

Family Concerns:

Our sympathy is extended to Eric Thomas and his family upon the death of his mother, Suzanne Thomas. A memorial service will be held July 3 in Mooresville, NC.

Our sympathy is extended to Diane Fearnley, Madison, Schyler, Braedon and family upon the death of their husband and father, Pete.

Our sympathy is extended to Richard (Dick) Dynes upon the death of his wife, Betty. Betty and Richard were charter members of Bon Air Christian Church.

Our sympathy is also extended to Kevin Heath upon the death of his father, Dudley.

Bernie McDonald had knee surgery this past month. Bernie is recuperating at home.

Please pray for Helen Macklin's oldest daughter who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Please pray for Frances Atherton's mother, who fell and had to have hip surgery.

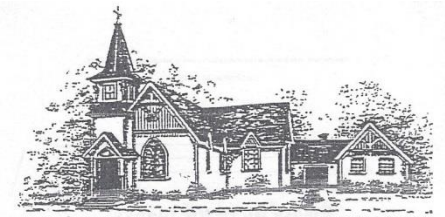
Our prayers are with Jon Ver Beeks's brother, who had brain surgery.

Our prayers are with Lainey Reynolds, who is recuperating from surgery. She had a tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy.

Our prayers are with: 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 Guilliams 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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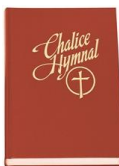
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Our wonderful youth

I am so proud of our youth group and for the many ways they show compassion for others and reach out to make our world better. We are blessed to have parents who keep their children involved in our youth ministry activities. We are blessed to have truly incredible youth leaders who love our kids and support them. The picture below was taken on the first day of their mission trip. They worked at Olive Branch Christian Church and at several other places in the Williamsburg area. In August our youth will have mission projects here in Richmond.

Shalom, Cindy 🦋





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 _____

From the Virginia Council of Churches

Dear Cynthia:

On behalf of the Virginia Council of Churches, please accept my gratitude for your continued support. It is support of Covenant Churches like yours that makes it possible to make real the prayer of our Lord that we might all be one.

Please express my deep appreciation to the members of Bon Air Christian Church for your gift of \$250.00. Your contribution is vital to the continuation and strengthening of the Council's ecumenical mission.

The work of the Council depends on gifts like yours, and I want to again express my deep appreciation for our continued support and understanding of our ministries. Please continue to hold the VCC and our mission in Christ in your prayers.

Blessings,
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan M. Barton
General Manager

Legacy Giving: It's Not as Hard as You Think

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 or by calling 1-800-668-8016. As always, such a conversation is free and confidential.

**Vacation Bible School
Faith Trail
August 10 – August 14**

Registration is open for children ages 3 years to rising 6th 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)

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.



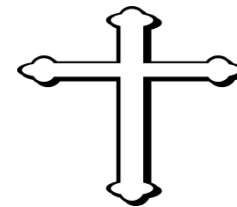
2015 VBS Faith Trail

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 year old (potty trained) to rising 5th graders are welcomed! A nursery for younger children will be provided.

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

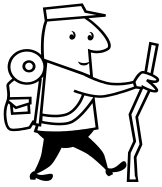


Poetry



Our congregation has many talents as demonstrated each year at the Work of Our Hands Auction. One talent that has not been collected is the poetry that members of our congregation have written. I would like to put a collection together of this poetry. So if you or your parents or grandparents have written poetry, please send me by e-mail or place a copy of the poetry in the Worship mailbox in the church office. Eventually I would like to put together a collection of this poetry for our Library. Be sure to put the name of the author on the copy and if known the year it was written.

Thanks - Andee Kirk, bobbykirk1@yahoo.com or cell 804.929.2270)



Calling all VBS Group Leaders

If you are leading a group of children hiking the Faith TRAIL you will need a backpack to make the journey. And your backpack will need to be decorated before our VBS hike starts on August 10th. There will fabric markers and stamps available to create your backpack.

During July there will be 3 opportunities to stop by church to complete this task.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday, July 7	5:30 - 7:30 pm
Sunday, July 26	Noon - 2:00 pm
Tuesday, July 28	5:30 - 7:30 pm

Allow about 1 hour to complete this task. Also, at this time the Arts & Crafts Leaders, Music Leaders and Games Leaders can stop by to pick their supplies. If you have any questions please call Andee Kirk at 804 929 2270 or Joan Mielke at 804 928 9438.



Library Corner

Here is a book may want to read from our library:

True North "Discovering God's Way in a Changing World"

by Gary Inrig throws a lifeline into the uncharted waters of the new millennium. He blends true stories of remarkable courage and integrity with practical applications from God's Word. And always, Inrig points the reader to the only constant in swirling seas of change - the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Our modern world resembles a vast, uncharted ocean," says Gary Inrig. "We are no longer in familiar territory. Huge changes are sweeping across our world, and these changes have made our maps obsolete. We have never been here before. A fundamental fact of life in the third millennium is that nothing is as permanent as change."

Do you feel bewildered in the midst of a rapidly changing, unpredictable world? Let Gary Inrig show you the way to find peace, confidence, and stability. A major shift has taken place in Western culture, radically redefining concepts of truth, morality, and spirituality. Public opinion is no longer shaped by Judeo-Christian values. Diversity rules, tolerance is supreme, and relativism is the only absolute. We need tools and skills that can help us navigate this precarious world of the twenty-first century. Inrig gives practical and inspirational insights into how, with Jesus Christ as your compass, you can learn to chart a successful life course: to understand why you live, for whom you live, where you are going, and how to get there safely.

Welcome New Members



Over the past year or so, we have had several people join our congregation. We want to recognize them and extend to them a warm BACC welcome to our church family!

These newest members are listed below, with a short write-up to introduce them:

CECILIA, ALBERT & BROOKE BINGENHEIMER:

Cecilia is from Phoenix, Arizona and Albert is from Buffalo, New York. They have one daughter, Brooke Ashley Bingenheimer. Al graduated from Buffalo State with a BS in Economics. He also has a MBA from the University of Phoenix. Cecilia has a KCA (graphic design) from Arizona State, with a MAOM in Management from the University of Phoenix. Albert is self-employed and Cecilia is a Creative Supervisor with the Federal Reserve Bank. Their interests include fishing, camping, and traveling. They have a cockapoo, “Buffy”.

WENDY & DONNIE ETZ:

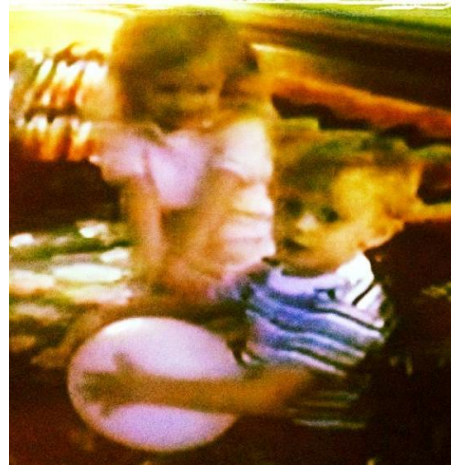
Wendy is from California. She has lived here for 18 years. Donnie is a native Richmonder. They have 2 children, J.D. and Jordan. Wendy attended University of Redlands and Donnie attended Randolph Macon College. Wendy works as an Assistant Comptroller with Comptroller Republic Services. Donnie owns the Etz Insurance Agency, Inc. They have a dog and cats.

FAYE & JIM LESTER

Faye and Jim in the subdivision “The Gardens at Bellgrade”. Besides Virginia, they also have lived in North Carolina. Jim graduated from RPI of the College of William & Mary with a BS in Business. He also has Professional Designations of Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter. He is a retired business owner. They both enjoy travelling in the United States and abroad. They are delighted to become members of BACC.

LORA HAMILTON, MARVIN and JASON WILLIAMS:

Lora and Marvin both were raised in Midlothian and now reside in Smoketree. Lora will have a name change to Lora Williams on August 15, when she and Marvin are married! They have a son, Jason Williams, age 8. Lora has a BA in Communications with Emphasis in Public Relations and a minor in Business and Religion. Marvin has an Advanced High School Diploma with Honors. Lora is employed at West Cary Group as a Creative Process Manager. Marvin is a Field Supervisor for Timber Marketing and Management. Their hobbies include attending concerts, soccer, swimming, and outdoor activities. They have a “furry child”, Sir Sebastian Eberhart Blue, (a Crème point Persian Cat). A really interesting tidbit about these two: They grew up as neighbors for a long time and even though they never dated, or hung out in high school, they graduated together. Nine years after college, they reconnected! They already knew each other’s families, and can be seen in each other’s home videos from birthday parties! The picture below was at Lora’s 3rd birthday party and it definitely is one of her favorites!



Welcome New Members

CAROL & SAM HERRIN

Carol is a native Richmonder and grew up in Sandston. Sam is originally from Georgia, but has lived here for 40 years. They have 2 children, James (Jim) S. Herrin, Jr. and Elizabeth (Beth) Reid. They also have 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Carol's mother is 90 years old and still lives by herself in Sandston! Carol earned her Bachelors in Business from the University of Richmond. Sam has his Bachelors in Engineering from Georgia Tech. Both Carol and Sam are retired from DuPont. Carol likes oil painting, reading, traveling, and loves the beach. Sam likes golfing, fishing, reading, and traveling. Both are lifetime Christians (and were members of Baptist churches prior to joining BACC).

SALLY & STEVE SCOTT

Sally and Steve were born in Roanoke and have lived in Georgia and Connecticut. They have been in Richmond for 12 years. They have 2 daughters: Laura, age 27 and Lisa, age 23. Sally received a BA from Duke University, a M.Ed. from Vanderbilt University, and a PhD from the University of Virginia. Steve has a BA from James Madison University, a M.Div. from Vanderbilt University School of Theology, and a D.Min. from Union Theological Seminary. Sally is a College Disability Specialist and Steve is a Chaplain. They both enjoy kayaking, hiking, biking, and reading. Sally also likes yoga and music.

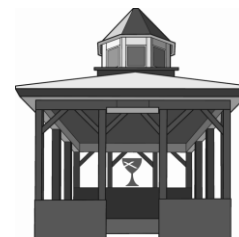
CHARLES STEVENS

Charles was born in Wilmington, Delaware, but has lived in Richmond most of his life. His daughter and son-in-law are Martha and Paul Seemiller. He has 2 other daughters also. He is a widower. His grandchildren include 4 girls and 4 boys. He received a BSEE from Virginia Tech. He worked at Dominion Virginia Power, but is now retired. His hobbies include his family's history, photography, restoring old radios, and gardening.

A thank you note to BACC:

Your prayers, cards, phone calls, and good wishes after my recent heart procedure have certainly helped me to recover more quickly.

Thank you for caring in so many ways. Judy Crank



Youth Attending Craig Springs

This summer BACC has ten youth attending Craig Springs Second Triple Camp July 12-17th. Youth attending are **Zachary Moon, Hannah Moon, Taylor Brooks, Bella Seemiller, Sydney Batton, Samantha Seemiller, Charlie Ver Beek, Jake Ver Beek, Maddy Boger and Sarah Boger.**

Sarah Trezza will be the director at Second Triple.

Also attending New Covenant Camp, July 19-24 will be **Anika and Natasha Tejnecky.**

Campers love to receive mail. If you would like to send a note to our campers the address is:

(Name of camper and name of camp)

Craig Springs

30 Craig Springs Circle

New Castle, VA 24127

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2015

July 5

Elders: Joe Bancroft, Barbara Bancroft

Deacons: 9:15 Ian Thomas (P), Tom Snodgrass

10:45 Rick Bernard (P), Connor Kirk, Paul Seemiller, Cathy Law

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

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Samantha Seemiller

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Allison Landergan

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Anne and Madeline Rucker 10:45 Cecelia Andrick

Usher/Greeter: 9:15 Sandy Logan 10:45 Andee Kirk

July 12

Elders: Frank Clark, Bill Sydnor

Deacons: 9:15 Jerrell Todd (P), Joe Smith

10:45 Jamie McDonald (P), Tom Mayfield, Whitney Graham, Daniel Whitlow

Worship Leaders: 9:15 10:45 Paula Craft

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Cassie Collins 10:45 Jean Dowdy

Usher/Greeter: 9:15 Sandy Logan 10:45

July 19

Elders: Steve Kline, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 9:15 Laura Hollis (P), Sandy Collin

10:45 Clairee Cochran (P), Jamie McDonald, Stephen Blanchard, Connor Kirk

Worship Leader: Shea Hollifield

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Caitlynn Collins 10:45 Taylor Brooks

Usher/Greeter: 9:15 Sam and Carol Herrin 10:45 Joe and Barbara Bancroft

July 26

Elders: Janet Lenhart, Duke Dale

Deacons: 9:15 Jeanne Brock (P), Stephen Blanchard

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

Worship Leaders: 9:15 10:45 Doug White

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Suzanne Dale

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

Usher/Greeter: 9:15 10:45 Andee Kirk

Offering: Diane Fearnley

(P) denotes communion preparation