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In May, we explored Knowing God. A lot of people know about God, but do they really know Him? There might have been a time where you liked that special guy or special girl, and wanted to get to know them. You had to make the effort though. You had to talk to them. You had to learn their interests. You might have inquired about their friends. When we spend time with God in prayer, seek holiness, and spend time with His other children, we get to know Him. As we get to know Him better and better, now what? In June we're going to talk about First Things First.

Is God first in your life? A lot of people will tell you, "no, my kids come first." They're then surprised when they're kids grow up and are still demanding to be the center of the attention and living their own lives apart from God. Others will tell you that their friends come first; only to get a few years down the road and be all alone. Others put their careers first to work for years, only to see the companies they gave so much of their lives to manage them out for younger employees. Others put themselves first. They live by a motto that you have to look out for you. They have a hard time when they realize there is very little love in their lives. When you put God first He walks with you through everything that life can throw at you and helps you become a better you.

Jesus put it best when he said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

Join us as we're challenged to put first things first.

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In Hís Service Lynn Morris



Vacation Bible School is next month. Last month we interviewed Darnice and now we're going to interview our other director for this year's VBS, Lynn. Lynn is a deaconness, leads our new member's classes, and serves in many ministries throughout our church.

After decades of service at UBC, what is your favorite memory?

The mural on Sunnyside & Sheridan which reflects the diversity of our church drew me back in 1995. The preaching kept me. Listening to our pastor preach in shorts while sweat ran down his face telling corny jokes before his delivery is a favorite memory. I was convinced I had no excuse for not showing up to worship.

What excites you most about what is happening in the life of our church now?

I prayed for a church that doesn't just sit in the pews, but actively serves and ministers to the community. We are a caring and sharing group of people. I get excited and it warms my heart to see the body of Christ serving together in such large numbers in love. VBS is a prime example where UBC comes together to serve. I think UBC has yet to see what God will do.

This summer you're directing VBS with Darnice, what excites you most about this opportunity?

These children are so vulnerable and the world is filling their heads with lies. Their little hearts seek truth and we have made ourselves available to share the truth with them. We don't realize the kind of impact will make on these children's lives. We plant the seed and God will do the rest.

Daughters of the King By Mindy Cobb

When our church was constituted in 1981, we began organizing our ministries and getting things in order. After many planning meetings, we decided we would have a women's ministry and call it, "Daughters of the King." This ministry would be for all women and has continued to be for all women.

Our **mission statement** is: *Women of Godly character called into accountability to be our sisters' keeper by serving in love and grace so that God may be glorified.*

Our purpose is to love other women as Christ loves us, share the love of Christ with unbelievers, meet the needs of women and their families as God allows, educate and build up the younger generation of girls/women and be supportive of all church events.

So far this year, we have had a tea party, attended our Chicagoland Baptists Women's Conference, and attended the Priority Conference in Springfield. One of our signature events is our Daughters of the King banquet. The Saturday before Mother's Day, the men in our church dress their best and serve dinner to the women. Rumbi Eschmann was our speaker with Ishbel Windom sharing her testimony. We enjoyed hearing their stories and seeing how God has been using them for His glory.



Rumbi Eschmann sharing at Daughters of the King banquet

Some upcoming events are: The WMU Ladies Days on July 6 & 9th. We will have a dinner for the ladies from Sarah's Circle and Cornerstone on July 6th. We will also be serving in VBS, July 15-19th.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones



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