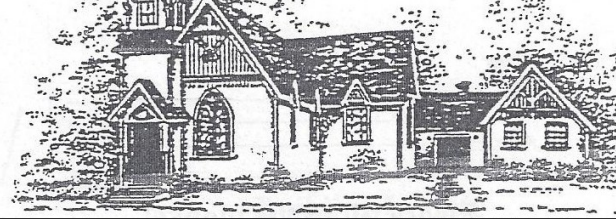


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How does it happen that summer flies by ever so quickly and faster than the year before? I do love summertime. I love the days at the beach and time to be with family. I love the sunshine, the flowers, the warm days and yes, even the hot ones too. I love Bible school. I love that those who don't have kids come and love all the kids because they are all our kids. I love that our kids bring their friends and I know that for some of those children it is the first time they have heard about God's amazing love revealed in Jesus.

Before you know it, it will be back to school and back to our fall schedules. Back to Sunday school is September 7. I do look forward to seeing all of you who have been way-faring this summer. I have missed you. I hope the rest of your summer is pleasant and enriching. I hope it is a time to relax, to enjoy the beauty of God's good creation, to rest, to renew and to worship.

This summer we have celebrated marriages and new beginnings. We have grieved with our dear friends the loss of loved ones. Through the tears and the laughter, through the joy and the sorrow we have felt God's abiding presence. God who walks alongside of us, God who carries us through the shadows, God who dances with us in glory, in and through God, we find our hope, our strength and holy love. God journeys with us in all of life's adventures and takes us home when day is done.

Shalom, *Cindy*





Our sympathy is extended to Kevin, Anne and Jasmine Heath upon the death of their daughter and sister, Amber Hernandez.

Harriet Griggs will enter MCV on August 6<sup>th</sup> for knee surgery.

Bill Alcoke is recuperating at home.

Arlette Brown was hospitalized this past month. Arlette is now back at Chesterfield Heights.

Dot Morrison has a respiratory infection and is recuperating at her daughter's house. Her address is: Dot Morrison c/o Karen Parrish 11407 Elmout Road, Ashland, VA 23005.

Please pray for Cathy Wheless who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Our prayers continue with Alice Beasley, Alma Spivey, Helen Macklin, Bruce and Peg Macfadden and Lloyd Thacher. We also keep Betty and Lou Scharon's grandson, Joe Burns in our prayers. Our prayers are with: Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's sister, Ginny McGuire; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Arlene and Steve Blythe's friend, Greg Franz; Rhonda Ringel's friend, Evan Smith; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Peggy Hill; Gerry Roppe'; Jackie Nilles' aunt, Brenda Grant; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell.

We keep in prayer Lt. Adam Teachey who is stationed in Romania and Sydney McKenney who is working in Equador.

## Church in Community

### Thanks BACC

Dear BACC,

I want to thank the more than 70 people who pulled together to provide food, shelter, laundry, showers and fun for our 25 CARITAS guests July 19 - 26. Many volunteers performed multiple tasks. Many thanks as well to everyone who supported the effort with donations of toiletry items, towels, food and more.

BACC provided three meals each day, transportation to showers at Bon Air United Methodist Church and laundry for the families. I have been a volunteer each year for BACC's CARITAS week, but as coordinator this year I saw how many committed people it takes to make everything happen. I am touched and encouraged by the Christian love and service I saw each day in our fellowship hall as our homeless sisters and brothers received hot food, warm fellowship and clean clothes from our joint efforts. The week went amazingly well as a result of everyone's hard work.

Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways.

*"..I tell you truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 19: 40*

Shea Hollifield

Church in Community Chair

# Bon Air Historical Society

September 7th

Dear Pastor Cindy,

On behalf of the BAHS, please accept this small gesture of appreciation for all that you and your church do for our organization and community.

We are particularly grateful for the hospitality shown to the BAHS in support of Victorian Day. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Len Tuck



Congratulations are extended to Daniel Whitlow and Brooke Seay who were married at Bon Air Christian on July 12.

## **New Addresses:**

Dot Bennett  
9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive  
*Apt. #105A (new room number)*  
Richmond, VA 23235

Lloyd Thacher  
2105 Cranbeck Drive Apt. 129  
Richmond, VA 23235

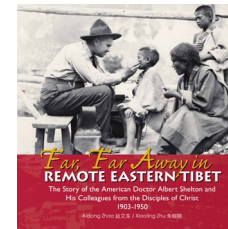
## Back to Sunday School!

### Fall Schedule:

8:45 Worship Service

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service



## New Book in the Church Library

A new book was purchased at Quadrennial for our church library: Far, Far Away in Eastern Tibet. The book is a history of the work of Disciples of Christ missionaries in eastern Tibet in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the significant impact their ministries had on the country. Cecilia Andrick, Andee Kirk, Brenda Kidd and Cathy Law met one of the authors. Ask them about her and the book! And check the book out!



# God's Treasure Island

## August 11 -15



It is hard to believe but summer will be here before we know it, so it is time to register for this year's Vacation Bible School! Let all your family, friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity. We love to get to know your grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the children's friends.

We will all get a boat and travel to our very own Treasure Island. This year the focus will be on God's Love and finding a treasure that is more important than gold, jewels and money! The children will do this by learning meaningful stories of Jesus in the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

VBS will start with the children coming at 5:15 pm or so and being served a kid friendly meal at 5:30 pm. The program will end at 8:00 pm.

Fill out the enclosed registration form and leave it in the church office or look for registrations forms available on the bulletin boards around the church.

**God's Treasure Island**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>**

Registration is open for children ages 3 years to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Children must be potty trained. Nursery is provided for children up to age 2. For more information please contact the church at 272-6228. To register, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones – Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age & Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/Other Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

These persons can pick up this child from VBS:

(name)

(relationship to child)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BACC has received the  
following notes:**

Dear Bon Air Christian Church:

Thank you for the beautiful card and lovely bracelet. I greatly appreciate all the love and support from the church.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fields

*(Beulah Profitt's granddaughter)*

*From the family of Ruth Fraker:*

Dear Women of Bon Air CWF:

Thank you so much for the beautiful reception you provided for our family after mom's funeral. Everything was beautiful and delicious. I know mom was looking at all her ladies in the kitchen and smiling.

The flowers arrangement you sent to all the family was just beautiful.

Again thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Katie Fraker

*From Gerry Roppe'*

I am constantly amazed and so eternally grateful for your support during this time of need in my life.

I continue to hold you all so close to my heart.

God is good and you are a testament of His infinite goodness

BACC Family,

I want to thank all who sent cards, called or visited during my recent hip replacement recovery. BACC is known for its caring membership and you proved it in spades for me. As I have graduated to a handicapped parking permit, thanks again for the new concrete parking space to try it out.

Bill Alcoke

Dear Cindy and All:

Thank you for allowing Friends United with the Richmond Shelter (FURS) to borrow the tables for our annual fund-raiser!

Being a very small organization every dollar we can save goes directly to the dogs in our care until we can get them permanent homes!

I'm proud and honored to be a member of such a generous family such as BACC.

Thanks again,

Janie Severance

Dear friends:

Cindy and I would like to express our deep appreciation to you for all of your prayers for my son, George while he served in Afghanistan.

Your prayers and kindness have been a comfort to us.

Best regards,

George Smith

My mother taught me that “history” is not a dull class about dates and wars and people who wore funny clothes, but rather the story of where we came from. My grandmother and two aunts lived in Nashville when I was a boy, and when mother took me to visit them we frequently stopped at The Hermitage, Andrew Jackson’s home; so to me he was not a dead president with a funny looking hat—I could see how big he was by his clothes, how he slept (bed with stairs), his wife Rachel’s beautiful flower garden maze—Andrew and Rachel Jackson came alive for me. When I was in junior high school mother took me to the Shiloh Battlefield of the Civil War, near her childhood home; and I got to see the dense forest where troops fired on their own comrades, and the numbers—the terrible numbers of those who fell. She took me to the hamlet where her grandfather’s grandfather built a log house in 1835, and where three generations of her family were physicians in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Those people and their stories came alive for me. My mother taught me to love “history”—my history.

So one delightful day in Nashville she took me to the north end of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, and we entered the beautiful stone mansion that houses the Disciples Historical Society—our church’s history center. I already knew the names of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone and Walter Scott, the “four founders”; but at DHS there were exhibits of their lives (somebody even came up with Alexander Campbell cigars!). I reveled in the rich collections of our church’s history and legend. Since that day the Disciples Historical Society has held a warm spot in my heart. It’s about us!

The Society has a humidity-controlled space where they keep records from 23,000 congregations, 40,000 biographical files, and the personal papers of more than 35,000 of us—including President Reagan and Janis Joplin. It holds a third of a million Disciple photographs, and has started collecting church cookbooks—like I said, it’s our history. If you would like the Recipe of the Month, go to [www.DisciplesHistory.org](http://www.DisciplesHistory.org) and there it is! DHS is also on Facebook and on Twitter (DisciplesHistory). (They even have a picture online of the minister my Uncle Broadie was named for!) Many scholars from the three denominations related to our heritage go to DHS to do research in the original documents; but if you’re interested, there are online research, online exhibits, and an online history.

And the next time you go to Nashville, plan some time to visit the Disciples Historical Society for yourself. It’s fantastic!

Dan Griggs



## **Food Donations**

For August, for our food donations to Bainbridge Ministries, our target food is canned TUNA FISH. There are bins by the church office and in the Fellowship Hall hallway. All food donations are welcome.

## **ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH**

Many may already know, but to pass the word on about easy ways to help support ministries to those in need:

When making purchases through Amazon or Amazon Prime, if you go through AMAZON SMILE ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)), a percentage of your purchase goes toward your designated charity. Two Richmond agencies that we support can receive donations through Amazon Smile: CARITAS (housing for homeless families) and GRAY HAVEN (support and shelter for victims of human trafficking).

When doing internet searches and you use GOOD SEARCH ([www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)) a penny for each search is donated to your designated charity. GLOBAL MINISTRIES for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ are participating.

## **Calling all Artists at Bon Air**

### **Christian Church.**

An Art Show is being planned starting Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be an opportunity to display and sell your work. If you think you may be interested, please contact Becky in the church office. You do not need to make a commitment yet, the planning group is just trying to get an idea of how much space will be needed and the best way to display everyone's work. Any kind of appropriate work will be accepted. Hopeful-



This year at VBS there will be a photo booth for pictures. We need children's sized Hawaiian shirts. If you have any we can use please get in touch with Andee Kirk 804 929 2270.

## **Yard Sale**

The church will be having a Yard Sale in the fall sponsored by the Men's Group. If you have things you thought of giving away now, please consider holding on to them until fall. The sale will raise funds for the restroom renovation and other things needed at our church. Thanks!

## **Where it goes**

On our offering envelopes there is a line that says "building fund". Have you ever wondered where the money goes? If you have ever attended a Sunday school class or sent a child to Vacation Bible School you have benefited from this fund. If you have ever been to a reception in the multipurpose room or attended an elders meeting or a committee meeting chances are you benefited from this fund.

In 2007 we dedicated our Christian Education building. Since that time we have used that space for many ministries. We help our community by offering space for Alcoholics Anonymous, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Quilters group, the Bon Air Historical Society and other community organizations.

Our youth group meets in the Christian Education building and our "Worship and Wonder" ministry for our children is also there. Thank you for sharing your gifts and thank you for being part of this wonderful church that reaches out through time, talent and also through this space, which we call Bon Air Christian Church.



## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2014

### August 3

Elders: Bud Deihl, Gina McKenney  
Deacons: 9:15 Jean Dowdy (P), Traci Eagle  
10:45 Paula Craft (P), Connor Kirk, Joan Mielke, Rick Bernard  
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Ed Parks      10:45 Brenda Kidd      Acolyte:  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Barbara Bancroft 10:45 Martha Seemiller  
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Sandy Logan, Cassie Price      10:45 Joe and Barbara Bancroft

### August 10

Elders: Frank Clark, Russ Johnson  
Deacons: 9:15 Guy Barker (P), Chris Bates  
10:45 Michael Whitlow (P), Jamie McDonald, Diane Clark, Bill Sydnor  
Worship Leaders 9:15 Cassie Price      10:45 Cathy Law      Acolyte:  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Barbara Bancroft  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Cassie Collins 10:45 Joe Bancroft  
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Sandy Logan      10:45 Barbara & Joe Bancroft

### August 17

Elders: Steve Kline, Gina McKenney  
Deacons: 9:15 Traci Eagle (P), Tom Snodgrass  
10:45 Arlene Giffel (P), Claire Cochran, Kim Teachey, Jim Lehan  
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Sara Reese      10:45 Barbara Bancroft      Acolyte:  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Maggie Pace 10:45 Martha Seemiller  
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Sandy Logan, Cassie Price      10:45 Barbara & Joe Bancroft

### August 24

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale  
Deacons: 9:15 Rick Novak (P), Jeanne Brock  
10:45 Polly White (P) Doug White, Lauren Johnson, Carol McGowan  
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Doug White      10:45 Kitten Whitlow      Acolyte:  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Suzanne Dale      Worship & Wonder Helper:  
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Sean & Alison Hylton 10:45 Joe Bancroft, George Smith

### August 31

Elders: Ed Parks, Duke Dale  
Deacons: 9:15 Tom Snodgrass (P), Jim Lehan  
10:45 Stephen Blanchard (P), Paula Craft, Claire Cochran, Arlene Giffel  
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Cassie Price      10:45 Jerrell Todd      Acolyte:  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden  
Worship & Wonder Helper: Barbara Bancroft  
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Sara Reese      10:45 Barbara & Joe Bancroft  
Offering: Kris Shouldice      (P) denotes communion preparation