

UNIVERSITY  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

April 21, 2024

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"The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

1 Peter 1:24b-25a

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Preacher | John Joseph

Service Leader | Brad Wheeler

## Welcome

UBC exists because God, in his infinite love, sent his Son Jesus Christ to live and die in the place of sinners. On the third day Jesus rose bodily from the grave, once and for all victorious over sin and death. Now, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God is reconciling this broken world to himself. We gather in that great hope. We pray it's your hope as well, and that you're encouraged during your time with us.

## Note on Children

It's a joy to have your children join us during the worship gathering! At ConnectingPoint in the foyer, we provide activity bags and a "sermon notes for kids" coloring sheet to encourage their engagement during the gathering. If they do get restless however, we have televisions throughout the foyer and in the nursing mother's room (located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Main Hall), which carry a live stream of the service. Finally, we also offer classes during the main gathering for all nursery through preschool-aged children. For these classes, you can check your child in at the first floor Randall Hall doors near the front entrance fountain. If you need help locating any of these things, don't hesitate to ask someone around you. Our members love opportunities to welcome you and orient you to our church!

## Church Membership

For those interested in membership at UBC, we regularly offer a Discovery Class. In this class, you'll learn what the Bible says about church membership, what we believe as a church, and how we seek to live out the commands of God's Word. Our upcoming Discovery Class will be held in the Chapel **next Sunday, April 28th**, at 12:15pm following the morning service. Please sign up by scanning the QR code on page 16, or by visiting our website at ([www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-ubc/discovery-class](http://www.ubcfayetteville.org/connect-with-ubc/discovery-class)).

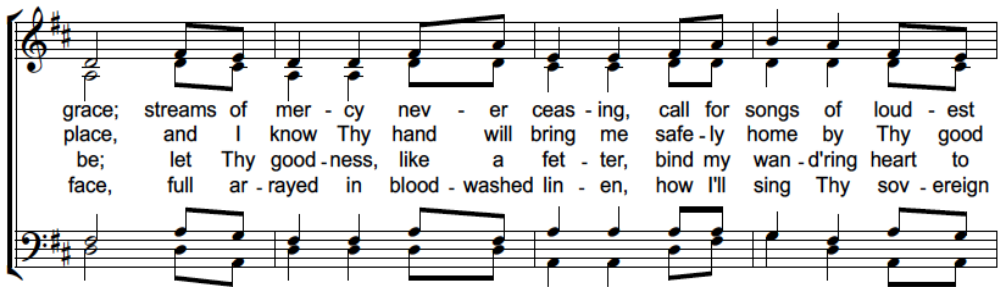
# "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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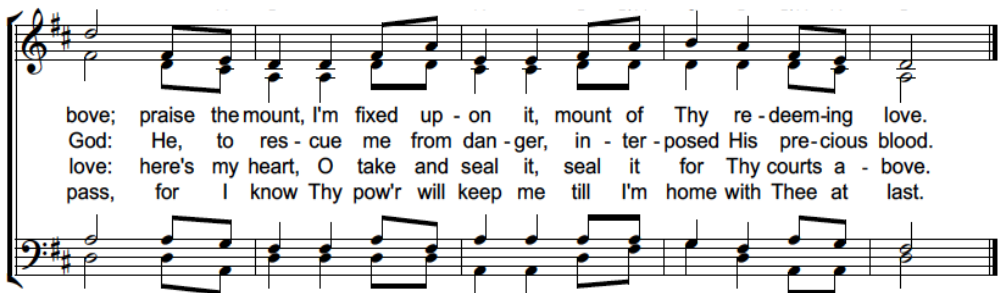
1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy  
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this  
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to  
4. Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly



grace; streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est  
place, and I know Thy hand will bring me safe - ly home by Thy good  
be; let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to  
face, full ar - rayed in blood - washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - reign



praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
grace. Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of  
Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I  
grace. Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, bring Thy prom - is - es to



bove; praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
God: He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
pass, for I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last.

## Call to Worship | Psalm 136:1-3

*All Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

## Baptismal Testimonies

Courtland Patton & Jase Sexauer

## Baptismal Vows & Response

Baptismal Candidates:

Do you make profession of repentance toward God and faith  
in the Lord Jesus Christ?

*I do.*

Do you promise, by God's grace, to follow Him forever in the  
fellowship of His church?

*I do.*

Members of UBC:

Do you promise, by God's grace, to welcome, love, and pray  
for Courtland and Jase and so fulfill the promises set forth in  
our church covenant?

*We do.*

# "O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer"

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1. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, Great-est trea-sure of my long-ing  
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, Strong de-fend-er of my wea-ry  
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, Gra-cious Sa-rior of my ru-ined



soul, My God, like You there is no oth-er; True de-light is  
heart, My sword to fight the cruel de-ceiv-er, And my shield a-  
life, My guilt and cross laid on Your shoul-ders, In my place You



found in You a-lone. Your grace, a well too deep to fath-om,  
gainst his hate-ful darts. My song when en-e-mies surround me,  
suf-fered, bled, and died. [You rose, the grave and death are con-querd;



Your love ex-ceeds the heav-ens' reach; Your truth, a fount of per-fect  
My hope when tides of sor-row rise; My joy when tri-als are a-  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.] (repeat) O Lord, My Rock and my Re



wis-dom, My high-est good, and my un-end-ing need.  
bound-ing, Your faith-ful-ness, my ref-uge in the night.  
deem-er, May all my days bring glo-ry to Your Name.



# "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with Him.  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood.  
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way.



Yet, I look for world-ly treas-ure and for-sake the King of kings.  
Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly good.  
One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His Name.



1. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er; though I fall, His love is sure.  
2. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en, and the strength in times of need.  
3a. But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle, strong e-nough to last the war.  
3b. And mine are keys to Zi-on ci-ti-ty where be-side the King I'll walk.

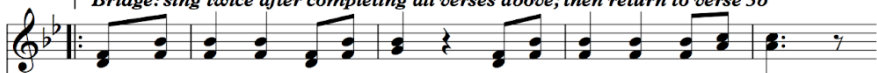


*At end of 3a, repeat to 3b*

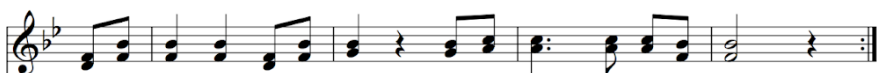
For Christ has paid for ev'-ry fail-ing; I am His for-ev-er-more.  
I know my pain will not be wast-ed; Christ com-pletes His work in me.  
And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en shore. (to 3b)  
*For there my heart has found its treas-ure; Christ is mine for-ev-er-more.*



**Bridge: sing twice after completing all verses above; then return to verse 3b**



(Bridge:) Come re-joice now, O my soul, For his love is my re-ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine for-ev-er-more. *repeat, then go to 3b*

## Scripture Reading | Ezekiel 37:1-14

*All Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version.*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

## Prayer of Praise

*Praising God for the beauty of His character*



# "O Great God"

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1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pend - ent on your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.  
Did not know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war.  
Then your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me,  
You are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

You have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
Through the gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.  
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your name through me.

## Pastoral Prayer

*Bringing our requests to God, our Father*

## Sermon Notes

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# Sermon Notes

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## Next Week's Sermon

April 28 | Brad Wheeler

John 4:27-42 | *Transformation: "Sowing to Reaping"*

# “How Firm A Foundation”

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For He will be with thee in trouble to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

## Baptisms

## Elders/Deacons

### *Elders/Pastors*

Wes Burgess  
Scott Bielinski  
Sam Dawson  
Christian Dennett  
Mike Griffis  
John Henderson  
Sam Knecht  
Stephen Martin  
Dan Paul  
Cole Penick  
Nick Roark  
Brad Wheeler

### *Deacons*

Brett Arent (Children's Ministry)  
Hayden Beckwith (Parking)  
Wes Bond (Ordinances)  
Jack Gilliland (Member Care)  
Frank Hannon (Member Care: Hospitalizations)  
Chris Hsiao (Bookstall)  
Cory Meyer (Building & Grounds)  
Caleb Pond (Sound)  
Evan Smith (Greeting)  
Davey Stallings (Member Care)  
J.J. Tartaglia (Member Care: Benevolence)  
Jonathan VerHoeven (Safety)  
Tim Ward (Ushering)

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## Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor | Brad Wheeler

Associate Pastors | Mike Griffis, John Henderson, Stephen Martin, Nick Roark

Assistant Pastor | Cole Penick

Pastoral Assistants | Ryan Berry, Colby Harper

Women's Counseling Coordinator | Anna Nunn

Women's Ministry Coordinator | Erika Dennett

College Ministry | Jacob Killion, Taylor Sheffield

Children's Ministry Coordinator | Leah Smith

Administrative Staff | Ashton Efurd, Molly Hastings, Ruth Henderson

Operations Director | Joe Futterer

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## Get Connected

### Sunday Mornings

8:30am – 8:55am | Pre-Service Prayer Meeting | Chapel

9:00am – 10:15am | Equipping Classes & Sunday School

10:30am – 12:00pm | Worship Service | Main Hall

### Wednesday Evenings

6:00pm – 6:45pm | Prayer Gathering | Heritage Hall

6:00pm – 7:30pm | Youth Ministry (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fellowship Hall

7:00pm – 8:30pm | College Midweek | U of A BCM (944 W. Maple)

# News & Events

## Graduating College Senior Gift Bags

*Help us encourage, celebrate and send off our UBC College seniors as they prepare for graduation! Feel free to drop off notes of encouragement and specific prayers/Scriptures for each of them in the gift bags in the Main Hall Foyer through Sunday, April 28th. For a list of names of the graduates, please see the latest FOCUS email.*

## 2024 Graduating Senior Recognitions | Sunday | 5.5

*During the Sunday morning gathering on May 5th, we will recognize our 2024 High School and College graduates. Join us to encourage and celebrate these students and families.*

## LifeGroups | Tonight

*LifeGroups serve as local gatherings of UBC members for sermon-based discussion, prayer, and fellowship. For more information or to sign up for a LifeGroup, please scan the QR code below or visit our website.*

## The Lord's Supper | Next Sunday | 4.28

*At the conclusion of next Sunday's church gathering, we will observe the Lord's Supper together. Please continue to prepare your heart by reflecting with grief over your sin and joy over Christ's sacrifice for sin.*

## Discovery Class | Next Sunday | 4.28 | 12:15pm | Chapel

*Interested in learning more about UBC and our membership process? We invite you to join our upcoming Discovery Class! Please register via the QR code below or visit [ubcfayetteville.org/discovery-class](http://ubcfayetteville.org/discovery-class). Lunch will be provided.*

## Sunday Evening Service | Next Sunday | 4.28 | 5pm | Chapel

*Join us next Sunday night for our churchwide prayer gathering as we worship God together through praying, singing, and hearing a devotional sermon from 1 John 3:1-3 by Sam Reynolds.*

## Women's Institute | Saturday | 5.4 | 9am | Chapel

*Ladies, please join us for the final lesson in our Systematic Theology series. Erin Wheeler will be teaching on "The Doctrine of the Church." For any questions, please reach out to Erika at [edennett@ubcfayetteville.org](mailto:edennett@ubcfayetteville.org).*

## Middle School/Junior High Retreat | 5.10-11 | New Life Ranch | Colcord, OK

*For current 4th-8th grade students, the UBC MS/JH Retreat will focus on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-20. For more info and to register, scan the QR code below, or visit our website.*

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