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Pastor Nick became the 4th Pastor of UBC
February 8, 2021

The Time is Now Pastor Nick Kim

When some southern states had imposed tactics like poll taxes to keep black citizens from voting, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the church against this and related atrocities to achieve voting rights. Images of brutality and civil unrest were coming into living rooms and the President wanted things to calm down. President Johnson asked Rev. Dr. King to slow down. The Baptist Preacher told him, God was on their side, the time was now. Within months the March on Washington would occur and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 would get passed.

In our community the problems can seem insurmountable. Homelessness, mental illness, the migrant crisis, hunger, and many other things show up at the doorstep to our church. We could say we're a small church with limited resources, but God is telling us the time is now.

We're very close to having 1,000 people come through our doors each week. Sunday morning growth groups and our worship is focused on Him. On Mondays and Thursdays we feed the hungry. We not only feed their physical needs but their spiritual needs as Deacon David and Elder Tony bring the word. God has blessed our Wednesday morning service, the new Spanish speaking service and the discovery discipleship classes beyond what we could have ever imagined. While this is a lot, we're ready for more. When it comes to doing God's work, the time is now.



In His Service
David Morris



David has been Chair of our Deacons, helping Morris Brown with our Foundations of Faith class, steadily preaching at Monday night meal and at other occasions and this just scratches the surface of his service. Recently he was formally licensed as a Preacher of the Gospel. Let's talk to "DD" Deacon David.

After decades of service at UBC, what is your favorite memory? I was coming home from work and came to prayer meeting. I had a heavy heart. I opened up at prayer meeting and shared my burdens. In the company of other believers, I shared my burdens and people prayed for me and I felt total peace. Before that day I would handle things myself. I was self-sufficient, but I realized then and there I couldn't carry those burdens on my own. I was reserved and that opened me up.

How has UBC prepared you in your calling to preach the Gospel? The church has always been here to give me that support. At one Monday night meal, Pastor Allen preached the first service. He was nowhere to be found for the second service. After getting him on the phone, He said, "David you're going to preach the second service." After that I always prepared to preach and have been doing it since.

How would you describe ministry at UBC? We have a lot of ministries. I enjoy Mondays because of the personal interaction with the people. One lady held my hand and said she wanted to be anointed like me. She wouldn't let go. I got to tell her it was the Lord working through me. God is awesome. I don't know how He will use me next. God is awesome.

History
Joshua Yoak

I love studying history. American and World history has always fascinated me. I am more fascinated by church history. From the earliest days of the church until now the church has faced opposition and who doesn't love a great underdog story. A careful student of American and World history will discover how the church shaped history. Narratives get passed from generation to generation and people and facts can be forgotten. It has been unfortunate that the contributions of black Christians have not received their due and why we must celebrate black history in the church.

In the early 19th century Leonard Grimes witnessed the horrors of slavery. He asked God to lead him and help him to make a difference and help people escape. He got a job as a chauffer providing horses and carriages for hire which provided cover for his work on the underground railroad. He was arrested for helping a family escape to freedom and after two years of hard labor, moved to Boston where he became the pastor of the 12th Baptist Church known as the Fugitives Church.

A white preacher named John Brown is credited with forcing the Civil War so that all Americans could be free. However it was his friend, a black preacher named Frederick Douglass who won the heart of the President and provided counsel leading to the Emancipation Proclamation.

In the middle of the 20th century black folks in Alabama were no longer slaves but treated horribly. The Pastor of the Dexter Ave. Baptist Church in Montgomery was Vernon Johns. Pastor Johns was one of the first Pastors to organize boycotts. His activities led to retaliation against the pastor and some of their members. His deacons chastised and reprimanded him. Their deacons forced his resignation. They hired a young 25 year old first time pastor whom they thought they could control and who wouldn't rock the boat. His name was Martin Luther King Jr. Despite these sacrifices and their God led accomplishments, Sunday mornings remain the most segregated time in America. NOT at UBC! We are brothers and sisters who celebrate this history. It is Black history, American history, and Church history.



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