



# The Goodness



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### Daughters of the King Banquet Saturday May 11th 3PM-5PM



Thank you Ellen for your service as our church office manager. God Bless You!

Knowing Him Pastor Nick Kim

A lot of people know about God, but do they really know Him? God is all-knowing and knows us, and desires for us to know Him. How do we get to know Him better?

- 1. Communication Open communication with God is what we call prayer. Prayer is talking and listening. We meet for prayer four nights per week to take our concerns to and to hear from God. Join us on the prayer line as we go to Him together.
- 2. His Word We can get to know God better through His Word. We might have read something 100 times before, but God often points out something different and new about Himself in His Word. There is no other writing like this. It never changes but God continues to reveal new things to us.. On Sunday mornings we have classes and there are other ministries throughout the week where we go to the Word of God.
- 3. His Children Have you ever had conversations with your brothers and sisters and learned something you didn't know about your parents? These conversations are pretty common in a lot of families. God's family is no different. We can learn a lot about God from each other. If you're not connected with other brothers and sisters, we have opportunities for that. Our men meet on every 2nd and 4th Saturday. All men are welcome. Our women meet every Sunday at 9AM and at other occasions throughout the year. One of those occasions is on May 11th. The Daughters of the King banquet is a special time for our sisters as they come together and celebrate being daughters of our Lord.

This month we will explore "Knowing God".

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# In His Service Darnice White



Darnice has been a long time member of UBC and active serving our community. This year, along with Lynn Morris, She will be directing Vacation Bible School.

### You have been here a long time. Do you remember how you found UBC?

I had been looking for a church for years for myself and my family. I needed a church that was authentic when worshipping and teaching the word of God. I was on the 151 Sheridan bus when I saw UBC.

# You have been very active serving at UBC and in the community. What drives you to serve?

The Lord. I am His creation. He gave me a heart for service and to do it joyfully. Your service might not always be what you want to do, but it will be where God wants you. (Phillipians 2:3)

## This year you're taking on a new challenge with leading VBS with Lynn. Why is VBS important.?

Vacation Bible School was so much fun when I was growing up. I had to learn all the books of the Bible in order to win a trip to a Christian camp. Learning about Jesus Christ in a setting that mirrored the characteristics of Christ was incredible. Your heart is full of excitement and joy, I believe UBC has brought back that excitement for all boys and girls.

#### What is your main prayer for this year's VBS?

I pray that the Lord keeps the excitement and joy alive. I pray that it will become contagious to our congregation, so that they would want VBS to be part of their service offering to the Lord.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones

#### Vacation Bible School Joshua Yoak

A few years ago, we were going through an exciting transformation as we started a youth ministry. We were excited but the few teenagers we had in the church were not. We went to Clarendon Community Center and there were no kids there. We worked with other programs in the neighborhood but teenagers had dropped out. COVID took a lot of the blame, but closer examination would reveal that teens were losing interest in structured activities and isolating to a world on their devices. We had to reach kids before they were teens.

We were already planning on doing Vacation Bible School for the first time in many years. We have been able to sew into young people's lives and let them know that God loves them and loving Him is fun. This summer some of those original kids from our first VBS will be going into the 6th grade. This summer's Vacation Bible School will be a great opportunity to make a lasting impression in their lives. Lynn and Darnice are hard at work getting the team together for what promises to be a rewarding week. Vacation Bible School is July 15th-19th at 5:00 PM. If you have not made plans to serve, you don't want to miss this. Register online and let Lynn and Darnice know where you can best serve.





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