

# The Vision

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*The United Baptist Church Vision is to develop the intentional Holy Spiritual attitudes of God, as in Jesus, that our lives demonstrate the transforming impact of such a Holy relationship on us, our society, and on our world.*

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Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> was the last day of school for Fairfax County schools! Our Student Summer Ministries activities are beginning! Wacky Wednesdays is our version of Vacation Bible School (VBS), but will be on specific days and various times this year. You will need a calendar.

There will be special activities throughout the summer that will be announced on a weekly basis. These include trips to museums in D.C. related to our Bible study, beach trips, Kings Dominion trips and special mission projects. For specific schedule of other weekly activities, please read the Student Ministry column within this newsletter or contact the church office for more information. This is a great way to spend the Summer - being WITH each other!



The following Biblical text was recently used as justification by the United States Attorney General as justification for the current administration's new hostile immigration policy. This includes the new practice of forcibly separating children and parents to hear the message "Not Welcome". And as reported by multiple sources, children are placed in questionable facilities supervised by strangers of inadequate number, understandable because of the sudden new policy.

Since the Bible text is often referred to, I want to print it for you to read! "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; <sup>4</sup> for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience (Romans 13:1-5 NRSV)." Does this conform to Jesus' teaching? No! It doesn't even conform to the rest of the same chapter. Verse 8 (just 3 verses farther) reads: "Owe no one anything, except to agape/love one another" (i.e. meet the needs of). Neither does it conform to Deuteronomy 12:31, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" which is quoted in James 2:8.

As I see it the Bible disagrees with itself! This is a problem for persons who practice what has always been called "proof-texting" as their way of using the Bible. They do not read the entire Bible (often as here, even an entire chapter) before they think they have heard the Bible's truth. To make the above Roman text conform to Jesus' agape love, scholars have contorted themselves with explanations so that the authority of human government can be ordained by God. The simplest explanation, with overwhelming evidence, for the anomaly of Romans 13:1-5 is it simply isn't the Word of God. The most obvious evidence is Jesus himself. How could Jesus be killed by human authority if acting for God? Only by the contortion some scholars make is their reasoning that Jesus was killed, like animals for sacrifice to placate God for human sins, making God more human than Divine.

This makes God more human than Divine, vulnerable to succumbing to hurt and its subsequent anger, justifying vindictive violence. That may conform to human psychic emotional patterns, but not to God's. Could this be that which is behind the rising level of anger prevalent in many citizens as well as civic leaders, but not in God! Yes? Well?

## BE AWARE!

As schools dismiss for the summer and pools are open, you may notice more children in your neighborhoods, on sidewalks and at public places, so please be observant of neighborhood speed limit signs as you drive around! Doing this is to share God as Agape-type-Love in meeting their NEEDS. Parents will be grateful!



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## Farmers Markets – Healthier Eating

Reprinted from May 2018 Golden Gazette

Farmers Markets add freshness to your menu, vibrant color and nutritious food, vitamins and fiber to your diet! We have two very close to the church:

**Wednesdays:** Wakefield ~ 2:00 pm–6:00 pm from April 18–Oct 31 at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road.

**Thursdays:** Annandale ~ 8:00 am–noon from May 3 – Nov 1 at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike.

For more information, call 703.642.0128 or see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets)

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## Did you know?

In Fairfax County, the **Cooling Assistance** program, which is federally funded, helps eligible low-income households with at least one person considered

especially vulnerable to heat: a child under age six, a disabled individual, or an adult age 60 or older. Cooling assistance can be used to help with:

- Payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment.
- Payment of security deposits for electricity to operate cooling equipment.
- Repair of a central air conditioning system or heat pump.
- Purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans.
- Purchase and installation of one window unit air conditioner for households where there is no unit or where the unit must be replaced.

**Applications for the Cooling Assistance Program will be accepted from June 15 through August 15.**

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/>



## Student Ministries & News...Twyla Turner

### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!!!!

#### Summer Weekly Youth Activities

##### All Students

- Sundays:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:55 a.m.

- Wacky Wednesdays:

Bible Study & Fellowship 10 a.m.

- Fridays:

Friday Night @ the Movies 7 p.m.

- Third Saturdays:

Craft Saturdays 1 p.m.

##### Senior High Students

Second Saturday Missions 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday Dinner and Discussion 5 p.m.

##### Special Events

There will be special activities throughout the summer that will be announced on a weekly basis. These include trips to museums in D.C. related to our Bible study, beach trips, Kings Dominion trips and special mission projects. Look here each week for upcoming special events.

##### Friday Night @ the Movies

Our next FN@TM will be June 22, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will enjoy a movie and a small snack.

##### Student Craft Saturday

Will be on Saturday, June 30 at 1 p.m. Come and bring a craft you would like to work on. There will also be options available on site.

##### Sunday Morning, June 24

Sunday, June 24 begins with Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m. We are now studying women in the New Testament. Worship begins at 10:55 a.m. Be here to be a part of this special time together.

##### Summer Missions

Our last Monday Missions for the school year is over. During the summer, we will have mission projects in partners with different days and times. Each student will be notified for their special project, time and location.

##### REVISED Youth Summer Calendar of Events

A revised Youth Summer Calendar of Events are available now. You can pick one up at Friday Night @ the Movies or on Sunday, June 24. Calendars will also be available in the office starting. Hope to see you a lot during the summer.

##### Hygiene Kits for the Homeless

As summer travel revs up, please remember to collect travel size soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes unused from your hotels to help our students make hygiene kits for the Bailey's Crossroads Shelter. Thank you for helping us help our less fortunate neighbors.

## **Mission Center Calendar of Events**

Every Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Every Sunday Liturgy of Worship, 10:55 am

##### June

|    |          |   |
|----|----------|---|
| 20 | 9:15 am  | Sandwich Ministry (Fellowship Hall)             |
|    | 6:00 pm  | Wacky Wednesdays (Youth Lounge)                 |
|    | 7:30 pm  | Overeaters Anonymous (Room 120)                 |
|    | 7:30 pm  | <b>CHANGE</b> -Sanc. Choir Rehears. (Choir Rm.) |
| 21 | 8:00 am  | Shepherd's Ctr. Mus'm Bus Trip (Warrenton)      |
|    | 3:00 pm  | Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Room 121)             |
|    | 5:00 pm  | Nationals Baseball Outing (offsite)             |
| 22 | 7:00 pm  | Student Fri. Nite @ the Movies (Youth Lng)      |
| 23 | 7:00 am  | Gideons Weekly Meeting (Conference Rm)          |
|    | 8:00 am  | Toastmasters Public Speaking (Fell. Hall)       |
|    | 9:00 am  | Tai Chi Exercise (Gym)                          |
| 24 | 12:15 pm | Agape Love Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)         |
|    | 12:30 pm | UBC Foundation Board Mtg. (Conf. Room)          |
| 25 | 11:30 am | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)                 |
| 26 |          |   |
| 27 | 9:15 am  | Sandwich Ministry (Fellowship Hall)             |
|    | 7:30 pm  | Overeaters Anonymous (Room 120)                 |

### **June 17, 2018 Financial Contributions**

#### **Budget Receipts:**

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| Tithes and Offerings donations             | 782.00        |
| Refunds to Budget Accounts (Vehicles Gas): | <u>45.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Budget Receipt</b>                | <b>827.00</b> |

#### **Non-Budget Receipts:**

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| <b>Total Non-Budget Receipts</b> | <u>.00</u> |
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**Total Receipts** 827.00

**Budget Receipts YTD** 203,406.38

**Annual 2018 Budget Goal YTD (10,003.57)** 230,082.11

**Over (under) Budget Goal** (26,675.73)

### **UBC Congregants Being Christian "Out Loud"!**

A busy weekend for UBC Congregants! Not only was it the week of **Dot** and **Aubrey Jones'** 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary they shared with us, but Saturday, our **Congregants** and **Friends Breakfast** met locally for prayer, a devotional, a meal and fellowship. AND the 3rd Annual Evans Family concert to raise funds for McKenzie Evans, daughter of **David Evans**, our Minister with Music, to fund a trip to Mainland China for her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Volunteer English Teaching was inspirational. This lovely event was open to the Alexandria community and friends.

What activities are **you** participating in that demonstrate the Agape Love and need-meeting teachings of Jesus? Let us know!

