

# THE COMMUNICATOR

# January 2012

## UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

### Opportunities for Christian Formation

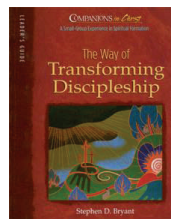
#### Winter Bible Study January 28-29

#### *Ruth: Making Room for God* with Jim Dant

This year we continue our tradition of excellent Bible study as we welcome Jim Dant, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist of Macon, Georgia and adjunct professor at Mercer University. Jim is an engaging leader and preacher and we're excited about what he will bring to our study of Ruth. In preparation for Winter Bible Study, read the book of Ruth. It won't take you long, there are only four chapters!

Jim will be leading us in two sessions Saturday night, January 28 with dinner served in the break. Sunday morning, January 29 all adult Sunday School classes will meet together for another session with Jim before he preaches in the worship service as well. Be sure to sign up for dinner and go to [www.jimdant.com](http://www.jimdant.com) to learn more about Jim.

#### Sunday Evening Small Groups



During the season of Lent, we will be offering a small group discipleship opportunity. Our study will be guided by Trevor Hudson's *The Way of Transforming Discipleship*, which seeks to guide participants toward an authentic Christian spirituality.

The study guide is born out of Hudson's experience as a South African minister, especially his work in the 1980's and 1990's to lead groups of white Christians on "pilgrimages of pain and hope" in which they trespassed the racial boundaries of apartheid and spent several days with the invisible poor, listening to the groans of humanity.

After an introductory week, the five weekly themes of the study are: Knowing Who We Are, Changing from the Inside, Listening to the Groans, Experiencing the God who Heals, Discovering Community Together

We believe these small groups will provide a means toward personal growth as disciples of Jesus. But more than that, we hope the study will guide UBC in its conversations about our future, helping us ground conversations about our future within our identity as disciples and our calling to participate in the transformational work of the Kingdom of God.

Groups will meet on Sunday nights beginning February 19. **If you are interested, please contact Rusty or Ashley as we need to know how many groups we will need.** Right now we know we will have two groups, one meeting at the home of Ashley Gill and the other at the home of Rusty and Jenny Edwards.



# UBC Reaching Out to Over 200 University Students in January

Our College Committee is hard at work this month. They are responding to two opportunities that will allow UBC to minister to over two hundred university students at William Carey and USM.



On Tuesday, January 31, UBC will sponsor the weekly Priority Lunch at William Carey. Priority Lunch is an activity of the Baptist Student Union. Along with feeding about one hundred students, we will lead a time of devotion and share opportunities for students to serve alongside us and our partners as we strive to share the love of Christ in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and around the globe.

We are also in the beginning stages of a new partnership at USM with the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program. Each year, the program welcomes approximately one hundred freshmen into its living-learning community. Along with living in a dorm together and participating in special seminars, the students are required to serve in the community throughout their undergraduate years at USM. Our role as a partner with the program will be to form a loving support system to encourage the students, while also working on opportunities to serve alongside them as our mission partnerships continue to grow. The immediate task for early January is to make welcome-back-to-USM/Hattiesburg bags for the returning freshmen. We will put the bags together and the Luckyday staff will place them in the dorm rooms. As students return, they will be greeted by their new UBC friends!



So how can you be involved? In the months ahead, we anticipate opportunities for personal engagement with students. However, what we need most right now is financial sponsorship of these events. To complete these projects with excellence, we are estimating expenses of \$10 per student. The college committee has put together an interesting piece of art with two-hundred spoons in William Carey and USM colors. The spoons will be located in the hallway outside the church office. Please take a spoon for each student you sponsor as a reminder to pray for them and for the efforts of our College Committee. Hopefully, all the spoons will be gone within the first few weeks of January!

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## Common Threads in Collegiate Ministry

Ministry with college students is "life giving" to a congregation that understands that this is a calling and a mission. Conversely, churches that do not understand that young adults are the future of the church are cutting themselves off from tomorrow.

So, how do we do ministry to college students?  
The same way we do any ministry:

- ◆ We build relationships,
- ◆ We build trust among each other and the world beyond,
- ◆ We develop a church culture that says that this ministry is important and informs all that we do,
- ◆ We keep on, even when it is not cost-effective or fun,

- ◆ We celebrate our successes,
- ◆ We encourage young adults to seek Christ in all that they do, and
- ◆ Then we celebrate when that happens!

If you want to know if you are doing ministry to student, well, ask them. If they trust you, they will tell you. If you love them, you will listen.



-Wanda Kidd,  
CBF Collegiate Ministry Consultant

*Part of "Common Threads in Collegiate Ministry"  
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## King James Bible Exhibit Comes to William Carey in January

The William Carey University Library has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to host an exhibit celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the King James Bible. The exhibit, entitled *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible*, will be on display at the Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art on the William Carey University's Hattiesburg campus from January 19 through February 16, 2012. Exhibit hours, beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup> will be Mondays through Thursdays 9 am until 7 pm, Fridays 9 am until 5 pm, Saturdays 10 am until 5 pm, and Sundays 1 pm until 5 pm.

The Public Library of Hattiesburg, Petal, and Forrest County is partnering with the William Carey University Library to offer free public programs to accompany the exhibit:

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm: *KJB: The Book That Changed the World*, a film viewing at the Hattiesburg Public Library.

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm: *The Family Bibles Road Show*, a workshop on the care and preservation of family Bibles at the Hattiesburg Public Library. Bring your family Bible to show.

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 until 5:00 pm: Exhibit Opening, Reception, and Gallery Talks at the Sarah Gillespie Museum on the William Carey campus.

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm: *British Problem: The King James Bible as Governing Performance*, a lecture and discussion featuring Dr. Myron Noonkester. In the Thomas Business Building on the William Carey campus.

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am: *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible*, a book club discussion at the Hattiesburg (January 25<sup>th</sup>) and the Petal (January 31<sup>st</sup>) Public Libraries.

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm: *The King James Bible's Reliance on 16<sup>th</sup> Century English Bibles*, a lecture and discussion featuring Dr. Bennie Crockett. In the Thomas Business Building on the William Carey campus.

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm: *The Extraordinary Word for the Ordinary Man: The Grassroots Impact of the King James Bible*, a student panel discussion. In Wilkes Hall on the William Carey campus.

Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm: *Covering the Feet: Scatological References in the King James Bible*, a lecture and discussion featuring Dr. Daniel Browning. In the Thomas Business Building on the William Carey campus.

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm: *Living in the Belt With the Good Book*, a panel discussion featuring Dr. Allison Chestnut, Dr. Lorie Watkins Fulton, and Dr. Thomas Richardson.

For more exhibit and program information, or for information about group tours, call Sherry Laughlin, Director of Libraries, at 601.318.6170, or visit the exhibit website at <http://library.wmcarey.edu/>.

# UBC in Brief



## Back Door Coffee House

This month's Back Door will meet on Friday, January 6 at 7:30 pm. Musicians Courtney Lindahl and Jaime Jimenez as well as our very own David Walker are scheduled to perform.

## Ordination Service & Covered Dish Luncheon

Rob King and Eric Leatherwood will be ordained as deacons during the morning worship service on January 15. Following the service, we will have a church wide covered dish lunch in Kelley Hall. Please plan to join us for worship and stay for lunch.

## Crafters Guild

The monthly meeting of the Crafters is back on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in Kelley Hall. Bring your latest project.



## Senior Adults to William Carey

At 10 am on Tuesday, January 24 UBC Primetimers are headed to William Carey to tour the King James Bible exhibit and eat lunch. Sign-ups are available. See page 3 to learn more about this exhibit.



## Winter Bible Study

January 28-29 we welcome Jim Dant as he leads us through a study of the book of Ruth: Making Room for God. Dinner will be served at the Saturday night session, so please sign up if you'll be attending.

## Priority Lunch at William Carey

UBC will sponsor lunch and lead a devotional for students on Tuesday, January 31. See article on page 2 for ways you can support this event.

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

CBF General Assembly will be held on June 20-23 in Fort Worth, TX. Registration for the event is open and UBC rooms are reserved. If you are attending, would like a room, or want more information, please talk to Rusty or Ashley.

## Committee Meetings

All committees will have a chance to meet in January to get our new church year off to a good start. Meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, following dinner. For those who do not have a committee meeting, there will be a devotional and prayer time led by Charlie Parkman and Gloria Green.

January 11: Audio, Baptismal, Building & Grounds, Lord's Supper, College, Communications, Denominational, Kitchen, Education Council

January 25: Collections, Media Center, Outreach, Personnel, Policy & Procedure, Preschool/Children, Senior Adult, Ushers, Worship, Youth

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

January 1-Epiphany  
Sermon: We Saw His Star  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Sermon by Ashley Gill

January 8- Baptism of the Lord  
Baptism of Charles McSwain  
Sermon: "Torn Apart"  
Mark 1:4-11

January 15-Epiphany  
Deacon Ordination  
Sermon: "Listening Servants"  
1 Samuel 3:10

January 22-Epiphany  
Sermon: "Out of the Water"  
Mark 1:14-20; Jonah 3:1-5, 10

January 29-Epiphany  
Winter Bible Study  
Sermon by Jim Dant

## Wednesday Evenings

January 11  
Committee Night  
Devotional and Prayer  
by Charlie Parkman

January 18  
Business Meeting

January 25  
Committee Night  
Devotional and Prayer  
by Gloria Green


Upcoming Studies  
Feb 1 & 8:  
CBF Global Missions

Feb 29-March 25:  
Psalms and the Life of Faith  
by Rusty Edwards

# January 2012

## *University Baptist Church*

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# This Month's Birthdays

- 1 Bryant Myatt
- 2 John Alcorn
- 3 Lela Alcorn
- 4 Betty Mitchell
- 7 Sarah Etheridge
- 10 Jan Davis
- 13 Tom Estes
- 13 Sherry Laughlin
- 15 Hayward Anderson
- 18 Blake Smith
- 19 Graham Hales
- 19 Grace Hightower
- 23 David Holley
- 23 Pat Robertson
- 26 Sarah Fowler
- 27 Mary Simmons
- 29 Lynda Thoms
- 30 Leah Henderson

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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| <p><b>DEACON OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p>1 Gloria Green</p> <p>8 Lida McDowell</p> <p>15 Eric Leatherwood</p> <p>22 Rob King</p> <p>29 Marcus Hogan</p> | <p><b>LAY READERS</b></p> <p>1 Charlie &amp; Lucy Parkman</p> <p>8 Paul and Sherry Laughlin</p> <p>15 Iris Easterling</p> <p>22 Russell and Gena Lott</p> <p>29 TBA</p> |
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- OFFERING COUNTERS**
- 1st Sun Peggy and Bryant Myatt
  - 2nd Sun Ruth Barton, Shirley McCraw
  - 3rd Sun Al Butler, Bill Hughes
  - 4th Sun Sam Clinton, Jerry Hetrick

- EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**
- 1 Iris Easterling, Mary Simmons
  - 8 Lynda Thoms, Jennifer Courtney, Tom Thoms
  - 15 Jessica Paulk, Gena Lott, Allison Leatherwood
  - 22 Amber Hauptmann, Christy Thornton, Amy Hinton
  - 29 Billie Hogan, Kim Walker, Lucy Parkman



*have been received  
in memory of*

*Virginia Burgess  
A. L. Payne*

### CBF of Mississippi Makes Five Year Commitment to Together for Hope

Launched in 2001, Together for Hope (TFH) is a long-term commitment to working with people in 20 of the nation's poorest counties in order to affect change and break the cycle of economic disparity. The ministry is about establishing long-term relationships, listening, learning and walking alongside local leaders. The hope is that communities will be transformed as will the churches and individuals who serve in focal counties.



Together for Hope is CBF's Rural Poverty Initiative around the United States including 3 counties in our state of Mississippi

One agency partnering with TFH is the Cary Christian Center in Cary, Mississippi. Through parenting help, dental care, thrift stores, teen ministry, and one-on-one relationships, the Cary Christian Center is working to change lives one relationship at a time.

The ministry in the Mississippi River Delta is in six counties and parishes with three in Mississippi: Sunflower, Holmes, and Sharkey counties. Lynn Hutchinson recently began work with Together for Hope in Mississippi. Using asset development versus needs based ministry, TFH helps communities look at themselves to see what assets they have and help is given to develop those assets to improve lives.

At the November CBF of Mississippi coordinating council meeting, a five year commitment to work with Together for Hope was adopted. In the coming months, we'll hear more about this commitment and how local churches like UBC can be involved in the life changing ministries in the Mississippi River Delta in the years to come.

To learn more about Together for Hope and the Cary Christian Center, visit [www.ruralpoverty.org](http://www.ruralpoverty.org) and [www.carychristiancenter.org](http://www.carychristiancenter.org).



# Budget Planning

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8: REVIEW BY ADULT AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Each Adult and Youth Sunday School Class is requested to take a few minutes of their class time to evaluate the church budget. The classes are encouraged to offer comments (IN WRITING) to the Finance Committee. These comments should be given to the Finance Committee Chair by Monday, January 16.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16: DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN REPORTS** to be submitted to the Finance Committee from all church Adult and Youth Sunday School classes, committees, councils, and church staff for suggestions concerning the church proposed budget.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18: INFORMAL DISCUSSION BY CONGREGATION** - An informal discussion of the comments presented by the Sunday School classes, committees, councils, and church staff will be conducted during the regular monthly business meeting. This discussion period will be for suggestions to the Finance

Committee for their consideration. No formal action will be made during this discussion period.

**SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS** – The Finance Committee reviews suggestions from the congregation and formulates the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11: 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED TO THE DEACONS** – The Deacons and Finance Committee will have a joint 8:00 a.m. meeting to review the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13: 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET MAILED TO MEMBERS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21: 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED TO CONGREGATION** – At the regular monthly business meeting, the congregation will discuss the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25: MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET** – At the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the congregation will vote on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

## Children's Choir Christmas Program



## UBC troubadours went Christmas caroling to UBC members' homes



## Church Approves Columbarium and Memorial Garden Project

In the October business meeting, the church approved a recommendation from the diaconate that we move forward with the Columbarium and Memorial Garden Project. The church is now accepting subscriptions for niches and memorial plaques. In January, the deacons will reevaluate the project and make recommendations to the church based on the monies received and committed to the project. If you plan to reserve a niche or plaque, we encourage you to do so before the January deacon's meeting. As we prepare to celebrate All Saints day on Sunday, November 6, we are reminded of the importance of remembering the saints who have gone before us. Our hope is that this project will provide a means for the congregation to be consistently reminded that every time we gather for worship, we are joined by the saints. We are a living fellowship that extends beyond our time and place into the eternal Kingdom of God. The Garden will be a place of remembering and celebrating the resurrection life.



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**Chuck Stewart**, Custodian

## Welcome New Members



We welcome **Charles McSwain** who joined by profession of faith and will be baptized January 8. Charles is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Sacred Heart who stays busy playing wide receiver on the football team and forward on the basketball team. He and his mother, Idella, have been around UBC about six years and Charles says his favorite thing about UBC is that “I feel comfortable here. I feel at home with everybody.” When Charles isn’t playing sports, he loves going to the movies, skating, and spending time with his friends.

Welcome, **Seth and Tarra Thomas!** The Thomases have been visiting UBC for a while and joined by transfer of letter. Seth and Tarra are newly-weds who got married this past October after meeting each other while working at the University of Alabama.



Tarra is from Mexico, Missouri and received her undergraduate degree in early childhood education and Master’s in education at William Woods University. Currently Tarra is the Residence Life Coordinator of Hillcrest Hall at USM. In between late night fire drills, she enjoys baking.

Seth grew up in Philadelphia, Mississippi and made his way to Hattiesburg to attend USM to major in sports administration. He also holds a Master’s degree in recreation administration from Georgia Southern University. Seth keeps busy as a real estate agent with Southern Property Group, work with AmeriCorps, and being outdoors hunting and fishing.

