

## Family Concerns

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Huff who died on July 13. A memorial service will be held on August 1 at the church.

Karen Kline had knee replacement this past month. Karen is recuperating at home.

Anika Tejnecky had an appendectomy this past month. Anika is also recuperating at home.

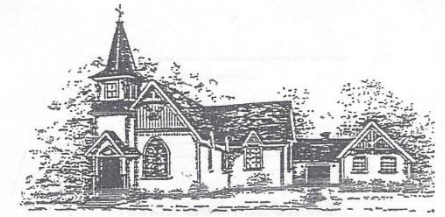
Joe Love is home after being hospitalized this past month.

Ann Thomas had surgery for colon cancer. She is cancer free.

Our prayers are with: Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street who has a neurological disease; Jan Skeets who has a kidney disease; Shirley Acree; Helen Macklin's daughter, Cindy; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; Nancy Maiden's brother-in-law John Maiden who has been diagnosed with cancer; Joe Bancroft's friend, Johnny Williams who has cancer; Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin McGuire; Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose who is being treated for leukemia; Tom Mayfield's friend Mickey Denke; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane and Harrison Zierenberg; Peggy Hill; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfadden's friends, Barbara and Lewis Bell.

Our prayers are also with Sydney McKenney who is working in Ecuador.

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## General Assembly

Listening to sermons isn't something I get to do very often. 7 am is early for sermonizing and early for attentive listening to a sermon. I have to say at the Ministers and mates breakfast, I was fed. The eggs were okay but the real nourishment was for my soul. David Shire spoke about those times in ministry when you wonder if what you're doing with your life makes any difference. He spoke personally about those times when discouragement cloaks our joy and makes us want to throw in the towel - those times when you've poured all of yourself into birthing a sermon only to have someone go out and say "you mispronounced this word". Those times when you've tried to move the church into new visionary ministries only to have people say they like the old way, thank you very much. He spoke about how we ministers need to keep the fire of our own spirits kindled. He spoke about self care.

It was touching as David recounted his own struggles in ministry. We all left with the good news of hope.

I heard incredibly beautiful music and truly felt lifted into God's holy presence. I also heard some deafeningly loud contemporary songs that made me weary.

I heard some sadness and discouragement at the decline of the universal church. I also heard challenges for us to reclaim our calling. We were challenged to put "mission first".

George learned about our Global Ministries and Brenda Kidd participated in a mission project that provided 42,000 lbs. of potatoes to local food pantries. We all enjoyed fellowship and friendship with Disciples from all across our world.

The theme was "Soar". How will Bon Air Christian Church soar? What does the future hold? Do we trust that God can and will lift us up as an eagle's wing? Today can God's love soar into people's lives because you share it. We have been bountifully and graciously blessed. How will we pass these blessings along to others in need. When we touch the lives of others with kindness and love, the Holy Spirit of God soars.

Shalom, *Cindy*



Vacation Bible School  
Faith Trail  
August 10 – August 14

Registration is open for children ages 3 years to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Children must be potty trained. Nursery is provided. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Each day we have a color of the day and if your child would like to wear those colors they are: **Monday – Orange;** **Tuesday Blue;** **Wednesday – Red;** **Thursday – Yellow** **Friday - Green.** On Monday we will be using **FABRIC MARKERS** please dress child appropriately.*



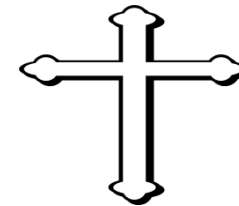
## 2015 VBS Faith Trail

This year we will be hiking the FAITH TRAIL. We will discover the journey God wants us to take from Old Testament Bible Stories each day and how God wants us to use our compass to travel true north.

The evening starts with children coming between 5:15 to 5:30 and a kid friendly meal will be served at 5:30 pm. You are invited to stay for the meal if you like. Along the FAITH TRAIL we will hear a Bible Story, play games, make a craft project and sing fun Christian songs. Each evening ends in fellowship at 7:50 in our sanctuary.

Your child/children will not want to miss this journey. Invite your children's friends and neighbors. Children from 3 years old (potty trained) to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcomed! A nursery for younger children will be provided.

Please fill out the registration form enclosed in this newsletter and give to Becky Harvell in our church office.





Out of town on Sunday?

Come worship with us on Saturday at 5:00.

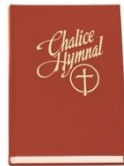
### Chalice Hymnal Orders

By popular demand, Chalice Press will produce another batch of the Chalice Hymnal Pew Edition. If you are interested in purchasing a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form below. This is a limited time offer so please place your order as soon as possible. The cost for the red pew edition is \$24.99. Large print edition is also available for \$30.99.

#### Chalice Hymnal

\_\_\_\_\_ # Pew Edition (red) at \$24.99

\_\_\_\_\_ # Large print Edition (red) at \$30.99



Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



### BACC Youth Travel to Williamsburg

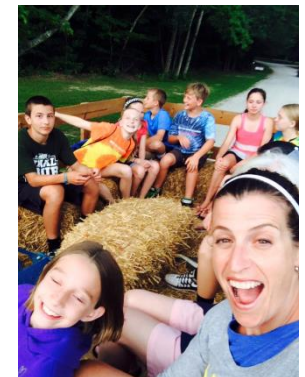
The Bon Air Christian Youth Group went on a mission trip in late June and made a big impact! They traveled to Williamsburg, VA and stayed at

the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The 21 youth that participated ranged in age from 2nd grade to 9th grade so they had a variety of work & mixed in some fun and fellowship too!

Each morning, the youth group headed out to do their mission work. One morning they cleaned the playground and beautified the grounds at Olive Branch Christian Church. The next day they visited seniors with memory loss and dementia at a local Lutheran church and did crafts with the seniors & served at an ice cream social. Two other mornings, they were tasked to do clean-up & yard work at Interlude, a local respite care center.

It was the hottest week of the year when the kids were doing their outdoor mission work (102!) and there was hardly any complaining. They were serving others and spreading God's love and glory and you could see it in their work ethic & joyful attitudes. Every afternoon, the kids returned to the retreat center, had some pool time and then at night did team building activities. Team obstacle courses, tree climbing, zip-lining, hay rides & a bonfire. It was a wonderful week serving and working to benefit others. When asked what their favorite part of the trip was, most of the youth answered "helping the people we helped." The tree climbing was a close second!

The trip could not have been as successful as it was without the wonderful chaperones that attended and helped everything run smoothly -- Kendra Ver Beek, Diane Clark, Robin Blanchard, Cecelia Andrick, Bethany Batton & Andee Kirk did their fair share of work too! The youth group is planning another local, Richmond-based mission trip sometime in late August as well.





## JOY Group - September 15<sup>th</sup>

JOY members are asked to please try to bring a baby picture or young picture of yourself for the JOY meeting on September 15th. We will try to guess who is who!!

## Please update your directory with the following:

Jan and Tim Skeens  
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Richmond, VA 23225  
320-4002  
[janetskeens@att.net](mailto:janetskeens@att.net)

Rick Bernard  
[Rickcbernard@verizon.net](mailto:Rickcbernard@verizon.net)

## Stewardship 2016

We are beginning to plan our stewardship pledge drive for 2016. Please pray for God's guidance as we prepare to seek the resources of time and talent as well as finances to pursue the mission God has for our church.

This year we will continue the theme of stewardship as our commitment to God and service to his children and not just having the ability to pay our bills.

I am very pleased to say that as of our last board meeting we are on budget and the church is on sound financial footing. Unfortunately many churches of all denominations are not. We are blessed to have a generous congregation with a core group of hard workers.

If you have any questions regarding stewardship, gifts of stock, or remembering our church in your will or insurance policy please contact me: [joebancroft@gmail.com](mailto:joebancroft@gmail.com)  
804-1688

Romans 14:12 **Verse Concepts**

*So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.*

## The Mission Trip by Taylor Brooks

The BACC Youth Group and I went on a Mission Trip to help people on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> till Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. We had an amazing breakfast and lunch all provided by our Youth Group Leaders. On the first day we arrived at Olive Branch Christian Church to help clean up on the outside. We weeded the flower beds and cleaned up the playground for the kids. We also had some free time and played games. On Thursday we went to a women's house (Diane Clarks' friend) who helps out other people. We cleaned up her yard. We had lunch and free time and played games.

Thank you so much BACC Youth Group Leaders and Diane and Andee for taking us.





Mark your calendar!  
 On Sunday, September 13th Sunday School will resume and there will be a reception at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you and your family then!

*Library Corner*

A book you may want to check out from our Church Library is **The Red Rose Crew: A True Story Of Women, Winning, And The Water** by **Daniel J Boyne**



In 1975, a group of amazing women rowed their way to international success and glory, battling sexual prejudice, bureaucracy, and male domination in one of the most grueling and competitive sports around. Among the members of the first international women’s crew team--and one of the first women’s teams anywhere--were Gail Pearson, the soft-spoken MIT professor who fought equally hard off the water to win the political battles necessary for her team to succeed; lead rower Carie Graves, a statuesque bohemian from rural Wisconsin who dropped out of college and later became the most intense rower of the crew; and Lynn Stillman, a tiny sixteen-year-old coxswain from California.

On hand to guide them was Harry Parker, the legendary Harvard men’s crew coach who overcame his doubts about the ability of women to withstand the rigors of hard training. From their first dramatic bid at the 1975 World Championships to their preparations for their first Olympic Games in 1976, this gripping story of bravery, determination, and indomitable spirit captures a compelling moment in the history of sports and of America.



**District VII Annual Assembly**  
 Trinity Christian Church  
 Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 Registration begins at 4:00  
 4:30 Program, Dinner, and Worship

**Theme:**  
**Mission Sharing what we do—Local, Regional, Global**

**Helping Hands Needed!**

Help is needed on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> after both services to decorate for VBS.

You do not need to be an artist to help. We will be setting up props, moving and setting the tables, and decorating walls.



**Filing Cabinets needed**

If you have filing cabinets that are in good condition that you would like to donate please contact Becky.

**Props Needed**

The VBS theme this year is taking a backpacking trip such as hiking the Appalachian Trail. If you have backpack, small tent or any items you think is appropriate please contact Joan Mielke or Andee Kirk.



## Emailing the Newsletter

Currently church members are receiving the newsletter through email and a hard copy through the mail. Beginning with this newsletter we would like to distribute the newsletter through email to church members who have an email address on file in the church office

If a member does not email, a newsletter will be mailed first class to them. Your patience during this transition will be greatly appreciated. There will be extra copies available at the front entrance of the church for anyone who would like a printed copy. If you prefer to have a written copy mailed to you please call Becky. **Thank you for your help with our efforts to be good stewards of the church's resources and also good stewards of God's good earth.**



## Bon Air Christian Welcomes Jan and Tim Skeens

Jan and Tim joined BACC in May of this year. Tim and Jan are both retired. Jan received her B.S. in special education in 1979 and Tim joined the army after high school and became a member of the Airborne Infantry. After serving in the military, Tim worked for Dominion Virginia Power and Jan worked for Anthem before retirement.

Jan and Tim like day trips to Williamsburg and vacationing at Cape Hatteras. Tim enjoys reading and Jan likes making silk flower arrangements and wreaths. Together they enjoy taking disabled persons to the grocery store and other places. They also have two cats, Gabby and Calico.

## Legacy Giving: It's Not as Hard as You Think By Randy Johnson, Christian Church Foundation

We often read in church newsletters or worship bulletins the question "Have you remembered the church in your will?" It is a good question for our churches to be asking and for us to be answering. Your Last Will and Testament is a great way for you to express your love to family members and others important to you and to your God through a gift to the church, the region or other ministries important to you. But so often we procrastinate and don't execute our wills because writing a will intimidates us or overwhelms us.

I want to suggest to you that providing an end of life gift to loved ones and the church does not have to be difficult. In fact, you could put a gift plan in place this week without having to pay anybody to help you.

Do you have a life insurance policy? If so, changing your beneficiary designation is easy and it is free. Why not include a charitable gift of 10 or 20 percent or possibly even a child's share to the ministries important to you? Simply call your insurance agent and request a new "Beneficiary Designation" form. Fill it out with the changes you would like to make and return it to your insurance carrier. It is that simple.

These days many of us contribute to retirement accounts like IRAs, 401(k)s or 403(b)s so that we will have assets and a stream of income available to us in retirement. Do you realize that the distribution of these accounts at the end of your life is not governed by your will? These assets will be distributed by "Beneficiary Designation" just as with your life insurance. If you have a retirement account, simply contact the administrator of your account(s) and request a new "Beneficiary Designation" form. Consider including a charitable gift as a percentage of the account. You could accomplish this in a day or two. It is that simple.

A will is important. It allows you to distribute other assets as you would like, and is vital if you want to appoint guardians for any minor children. But if you want to put a gift plan in place, do it quickly at no cost and have the ability to change it in the future, the beneficiary designation on retirement accounts and life insurance policies is a valuable option available to you.

If I can be of help to you as you consider your planned gift to your church, the Region and/or any other Disciples ministries, please contact me at [rjohnson@ccf.disciples.org](mailto:rjohnson@ccf.disciples.org) or by calling 1-800-668-8016. As always, such a conversation is free and confidential.

## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

### August 2

Elders: Bud Deihl, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 9:15 Polly White (P), Doug White

10:45 Stephen Blanchard (P), Connor Kirk, Paul Seemiller, Rick Bernard

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Paula Craft 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte: 10:45 Samantha Seemiller

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Taylor Brooks 10:45 Martha Seemiller

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Jim and Faye Lester 10:45 Charles Stevens

### August 9

Elders: Joe Bancroft, Barbara Bancroft

Deacons: 9:15 Joe Smith (P), Tom Mayfield

10:45 Arlene Giffel (P), Jerrell Todd, Daniel Whitlow, Jamie McDonald

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Joe Bancroft 10:45 Paula Craft

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Madelyn Smith

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Cassie Collins 10:45 Mallory Smith

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Janie and Jim Severance 10:45 Ron Hill

### August 16

Elders: Steve Kline, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 9:15 Sandy Collins (P), George Smith

10:45 Arlene Giffel (P), Stephen Blanchard, Laura Hollis, Joan Mielke

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Sandy Collins 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Madison Arthur 10:45 Martha Seemiller

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Janie and Jim Severance 10:45 Barbara and Joe Bancroft

### August 23

Elders: Bill Sydnor, Duke Dale

Deacons: 9:15 Jamie McDonald (P), Jeanne Brock

10:45 Polly White (P), Ian Thomas, Doug White, Lauren Johnson

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Suzanne Dale 10:45 Doug White

Acolyte: 9:15 Peyton Nilles 10:45

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Suzanne Dale

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Rose McCaferty 10:45 Hannah & Zachary Moon

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Lena Neal and Madison Arthur 10:45 Anne Heath

### August 30

Elders: Joe Bancroft, Frank Clark

Deacons: 9:15 George Smith (P), Sandy Collins

10:45 Stephen Blanchard (P), Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel, Cathy Law

Worship Leader: Joe Bancroft

Acolyte: 9:15 Audrey Kate Duke

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 10:45 Sarah Trezza

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Janie and Jim Severance 10:45 Mary Ann Casdia

Offering: Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis (P) denotes communion preparation