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# What's Happening at UBC

July 5-9 WMU Ladies Days July 13 VBS Decorating July 15-19 Vacation Bible School Bacpack Drive starts now

Vacation Bible School July 15-19



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Keep On Keeping On Pastor Nick Kim

God created us to be in relationship with Him. He looked at creation and saw one thing that wasn't good. That was that man was alone. Creating woman led to all of us. He wants for us to be in relationship with Him as well as each other. We talked about knowing God. If you don't know God there will be a huge hole in your life and there will always be something missing. You may not know what it is, but it is God.

We then focused on putting first things first. For some people that is their family. For others it is their job. For many it is themselves. Those same people are surprised when things are in disarray and out of order in their lives. Putting God first and following His instructions for our lives found in the Bible is the proper order.

What happens next. We need to understand rather we like it or not there is an enemy. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." There is nothing that upsets him more than someone who is getting to know God and putting God first in their lives. Our enemy loves messing up relationships starting with our relationship with God. When the enemy stirs up mess, what do we do? We have to keep on keeping on. We have to go back to the things that our relationship with God is built on. Things like prayer, reading His word, and fellowship with other believers. When we don't do this, we can drift way. This month we'll be talking about Drifting Away. Each week we'll walk through a warning sign. We know God, we put Him first in our lives, and we don't want anything to get in the way of that.

## In His Service Herman Windom



Herman is often seen singing on our worship team next to his wife Ishbel. He has done so much more for our family. He has led our ushers for years and been a deacon. He is steady force in our men's ministry and in our prayer meetings.

#### How did you first come to UBC and when?

I was dating Ishbel and she invited me to church. I fell in love with Ishbel and the church in 2009.

#### You have served in many facets: Usher, Deacon, Worship Singer; what is your favorite and why?

Well it's a tie between ushering and singing on the praise team. I like ushering because I like serving. I love to sing and praise the Lord on the praise team.

#### What is your favorite memory of UBC?

When I assisted Pastor Nick with Baptism at the lake. It was such a blessing. The Holy Spirit came upon me and it was like nothing I ever experienced.

# You're in the process of moving. What will you miss most about UBC?

Most of all, I will miss the fellowship with my brothers and sister at UBC.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones



#### On Mission in South Africa By Sandra Reed

20 hours, from North America to Europe then from Europe to the southern tip of Africa. It was worth it! UBC went on mission to Cape Town, South Africa. The breath-taking scenery and natural beauty was nature at it's best. This was not as beautiful as the people. They were friendly and welcomed us with open arms. We were with Send Relief working with Woodstock Baptist Church and other organizations.

We improved the living conditions for senior housing. We painted, hung curtains, spruced up the landscape and other things. We also fed the homeless and had other opportunities to minister as they presented themselves. It was a blessing to be a beacon of light in someone's darkness. We have made it home but our hearts are still there.





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