates (Pastor Gabriel Araba, Rod Stone, and Charlotte Mandolesi).

It has been so wonderful and impactful for our church. We hold a series of meeting weekly to encourage, share and learn from a group of churches also participating from across the wider CBOQ family. September 27th was the latest meeting at 7:00 pm, and the following are the highlights.



At the end of our time together, attendees were encouraged to take a step of faith and if there are 'waves' not to always see them as an indication that you have done something wrong. Seek that the waves do not distract you from revitalization.

We agreed change can bring a resistance to change. Here then are some questions to explore with our revitalization team before **we meet again on the 25th October at 7:00 pm.**

- Acts 19: Where do you see transformation and where do you see resistance to change?
- Why is change hard for us and how can we help people welcome it? (See comeback churches pg. 176, 185-186).
- Name the challenges to effective mission in your church?
- What opportunities do you have for trying something new in the area of mission?
- How can we help people experience God? How can our stories (testimonies) help people experience God? (See Pg.98 - How to revive evangelism?) What opportunities do we have for intentional conversations?
- What mission event/activity will your church run in the next few months? We will ask for feedback on this event next time we meet.

Remember the 19th November 1:00 pm will be our time to meet with the other two cohorts for a recap and to look ahead to next year.

Enjoy the discussion and look forward to meeting again October 25th 7:00 pm.



You are invited to the Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service on October 2nd, 2022. Please don't miss it. Communion elements are provided for the in-person attendees. We implore online attendees to please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel would pray for the bread and wine. Most importantly, please prepare your heart as well. God bless you.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE & VIA ZOOM PLATFORM



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CHURCH

Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am on the zoom platform and in-person service as well.

Please be a part of this amazing time. Efforts are being made to make it available on YouTube as well. We will let you know. YouTube – Search **United Baptist Channel**.

All safety precautions are observed and we can look forward to an awesome time, every Sunday.

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

Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!

Bible study, Praise & Prayer



To help care for the spiritual growth and soul revitalization of our family and friends, we have scheduled Thursday evenings as a time to **Recharge, Relax, Reactivate, Refresh and Revive** in the spirit, Soul, and body.

It's always an awesome time.

Time: 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the Main Sanctuary. It is interactive 😊

Please plan, pray, prepare, and invite others to attend. This is a great opportunity for our church to:

1. Stay connected with the Living word of God, which is **food for our Soul, Spirit and Light for us** which we require to grow effectively. Get Divine Wisdom and Understanding from God's word. Get Recharged and Activated by God's Spirit towards fulfilling your God-giving Purpose.

Psalm 119:105 : " Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." John 6:35: "Then Jesus declared, **"I am the bread of life.** Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

2. This allows us to **be strong** and stay **in touch with God's Will**. James 5:16: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

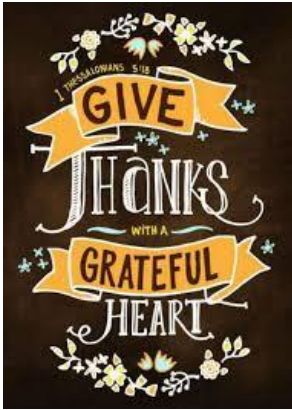
A Bible believing, Praying and Praising Church is a Victorious Church!

God Bless you all.

Pastor Gabriel Araba



IN OTHER NEWS, SEPTEMBER, 2022



Seasons come and season go - **to everything there is a season** (Ecc. 3:1) and while we all have our favourite, regardless of the season, there is always much for which to be **grateful** and **to give thanks**.

At UBC, we are in our **Season of Thanks** - blessed beyond measure to be welcoming the many, many inspiring and dedicated new to the UBC church family, exciting new opportunities and options, and navigating the steps to make things function seamlessly and effectively for all.

This is the task of your **Board of Deacons** and **Board of Management**, which meet the **2nd and 3rd Wednesday** of each month, via Zoom.

Highlights of the September meetings:

- **Volunteer opportunities-Coffee Hour** needs volunteers for;
 - (a) **supervision** of children in the nursery during Coffee Hour
 - (b) donation of **cookies** - see Lois Houghton
 - (c) assistance in **set up and clean up** - see Nicole Rahaman
- **Flower Committee** - enhancement of the sanctuary and church as a whole - see Pastor Gabriel
- **Care Calls** - monthly phone calls to members of the church family. Call List is under revision.
- **Bible Study and Prayer Group** has been combined and will now be held on **Thursdays 6:30pm**.
- The **Music Team** is making plans for **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas**.
- More information is required before any decisions can be entertained on the request by the owner of the strip mall on Great Northern to **purchase UBC owned property** behind the mall.
- Being explored is **signage on the exterior of the church**, awaiting guidelines from **City Hall**.
- Estimate of **brick repairs (excluding the Carillon Tower)** is **\$3,900 plus HST**. **Seeking quotes for the Tower**.
- A **small group Home Study "Experiencing God"** has started in one home with another in the planning stage. Pastor Gabriel is available to assist in the setup of other such groups.
- **Property Committee** is investigating regulations and prices to install **grab bars** in the ladies downstairs' washrooms as well as the **delay** in installation of a **new floor** in the Narthex handicap washroom.
- A proper **drummer's chair** has been purchased for the **Praise and Worship Team**.
- The **sound system** was discussed with a need to explore issues relating to **both inside and outside (Carillon) the church**.
- A motion to support **CREO's** use of the church was **approved**.
- Pastor Gabriel and the Board **acknowledged and appreciated** those who have supported the Sunday School children and their parents.
- Approved was a motion to support recommendations by the Finance Chair to **increase the 2022 budget amounts for the Outreach Coordinator (increased hours) and other staff wages, Social Committee expenses, and Snow Removal/Sanding/Flushing**. Projected then is a **deficit of approximately -\$21,000**.

-with thanks to Minutes from Susan Van Atte and Mary Ellen Johns.

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Saturday, November 12, 2022

Currie McPhail Circle is pleased to be conducting their 3rd Annual Fall Sale to raise funds for **Missions**, so that we can continue to contribute to:

- (a) **LOCAL groups** that support **vulnerable women and children**,
- (b) a chosen **CBWOQ** (Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec) initiative that supports a specific identified need,
- as well as (c) to **UBC** - this past year, providing the funds for a highly successful **Vacation Bible School** under the very capable leadership of Project Co-ordinator, **Shelly Bazil-Smith** and a **dedicated team of volunteers**.

In keeping with the **overwhelming positive feedback** of the setup for the past two sales, that provided a **safe and comfortable** shopping environment, it will be **10 persons registered, every half hour, with masking required and a designated route through the various stations**.

Our members have been hard at work planning and preparing, so that we can provide past favourites – our popular Squares, Chili, Soup, a variety of baking, our famous Scrubbies- *with an exciting new addition to the Scrubbie Family created by our very own Lorraine Smith*, preserves, knitting, dishcloths, jewellery, handmade cards, jams, pillowcases, runners, hot pads, and so much more.

Everyone in the **Church Family** is invited and encouraged to be a part of this event by donating their **time** in volunteering to help, their **talents** in donating items for sale and their contacts in **promoting**.

Please join with Currie McPhail Circle as they meet on **Tuesday, October 11th - at noon – brown bag lunch**, in the lower hall to finalize plans to be shared as soon as they are available.

----SAVE THE DATE, DONATE, VOLUNTEER AND SPREAD THE WORD ----

Currie McPhail updates:

- **Bank Balance** of \$631.90 with **VBS expenses** of \$773.42 paid.
- **Felting supplies** donated to Old Stone House and **boxes of material** to **Dragonfly** (all proceeds to **ARCH**).
- White cupboards downsized to make space for **CREO** supplies storage in the second Sunday School room.



WE'RE GROWING -GOD IS GOOD

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We are very pleased that our Sunday school has increased to the point where we **require another classroom**. We are dividing the children into 2 groups. The younger group, **ages 4 - 7** will be in our existing classroom and the older ones **8- 12** will be in the newly painted and decorated room.



I would especially like to thank **SanSan**, and **Jason** for their preparation and painting of the room and **Nicole** for her beautiful tree mural. We currently have 7 teachers. However, one will be leaving shortly for an extended vacation home to Nigeria.

– Sandra Lyons



Outreach Committee Report

– Susan Van Atte

The Committee has been **meeting frequently** via Zoom to plan for fall events and special speakers.

Unfortunately, and after considerable effort, **Family Fun Day was postponed** for a number of reasons - *volunteers' and potential participants' work schedules and challenges in getting the word out.*

The Committee is currently discussing a "**Christmas Around the World**" dinner for December 18th *with more information to follow.*

Held on August 26th, **Movie Night** was successful with approximately 40 adults and children in attendance.

The September 14th Newcomer presentation (*speakers from the Community Career Centre*) was successful with 16 persons plus Outreach Committee members, Pastor Gabriel, and two speakers in attendance.



We are looking forward to the **October 17th presentation** with a guest speaker from the **Northern Ontario Immigration Program**. *These events were identified as interests in our survey of parents.*



Also planned is a **Pizza and Parenting night on October 8th at 6:30 p.m.** as we move forward to developing a parent groupsupporting parents in our community by presenting topics and learning experiences identified by the parents themselves.

The **Young Adults BBQ/Bonfire** was held on Sunday evening, September 18th at the home of Liz and Mark Moran. **Approximately 65 persons (young adults and a few children) attended.** Many expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the event. See video link here <https://youtu.be/6Asp3-seUzo>