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July 15th - 19th 5:30PM - 8:00PM



8 UBC Preachers preached during Holy Week

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Pastor Nick Kim

The most significant event in history was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The religious leaders and government authorities determined He had to die. What they didn't know is what He was dying for. He who had no sin died for our sins. He was dead and buried, but when some of His followers went to His grave; He wasn't there. Before ascending to Heaven, He would commission His followers (which includes us) to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

This is what Uptown Baptist Church exists for. We were blessed when we baptized four new believers in February. When they came out of the water, we saw the symbolization of a resurrection. These young men were dead in their sins, but professed Christ and have new life in Him. All around us are people in need. Some don't even know they're in need. The greatest need any of us have is to have peace with God. That doesn't come without the forgiveness of sins that only comes through Jesus Christ. On Sundays we meet together in our classes and worship proclaiming this. On Mondays-Friday, we're preaching this while we feed those in need of a meal. On the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, we have men's group where we build each other up around this central truth. Our Lord was not there. He has risen! He is alive! He has a purpose for each and every one of us.



In His Service

Ellen Disch



We have been blessed to have Ellen as our manager in our church office. She does everything from paying bills, recording financials, making deposits to keeping the pastors straight.

What brought you to UBC?

Returning to Chicago, I needed to find a new church. I attended two different churches that I thought were special, but the people were younger and I didn't see a place for an older person like myself. My Son, Tim told me about UBC and I started attending after that. I fit right in.

How has God blessed you while serving @ UBC on staff?

Through many different experiences and challenges, including vandalism and a church lockdown and COVID. I've been blessed by many amazing people; Mindy, Lynn & David, Pastor Dale, and Mike Choby. Learning to minister to the homeless, people that are emotionally upset, and our Wednesday morning service has also blessed me.

What excites you most about UBC now?

You can really see that God is working. I'm excited by our focus on VBS. I'm excited by our worship ministry. I'm excited by our greeting time. Seeing new faces with our church family is exciting.

What is next in life for you ?

I'm starting another journey. I have experienced many journeys. I know the Lord will lead me where He wants me to go.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones

The Service of Deacons Deacon David Morris

In the book of Acts, the church takes shape, and as the church grew, the needs also grew. An office was developed so the word of God could be preached without distraction. The tasks all around the preaching would get completed allowing the focus to be on prayer and preaching the word of God. I Timothy teaches us that "deacons must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of their faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless."

At UBC, Deacons assist the pastor and the elders to support the mission of the church. Deacons encourage fellowship and unity among the body. The word "Deacon" literally means to serve. Our deacons serve by:

- Communion - preparing and serving communion
- Baptism Ministry - preparing candidates, scheduling, and coordination
- Visitation- homebound, hospitalized, loved ones at funerals.
- Benevolence - Administer benevolence fund helping church members in times of temporary crisis.
- Growth Group Encouragers - Encourage unity, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Our deacons are:

Mindy Cobb
Bobbie Garrett
Kenneth Hall
Emma Jackson
David Morris (Chair)
Karl Morris
Lynn Morris
Emiko Ohenhen
Julie Onuoha
Glatha (Smitty) Smith
Herman Windom
Lydia Yoak
Barb Ziermann



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