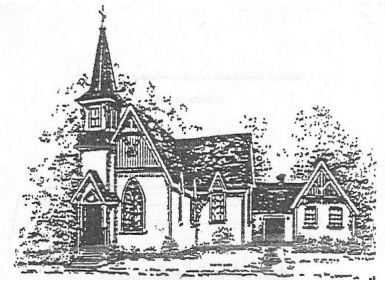


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# Bon Air Christian Church Newsletter



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OCTOBER 2016 Edition

**Worship Service**  
8:45 & 11:00  
**Sunday School 10:00**

**Casual Service**  
Saturday 5:00

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## CIRCLE THE TABLE

Eating alone is no fun. So some sidle up in front of the tv so then we have dinner with Sabrina Squire or Lester Holt. But really we're still eating alone, but distracted. Nutritionist tell us that's not a healthy habit. Instead we should savor our food and pay attention to the flavor, the smells and the textures. When we eat mindfully we typically eat healthier.

Sunday morning we eat together. We share the bread of life and the cup of salvation. For some of us it is the moment when we feel the greatest connection with God. It is a time to open our hearts to God's peace and love poured out for us. We are never alone at the table because there we literally commune with God, commune with one another.

Here at the family table, our Lord's table we feel God connecting us to one another. God's love



is stronger than the barriers that we have built that divide. The bread of life is broken that we may know healing and wholeness. The cup of salvation is poured out so that we may know life abundant.

In the choir's anthem "Circle the table" we hear: "Circle the table, hands now extend. Welcome a stranger, greet a new friend. Open your circle let it expand." How can we allow the circle around this table to expand? Forgive one another, make peace with those who have hurt you. Make peace with yourself.

We come at Jesus' invitation. He invites us to share this meal at the

family table where everyone is welcome and wanted. We come knowing that here in this place Jesus feeds us with his grace and mercy. Lay your burden down here. Lay down the hurt in your heart, the worry that weighs so heavily upon your shoulders, lay down the bitterness and anger and anything that keeps you from knowing the fullness of God alive within you. Circle the table.

There are no words to describe how honored and humbled I am to have been able to share table fellowship with you for 30 years. I love you and I am exceedingly grateful to you and to God. God is good, God is great, let us thank him...

Shalom,

*Cindy*



## CINDY'S 30th YEAR CELEBRATION

We are so fortunate that Cindy Stratton has been the minister at Bon Air Church for 30 years. She came in September 1986 and has guided us through the building of the fellowship hall and moved our children's Sunday School classes out of the basement and into a beautiful spacious new Sunday School wing. Cindy has been a part of the fabric of our lives and been with us in both celebration and

sadness while watching an entire generation of children mature and have children of their own. All the while she has preached the gospel, guided her flock and helped us to radiate the light of God. To honor Cindy's service, a 30th Year Celebration is taking place and everyone is invited. This is a large event that is going to require everyone to participate. An invitation will follow as well as a Sign Up

Genius where you can select how you can be involved. Be as generous with your time as Cindy has been with her time ministering to us.



**DATE: Oct 23, 2016**

**TIME: 11:00 service with reception to follow**

**LOCATION: BACC**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship 2017

Thank you for supporting the mission of Bon Air Christian Church with your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving/ Pledge Card or Time and Talent Questionnaire, you can still mail it to the church, place it in the offering plate, or email Suzanne and Duke Dale at [smsw1@verizon.net](mailto:smsw1@verizon.net). Your annual gifts are confidential and known only by Suzanne and Duke, our Financial Secretary. They also provide you with your annual report of giving for income tax purposes.

**Online Banking-** Several members are now using "bill pay" from their online banking account to make contributions. Insert the church name, address and amount; just as you would a vendor.

**IRA** -If you are retired and have an IRA you are eligible make a tax free distribution directly from your IRA trustee to the church. Please discuss this in detail with your trustee to insure it is applicable to your account.

**Stock-**The dollar value of a gift of stock to the church is calculated at the time of the gift. An example would be

if you purchased, inherited, or were given stock with a value of \$10 per share and it is currently worth \$40 per share; your tax deduction is the full \$40 per share. Neither you nor the church pays income tax on the \$30 per share appreciation in value. A gift of stock prior to December 31st will be an income tax deduction for 2016. If you wish to donate stock please contact Jon Ver Beek, our Church Treasurer.

Stewardship Committee



*Give, and it will be given to you.  
A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running  
over, will be poured into your  
lap. For with the measure you  
use, it will be measured to you.*

*Luke 6:38*



## Thank You's

Dear BACC,  
Tom & I (Carol Thacher Umphress) would like to thank Cindy for her dedication, love and support for Lloyd and Barbara's family. Her prayers and guidance have provided me with much comfort and strengthened my belief in Jesus Christ as my Saviour. God bless Cindy and the entire congregation at your wonderful church!  
Love,  
Carol Thacher Umphress

Thanks Guys!  
Some of our wonderful Bon Air men cleaned up the big room in the basement, the upstairs Sunday school room and the HVAC room upstairs. They also cleaned up the social hall mechanical closet. They hauled off three truck loads and a trailer full of debris and junk. We appreciate all of you guys for spending a Saturday morning helping our church be a neater and safer place. Our appreciation goes

out to Duke Dale, Michael Whitlow, Joe Smith, Karson Clark, Jon Verbeek, Jim Lester, Joe Bancroft, Sam Herrin, Tom Mayfield, Doug Collins and Frank Clark.

Blessings,  
Cindy



**Thank You!**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### *Please pray for:*

- ◆ Maddie Smith as she continues her treatment.
- ◆ Nancy Jefferies who is recuperating from spinal surgery
- ◆ Shirley Heath who is at home
- ◆ Dot Bennett and Jane Washington who are at the Laurels of Bon Air.
- ◆ Lena Neal is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery
- ◆ Joe Smith's father who had by-pass surgery.
- ◆ Becky Harvell's mother who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Lewis Bell as he has recurrent cancer.
- ◆ Chris Bates who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- ◆ Robin Lorraine who has a brain tumor.
- ◆ Philip Burkhalter is at home.
- ◆ Carnell Teachey is at the Crossings.
- ◆ Arlene Blythe's cousin, Terry Tynan and her friend, Donna Leake,
- ◆ Bob McGowan who is now

- on the transplant list
- ◆ Gerry Roppe'
- ◆ Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans
- ◆ Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield
- ◆ Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane & Harrison Zierenberg
- ◆ The Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett
- ◆ Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter
- ◆ Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke
- ◆ Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose
- ◆ Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben
- ◆ Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton
- ◆ Guy Barker's brother in law
- ◆ Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements
- ◆ Carol Thacher Umphress' husband, Tom Umphress

If you would like someone added to our prayer list please contact Kelly at 272-6228 or email her at [baccdoc@verizon.net](mailto:baccdoc@verizon.net)



## *In Sympathy*

Our prayers are with the Graham family. Brenda's father passed away on Sunday morning. I am sure Scott, Brenda, Whitney, Logan and the entire family appreciate your prayers. A memorial service will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on October 28th.

Our sympathy is extended to Jeter Bourne upon the death of her brother, Harvey Jeter. Harvey passed away in Lunenburg County. 600 people came to the funeral services to bid this amazing community servant and former teacher farewell. Jeter appreciates your prayers.



## YOUTH GROUP

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Lots happening in the world of **BACC YOUTH GROUP!** We had a Kick-Off pool party at the home of Sandy & Doug Collins and the kids are ready for another FUN filled year of building & growing in their faith and reaching out & spreading God's good news & love!

There were 16 of us that were able to have a wonderful outing in August with Sitina, Abdi & Ahmed. We took them to Kings Dominion and made some memories that they surely won't forget any time soon! Abdi & Ahmed rode every single roller-coaster they could! We had a blast!

### Here are some upcoming events that the Youth will be involved with:

October 2nd, District VII Assembly

**October 7th - 9th**, Craig Springs Work Weekend *(please let Kendra know if you plan to attend)*

**October 23rd**, Cindy's 30th Anniversary Celebration

**October 28th**, Trunk or Treat at BACC *(We need LOTS of help! E-mail Kendra if you are willing to help)*

**November 6th**, CROP Walk, here in Bon Air! More details to come. *(We welcome all who are willing & able to walk with us!)*

3rd - 5th grade children are in the Chi-Rho group and 6th - 12th grade Youth are in the CYF group.

We usually meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. E-mail & text reminders will go out to the group about meetings and special events. Please know that **FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!** What a wonderful way to show God's love ... bring a friend to Youth Group!

Thanks to all who support the efforts of the Youth Group. We have a fabulous group of kids!

In Christ's Love,  
Kendra



## FOOD COLLECTION

Bainbridge Community Ministry continues to need our support during the summer. Hunger doesn't take a vacation, and their shelves often become almost bare. Please continue to re-

member Bainbridge, and keep the food boxes in the hallway and near the office filled. Food bins are located in front of the Fellowship doors.

Thanks,  
Charles Stevens



## Feeding the Community

## MALAWI

On Sunday, October 9th Claire Marling Kenney, Shea Hollifield's daughter, will give a short presentation on Tikondwe (Freedom) Teachers Project in Malawi. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Shea at 323-5991 or [sheahollifield@comcast.net](mailto:sheahollifield@comcast.net)

Last year BACC contributed school supplies and monetary donations to support the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's -going work with schools in Malawi. Malawi is located in southeastern African and is one of the smallest countries in Africa. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and was hit hard in the AIDS epidemic. The Malawian public school system was recently developed (1994) and remains the best avenue

to prevent the spread of AIDS to future generations.

A former British colony, Malawi is now an independent republic with a democratic government. It is very rural and its economy is largely agriculturally based. Floods in 2015 and droughts in 2016 ruined crops for two consecutive years, leading to hunger across the country. Nearby Zimbabwe declared a state of emergency resulting from the devastating effects of recent weather events on crops.

School is free for elementary-age children, the upper grades are only available to those that can pay for it. UNC-W has a long standing relationship with the Malawi education system. They help provide school supplies and support for cur-

riculum materials and desks. Each summer a team of students and professors travels to Malawi to provide hands on assistance to local educators.

In the summer of 2017 Claire will be on the team traveling to Malawi.

Shea Hollifield



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed are settled into their apartment at Sunrise Apartments. They have met some of their neighbors and have enjoyed making the apartment "home" by putting up curtains and pictures.

Abdi and Ahmed are enrolled at James River High School. They are getting used to their new classes and some adjustments are being made to their schedules to ensure their classes are a good fit. They have the benefit of tutoring from several BACC folks including Ann Thomas, Rick Novak, Cecelia Andrick, Cathy Law

and Barbara Bancroft.

Sitina is making progress in English and can follow and participate in conversations. She will begin an employment readiness class in late September or early October and the IRC employment specialist will be assisting her in a job search.

On September 12 the family hosted a dinner in honor of Eid Al-Ada - the holiest holiday in the Muslim calendar. This festival commemorates the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. Sitina prepared a wonderful dinner of Ethiopian dishes for

her American friends and friends they have made from other countries.

The family continues to express their deep gratitude and love for their "church family" which is what Sitina calls us. We have certainly made a profound difference in their lives and they have transformed ours as well.

The sign up is available at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44aaab28a57-sitina>

Shea Hollifield  
[sheahollifield@comcast.net](mailto:sheahollifield@comcast.net)

### Mark Your Calendars

**October 1st**— Church & Community feeds Men's Shelter

**October 2nd**—District VII Meeting at 4:00

**October 6th**—CWF Night Group at 7:00 (Carol Herin's home)

**October 7th**—Craig Springs Weekend

**October 8th**—Bag Pipe Concert at 8:00

**October 11th**—CWF at 10:30

**October 12th**—CWF Salad Group at 7:00

**October 16th**—Board Meeting at 12:00

**October 18th**—Joy Group at 10:30

**October 23rd**—30 Year Celebration after Service

**October 28th**—Trunk or Treat at 5:30



### CRAIG SPRINGS

**Fall Work  
Weekend  
October 7-9,  
2016**

Weekend is a free event open to anyone. We provide food, indoor lodging, and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor. We have tasks suitable for persons of all ages and abilities. Come alone, or with a group. We want YOU there! If you are a work weekend veteran, please recruit new volunteers! Please share this information with your friends and family. Contact info:

Christian Church in VA  
1290 Enterprise Dr.  
Lynchburg, VA 24502  
Phone: 434-846-3400

## 2016 CROP WALK

### BON AIR CROP WALK NOVEMBER 6 – 2:00 p.m.

We will begin at 2:00 at the Bon Air Library and the route will take us by our church.

\_\_\_ Will you be a walker and ask your friends/family to sponsor you to raise money to help our sisters and brothers in need?

\_\_\_ Will you sponsor a walker and help alleviate hunger in our world?

\_\_\_ Will you help with the water stop at Bon Air? (give out water to the walkers)

Bon Air Christian Church has always been a big supporter of the CROP Walk and we have been grateful to help feed those who are hungry in our own community and around the world. Thank you for your compassion and care as you minister to Christ by ministering to

God's children.

Please support our CROP WALK and change the world. Last year 50,217 global neighbors were provided stable sources of nutritious food. Our local food pantries are also supported by the CROP WALK.



## CWF GROUP

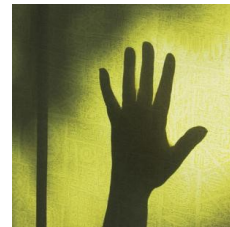
### THE INVISIBLE WORK OF OUR HANDS A CWF fundraiser

You may be familiar with the expression “the invisible hand of God”. Again this year, CWF will not be able to have The Work of the Hands auction. So we decided to have an “Invisible Work of Our Hands” this year. We are asking you to donate the money you would have spent mak-

ing something for the auction or you would have spent at the auction. Envelopes for your tax deductible donation will be included in the Church bulletins on October 30th, November 6th & 13th and can be placed in the offering plate. The envelopes will help those wonderful people who count the money after Church. The money will be used for the National

CWF Spring Mission Project and for Nature Camp. Even if you can't see what you “purchased”, know that the money will go to several very good causes. The Christian Women's Fellowship thanks you for your participation.

Jamie  
McDonald



## JOY GROUP

JOY October 18, at 10:30 AM at the church. Mr. Tom Veazey from the Better Business Bureau will speak to us about Senior Scams, what to

watch for and how to avoid becoming a victim. Chicken tenders will be provided, please bring a side dish or a dessert. Everyone is wel-

come to attend!!

Laura Hollis



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**Please contact the church  
office at 804-272-6228  
with a change of address  
or phone number.**

***Thank you!***



***16th Bagpipe Concert***

***A Piper's Feast***

Bud Deihl, Chance Bell and Chelsea Bell invite you to share an evening of Highland bagpipe and Sottish smallpipe music as they present *A Piper's Feast*.

Join them for the free concert.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm)

Contact information:

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# SERVING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2016

## **Oct 2, 2016**

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Paul Seemiller  
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Tom Snodgrass, Sam Herrin  
11:00 (P) Zachary Moon, Andee Kirk, Tom Mayfield, Cathy Law  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price  
11:00 Gina McKenney  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Catherine Tejnecky  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Mallory Smith  
11:00 Hannah Moon  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Sam & Carol Herrin  
11:00 Diane & Frank Clark  
Offering: Rose McCaferty, Jim McCaferty

## **Oct 9, 2016**

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Bill Sydnor  
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Joe Smith, Tom Mayfield  
11:00 (P) Whitney Graham, Jerrell Todd, Aidan Novak, Madison Arthur  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Joan Mielke  
11:00 Jean Turlington  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00 Angel Huff  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maggie Pace  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Ben Pace  
11:00 Gina McKenney  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price, Steve Scott  
11:00 Tom Neumayer  
Offering: Arlene Giffel, Laura Hollis

(P) denotes communion preparation



## **Oct 16, 2016**

Elders: Rick Bernard, Shea Hollifield  
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Sandy Collins, George Smith  
11:00 (P) Ellen Moon, Jake Ver Beek, Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Steve Scott  
11:00 Shea Hollifield  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45  
11:00 Zachary & Hannah Moon  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Jim & Faye Lester  
11:00 Phil & Diane Harris  
Offering: Steve Goff, Angie Goff

## **Oct 23, 2016**

Elders: Bud Deihl, Duke Dale  
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Claire Deitch, Jeanne Brock  
11:00 (P) Charles Stevens, Lauren Johnson, Doug White, Polly White  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price  
11:00 Doug White  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Deb Romig  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45  
11:00 Taylor Brooks  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Jim Severance  
11:00 Tom Neumayer, Diane Clark  
Offering: Barbara Bancroft, Kris Shouldice

## **Oct 30, 2016**

Elders: Duke Dale, Joe Bancroft  
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Tammy Rucker, Jeanne Brock  
11:00 (P) Andee Kirk, Doug White, Polly White, Lauren Johnson  
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sara Reese  
11:00 Kitten Whitlow  
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00  
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Gail Macfadden  
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Anne & Madeline Rucker  
11:00 Hannah Moon  
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price  
11:00 Diane & Frank Clark  
Offering: Jean Dowdy, Jean Turlington

# OCTOBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 Worship Service
2  8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services 4:00 District	3	4  7:00 Choir Practice	5  8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	6  7:00 CWF Night Group	7  <i>Craig Springs Work Week- end</i>	8  <b>7:30 Bag Pipe Concert</b> 5:00 Worship
9  8:45 & 11:00 <i>Worship Services</i>	10	11  10:30 CWF 7:00 Choir Practice	12  8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA 7:00 CWF Salad Group	13	14	15  5:00 Worship Service
16  8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services 12:00 Board	17	18  10:30 Joy Group 7:00 Choir Practice	19  8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	20	21	22  5:00 Worship Service
23  8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services Cindy's 30th	24	25  7:00 Choir Practice	26  8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	27	28  6:30 Trunk- or-Treat	29  5:00 Worship Service
30  8:45 & 11:00 Worship	31					