

# THE COMMUNICATOR

University  
Baptist Church

May 2013  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

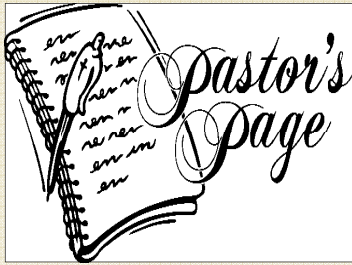


## Celebrate the birthday of the Church Pentecost Sunday May 19

- Wear **red** to worship or your new \$10 UBC t-shirt\*
- Buy a sack lunch\* until 1:30 pm to picnic at the large pavilion at Kamper Park after worship
- Pick up a car decal with the new UBC logo
- Enjoy the day with families at the Kamper Park playground, Hattiesburg Zoo, and Zoo Splash Pad

*\*proceeds to support the UBC Youth Group*





Last week, as I was visiting with Hattie Mae Johnson, she told me about a beautiful redbud tree that was growing in her yard. She did not plant the tree. In fact, her best guess is that somehow through the winds and rains of Hurricane Katrina, the seeds of the tree landed in her yard and began sprouting – an unexpected joy brought by a devastating storm.

As I was considering Hattie Mae's redbud, I recognized that so much of life is like that tree. Life comes to us as a rather constant mix of sorrow and happiness and it's in that mix that we often bump up against real joy, the kind of joy we can't plan for, the kind that just sprouts up and one day starts blooming into something beautiful.

The last few weeks we have opened up the book of Acts together in morning worship where we have seen this same pattern. The sorrow of Stephen's martyrdom leading to the spread of the Gospel beyond Jerusalem. An Ethiopian Eunuch rejected by so many in society, but surprisingly welcomed into new life within the community of Jesus followers. The Council at Jerusalem working through difficult issues so as to fully welcome their Gentile brothers and sisters in the faith. Sorrow and happiness coming together and producing something new, unexpected, and life-giving.

Here we are at the beginning of a month that I know will bring to the UBC family a mixture of sorrow and happiness. We will shed a few tears as we journey with Ashley through the conclusion of her ministry alongside us. We will be nurtured by her preaching for the last time as our Associate Minister on Pentecost Sunday (May 19) and we will surround her with our blessings on her last Sunday with us in worship (May 26). It will be a month to say goodbye and to give our blessings on all that is to come in her life with Brian Harrington.

But May will also be a month of incredible happiness. I am particularly looking forward to Pentecost Sunday when we will all gather for a celebration of our church at Kamper Park. Our children's and youth committees are working on plans for a festive, church-wide event. Along with lunch and an opportunity to fellowship, our Communicating UBC to Hattiesburg Committee will be passing out car decals with our new logo as we celebrate renewed efforts to share the life of UBC with the Hattiesburg community. It will be a wonderful afternoon together (please make plans to come and even buy a Pentecost Red t-shirt in advance from our youth).

May will also end with our annual Memorial Day Cookout on Wednesday evening, May 29. Not only will we fill the back lot up with smoke from the grill and plenty of laughter, but it will also be an evening to spend some last moments in conversation with Ashley on her final evening with us and to celebrate all that she has given to UBC.

May will be filled with sorrow and happiness. And so, I can't help but wonder what unexpected new joys might come through it all. Like the redbud in Hattie Mae's yard, we can't predict how, where and when new life will sprout, but I am certainly coming to expect it....

Journeying together,  
Rusty

# UBC in Brief



Join us Friday, May 3, at 7:30 pm as **Back Door Coffeehouse** returns. Performing this month are Sara Beth Geoghegan and Jessica Campbell.

This month's **First Sunday Fellowship** will be Sunday, May 5, from 9:30-9:45 am. Come enjoy a cup of coffee as well as juice and donuts provided by the Patience Sunday School Class in Kelley Hall.

**Thames Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** will be on Thursday, May 9. Please contact the church office or sign-up in Sunday School to bring a breakfast casserole, muffins, or fruit. Food will need to be at Thames by 7:00am or can be delivered to UBC on Wednesday evening, May 8.

Mark your calendars to join us on Sunday, May 19, at **Kamper Park**. Come immediately after worship, or go home for a quick change of clothes (lunch will be served until 1:30). No reservations are required, but please plan to make a monetary donation for your lunch as a way of supporting our youth group.

Bring your favorite project to share and join the **Crafters** every third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the parlor.

Our **Memorial Day Cookout** and sendoff for Ashley Gill will be on Wednesday evening, May 29, at 6:00pm. Bring a favorite salad, side dish, or dessert to go along with burgers and hotdogs. We will gather under a tent in the back lot of UBC.

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In recent weeks I've been asked often, "How are you feeling?" With so many upcoming changes swirling around me the best I've come to answer is, "Living in the tension." As the wedding approaches my joy continues to grow exponentially, yet as my time is coming to an end at UBC and in Hattiesburg my sadness is also multiplying. I'm living within the tension of these two extremes. Which as Rusty pointed out in his article is really where we all find ourselves most often.

But in the tension and pull I'm finding an abundance of gratitude. Gratitude for my nearly six years of life with you. Gratitude for being witness to the ways God has transformed/is transforming UBC to bring the Kingdom into our world. Gratitude for the ways you have overwhelmed me with love time and time again—particularly with the lovely shower and gifts last month. Gratitude for a loving life-partner and the future Brian and I have together. Thanks be to God for a bittersweet season that is bringing joy, love, and mutual blessing.

But our time together is not over yet! During the month of May, I want to spend as much time as I possibly can with you. Let's share meals and coffee together. Please let me know of your children's games and recitals. Stop by the office or tell me when it's best for me to drop by for a visit. And please make plans to join Brian and me for our wedding on June 15 at 5:30 pm to be a part of the community witnessing and blessing the beginning of our life together!

Grateful for every step of the journey,  
Ashley



3 Tom Thoms  
 3 Clayton Massey  
 4 Mark Holston  
 4 Allison Leatherwood  
 5 Terri Conner  
 6 Gene Williams  
 7 Martha Weatherford  
 7 Sharon Harris  
 8 Kathy Pope  
 8 Kyle Crockett  
 10 Ken McCarty  
 11 Lewis Myrick  
 12 Ember Ahua  
 12 Randy Pope  
 12 Charles Trout  
 13 Idella McSwain  
 13 Chris Carson  
 14 Lola Kennedy  
 15 Al Butler  
 16 Gloria Green  
 16 Luke Hicks  
 20 David Walker  
 21 Ruth Barton  
 21 Linda Ginn  
 22 Dick Conville  
 22 Katie Ezele Smith  
 23 Wyatt Rachal  
 24 Nathan Paulk  
 25 Rani Engle  
 26 Jessica Paulk  
 26 Emelie Lowrey  
 27 Peggy Myatt  
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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



### DEACON OF THE WEEK

5 Rob King  
 12 Eric Leatherwood  
 19 Lida McDowell  
 26 Dick Conville

### LAY READERS

5 Rosemary Woullard  
 12 Jim and Ellen Hall  
 19 David and Joyce Holley  
 26 Charles and Jean Trout

### OFFERING COUNTERS

1st Sun Peggy and Bryant Myatt  
 2nd Sun Ruth Barton, Shirley McCraw  
 3rd Sun Al Butler, Bill Hughes  
 4th Sun Sam Clinton, John Alcorn

### EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

5 Jessica Paulk (toddlers), Gena Lott (preschool)  
 12 Allison Leatherwood (toddlers)  
 19 Mary Ahua (toddlers), Rosanne Crockett (preschool)  
 26 Iris Easterling (toddlers), Christy Thornton (preschool)

*Please check in on your assigned Sunday in the Preschool area so we know you're here!*



*Have been received in memory of*

*Frances Anderson*  
*Howard Anderson*  
*Dorothy Netherton*  
*Jane Rey*



***Hymns for Him***  
 by Theresa Jo Wade

Theresa Jo Wade of Collins has donated to UBC several copies of her CD entitled *Hymns for Him* to be sold with the proceeds going to the Christmas Bazaar fund. This wonderful collection of familiar hymns includes such favorites as "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "Victory in Jesus," and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." This beautifully done CD can be purchased from the church library for \$10. Hurry, there are only four left.

SHELBY & CHRISTI GILL  
 INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY  
 OF THE MARRIAGE UNITING THEIR DAUGHTER  
*Ashley Lynn Gill*  
 WITH  
*Abner Brian Harrington*  
 SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH OF JUNE  
 TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN  
 AT HALF PAST FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
 UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 3200 ARLINGTON LOOP  
 HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
*reception immediately following*

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# ***Finding Your Place in the Story***

## **A Monthly Guide to Worship & Christian Formation at UBC**

### **Blessing of the Month**

Oh the Lord's been good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun and the rain and the food we eat  
The Lord's been good to me!

*This month's blessing is a favorite of 4-year-old Grace, 5-year-old Jackson, and 8-year-old Graham Hightower.*

### **Scripture of the Month**

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. — Acts 2:4

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

As we journey through the Biblical story each Sunday, we invite you to read portions of the story not covered in our worship together.

#### **May 6-11**

Monday: *Welcome to the Galatians*  
Galatians 1:1-12

Tuesday: *Paul Defends his Apostleship*  
Galatians 1:18-24

Wednesday: *Paul and the Other Apostle*  
Galatians 2:1-10

Thursday: *God's Promise to Abraham*  
Galatians 3:10-18

Friday: *The Purpose of the Law*  
Galatians 3:19-22

Saturday: *Paul Reprimands the Galatians*  
Galatians 4:8-20

#### **May 13-18**

Monday: *Hagar and Sarah*  
Galatians 4:21—5:1

Tuesday: *The Nature of Christian Freedom*  
Galatians 5:2-15

Wednesday: *Works of the Flesh*  
Galatians 5:16-21

Thursday: *The Fruit of the Spirit*  
Galatians 5:22-26

Friday: *Bear One Another's Burdens*  
Galatians 6:1-10

Saturday: *Final Words and Blessing*  
Galatians 6:11-18

#### **May 20-25**

Monday: *Paul Greets the Ephesians*  
Ephesians 1

Tuesday: *One in Christ*  
Ephesians 2

Wednesday: *Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles*  
Ephesians 3

Thursday: *New Life in Christ*  
Ephesians 4

Friday: *On Being Christian*  
Ephesians 5

Saturday: *Put on the Armor of God*  
Ephesians 6

The 2012-2013 Narrative Lectionary Cycle ends on May 26. We will resume the Narrative Lectionary in September.

### **Summer Sermon Series**

The Lord's Prayer  
June

Biblical Wisdom for Today  
July

# ***Sunday School Lesson Plans***

## **Preschool (up to Kindergarten) Concept Area: Family**

May 5:	Miriam Loved Her Family (Exodus 2:1-10)
May 12:	A Baby for Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 12:2-3, 17:1-8)
May 19:	David Listened to His Father (1 Samuel 16:11-12; 17:12-22)
May 26:	Ruth Helped Her Family (Ruth 1:1-22; 2:1-23)

## **Children (1st-6th Grade) Concept Area: Family**

May 5:	Getting Along (Genesis 13)
May 12:	The Family Plan (Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22)
May 19:	Brotherly Love (Genesis 25:27-34)
May 26:	Love and Care (Genesis 46-50)

**Godly Play is coming Fall 2013!**

## **Youth**

### *The Origins of the Church*

May 5:	Pentecost (Acts 2)
May 12:	Stephen (Acts 7-8)
May 19:	Cornelius and the Death of James (Acts 10-12)
May 26:	Paul and the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 13-15)

## **Adults**

### **Formations Curriculum**

#### *The Book of Hebrews*

May 5:	A Better Name (Hebrews 1:1-4)
May 12:	A Better Leader (Hebrews 3:1-19)
May 19:	A Better Sacrifice (Hebrews 8:1-7, 9:1, 6-14)

***If you're not currently attending Sunday School, now is a perfect time to visit! There are many classes to choose from where you can find a home for Bible study and community.***

## ***Sunday Sermon Texts***

May 5:	Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21
May 12:	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
May 19:	Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-17
May 26:	Exodus 3:1-12



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**Cindy Hinton**, Church Secretary  
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**Chuck Stewart**, Custodian

***Return Service Requested***

## Library Spotlight

Submitted by Billie Hogan

Taking a trip by car this summer? Why not take along books on DVD?



**Home Front** by Kristin Hannah is a story that will make your trip seem to zip by and you might even stay in the car when you arrive to hear more.

**Summer Rental** by Mary Kay Andrews is like a great day at the beach, you don't want it to end.

Visit your church library to find these two books and enjoy your summer trips with books on DVD.

