

Family Concerns:

Please pray for Jeanne Brock's daughter and her husband (Jessica and Michael Spence) upon the loss of Michael's father, Stephen.

Please keep in your prayers Kevin Heath's father who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We pray for: Bob McGowan, Joe Love, Cathy Wheless, Lloyd Thacher, Alice Beasley, Alma Spivey, Bruce Macfadden, Natalie Ringel and Gerry Roppe.

Shirley Acree had surgery this past month. She is recuperating at home.

Judy Crank underwent cardiac ablation this past month.

Harriet Griggs is recuperating at home.

Our prayers are with: Joan Mielke's father who is recuperating from a heart attack; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Jake and Mazie McCann's granddaughter, Jessie Abbate, 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.

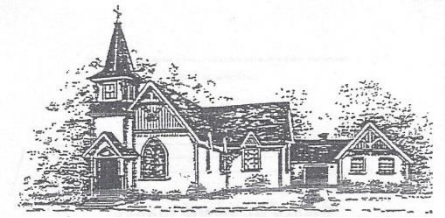
Our prayers are also with Sydney McKenney who is working in Ecuador.

Congratulations to Samantha and Reid Burns upon the birth of their baby girl, Cora Adele Burns.

Cora was born on May 26, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces. This 19.5 inches bundle of joy is the first granddaughter of Debbie and Brand Inlow.



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We pray for peace, for Shalom.

Shalom means much more than "peace." *shalom* means contentment, completeness, wholeness, wellbeing and harmony. It is the world the way God intends it to be.

We pray for shalom in our lives, but so often our lives reflect anything but shalom. Our lives are filled with anxiety, stress, dissension and worry. Where can we find peace when our world is so filled with discord?

The word peace appears over 500 times in the scriptures. In the Hebrew testament we hear about shalom as reconciling relationships, especially when God and humanity are reconciled. If our relationship with God is off kilter our whole lives are off kilter.

The Holy One longs for a harmonious relationship with us and for us to have the same with one another. There are always mountains to be climbed and struggles to be conquered but working together for all that is good is ultimately God's hope for our lives.

This week what can we do to work for God's peace in the world? We could practice forgiveness. We all need it. We've all said things we shouldn't have, done things we've regretted and most of us need lots of forgiveness a lot of the time. We also really need to forgive. When we hold on to resentments and replay past infractions over and over again we are hurting ourselves and we keep shalom from growing in our lives and the lives of others. Everyone's a loser.

When we forgive and when we root ourselves in God's word, ever seeking to follow God's way, we discover shalom. God's peace comes every time we choose to sow the seeds of love and grace. God's peace comes in the midst of diversity as we accept and love one another. God's peace comes when we realize that we are all different but we are all children of God. Shalom, *Cindy*

Library Corner

Check out our new book in the library!

Small Victories - Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace by Anne Lamott is a collection of essays on hope, joy, and grace.



Anne Lamott writes about faith, family, and community in essays that are both wise and irreverent. It's an approach that has become her trademark. Now in **Small Victories**, Lamott offers a new message of hope that celebrates the triumph of light over the darkness in our lives. Our victories over hardship and pain may seem small, she writes, but they change us—our perceptions, our perspectives, and our lives. Lamott writes of forgiveness, restoration, and transformation, how we can turn toward love even in the most hopeless situations, how we find the joy in getting lost and our amazement in finally being found.

Profound and hilarious, honest and unexpected, the stories in **Small Victories** are proof that the human spirit is irrepressible.

VBS News

This year we will be hiking the Faith TRAIL and the Children's Group Leaders will need a backpack to make this journey. All of these leaders are invited to stop the Church on Wednesday, June 10th from 5:30 pm on and/or on Sunday, June 14th after the late service to decorate their backpacks with fabric markers and stamps. 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.

Scarf Sale

There will be scarves for sale each Sunday morning that will benefit the Bathroom Renovation. The scarves will be in mezzanine outside Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$20 dollars, but any donation is accepted. Please put donation in the book on the table.

Faith Trail

On August 10th we will begin our journey on the faith trail during our 2015 VBS Program. We will discover the journey God wants us to take from the Old Testament Bible Stories each day and how these stories keeps going in the true direction .

Plan to step out each evening with us as we hike and camp on the faith trail starting at 5:30 with a kid friendly meal. Along the way we will hear a Bible Story, play games, make a craft project, sing out fun Christian songs and end each evening in fellowship at 8 pm in our Sanctuary.

Mark your calendars because the journey begins on Monday, August 10th and ends on Friday, August 14th and do not forget to invite your children's friends, grandchildren and neighbors. Everyone is welcomed!

Registration forms are available in this letter, on bulletin boards and in the church office.



During the summer the Saturday Night Services provide a nice alternative, especially if you have plans for Sunday. It also, is a great opportunity to invite family and friends that may have not attended church in a while. They may enjoy a service that is not so formal and more intimate. And you and your family may find they like the service, too!

There is an antique piano in the room next to the Choir room. The piano is not used and we need to make space in this back area of the church. If anyone is interested in this piano, please notify Becky and make arrangements to remove as soon as possible.

Lexington Theological Seminary:

Dear Friends of LTS at BACC:

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and good gift of \$1,150.00.

Sincerely,
Mark V. Blankenship
Vice-President for Advancement.

From the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care:

Dear Cynthia,

On behalf of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, we thank you and Bon Air Christian Church for the contribution of \$225.00. The support of your congregation for the Counseling Air Fund ensures that clients seeking pastoral counseling will receive services regardless of their ability to pay.

In 2014 VIPCare counselors engaged in more than 1,600 counseling sessions involving individuals, couples, and families which were covered by the Fund. Each client was blessed to be supported through difficult times by the outreach of your congregation.

Please let us know if there is anything that VIPCare can do to serve Bon Air Christian or its members now or in the future.

Douglas M. Thorpe, PH.D
Executive Director

A Note from Michael P. Murphy, Executive from Christmount:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a Christmount's partner in ministry through a gift to the 2015 Patrons Association. Your contribution is truly a blessing and is deeply appreciated by our staff and Administrative Board.

Your thoughtfulness enables Christmount to continue to improve its ministry. Your Patron gift is crucial in helping this ministry provide the place, the programs and the personnel that give children, youth and adults the opportunity for life-changing experiences. Now more than ever individuals need the time apart for opportunities for Christian hospitality, rest for the soul and renewal for the journey that Christmount can provide.

Know that your partnership in this ministry that touches so many lives for Christ is cherished.

And from Vice-President for Advancement at Lynchburg College:

Dear Friend,

The Lynchburg College experience provides students with opportunities for life...

"I am thankful for the emphasis LC puts on the importance of volunteering for growth within a community. LC encouraged me to pursue a larger commitment, and here I am serving as a volunteer with the Peace Corps." (Roni LaRoque (2012) is a Health Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Paraguay).

When you support Lynchburg College, you aren't just giving to students, buildings, teams, or even to an institution—you're making an impact; one student at a time. Your support helps LC students discover their talents and find their voices, connect and collaborate with peers and mentors, and achieve great things in the community and around the world.

By making your gift of \$160.00 to the Annual Fund, unrestricted, you have joined the faculty and staff in our mission to produce the leaders, volunteers, teachers, mentors and citizens of tomorrow. We are honored that you have chosen to support Lynchburg College, our students, our faculty and, by doing so, our larger society as a whole.

Dennis A. McDonald

**Please make the following changes/additions
to your directory:**

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***BACC has received the following note from the
Foutz Family:***

Dear BACC,

No words can express our thanks for all the help and support we received from our BACC family--from Cindy's beautiful delivery of Bill's service, to the folks who prepared the food for the reception, to all who sent such meaningful and loving cards, and to all those who gave up their Saturday to help us in our time of grief-- we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

With love, Shirley, Laura and Craig

...and from Joe Love...

“I would like to say thank you, in person, to every member of BACC who came to visit me, sent cards, called and who tried to help me during my recent hospital stay at St. Francis Medical Center. Since it is very difficult to visit with each person who has been so kind to me, I would like to thank you via this note in the monthly bulletin. As we go down life's road together I hope the Lord blesses each of you every day.

Sincerely,
Joe Love



Congratulations are extended to our high school and college graduates:

High School:

Gracie Dillon, daughter of Jennifer and Jacob Dillon, graduates from James River High School in June. Gracie will attend James Madison University in the fall.

Lindsay Johnson, daughter of Tim and Lynn Johnson, will graduate from Midlothian High School in June. Lindsay will attend John Tyler Community College in the fall.

Connor Kirk, son of Andee and Bobby Kirk, will graduate from James River High School in June.

Ian Mills, son of Linda and David Mills, will graduate from Open High School in Richmond. Ian will attend VCU to major in English.

Nicholas Seemiller, son of Paul and Martha Seemiller, will graduate from Louisa County High School. Nicholas is planning to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Norfolk.

Ian Thomas, son of Eric and Ann Thomas, will graduate from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in June. Ian will attend Virginia Tech in the fall for engineering.

College:

Brian Blagg, son of Barb and Bob Blagg, graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Treffery Brock, daughter of Jeanne and Gary Brock, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Administration and a minor in Business Administration. Treffery will continue her studies with an Internship in Clearwater FL at the City Parks and Recreation Department as a Recreation Programming intern.

Brian McTamane, son of Gail and Paul McTamane, graduates from ECPI with a degree in Business Management and Marketing.

Kristin Skowron, daughter of Bob and Becky Skowron graduated from Longwood University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry.

Josh Vaden, son of Cathy and Tim Vaden, graduated from Virginia Tech with a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction.

Brooke Seay Whitlow graduated in December 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Social Sciences from Longwood College.



DAR Gives A Tree In Memory of Ruth Fraker and Dottie Edwards

At the April 28th Bermuda Hundred Chapter meeting, members gathered to dedicate a pink dogwood tree to the memory of two members, Ruth Wootton Fraker and Dorothy Toon Edwards. The tree was planted on the grounds of the Bon Air Christian Church where chapter meetings are held. These two ladies were long time members of the church and Bermuda Hundred. Dottie Lefoy gave a tribute to Dorothy Edwards which included a Valentine Poem she had written in her honor. Barbara Owens paid tribute to Ruth Fraker highlighting the many activities she had spearheaded for Bermuda Hundred and VADAR during her 41 years as a member. Barbara Owens presented the Insignia of the National Society and outlined the meaning of each part. Janet Lenhart sang two solos with Betsy Brandt accompanying her on the harp. These ladies were treasured members of Bermuda Hundred.



New Church Pictorial Directory

It's time for a new pictorial directory for the church. Lifetouch photographers will be at the church on June 2nd and June 3rd and then again on June 19th and 20th.

Please come and support the church by having your picture taken for the directory. Each family will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait.

You are under no obligation to purchase photos. Appointments can be scheduled using the link:

<https://www.securedatatrans14.com/ap/bonairchristianchurch/index.php?page=10>

If you do not have access to internet, contact the church office or Laura Hollis (320-3466) or Arlene Giffel (897-6845) to schedule an appointment.



June 14, 2015

Christian Women's Fellowship Joint Meeting

There will be a joint CWF meeting Sunday June 14th following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. This meeting will be a potluck luncheon so please bring a dish to share. If you have not turned in your Blessing Box or Least Coin offering, please bring it to the meeting.

My Final Disability Update

Hello everybody. Your continued support through prayer, encouragement, and financial assistance has finally paid off. I was awarded full disability by the government after my day in court by a judge who not only agreed with the medical findings but also listened to me and sympathetically agreed that my case should have never lasted so long. My next step once I get paid (the first monthly check should arrive next Wednesday) is to move back to Richmond. As of today, I feel that my monthly check combined with the back pay I was awarded, should be enough to support me. I have been waiting for the day when I could say that I no longer will need your financial support. And that day has arrived! Thank you so much. What you have done for me is almost beyond my comprehension. I am deeply moved and eternally grateful.

I have already informed the homeowner that as of July 1st I will no longer be living here. It is neither economically feasible nor emotionally agreeable for me to continue living in the country so far removed from my friends and my church. If you know of anybody who is willing to rent out a room at their home to me, please let me know. Another option would be to split an apartment. I do have an indoor cat named Ziggy who is both house trained and loves people. I had thought about renting a one bedroom apartment but my needs are few and I would rather use my monthly stipend to pay off my remaining debts, put an envelope in the collection plate, and possibly travel a bit while I still am able. I might also add that I also was approved for Medicare and with the Virginia version of a supplemental insurance; I will now be able to see my primary doctor and other specialists on a regular basis. And with its prescription drug plan, I may be in a position to try other medications I previously could not afford.

So all in all, things are looking up. I can be reached on my cell at (804)503-9074 or at the house (804)561-2013. Thank you all so much for everything. Without you, I would not have made it through this terrible ordeal. If I can be of service to you, feel free to call on me any time.

And as a footnote, please join us for the weekly contemporary service on Saturday at 5pm. It's a wonderful and unique experience filled with prayer and praise and an endless stream of guest musical talent....Your friend in Christ, Gerry Roppe'

Spring Work Weekend



Spring Work Weekend at Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center will be June 12-14. This is a great opportunity for service and/or to check out the camp and how it runs prior to sending your children. You may print and mail in the registration forms by going to the camp website. Forms are due by June 1. If you have questions feel free to talk with Kitten Whitlow or Sarah Dunn Trezza.

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 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 or email it to baccdoc@verizon.net

Child's Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____
Work: _____ Email: _____

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 _____

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.

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2015

June 7

Elders: Bud Deihl, Janet Lenhart

Deacons: 9:15 Joan Mielke (P), Tom Snodgrass

10:45 Paul Seemiller (P), Connor Kirk, Rick Bernard, Ian Thomas

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Cassie Price 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte: 9:15 Audrey Duke 11:00 Samantha Seemiller

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Lena Neal & Madison Arthur 10:45 Martha Seemiller

June 14

Elders: Frank Clark, Bill Sydnor

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

10:45 Daniel Whitlow (P), Joan Mielke, Whitney Graham, Jamie McDonald

Worship Leaders 9:15 10:45 Cathy Law

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Diane Clark 10:45 Claire Deitch

June 21

Elders: Steve Kline, Shea Hollifield

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

10:45 Laura Hollis (P), Stephen Blanchard, Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Shea Hollifield 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Peyton Nilles

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Catherine Tejnecky 10:45 Claire Deitch

June 28

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale

Deacons: 9:15 Carol McGowan (P), Jeanne Brock

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

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Jean Dowdy 10:45 Doug White

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Vivian Alexander

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Worship & Wonder Helper:

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Catherine Tejnecky 10:45 Claire Deitch

Offering: Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington

(P) denotes communion preparation