

Summer 2009 Newsletter

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“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!”

--Psalm 133: 1 (NIV)

This year at UBC-BHM we've focused on the theme of integration. The four houses and the church have intentionally collaborated in shared ministry. As you'll see in the following pages, it's been an excellent academic year. God has guided us and blessed our efforts.

I'm thankful for our many students, staff, and trustees who have answered the call to roll up their sleeves and do the job. I'm thankful, too, for you alumni and friends, who continue to remember us and support us. Take a look at our website every now and then to find out the latest news. And please continue to pray for us, as we seek to be the city on a hill--the light for this campus--which, after ninety-seven years of service, God keeps calling us to be.

Grace to you in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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uilding on a Legacy

The Building on a Legacy campaign draws to a close in 2009. We would like to thank everyone for partnering with us in this effort to build a new house for Stratford. Many of our alumni and friends have prayed, volunteered, and donated to this campaign. The new house has been an immense blessing for all the Stratford women.

To help students discover their gifts for ministry, UBC started the spring semester with a new sermon series called “Exercising the Body” based on 1 Corinthians 12:27. We enjoyed three post worship lunches and two church meetings throughout the spring semester. Seven discipleship groups met weekly for Bible reading and prayer. Three were baptized Emmanuel Leroy, Emma Strobusch, and Ben Towal. Emmanuel, Emma, Joshua Rule, James Young and, Quincy Mitchell became UBC members during the spring semester. David Fitch, a professor at Northern Seminary and an expert on the emerging church, preached and gave a workshop at UBC on January 25th. The Annual UBC Ski Trip to Andalusia, IL was held on February 6th-7th. There was a coffeehouse held in the basement of UBC on March 13th with live music and poetry. Pastor Smith preached at the Area III Annual Meeting in March, and three groups participated in Habitat for Humanity trips during Spring Break, to Bartlesville, OK, New Orleans, LA, and Champaign, IL. Maundy Thursday services and Baccalaureate were observed, and nursing home visitation and Empty Tomb service teams met weekly.



Students at the UBC Coffeehouse on March 13th, 2009

Koinonia

Koinonia focused on lots of service events this semester. They volunteered at Salt and Light, Empty Tomb, the Boys and Girls Club, and in various other ways around the area. On May 2nd, a group of Koin guys traveled to Pekin, IL to help Camp of Champions with a building project for the day. Overall, Koinonia has participated in over 400 service hours as a house this semester. They were glad that they could be a light to those around the community through their assistance. In addition to the philanthropic work, Koinonia also hosted several social events at their house, including a Superbowl Party and Root Beer Social. Koinonia participated in intramural sports with the University, including a basketball team which went all the way to the championship game. They lost in a very close contest, but will be remembered as the best intramural Koin basketball team ever. Near the end of the semester, Koinonia had their membership dinner at Famous Dave's and officially welcomed in 15 new members of the House.



Stratford

This semester was really great at Stratford House. Combined with Acting on Aids, they hosted a Pancake House to benefit the fight against AIDS. Many girls also participated in the Dance Marathon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. In order to raise enough money, the group sold t-shirts, hosted a bake sale, and held a car wash. Stratford also had a group of girls go to New Orleans with University Baptist Church over Spring Break to work with a Baptist church in the area and Habitat for Humanity to build a house. Stratford was very excited to attend the baptisms of Bonnie Stevig and Melissa Dunton, to witness them publicly proclaim their faith in Christ. This semester Stratford also tried to strengthen bonds with Koinonia through Open Door Night. This is where each room was decorated according to a chosen theme and the members of the other house were able to tour the themed rooms. On April 25th Stratford and Koinonia traveled to Oak Brook for formal at the Hyatt Lodge on the McDonald's campus. Both houses had a really great time getting dressed up and going to a nice dinner and spending the night dancing and taking pictures.



Sutton Place

Sutton Place was filled with residents from around the world. They were all very busy pursuing their various degrees. The residents continued with their traditions of joint house meals on Sunday evenings, monthly house meetings, and a chaplain led Bible study.

This upcoming fall semester will bring many changes for Sutton Place. It will now be an all male house for fifteen residents. The reduction in house residents arises due to a city code that would require an installation of an expensive sprinkler system if the house has over sixteen residents. The change from co-ed to men only makes sense because, with the addition of 312 House to the Baptist Housing Ministry, we can now have the preferred option of single sex residences for graduate men and women.



Some Sutton Residents volunteering for Habitat for Humanity with UBC

The 312 house

312 started off the spring semester with a trip to Chicago for shopping, theatre, great food, and plenty of time to spend together before the semester got in full swing. On Valentines Day, the girls were treated to a home made breakfast by their friends at BASIC ministry and completed the day with an outing for cupcakes and a movie. The first ever 312 3/12 party was held on March 12th to celebrate their house. Additionally, they hosted an International Student dinner, a breakfast, and a cookout. At the end of the semester they had a fancy dinner out on Reading Day and their second ever end of the semester jubilee at the conclusion of finals week.



Tangent Scholarship Dinner

The annual Tangent Scholarship Dinner was held on April 6th, 2009. The houses gathered together in the basement of University Baptist Church where the Tangent Scholarship was awarded. Those students who received 4.0 GPAs and those with the Most Improved GPA for the fall 2009 semester were recognized as well.

2009 Tangent Scholarship Winners

Jessica Libby is a sophomore in Architecture.

Stephen Winterroth is a junior in Kinesiology.

Nathan Winterroth is a junior in Economics.

Colleen Lindsay is a graduate student in Archaeology.

Koinonia

4.0s: Ryan Overmeyer is a junior in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology.

Most Improved GPA: Billy Wilson is a senior in Mechanical Engineering.

Stratford House

4.0s: Christine Cheng is a sophomore in Accounting.

Kristin Enright is a sophomore in English and Spanish.

Chelsea Frerichs is a sophomore in Elementary Education.

Abigail Robertson is a sophomore in Elementary Education.

Sarah Stef is a freshman in Mathematics.

Bonnie Stevig is a junior in Nursing.

Most Improved GPA: Chelsea Frerichs also received a 4.0 GPA.

Sutton Place

4.0s: Pedro Nariyoshi is an undergraduate student in Electrical Engineering.

The 3:12 House

4.0s: Hsingtzu Wu is a graduate student in Nuclear Engineering

Laura Chandler is a graduate student in Piano Pedagogy.

Most Improved GPA: Hsingtzu Wu also received a 4.0 GPA.

M Meet Nancy Hubbs



We're pleased to announce that Nancy Hubbs has joined our staff as the new full-time Housing Minister.

A native of Jacksonville, Illinois, Nancy earned a BA in Education from Judson College and an MA in Counseling Ministries from Trinity International University, where she served as a resident assistant.

She has sensed a strong calling to campus ministry and is eager to disciple college students and lead ministry events for them.

Welcome, Nancy, to the University Baptist Church and Baptist Housing Ministry Team!

Thank you, Interim Staff!

Our thanks to Christina Lewis and Neal Chamberlain for their service as Interim Housing Coordinator and Interim Facilities Manager this past year. Christina is moving on to graduate school at the University of Georgia for a masters in Child and Family Development. Neal will continue to help the ministry on a volunteer basis. We are very thankful that God provided us with these exceptional workers during this time of transition.

Connecting

We are continually working towards reaching alumni for whom we do not have current contact information. If you know of any alumni who are not receiving our newsletters, please send an email to ubcbhm@uofibaptist.org with their contact information.

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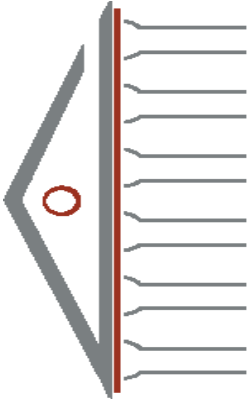
University Baptist Church and Baptist Housing Ministry invite you to join us for **Homecoming** on October 10th, 2009. This year we are having a special reunion of the class years 1995-2005, but everyone is welcome to come and join the festivities. Be looking for further information in your mailbox or email.

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