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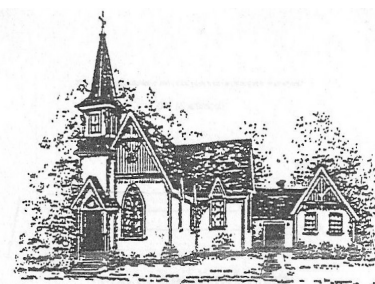
Worship Service
8:45 & 11:00
Sunday School 10:00

Casual Service
Saturday 5:00

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Bon Air Christian Church Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2016 Edition

Sharing fun, friendship and love

RIISING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Our Youth group had a wonderful time with Sitina, Ahmed and Abdi at Kings Dominion.

There was a Beatles song that said, "And in the end, the love you get is equal to the love you give." As I think about watching our kids share their love and kindness with our new friends. I would have to say that it seems we always get even more back than what we give.

We are so blessed. As we work together in our church we are blessed over and over again with the joy of sharing our lives to-



gether, we are blessed with good friendships and with the beautiful difference we can make in the world as we work together to share the good news.

As we get ready for our busy fall start up of Sunday school, youth group, choir and fellowship groups I realize

I am blessed beyond measure to share with you in life and in ministry. Thank you for the love you share.

Shalom,
Cindy



STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship campaign will begin this month with a prayer from the pulpit and a request for everyone to pray and meditate weekly; asking for God's guidance in their stewardship of Bon Air Christian Church.

In the past two years we had stewardship themes of "the table" and "the bread and the wine". This year we will focus

on the "offering plate". Not what goes into the plate—but what comes out, the end result of our gifts. We will look at the many ways in which our stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure make the ministries of BACC possible.

Thank you for your support of our church. This is our church home and we are all church family.



FESTIVAL OF PREACHING

The Christian Church in Virginia's Festival of Preaching:

Preaching on Stewardship Saturday, September 24, 2016

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Program 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. First Christian Church 3109

Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA

Facilitator: Rev. Bob Mooty, Timberlake Christian Church, Lynchburg

Preachers: Rev. Dr. Bill Lee, Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke Rev. Bill Moore, Bedford Christian Church,

Bedford Rev. Linda Hastings, Strasburg Christian Church, Strasburg Rev. Cynthia Stratton, Bon Air Christian Church, Richmond

Cost: \$20 per person, \$30 a couple (includes catered lunch)



30th YEAR CELEBRATION



We are so fortunate that Cindy Stratton has been the minister at Bon Air Church for 30 years. She came in October 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

Thank You's

Dear BACC,
I want to extend my personal thank you to each and everyone who is praying for me and for all of your calls, cards and prayers. I know that the power of prayer really and truly works!

I thank you all for being in my life and giving me love, support and hope. I also thank God for His great gift to me of BACC, where everyone is so concerned and so willing to give a helping hand.

So, I again give my sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you!
With love,
Jean Turlington

Thank you for your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund for the first two quarters of 2016. We wanted to let you know how grateful we are for this support. Your "general" undesignated gifts undergird a majority of our general ministries.

We are grateful for your contribution to these, your ministries, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Your congregation's contributions to Disciples Mission Fund go a long way to bring wholeness to a fragmented world.

John Goebel
Vice President Finance
Christian Church (DOC)

Mark Your Calendars

September 1st
CWF Night Group

September 11th
♦ Back to Sunday School

♦ Back to Youth Group
♦ Board Meeting

September 13th
CWF Tea Party

September 14th
CWF Salad Group

September 20th
Joy Group

September 25th
Coleman/Birch Concert & Pot Luck

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- ♦ Maddie Smith as she continues her treatment.
- ♦ Shirley Heath who is at home.
- ♦ Lewis Bell as he has recurrent cancer.
- ♦ Chris Bates who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- ♦ Robin Lorraine who has a brain tumor.
- ♦ Linda Verheul as she recuperates from back surgery.
- ♦ Jean Turlington and Philip Burkhalter are at home.
- ♦ Carnell Teachey is at the Crossings.
- ♦ Arlene Blythe's cousin, Terry Tynan and her friend, Donna Leake,
- ♦ Bob McGowan
- ♦ 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

- ♦ Nancy Jefferies who will have spinal surgery on 9/13.
- ♦ Dot Bennett and Jane Washington who are at the Laurels of Bon Air.

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



YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

A few upcoming dates ... mark your calendars! All kids 3rd - 12th grades are encouraged to participate.

September 11th, 4p - 7p: Youth Group Kick-Off Pool Party



At the home of Doug & Sandy Collins
8200 Spring Meadow Road, 23235
Plan to bring a dish to share. A sign up genius will go out closer to the event.

September 25th, noon - 2:15p: Regular YG Meeting at BACC

October 2nd, 5p: District 7 Regional Meeting at BACC

Youth will be involved in the service. There will be a potluck dinner.

October 7th - 9th: Craig Springs Work Weekend

More details to come.

October 23rd: 30-year celebration for Cindy

Youth will be involved, more details to come.

Friday, October 28th, 6:30p - 8:30p: BACC's 1st Trunk-or-Treat (hosted by the Youth Group)



- A **Trunk or Treat** is a Halloween event that is often church or community sponsored. People gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family friendly environment for trick or treaters.

- There will be costumes, candy, hot dogs & cider. Everyone is welcome! This will be a great way to invite our community to BACC.

- We will need lots of participation & volunteers to make this a success! More details to come.

Also please remember that we actively fund-raise for Maddie Smith's treatment plan. Maddie is making good pro-

gress at Sunrise but continues to need our support, love and help. There are two ways to contribute:

<https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/welovemaddie>

or you can make a contribution to BACC Minister's Discretionary Fund and memo: Maddie Smith.

Maddie also finds great encouragement hearing from her church family! If you would like to write her a letter, send her a card, have your child draw her a picture, I know she would LOVE it! You can leave your correspondence at church or give it to Katie or Joe. All mail needs to be sent from them.

Thank you to all of you who have donated, helped the family in other ways and those who pray for Maddie. It ALL makes a difference.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Kendra Ver Beek

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 remember Bainbridge, and keep the food boxes in the hallway and near the office filled. Food bins are located in front of the fellowship hall and the office.

Thank you,
Charles Stevens



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Our VBS this year was August 8 – 13 and we had a great turnout and a fun time with the children sharing God's word. We had 39 children from ages 3 to 12 participating in our program this year, which Andee and I entitled "Heaven - Now and ForeverLand." Our goal was to teach the children that heaven is for real and we shared stories from the Bible about those who had visions of heaven, like Jacob's dream and his ladder to heaven. We taught them that if we live for God's glory and are kind and loving to everyone we can make our daily lives here more heavenly and that we eventually will enjoy the wondrous place God promised and prepared for us – Heaven!

The children enjoyed games and fellowship in which they shared and learned about teamwork; they loved making the heaven-themed arts and crafts and, of course, the music brought lots of smiles, jumping and clapping! In our closing assembly each night we had our Heavenly Advice stand (free of charge) –in a social media style the kids all know well (Twitter, FaceBook and texting at its finest) where our own Steve Goff played Jesus and tweeted

out good advice with the trending #WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). We staged different scenarios that children may face, such as bullying, sharing, helping others, being a friend and ultimately learned that we all have a friend in Jesus, all the time, and we can reach him anytime by praying and seeking guidance on what to do in any situation (there's an "app" for that -- just pray)! We learned that by choosing to Follow Jesus, we will enjoy heaven, now and forever! Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6.

On Sunday, August 14th, many of the children brought the message to the congregation by sharing some of the songs and crafts from VBS and we all enjoyed a wonderful slideshow of photographs and some video of the children telling us how they envision heaven!

We are so grateful to all the parents who brought their children so that all those who helped us had the opportunity to help the children grow in their faith! We thank everyone who gave their time and shared their love to make it a wonderful week!

Joan Mielke and Andee Kirk



Reminder:

**Fall schedule
starts
September
11th**

**8:45 Worship
Service**

**10:00 Sunday
School**

**11:00
Worship
Service**

CONCERT SERIES

Mark Your Calendars For Good Music, Good Food and Good Fun!

**September 25 – Ellen
and Glenn Birch and
Frank Coleman**

A blend of folk music
and traditional country

Many original songs as
well as old favorites and
contemporary folk songs

A very pleasant blend of
two guitars and three-
part harmony

- ♦ Potluck dinner at
5:30 pm
- ♦ Concert begins at
6:30 pm

October 8, 2016

Bagpipe Concert

A Pipers' Feast

16th Annual Bagpipe Con-
cert

You are invited to join
Bud Deihl, Chance Bell
and Chelsea Bell as they
present an evening of
Highland bagpipe and
Scottish smallpipe music.
The concert will be fol-
lowed by Susan Deihl's
legendary culinary de-
lights, which truly make
this evening "A Pipers'
Feast".

The concert is free and
open to the public. Do-
nations will be used to
support charitable works.

- ♦ Doors open at 7:30
pm
- ♦ Concert begins at
8:00 pm



CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christmount Christian As-
sembly in Black Moun-
tain, North Carolina will
present an event mod-
eled after the Chautau-
qua Institution on Lake
Chautauqua in New York.
This event will take place
October 24-28. The
Chautauqua Institution
program in New York of-
fers a mix of fine and per-
forming arts, lectures,
worship, and recreation
spanning a nine-week pe-
riod each summer.

The Christmount event
will focus on Appalachian
heritage and culture.
There will be morning
worship, story-telling,
evening concerts by local
musicians, educational
lectures by area histori-
ans and authors, craft ex-
hibitions, local tours, and
hiking opportunities.

If you have never experi-
enced Christmount, this
event will be a good time
to introduce you to the
staff, facilities, programs,

beautiful mountain scen-
ery, and warm welcome
you will find at Christ-
mount.

For more information,
Register [online](#) or call
828.669.8977 (deposit
required) or visit the web-
site at [http://
www.christmount.org/
chautauqua.html](http://www.christmount.org/chautauqua.html)

Brenda Kidd

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

District VII Annual Assembly

**Sunday, October 2
2016**

4:00—7:30 PM

Bon Air Christian Church is hosting the annual assembly of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the Richmond-Tri-Cities area.

There will be worship and a program, focusing on mission and Craig Springs, followed by a meal. The meal is \$5 person, \$10 max for a family. Our Youth Group will be participating in the program.

An Offering will go to Craig Springs and the

Woman-to-Woman trip to South Africa and Ghana.

Mark your calendars, so that there is nice turn out from BACC!

Cathy Law

FOUNDATIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Foundations Sunday School Class – “Being a Christian in the 21st Century” :

Please consider joining the Foundations Sunday School class (located next to the Worship & Wonder Room) as we engage in a study series that tackles real issues in our modern world. Every day we encounter issues that are not only

controversial but that also seem to divide nations, politicians, and even best friends. Then there times when we encounter a subject that we know so little about that we don't even know how to talk about it with others. *The Thoughtful Christian* study pack that we will use will explore current social and ethical issues such as affirmative action, gun

control, separation of church and state, and torture; global matters such as understanding the Koran and Iran; and personal topics of concern such as caring for those who care for someone with Alzheimer's disease. We hope that you will join us.

Cassandra Collins

CWF TEA PARTY

SEPTEMBER 13TH

CWF will host a tea party meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:30 am. Hats are Welcome!



JOY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Welcome back JOY!! Our first meeting will be *SOUL PURPOSE*, a Gospel singing group. Not only Gospel, but they do Golden Oldies too!! Sep-

tember 20th, at the church, 10:30 am, POT LUCK LUNCHEON. All are welcome, join us for a good time.



Welcoming Abdi, Ahmed and Sitina to their new home!

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Cynthia Stratton

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Director:
Vickie Brooks

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Kelly Edwards



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed recently moved to a new apartment at Sunrise Apartments off of Sturbridge Drive in Midlothian. It will be more affordable and the boys will go to James River High School. Sitina continues with ESL class and will soon be starting an employment readiness program. This will be an important step in becoming more independent and self-sufficient.

The family recently visited Colonial Williamsburg with the Clark family.

The Youth group also took them to visit King's Dominion. They enjoy outings and activities such as movies, visits to parks and museums and general fun. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please go to the on-line sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a44a4ad2aa13-sitna

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed are settling into their new apartment and are very appreciative of all the assistance from their BACC friends! The

vacuum cleaner they had served them well, but it is no longer working. They could also use a wall clock with numbers. If you can help out with a vacuum cleaner or clock, please contact Cathy Law (cathylaw@Verizon.net, 273-6370) or Shea Hollifield (sheahollifield@Comcast.net, 433-7883)

Shea Hollifield

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2016



Sept 4, 2016

Elders: Joan Mielke, Paul Seemiller
Deacons: 9:15 (P) Tom Snodgrass, Laura Hollis
10:45 (P) Laura Hollis, Tammy Rucker, Arlene Giffel, Cathy Law
10:45 (P) Worship Leaders: 9:15 Bernie McDonald
10:45 Jamie McDonald
Acolyte: 9:15
10:45
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 9:15 Maddie & Annie Rucker
10:45 Jean Dowdy
Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Jim & Faye Lester
10:45 Tom Neumayer
Offering: Rose McCaferty, Jim McCaferty

Sept 18, 2016

Elders: Rick Bernard, Joe Bancroft
Deacons: 8:45 (P) George Smith, Sandy Collins
11:00 (P) Jake Ver Beek, Arlene Giffel, Clairee Cochran, Cathy Law
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sara Reese
11:00 Susan Baum
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Caitlynn Collins
11:00 Pete Landergan
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Jim Severance
11:00
Offering: Jean Dowdy, Jean Turlington

Sept 11, 2016

Elders: Shea Hollifield, Joan Mielke
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Tom Mayfield, Joe Smith
11:00 (P) Madison Arthur, Jerrell Todd, Collin Thomas, Whitney Graham
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Joan Mielke
11:00 Doug White
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Maddy Boger
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Catherine & Anika Tejnecky
11:00 Martha Seemiller
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45
11:00 MaryAnn Casdia, Lena Neal
Offering: Arlene Giffel, Laura Hollis

Sept 25, 2016

Elders: Bud Deihl, Duke Dale
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Jeanne Brock, Claire Deitch
11:00 (P) Lauren Johnson, Doug White, Polly White, Charles Stevens
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cathy Law
11:00 Kitten Whitlow
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Mallory Smith
11:00 Maddie Boger
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price
11:00 Arlene Giffel
Offering: Barbara Bancroft, Kris Shouldice

(P) denotes communion preparation



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 CWF Night Group	2	3 5:00 Worship Service
4 9:15 & 10:45 Worship Services	5	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9	10 5:00 Worship
11 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services 10 Sunday School 12 Board Mtg. 4:00 Youth at the Collins home	12 6:30 Long Range Planning	13 10:30 CWF Tea Party 7:00 Choir Practice	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA 12:00 CWF	15	16	17 5:00 Worship Service
18 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	19	20 10:30 JOY 7:00 Choir Practice	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	22	23	24 5:00 Worship Service
25 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services Birch/Coleman Concert & Pot Luck Reconciliation Sunday	26	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	29	30	