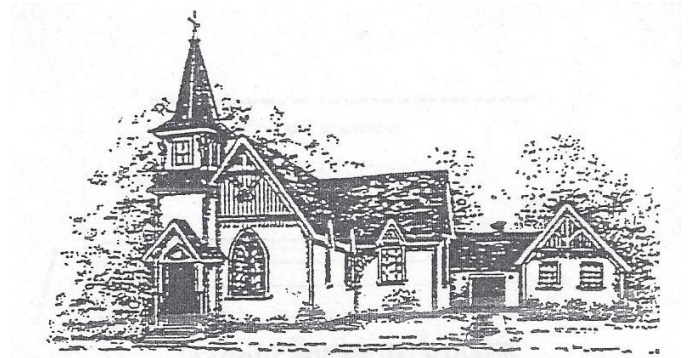


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Rest.

George is amazing. One of the astounding things about George is that he lays his head down on the pillow (or the lazy boy, or the couch) and he is out. He immediately is in the land of slumber and dreams. I watch him sleep and sometimes listen to him sleep, bless his heart. I must have passed on to Micah this lack of propensity for snoozing because when he went off to kindergarten and all the little children got out their mats, his best friends went out like a light and Micah watched them sleep.

Mom told me as a little child she would be in bed and wake to see a little dark shadow flitting by – yes, it was me being a night owl. I have not improved. I lay down and my brain is filled with everything – my family, how the kids are doing, the grandkids, good things, happy things, worries, the concern for church members who are struggling, the things that are happening in the world, wonderings about how my nuke band knows so much, the protein value of quinoa, lots of random meanderings.

I am a firm believer in sleep. I love sleeping. I know the power of a good night's rest. Resting brings restoration. Resting brings revitalization. So I work on LETTING GO and try not to let the theme song of "Frozen" get stuck in my brain. As I think of things I give them to God. The good things I say "thank you Lord." The bad things I say "Lord I am going to trust you to lead me and to help where help is needed."

I focus on God's Word. I allow a comforting verse of scripture to fill up the places in my brain and calm me. I sing to myself the verse of a hymn that reminds me that God is in control and I can stop trying to run the world.

It doesn't always work, but I always have the option of just watching George sleep. When I am heading off to slumber one of the things I always thank God for is you. I am blessed beyond measure to be part of this loving congregation. I love you all!

*Cindy*



## Family Concerns:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Fraker. Ruth was a charter member of BACC.

Helen Macklin is at the Laurels at University Park.

Chuck Reese is in Chippenham hospital.

We continue to pray for: Chris Verheul who is recuperating from chemotherapy; Harriet Griggs as she recovers from her fourth surgery; Nancy Maiden as she undergoes chemotherapy; Tammy Rucker's brother, David Robinson; Juanita Coleman's grandson, Eric Purser; Mazie McCann, Alice Beasley, Alma Spivey, 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; Frank Clark's dad, Jimmy Clark; 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; Christy Sprouse's friend, Martha Carter; Clairee Cochran; Peggy Hill; Gerry Roppe'; Shirley Huff's son, Mark; Jackie Nilles' aunt, Brenda Grant; Jean Dowdy's dentist, Joshua Rubinstein; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Mary Ann Casdia's granddaughter, Daisy Hansen; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell who has cancer. We keep in prayer Lt. Adam Teachey who is stationed in Romania. Please pray for George Smith's son who is serving in Afghanistan



## Graduate Recognition

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college or other learning institute, please contact the church office.

## Prayer group

Once a month (on the **second Thursday at 10:30 am**), a small group of us meet here at BACC for prayer. Like many other prayer groups, we have a time of prayer, including intercessory prayer (prayer that is on behalf of somebody or something) for members and friends of BACC. But we also do much more during our time together. We share our trials, our hopes and our successes in developing rich and vibrant personal prayer lives. This time of sharing is voluntary, as is everything else we do; no one is put on the spot in our group. We also explore many aspects of prayer such as adoration of God and giving thanks to God for our many blessings as well as different types of prayer like written and sung prayer, and the use of prayer tools such as studying scripture and reading devotionals. We discuss common problems with developing and sustaining a prayer life; problems such as concentration and focus, lack of time, and commitment. But mostly we strive to come closer to God through prayer. We seek to surround ourselves with God's spirit and fill ourselves with God's love. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact me (Gail Macfadden) at 513 -1590 or [gailmacfadden@yahoo.com](mailto:gailmacfadden@yahoo.com). We'd love for you to come at any time.

## JOY Group

### Tuesday May 20th

JOY speaker, May 20, 10:30 AM at the church, pot luck. Our speaker will be Aleta Shelton who is the Director of Caring Canines. Caring Canines is an extremely dedicated group of volunteers who, with their registered therapy dogs, visit to help provide emotional support, comfort, encouragement, enable independence, and experience both the fun and health benefits that dogs bring to our lives.

**Christmount Retreat  
and Conference Center**

**Adult Work Week**

**Week of Wonder: May 25 - 30**

Week of Wonder is a mission opportunity for adults to help Christmount prepare for the summer and watch the wondrous transformation of our grounds into the beautiful place our campers and conferees have come to know and love, a place where lives are changed for Christ.

Christmount relies on volunteers to help maintain the camp and conference areas, trails, playgrounds, worship areas, and buildings. These volunteers enable us to offer lower-cost camps as well as camper scholarships. Christmount ministers to low-income children and, in addition, offers ministers a place of retreat during sabbaticals and church members a reasonably-priced retreat center.

You can be part of this ministry by spending part of a week working with other volunteers who love Christmount to help prepare for a summer of wonder for both children and adults!

If you are interested, visit

[www.christmount.org](http://www.christmount.org) or contact the church office for a brochure.



**Bon Air Victorian Days  
and CWF Bake Sale May 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Bon Air Historical Society Victorian Day Festival is May 10<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. with activities until 3:00 p.m. Come support the annual festival which takes place at BACC.

CWF sponsors an annual bake sale as part of this event. Remember to bring baked goods to the church kitchen on Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

**Board Approved**

**Bathrooms Renovation**

At the last Board meeting a renovation plan of the 2 small restrooms in the hallway by the choir room, the nursery and library into one larger restroom with a shower presented by Andee Kirk was approved.

The shower will be nice to have when we host our CARTIAS guests and the brides will appreciate one larger room. The cost will be approximately \$4,500 which will come **only** from fundraising and donations so it may take a few years to complete the project. Doug Collins will oversee the actual work needed for the renovation.

Look for the design plan with a Victorian flair to be displayed on the bulletin boards throughout the church.

I would appreciate ideas for fundraising and if anyone is interested in working on this project, I would be grateful for your help. You can get in touch with me at 804 330 9275 or 804 929 2270 or at [bobbykirk1@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbykirk1@yahoo.com).

Andee Kirk

**Please note our new member  
information for your church directory:**

Diane and Pete Fearnley  
Schyler, Madison  
804-514-8494  
11857 Kilrenny Road  
Midlothian, VA 23113



## **Peachtree Christian Church**

### **Youth Choir Concert**

**June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.**

The Peachtree Christian Church Youth Choir will perform a concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. Dinner will be at 5:30 for the congregation and the youth with the concert beginning at 7:00.

Approximately 30 people total will need housing for the evening. If you would be willing to host the youth and their chaperones on Tuesday night, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing. Families with children are encouraged to participate because the youth in the choir really enjoy being with other kids. Write your name, telephone number and the number of guests you have room to keep.

Please Sign Up

And Extend A

Warm Bon Air Welcome

To Our Guests!

*Summer Schedule Begins May 25*

*Worship Services at*

*9:15 and 10:45*

*Saturday:*

*5:00 Casual Worship Service*



### **Many Thanks**

to all the folks who helped make Lent and Easter so special.

Cleaned the Chandeliers & Glass Scones -  
**Arlene & Steve Blythe**

Cleaned the Sanctuary - **Diane Clark,  
Whitney Graham, Sandy Logan &  
Jackie Waldron**

Officiated the Good Friday Service -  
**Gail Macfadden**

Decorated the Cross with Flowers - -  
**Sandy Logan**

Prepared for Sunrise Service & Brunch -  
**Laura Hollis, Emily Fuller,  
Jane Miller, Sandy Logan,  
Kris Schouldice**

Baked Bread for the Easter Services -  
**Cathy Law**

Mentored Peyton, Maddy, and Zachary for  
baptism - **Cecelia Andrick, Robin  
Blanchard, Andee Kirk & Gina  
McKenney**

Prepared the Water for Baptism -  
**Michael Whitlow**

Helped the with Baptisms - **Brenda Kidd,  
Connor Kirk, Lena Neal**

## Library Corner



Two books you may want to check out from are Church Library are:

**Sons of Encouragement** by **Francine Rivers** is a compilation of the five books that share the stories of five Biblical men who stood behind the heroes of the faith and quietly changed eternity. Aaron, the priest who stood in Moses' shadow but had the courage to cover his brother's fears. Caleb, the warrior whose words stirred men's hearts and brought God's people to the Promised Land. Jonathan, the prince whose humility led him to befriend the man who would become king in his place. Amos, the prophet who heard when God called and spoke to a nation unwilling to listen. Silas, the scribe who surrendered his wealth to record God's word, even as those around him were silenced. Each faithfully sought after God in the shadows of His chosen leaders, each answered God's call to serve without recognition or fame, and each gave everything, knowing his reward might not come until the next life.

**The Funeral Dress** by **Susan Gregg Gilmore** is the story of a woman, Emmalee Bullard and her new baby who are on their own. Or so she thinks, until Leona Lane, the older seamstress who sat by her side at the local shirt factory where both women worked as collar makers, insists Emmalee come and live with her. Just as Emmalee prepares to escape her hardscrabble life in Red Chert holler, Leona dies tragically. Grief-stricken, Emmalee decides she'll make Leona's burying dress, but there are plenty of people who don't think the unmarried Emmalee should design a dress for a Christian woman - or care for a child on her own. But with every stitch, Emmalee struggles to do what is right for her daughter and to honor Leona the best way she can, finding unlikely support among an indomitable group of seamstresses and the town's funeral director. In a moving tale exploring Southern spirit and camaraderie among working women, a young mother will compel a town to become a community.

### **BACC has received the following notes:**

A note from Lloyd:

This is to all those friends and members who have visited, called me, sent get well notes and have prayed for me these past few months, I want to offer my sincere thanks.

Because I have shaky hands, I have difficulty typing. It is still better than my handwriting which is close to illegible.

My cardiologist forbade me to drive for 6 months, which has me primarily confined to my apartment. My balance is shaky so I now have a fear of falling.

I look forward to feeling normal again when I can attend worship on a regular basis and rejoin my Sunday School class.

Lloyd Thacher

## **MARCH**

I want to thank you and the members of Bon Air Christian Church for your generous donation. Your continued support helps the food pantries supported by MARCH keep their shelves supplied with food. In 2013, the pantries supported by MARCH provided food to over 18,000 clients.

Thank you for your continued support. It does make a difference.

Sincerely,  
Russell Melroy  
MARCH Coordinator

## **MICAH INITIATIVE**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the Micah Program of Richmond Hill.

This ministry depends for its life on the generosity of those who pray and work with us. We are very grateful for your contribution.

The Micah Program gives underserved kids a shot at a better life.

Please avail yourself of the hospitality and grace of this community and monastery whenever you wish. Thank you for being a steward with us of this monastery and this ministry.

Blessings  
Cynthia S. Paris  
Council President

## **CCHASM**

*Generous Hearts and Caring Hands  
to Those in Need!*

Thank you for your generous gift and continued support of CCHASM.

Sincerely,  
Helen Hughes

## **Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care**

On behalf of the VIPCare clients and staff, we thank you and Bon Air Christian Church for the contribution. Your support for the Counseling Aid Fund ensures that clients seeking pastoral counseling will receive services regardless of their ability to pay.

Over forty percent of all VIPCare clients require some level of financial assistance to receive the mental health counseling they need. VIPCare is able to continue our commitment to these individuals, couples and families through the generous support of congregations like Bon Air Christian.

Please let us know if there is anything that VIPCare can do to serve Bon Air Christian Church or its members. Best regards,

W. Victor Maloy  
Executive Director

## **Habitat for Humanity--Powhatan**

**“It Takes a Village to Build  
a Habitat Home”**

God is good! I would like to thank all of the good folks at Bon Air Christian Church for their generous donation to Habitat Powhatan. It could not have come at a better time as we prepare to build two affordable homes for the Langfitt and Bailey families

Your church and congregation has been a loyal supporter of Habitat Powhatan since 2008. During that time we have completed 6 homes and over 30 critical repairs and we could not have done it without you.

We are waiting for the good Lord to give us a week or so of dry weather so that we can drill wells and dig footings. But we have learned over the years that God's timing is perfect. The trick is to be ready with a plan when He is and we are.

I look forward to working with your volunteers on these builds and I hope many in the future. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Terry Pacquette



# 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 registration forms available on the bulletin boards around the church.

### **CWF Joint Meeting**

There will be a joint CWF meeting Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:45 worship service. This meeting will be a potluck luncheon so bring a dish to share. Please also bring any Blessing Box or Least Coin contributions not already turned into Dot Morrison.

### **Christian Women's Fellowship**

Bon Air Christian Church offers three opportunities for women's fellowship. The Christian Women's Fellowship groups are open to all women of the church. The groups and meeting dates are:

The Day group's next meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is our last meeting of the year. It will be a brunch following the meeting. Everyone is asked to bring a brunch item to share. Meeting starts at 10:30. Arlene Giffel is the group leader.

The Evening group 1 meets the first Tuesday of the month in members' homes. The next meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup> at Jean Turlington's home. Kitten Whitlow is the group leader.

The Evening group 2 (Salad Group) meets once a month at 6:15 at the church. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Half Broke Horses**: A True-Life Novel by Jeannette Walls is the book the Book Club will be reading for the month of May.

Originally conceived as a biography based on family interviews and historical research, Walls found herself filling in too many blanks for Half Broke Horses to remain a work of non-fiction, so she assumed her grandmother's indomitable voice and set out to write a novelistic recreation of grandmother's unconventional life. Half Broke Horses tells the heartwarming story of an irrepressible woman who carved her own destiny.

So begins the story of Lily Casey Smith, Jeannette Walls's no-nonsense, resourceful, and spectacularly compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town—riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. And, with her husband, Jim, she ran a vast ranch in Arizona. She raised two children, one of whom is Jeannette's memorable mother, Rosemary Smith Walls, unforgettably portrayed in The Glass Castle.

Lily survived tornadoes, droughts, floods, the Great Depression, and the most heart-breaking personal tragedy. She bristled at prejudice of all kinds—against women, Native Americans, and anyone else who didn't fit the mold. Rosemary Smith Walls always told Jeannette that she was like her grandmother, and in this true-life novel, Jeannette Walls channels that kindred spirit. Half Broke Horses is Laura Ingalls Wilder for adults.

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 27th at 10:30 am at the church. Everyone is invited.

### **Check out the Library!**

There are **2 wing back chairs** that have been recovered in the room. One was donated by Lena Neal and the other by Cindy Stratton. They look beautiful and are nice and comfy. The funds to have them recovered came from everyone's support of the **Book Sale**. Please keep bringing, buying & reading books! Thanks to all







## **Church Picnic May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual church picnic will be on May 18 after the 11 AM service at Huguenot Park on Robious Road, Shelter #1 which is located on the right as you enter the park from Robious Road. Rest room facilities are located nearby as is a playground.

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to share. In case of inclement weather, we will "picnic" in the Fellowship Hall @ church. "Yawl come" and lets Break Bread and Feast together!!!

## **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee's next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> after the late service due to the church picnic it has been rescheduled till Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A light lunch will be served and we meet after the late service.

If you are not serving on a committee this year and would like to join us we would welcome the help. There are always plenty of small jobs you could help with and we love new ideas! Please contact Andee Kirk if you are interested in serving at 804 330 9275 or 804 929 2270 or [bobbykirk1@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbykirk1@yahoo.com).

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## **Regional Capital Campaign Begins May 4**

### **“Together in Ministry Forward in Faith”**

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 4 in worship we launch “Together in Ministry Forward in Faith,” a Campaign to undergird our shared ministries with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia. The goal, region wide, is to raise \$1,277,500 in three year pledges. We hope you will take seriously how you and our congregation can be a part of this effort.

The information listed below lifts up the various ministries that will be supported by our commitments. You will be hearing more about this campaign in the coming weeks but we hope that you will begin now to determine the part you will have in the campaign.

Please begin to prayerfully consider your commitment.

Sincerely,

Kitten Whitlow

Campaign Chair

#### **Virginia Ministries:**

**Craig Springs Camp & Conference Center**

**Regional Endowment**

**The Care Fund for the Summit**

**Regional Office Building**

**Ministerial Recruitment and Enrichment**

#### **Ministries Beyond the Virginia Region:**

**Lynchburg College**

**Christmount Christian Assembly**

**Transformation Ministry**

**New Church Ministries**

**Samaritan Care Center, South Africa**

**Tammakhaung Centers, Laos**

**Kentucky Appalachian Ministry**

**Christian Board of Publication**

**Bon Air Christian Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**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)

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2014

### May 4

Elders: Bud Deihl, Janet Lenhart  
Deacons: 8:45 Traci Eagle (P), Jean Dowdy  
11:00 Connor Kirk (P), Kim Teachey, Joan Mielke, Rick Bernard  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Joe Bancroft  
Acolyte: 8:45 Anika and Natasha Tejnecky 11:00 Samantha Seemiller  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Sandy Collins  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Jean Dowdy 11:00 Rose McCaferty  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass & Sara Reese 11:00 Cathy Law & Jean Turlington

### May 11

Elders: Frank Clark, Russ Johnson  
Deacons: 8:45 Chris Bates (P), Guy Barker  
11:00 Jamie McDonald (P), Michael Whitlow, Diane Clark, Bill Sydnor  
Worship Leaders 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Barbara Bancroft  
Acolyte: 8:45 Dylan Brooks 11:00 Audrey Duke  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maggie Pace  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Lena Neal 11:00 Zachary Hill  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Janie and James Severance 11:00 Cathy Law & Jean Turlington

### May 18

Elders: Ed Parks, Gina McKenney  
Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Traci Eagle  
11:00 Clairee Cochran (P), Arlene Giffel, Paula Craft, Jim Lehan  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Steve Goff 11:00 Paula Craft  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Lena Neal 11:00 Andee Kirk  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Janie and James Severance 11:00 Cathy Law & Jean Turlington

### May 25

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale  
Deacons: 9:15 Jeanne Brock (P), Rick Novak  
10:45 Doug White (P), Polly White, Lauren Johnson, Carol McGowan  
Worship Leaders: 9:15 Sandy Collins 10:45 Shea Hollifield  
Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Dylan Brooks  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 10:45 Laura Hollis  
Usher/Greeters: 9:15 Janie and James Severance 10:45 Cathy Law & Jean Turlington

Offering: Ann Thomas and Steve Craft  
(P) denotes communion preparation