



# STATE OF THE CHURCH

## RIGHT WHERE THE MONKEY DROPPED IT / ACTS 27:13-20

1. What has been the biggest challenge you have faced since the Covid Pandemic first began? How did you deal with this challenge?
2. Pastor Mark tells the story of the golf course in India that had a problem with pesky monkeys messing with golf balls. The golf course officials were unable to get rid of the monkeys, so they added a rule: "Play your ball where the monkey dropped it." How can this also serve as an important principle in dealing with disruptions in our lives?
3. What is the difference between adapting to our circumstances and surrendering to our circumstances?
4. Pastor Mark points out how the Apostle Paul had to adapt to challenges throughout his mission work, challenges that included imprisonment and shipwreck. Why do you think Paul was so adaptable?
5. In what ways have you seen Virginia Beach UMC adapt to the challenges posed by Covid 19?
6. What have you missed most from your church since the pandemic began? What have you found most helpful from the church since the pandemic began?
7. Why do you think it might be a good idea for VBUMC to continue offering online experiences in addition to in-person experiences once the pandemic is over?
8. Pastor Mark mentioned that we will try to re-start the tradition of having Wednesday Night Suppers at the church. Do you like this idea? Why or why not?
9. What are your personal hopes for 2021?
10. What are your hopes for VBUMC in 2021?