

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Sunday Worship
9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Saturday Casual Worship
5:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

Dear friends:

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was great. The music and the preaching touched my heart. Kendra and I attended workshops and Bible studies as well as worship. I am proud to be a part of a church that extends Jesus' welcome to the table to all people. Our theme was "Abide in Me". We heard God's Word of comfort that the Holy One in all times and places seeks to bring us into his sheltering and loving presence. We heard God's Word of challenge to be disciples, to live out our faith so that all we meet may know God's abiding presence as it shines through our lives.

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

To abide means to dwell, to hang around, to stick, to stay. Jesus said, "Abide in me and I will abide in you. I am the vine and you are the branches." Our lives are inextricably tied to his. Without him we are nothing. The opposite of abide is "vamoose, bail, quit." Jesus tells us he will stand with us through all things. Jesus beckons us to stay connected to him for in him we find fruitful lives. Without him we are dead, useless, fruitless branches that are pruned to become firewood.

I am thankful to you dear church, for the many ways we journey together to be the fruitful branches of Jesus. I am ever grateful for the opportunity to share the good news as we minister together. I pray for you and thank you for your prayers for me.



Shalom, Cindy



My friend from Youth Group & Seminary School,
Betsy Goehrig - Florida Regional Minister.

Nature Camp

NATURE CAMP AT CRAIG SPRINGS

A few weeks ago I attended Craig Springs Nature Camp for my fourth and final year. As always, it was an amazing week. This year was especially meaningful to me because I had the opportunity to be Youth Director. Although I didn't have a camper because of this, I enjoyed being able to get to know each of the campers that attended. This year we had 27 camper-counselor pairs, so it was a big group that provided for a very exciting and energetic week. From trying to sing louder than the pouring down rain on the first night, to trying to hold back tears at worship on the last night, I know that this was a week full of memories that everyone will remember and cherish.

Throughout the week, I watched as everyone grew closer to both each other and to God. I am thankful for all of the relationships that

I have formed at Nature Camp over the years, and for the ways it has impacted my life and helped me grow as a person and in my faith. I would like to give a big thank you to everyone from BACC who donated shoes to the Nature Camp shoe drive, and to everyone who has given their time and money to make this camp a success.

~ Allison Landergan



Special thanks to Linda May Mullis & Brennan Gould (friends of BACC) for serving as Camp Counselors this year!



"It's hard to put into words how special this week is for all of us. I'm so grateful to BACC & Craig Springs for the opportunity to serve in this way."
~ Charlie Ver Beek

"The kids I have met at Nature Camp will always hold a special place in my heart." ~ Jake Ver Beek

Youth Mission Trip

MISSION TRIP

It was 10 months in the making & it was worth every single minute of planning and fundraising! The 2019 YG Mission Trip to Christmount was an amazing week with memories that will stay in our hearts forever! The kids worked so hard, represented Bon Air Christian Church well and had a blast!

There were 20 people total on the trip. We worked with Asheville Youth Mission Co. Below are some of the organizations we helped. The people & their stories touched our hearts and gave us new passion to serve more in our own community! Please ask the children and leaders about their experiences at some of these places ... it will warm your heart to hear about how much they loved sharing & serving!

We also had a work morning at Christmount and a "fun day" where we got to go tubing down the French Broad River!

The proof is in the pictures — a great time was had by all! We love our BACC Youth Group!

Organizations and Community Partners that we served:

Bounty & Soul: A non-profit organization creating healthier communities by providing fresh healthy food, nutrition literacy and health & wellness resources. They are committed to developing a cooperative model that can be used in communities where food insecurity and malnutrition exist.



Black Mountain Home for Children: Begun by Presbyterian minister Robert Perry Smith in 1904 as Mountain Orphanage, the Home began its ministry taking in Appalachian children whose parents had died or disappeared. Today, the ministry serves youth from birth through college graduation through family foster care, residential care, transitional living, and independent living.

Children First / Communities in Schools: Children First/Communities In Schools believes that every child deserves to reach their full potential. They make sure students have the resources they need to succeed in school, and we empower the community to be advocates for families.

God is good all the time. All the time, God is good!

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Haywood Street Congregation: Haywood St. is a transformative open community of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, creating opportunities to serve and be served so that all who participate are empowered to claim their identity as a Child of God.

The Lord's Acre: The Lord's Acre is a diverse and open community of volunteers who grow and give away organic food. Using the garden as a platform, The Lord's Acre is a visionary model of cooperation which educates and inspires people to address the many types of hunger through caring service and the growing and sharing of food.

Manna Food Bank: MANNA FoodBank is a private, not-for-profit service organization, providing food with hope and dignity to WNC since 1983. MANNA links the food industry with over 200 partner agencies in 16 counties of WNC. They are a member of Feeding America, a national umbrella organization that links together other food banks throughout the US.

ABCCM Steadfast House: Steadfast House is transitional housing that gives hope, healing, health, and home to single women, mothers with children, and female veterans in need.

NC State Veteran's Home: It is an honor and privilege to provide high-quality care to our nation's veterans, each and every day. As a member of the PruittHealth family of providers, they strive to deliver the same level of integrity and commitment that our veterans experienced and demonstrated while in service. Their services are provided under spacious accommodations in accordance with quality forms of care, such as skilled nursing, medical, dental, psychological, and therapeutic needs.



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Mission trip at Christmount

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Hosting a water day for Children's First



Hiking Catawba Falls

Clearing brush at Black Mountain Home for Children



Sorting and evaluating food at Bounty & Soul



Hanging out at Christmount



Thank you to everyone who supported this Mission Trip!

Please be sure to visit the Bon Air Christian Church FaceBook page for more great pics!

What's Happening

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be hosting Vacation Bible School from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. the week of August 5th. We have 32 children registered so far and more to come! Thank you to Allison, Pete & Kendra for being VBS Directors this year and thanks to ALL the volunteers who will help make the week run smoothly. It takes many people to run a successful Vacation Bible School.

VBS is a fun and easy way to get kids involved in church while entertaining and welcoming families from the community and giving them a chance to learn about God.

We are looking forward to welcoming the kids to BACC and discovering "Who is your Neighbor?" and learning to love like Jesus! The registration link is bit.ly/baccvbs



VBS Volunteers are READY
for a great week!



BAINBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Summer is upon us! We're busy planning trips, and taking trips, and forgetting about the cares of home. But some people cannot take trips or vacations. In the busyness of summer, please do not forget about the folks who depend on Bainbridge Community Ministry for part of their food supply. They depend on people like us for our contributions of food. Current needs continue to be **non-perishable milk products, chicken noodle soup, and canned fruit.**

Thank you for your continued support!

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

John 6:35



What's Happening

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 8th we will return to our 8:45 and 11:00 Worship times

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin September 8th.

YOUTH GROUP will begin September 15th.

CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on August 27th



Saturday Evening Casual Service

Summer is a busy time for all of us. Many things jump up in front of us like summer weeds, and some of these may take us away from church on Sundays. But our Saturday Evening Casual Service continues all summer, and throughout the year. Starting at 5 p.m. and lasting less than one hour, it is a viable alternative to Sunday morning worship. We all need regular worship, so come on down to the Saturday Evening Casual Service, and keep your church attendance up to date.

Note to our High School Grads

This is a friendly note to our recent high school grads, as they prepare to enter their adult lives. As you leave the familiar surrounds of home and venture out into the big world, whether college or employment, please take care in your daily lives. You will meet many new people. Some will be good for you to know, and some will not be good for you to know. Whether in college or elsewhere, you will meet some who will challenge your faith, and some who will outright deny your faith. And there will be some who will honestly encourage you in your faith. It is not always easy to tell one from the others at first. So, always remember your faith, and the lessons learned in Church, in Sunday School, and in your own Bible reading. These lessons are from the Word of God. Remembering God's Word is very necessary for making the right decisions in our lives. Keep your faith, and you will do your best in your life.

Sincerely, Charles Stevens

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Reaching Out



CARITAS

BACC will host CARITAS from **September 21st - 28th**. Up to 30 single women will spend their nights in our fellowship hall. During the day they go to work, training or the CARITAS center. We will provide breakfast before they leave each morning, a bag lunch to take with them and a hot dinner each evening. We will also do laundry for them each evening and transport some to showers at Bon Air United Methodist. While we now have a shower at BACC, we will not be able to accommodate everyone.

We need A LOT of volunteers to host CARITAS. We still have many volunteer opportunities available for this week. Please [use this link](#) to sign up.

Please contact Shea Hollifield at 804-433-7883 or sheahollifield@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like more information about a volunteer job.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with our homeless sisters in our community.

CROP WALK

Mark your calendar — 2019 CROP Walk will be taking place **Sunday, October 20th**.

This year will mark the 50th Anniversary of the CROP Walk! There will be lots of fun activities involved celebrating this milestone.

A Recruiter meeting is scheduled for **August 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King**. If you are interested in helping this year, please feel free to attend! We will set our church goals for walkers and fundraising at this meeting.

All are welcome to participate.



50 years of walking. 50 years of ending hunger together. Join this legacy to step out for the next generation.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CWF

We're still off for the summer, but September is just around the corner. The Day group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the multipurpose room at Church. So the first meeting will be September 10, 2019. The Evening group meets on the 1st Thurs. of the month at 7:00 pm at various members' homes. The September meeting will be at Mary Ann Casdia's home on the 5th. The Salad group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. So the first meeting will be September 11, 2019. Bring something for the salad.

Christian Women's Fellowship raised a lot of money this year. Our biggest fundraiser was the Chili Cook-off (we're doing it again November 23, 2019). We raised \$268.26 for Least Coin, \$1,292.00 for the Spring Projects in Virginia, Ghana and South Africa. We raised \$387.08 with our Blessing Boxes which goes towards mission work.

See you in September!

CMF

Mark your Calendars for these August and September CMF Activities:

Lunch for Vacation Bible School, Friday August 9th. CMF will provide the lunch for BACC VBS on Friday, August 9th. Menu is baked hamburger sliders, chips & ice cream. Seeking volunteers to cook, serve the lunch and clean up. (10:30 – 1:00 PM/Friday the 9th) To volunteer, contact Tom Snodgrass at 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com. Meal provided to the volunteers.

Men's Gathering. Wednesday, August 21st 6:00 PM Extra Billys Smokehouse & Brewery, 1110 Alverser Dr, Midlothian, VA 23113. The Men's Gathering is always scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month – rain or shine. Meeting sites vary. Join us for feast, fellowship and updates on CMF activities.

Save the date for our **September gathering on Wednesday, September 18th, 6:00 PM.** Restaurant to be selected at the August gathering.

Volunteers needed to lead a 7-week Bible Study in September/October. Openings for a day session (two co-leaders) and evening session (two co-leaders). Sessions are DVD-based. Anticipate one day-session and one evening-session each week for 7 weeks. Each session lasting 60 – 90 minutes depending on length of discussion. Volunteer leaders will decide on the time and day of the events based on their schedule/availability. Contact Tom Snodgrass by August 19th to volunteer for one of the co-leader positions.

CMF will provide CARITAS Dinner on Saturday, September 21st. We will discuss menu options/volunteer roles at the August 21st gathering (Extra Billys) and confirm them at the September 18th gathering.

Be on the lookout for future social and service activities to strengthen the fellowship among BACC Men and provide services to support the BACC Mission. We have had fishing, golfing and stock car racing (viewing) activities this Spring and Summer. If you have ideas for (and an interest in) activities/projects for the Fall and Winter 2019, tell the CMF leaders (Tom Snodgrass, Paul Seemiller or Sam Herrin).

The Church beyond our walls

Craig Springs Family Retreat - August 9th - 12th

When was the last time your family spent quality time together without distractions? Do you want to relax in a rocking chair, play in a creek, and breathe the fresh mountain air?

Family Retreat offers an economical way for the whole family to experience camp together for a fun-filled long weekend. Families are housed together in cabins and participate in fun group activities for all ages. You will also enjoy free time activity choices, including hiking, putt-putt, and swimming just to name a few! We will have devotions and worship, and exciting evening activities such as music, games, campfire s'mores, and gazing at the most breathtaking stars you have ever seen. There is also plenty of good 'ol relaxation time to catch up with old friends and make new ones too!

Get reacquainted with your family again... and grow closer up on the mountain!



District VII Assembly

The annual assembly will be on **Sunday, October 6, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**, at Seventh St. Christian Church. The focus of the assembly will be a service project, assembling kits for Church World Service. We are hoping our speaker will be our new regional minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, who is starting in August. Many are working hard on plans for the assembly.

At our last meeting , we planned our next Board meeting for Sunday, August 18th.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Thankful to Serve



JOY Group - Calling all nonagenarians and octogenarians!

Let's CELEBRATE with our most experienced Disciples with a birthday bash! If you are in your 80's or 90's, please come to be honored and celebrated on **September 17th**. Contact the church office if you need help with transportation and stay tuned for more details!

We can hardly wait to celebrate your beautiful lives!

Please send the church office a picture of yourself when you were an infant or when you were a small child or young adult.



School Supply Drive for Redd Elementary

Thank you for supporting Redd Elementary. Redd Elementary School is the Richmond City public school at 5601 Jahnke Road at which members of our congregation volunteer through the Micah Initiative. There are many students that cannot afford to bring all of their school supplies in the Fall so the head secretary keeps a supply closet.

Thanks to those who have brought school supplies to church already. Your generosity is so appreciated. I have removed items from the boxes to make room for more. I will not deliver the supplies until the end of August so you still have time to bring your supplies if you have not done so. Below is the list of items needed:

Glue sticks

Highlighters (any color)

Erasers (about 2 inches long)

Expo Dry Erasers (narrow)

Crayons (box of 24)

2 pocket folders

Index cards (3x5)

Boxes of tissues

Washable magic markers

Zip lock sandwich bags

Black marble notebooks

Liquid hand sanitizer

Fiskars blunt scissors

Antibacterial wipes



There are designated boxes outside the Fellowship Hall for collection. If you have any questions at all, please call Barbara Bancroft at 804-615-7766.

Thank you again for supporting these students and staff!

*New faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1*

Sharing our Gifts

Remembering the Church in Your Will: Your Long-Term Legacy

Did you know that you can include Bon Air Christian Church in your will? BACC has benefitted from multiple kind and generous bequests over the years. Any gift you might leave to a member of your family or a friend can also be left to the church - cash, stocks, mutual funds, life insurance, retirement funds, annuities, trusts. Anything you can leave to an individual person you can leave to the church.

Assets such as life insurance policies that are no longer needed for your family's security, retirement accounts and savings accounts are potential sources of posthumous gifts. You can also designate the church as a beneficiary for your retirement plan or Individual Retirement Account (IRA). You can also consider naming the church as a beneficiary of savings accounts, annuities or certificates of deposits.

Gifts to the church in your will are an expression of your values, priorities and a recognition of God's blessings during your life. Bequests may have a specified use or the BACC trustees and board can direct such gifts to areas of particular need for the church.

If you would like to make a gift to Bon Air Christian Church in your will, please consult with your attorney and financial advisor to ensure that your wishes and intent are accurately reflected in your will. Remembering the church in your will supports the on-going ministries of Bon Air Christian Church and helps continue to spread Christ's love to a world in need.

Important – Regarding Offering Envelopes:

The financial secretaries would like to remind you to please be sure to write your name on envelopes for all donations. In order to have your offering credited to your account, your name must be on the envelope.



Thank you for helping us to keep our accounts accurate. - Frank and Diane Clark

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:4

Church Family Updates



Congratulations to Lindsay & Corey Reynolds on the birth of their son Mack. He was born July 15th, and weighed 8lbs 7oz. Proud big sisters are Lainey & Sadie.



Thank you

Dear Bon Air Friends,

I am so lucky to have such a wonderful group of friends at church. Many thanks for remembering my family upon the death of my Dad on May 25th. The flowers, cards, calls, texts and prayers are much appreciated. Special thanks to those of you who drive all the way out to Lawrenceville for the visitation and funeral.

Most Sincerely,
Kitten & Michael

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please keep in your prayers: Jim Lehan who will be having surgery for colon cancer; Jackie Nilles mother, Joyce Burton who is in hospice care; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; John Crank; Dr. Jack Andrews; Steve Goff; Jim New; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Dana and Todd Hatton's fathers, David Bowen, Sr. and James Hatton; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pam Soddu and Bob Goad; Charles Stevens son-in-law, Smokey and daughter, Kris Perkins; Tom Neumayer; Cathy Wheless; Harriet Griggs; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Traci Eagle; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Lenora Fowler; Debbie Inlow's father; Greg Shannon's mother; Sandy Logan's sister, Brenda Peery; Jackie Nilles' friends, Cristie Webber and Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Harold Campbell; Dot Nuckols; Shirley Heath; Gerry Roppe; Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Susan Baum's friends, Jeri and Darlene.

