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WMU @ UBC This Week

UBC is on mission in Southeast Asia. Please pray for our team as they minister in three countries

Please pray for Mike Choby as he prepared to serve in Asia, October 7-18.

Flu & Covid shots will be here Oct. 8 10AM-2PM

October is Pastor's Appreciation Month

Happy Anniversary UBC

September 27, 1981



43 Years

Founding Pastor Jim Queen

There's Not An App for That

Pastor Nick Kim

There was a time not so long ago that our devices were a luxury. Now in many areas of our life they are a necessity. You see a price at the grocery store that influences you to purchase the item. You get to checkout and the price is twice as high. Its only the marked price with the app. Many medical devices are now being designed to work with apps. To pay most bills, you're being directed to the app even though you just waited on hold to talk to someone. Even fast food restaurants have apps. It seems like there's an app for everything.

What about God? You may smile and show me your Bible on your phones. As important as that is, I'll ask again what about God? Reading our Bibles is an essential part of that relationship but there is so much more to it. By knowing God, He is working in our lives and a transformation is taking place. In the Gospel of John, He explained it as being born again. All of this begins when we spend time with him. He doesn't respond well to the silent treatment. He wants us to talk to Him, and He wants us to listen. This is prayer. We have prayer four nights per week and you don't need an app, its a dial in number. We won't keep on hold. When we answer, we don't refer you to someone else. We go straight to the Lord.

The Lord wants us to respond. He doesn't just want our butts in the seats. He want us out in the streets. We open our doors, five days per week, and share His love. Pastors, Elders, and Deacons are preaching His word every day and His love is shown by meeting needs. Its not just meals. Other needs are met from friendship to clothing that fell in our laps. We know who provides, and He chooses to use us. This is essential in living a full life and there's not an app for that.

In His Service
Mindy Cobb



Before UBC was UBC, Mindy was serving with Pastor Queen to lay the groundwork for what would become UBC. In the decades since, she has continued to faithfully serve. This month we celebrate 43 years as a church and we celebrate Mindy. This is part 2 of this interview.

What is one of your earliest memories of our church?

We rented space from the church at 1011 W. Wilson on Saturday nights for Saturday Night Praise. Tim Larkin would take a van around to half-way houses and bring them to worship. They shared, sang songs, and Tim would teach a new verse and give a short message. We ended with kool-aid and sandwiches and then Tim would take everyone back home.

What is your favorite memory of the church?

There are many. Lindsay told me about a woman who joined the church and who wanted to come to the women's bible study. He said the only thing is she was born a man. I said there is no way the women in the class would go for that. I asked the women and they accepted her as one of their own. She came and was on fire for the lord. One morning she came in with her hair cut and said he would go by Willie from now on. God accepts us as we are. The transforming is His work, not mine.

Could you have imagined when you first came here that you would still be here serving nearly 50 years later?

We sold our house. We didn't think we'd go back to Missouri. Our relatives told us to keep our house, but we didn't want a shelter in the storm. My sister's favorite quote was "No reserve, No retreats, No regrets" -William Borden. We stepped out in faith and God has been faithful, over and over again.

To be concluded next month

Annual Backpack Drive

By Pastor Mark Jones

We are blessed to be a blessing. Every summer UBC does our annual backpack drive where we donate backpacks full of school supplies to students in our community. It is a wonderful ministry that has grown and evolved over the years.

In 1994-'95, Daniel Murphy, a member of Willow Creek did an internship at UBC. As he began to serve our church, he saw many areas of needs and began to connect us to needed resources through Willow Creek. Willow Creek helped us with 80-100 backpacks each fall that we distributed between several schools in our community. Some time ago, Willow Creek notified us that they would not be able to support this any longer. We didn't have the resources. Could our church really do this on our own? We know who our provider is?

We started out with a smaller goal of 30 backpacks. We challenged ourselves to do more each year and it grew. We have been providing beautiful backpacks to kids in our community. This summer our goal was 100 backpacks. We gave 123 backpacks to Uplift High School, McCutcheon STEAM Elementary, and Courtenay Language School of Arts.

As followers of Christ, we are blessed to be a blessing to others. Our church gets that and we continue to strive to live that out in our lives.



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