

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Bon Air Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

WORSHIP WITH US:

Sunday Morning Worship
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Casual Worship
5:00 p.m.

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Give Thanks

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

When Bon Air Christian Church began we were very little. There was a small group of people who tried to breathe life into an old building that had not been well maintained and that was definitely showing aging pains.

On **Thanksgiving Day** that little group of people gathered to give thanks for all God's good gifts. It became a tradition that this community of faith gathered for a casual worship service and then shared brunch together. That tradition continues as we will gather Thanksgiving morning at 8:45 a.m. to praise God for all his blessings and then enjoy our potluck brunch together.

I just finished reading Max Lucado's book, "Anxious for Nothing." In it he talks about the importance of counting our blessings, having an attitude of gratitude and "choosing calm."

C - celebrate God's goodness.

A - ask God for help.

L - leave your concerns with God.

M - meditate on good things.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice. (Phil. 4:4)

I look forward to gathering with you, dear family of faith, and giving thanks to God. You are a blessing to me always.



Shalom, Cindy



All Saints Day

November 1st is All Saints Day.

On All Saints Sunday we remember and give thanks for all those who have touched our lives with God's love.

To honor all the saints, please join us in reading this devotion:

*Dear God, we praise you for giving us the glorious example of the Saints.
We aspire to meet their company, praising you forever in Heaven.
Please help us to follow in their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.
Please help us to submit ourselves to Your call, seeking
Your order in all things, just as the Saints did.
Please help us to commit ourselves to Your glory,
and to the service of our neighbors.*

Amen.

On the first Sunday in November at Bon Air Christian Church we remember those who have gone on to glory since the last All Saints Sunday. We give thanks for our friends who have shared in our lives and who now share in the fullness of God's glory:

*Bill Dunston
Carnell Teachey
Dave Cosby*



*Roberta Buchanan
Jack Andrews
Shirley Heath*

Carl Howard



Youth Group

Halloween Fun

We had a great turn-out for our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 27th. It was wonderful to welcome the community with music, games, food and lots of candy! Thank you to everyone who hosted a trunk, volunteered at the event, set up & cleaned up! It was a HUGE success!



Trunk or Treat



CONGRATS to the Boger Family for winning "Best Trunk!"



YOUTH GROUP DATES TO NOTE:

*11/3 Youth Group meeting * 11/15 Lock-In (more details to come) * 11/17 Youth Group Meeting

Sunday School

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Young Adult Sunday school class is in a NEW format! Join us remotely for uplifting scripture, shared pictures and conversation. Please look out for your invite! You will receive it via text or email. Download the BAND App and start posting and hanging out in our chat room! We plan to decide on a group meeting time in November. We are just a "click" away!

Please contact Robin Blanchard, Sunday School Superintendent, with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL recognition— KUDOS!

Here are our shining stars this month! Perfect Sunday school attendance for September! These youth are guiding lights and wonderful examples of living their current lives with faith. Their weekly presence encourages others and anchors our Sunday school classes. We play games, laugh and always have a good time together! We will have recognition and prizes each month for BEST Sunday school attendance! Join in on the fun! ~Robin Blanchard

Ava Greening ~ Upper Elementary class

Lilly Ver Beek ~ Middle School class

Jake Ver Beek ~ High School class

On the BACC FaceBook page, we have been following the "Light A Candle for Children Prayer Vigil." This is a time of reflection and conversation that takes place over the 40 days preceding the Children's Sabbath. This interfaith program invites faith communities to simultaneously witness for children through prayer, education, and worship. Children and teenagers from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were asked why they would be in the church in 10 years. It has been enlightening to read the responses of the children.

The National Study of Youth and Religion found that almost 60% of emerging adults made their first commitment to live their lives for God before the age of fourteen!

SUNDAY SCHOOL Christmas Brunch

All Sunday School classes will have a Christmas brunch and Fellowship on **Sunday, December 22nd in the Fellowship Hall 9:30-10:30 am.** All classes are welcome.

Adults are asked to bring a brunch dish to share.

Set-up will be at 9:00 a.m. & clean-up 10:30 a.m. if you can help.



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

CROP WALK

It was a soggy walk this year but 13 of us braved the weather and had a wonderful day with friends from other Bon Air congregations. Thank you to all who supported our BACC walkers. We were able to raise \$1,385 dollars to help end hunger. 25% of the **total** from the entire walk will be given to Chesterfield Food Bank and Shalom Farms to help fight hunger in our own community. We were also able to donate all the food we collected to the Chesterfield Food Bank.

The driver was thrilled to fill the truck and shared his appreciation for our generous donation!



Walker not pictured: Maggie Pace

Thank you to all who signed up to walk:

Steve Craft
Savannah Cole
Todd Baldacci
Wendy Moore
Deb Romig
Laura Hollis
Frank Clark
Diane Clark

Duke Dale
Suzanne Dale
Sandy Collins
Cassie Collins
Diane Fearnley

Pete Landergan
Parker Landergan
Kendra Ver Beek
Jon Ver Beek
Jake Ver Beek
Charlie Ver Beek
Lilly Ver Beek

Joan Mielke
Susan Baum
Tammy Rucker
Emily Rucker
Kelsey Clark
Audrey Duke
Ava Greening
Karl Greening

Cindy Stratton
Marie Boger
Maddy Boger
Sarah Boger
Braeden Fearnley
Madison Fearnley



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Hebrews 13:16

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - PLEASE HELP MAKE A HOME

BACC will participate in the Habitat for Humanity this year on Saturday, November 9th.

The address for the build is: **4323 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA.**

You will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Please let Frank or Diane Clark know if you would like to participate.



CHILI COOK-OFF

As you probably know CWF is hosting a Chili Cook-off on **Saturday, November 23, 2019**. The event will be held in the fellowship hall following the Saturday evening service (about 5:45 pm). This will be our CWF fall fund raiser. We are asking for \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 per family to taste the chilis and choose their favorite. Tickets will sold at the door on the 23rd. The menu also includes mac & cheese, cornbread, salads, and desserts. It's a bargain for Saturday night dinner.

In conjunction with this event, we will be having a raffle for a beautiful quilt. Tickets are \$2.00 or 10 tickets for \$15.00. The drawing will be held at the Cook-off. You do not need to be in attendance to win. Just make sure your name and phone number are on the raffle ticket. Raffle tickets will be sold on November 10th, 17th & 23rd.

We will also be having a silent auction that night. If you would like to donate anything for the auction, call or email Jamie McDonald.

If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-off, please call or email Jamie McDonald (379-7495) (newmac13433@gmail.com). You do not have to be a member of BACC to enter. We also ask that you provide a list of ingredients so people with allergies will know if it is safe for them to taste. We don't need the actual recipes or amounts. A vegetarian chili would be great since several of our members don't eat meat. Meat chilis are also needed. Winners will be announced in December's newsletter. You will be able to humbly bask in the praise of your fellow chili aficionados.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. You will be doing good.

~Jamie McDonald

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

SPECIAL BACC CONCERT

Traci and Vickie 2.0 Concert

November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. FREE

Come enjoy an evening of covers and original music followed by a potluck reception. You are guaranteed to have a good time! Everyone is welcome!



BAGPIPE CONCERT

On October 12, 2019, BACC hosted the 19th annual Bagpipe Concert with performance by Bud Deihl and Chance Bell, which was followed by Susan Deihl's legendary feast. As always, the house was packed with audience members from all walks of the community. It is a time of joyful sharing and an opportunity for many to be introduced not only to bagpipe music, but also to Bon Air Christian Church. The concert and reception are always free, but donations are accepted and targeted for some charitable use. This year, donors contributed just under \$1000 to BACC for disaster relief.

The Bagpipe concert is one of the largest events held in the church and requires a lot of planning and work before, during and after. To borrow a phrase, "It takes a village." We want to thank BACC for hosting the event and particularly want to thank each of you who helped in any way. When we put out the call for help, members of the BACC community and other friends responded in unbelievable ways. At last count, we had 29 volunteers and we know that many helped indirectly. You all helped us set up and clean up in record time. We are most grateful. We are already looking forward to the 20th Annual Bagpipe Concert in October of 2020 and hope you will be able to join us.

~ Bud and Susan Deihl



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

JOY GROUP

It was a "JOY" to welcome Paul & Elizabeth Simrell back to BACC on October 15th. Paul spoke to the group about his work with VIP Care and his counseling practice. He also played some beautiful music on the piano for all of us to enjoy. We are looking forward to our next gathering in November.

We always enjoy fellowship and friendship with one another. In November we'll meet a Disciples of Christ minister of the mid-nineteenth century.

Be sure to join us

November 19th at 10:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO BACC!

We welcome **Josh Bailey** to our congregation. Josh grew up in Powhatan County and has lived around Richmond all his life, except for a little over one year when he lived in Alabama. He now lives with his grandmother, Gene Dunston, in Midlothian. He has two little sisters who were adopted from China. They live with his mom and dad in Alabama. He graduated from Powhatan High School in 2016 and plans on enrolling in an online computer school soon. He is a Team Member at Your Pie. His hobbies and interests are working with computers and other technology and spending time with Gene. We are excited you are here!

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Welcome

What's Happening

ADULT YOGA CLASSES — *NEW TO BACC*

Join us the **1st & 3rd Mondays at 9:30 a.m.** for our regular hour long Hatha style beginner yoga. No need to register, come as often as you can. This is donation-based, so pay what you can when you can. **PRE-SCHOOL / KIDS Yoga** will be on the same days starting at 9:00 a.m. Twenty minute class with free play on playground afterwards!



Email Samantha at sburns7184@gmail.com with questions or suggestions!

COME MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!

Come see for yourself just how much fun we have at choir practice every week!

Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

~ Middle school and up are welcome ~

Instrumentalists, please consider sharing your talent as well - contact Vickie!



STEWARDSHIP: AN ALL YEAR OPPORTUNITY

The Stewardship Committee presented a revised budget for 2020 to the BACC Board on Sunday, October 20th. The Board approved the budget which will now go to the congregation for consideration at the November 3rd Congregational Meeting.

While the Stewardship Campaign is a focused effort to prepare for the next year's fiscal budget, stewardship is a year-round opportunity. Opportunities to use our gifts in God's service abound throughout the year. Visiting members who are not able to get to church regularly, helping to provide meals for those who are sick or grieving, serving on a BACC committee are all ways to use our gifts to serve God. BACC needs volunteers each week to help conduct our worship services, offer learning through Sunday School and to support our active and lively Youth Group.

Please actively consider ways that you can use your God-given gifts and energy to help support BACC's service and ministry.

*"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10

Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF - Come share fellowship and friendship with other men 11/20

BACC Men will continue to gather for feast and fellowship through the fall and winter. The tradition is to meet at a restaurant the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. In October we met at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant. On **November 20th**, we will gather at Joe's Inn @ Bon Air, 2616 Buford Rd, Richmond, VA 23235. Please join us.

Our Golf event at Providence Golf Course on September 28th was well attended. Pleasant temperatures and sunshine added to the great fellowship. Four teams played and two teams tied for first place.

Winter activities will focus on indoor events. Sam Herrin has organized a card playing group and is teaching us the game 'Oh Hell!' Our first game was October 22nd. The November game date/time will be announced in the church bulletin and an email.

If you have an interest in joining in any CMF event or want to know more, contact Tom Snodgrass at 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com. Contact Tom or Sam Herrin if you have ideas for CMF service projects or events to foster camaraderie and serve our community.

CWF - Christian Women's Fellowship welcomes all women

Hard to believe it's November. All CWFs were able to meet in October. The Thursday evening group enjoyed dinner at Firebirds, then came to Church for the meeting. We talked about upcoming events and sent get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards. We collected gift cards for the battered women's shelter.

The facility is undergoing renovation and doesn't have storage space. Gift cards don't take up much room.

We went over final details for our beach retreat. (Had a great time. Lovely weather). The lesson came from Acts 1:1-11. Because our scheduled hostess was ill, Diane Clark stepped up to provide snacks and dessert for the meeting. Thank you, Diane. Next meeting will be on **November 7th** at Kitten Whitlow's home.

Meeting for dinner at Candelas on Huguenot. Lesson will come from John 15:1-17.

The Daytime CWF also studied Acts 1:1-11. We collected food for the food pantry. We enjoyed lunch, dessert, and fellowship. It's always nice to see everybody. Next meeting will be on **November 12th** at 10:30 am. Lesson will come from John 15:1-17.

The Salad CWF has changed meeting location. We still meet at the Church, but in the multi-purpose room, and we still have salad for dinner. We collected personal items and cleaning supplies for Safe Harbor. This group also sends cards. Emily Rush Moore talked about the trade embargo of Cuba. Cuba is our country to study this year. Frances Atherton taught the lesson from Isaiah 43:1-27. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 13th** at 6:30 p.m. The lesson will come from Acts 1:1-11.

All three groups are working on the upcoming Chili Cook-off. We collected \$700.00 for Angel Huff's family, as her grandmother died recently. She had been the main caregiver for Angel. We wanted to help her family at this sad time.

Join us this November. There are three groups to choose from. If you can't make up your mind, you are welcome to come to all three!

~ Jamie McDonald

The Church Beyond Our Walls

THANKSGIVING FAMILIES

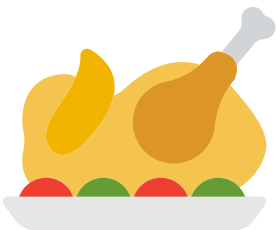
We will be collecting Thanksgiving Dinner items for local families — from Redd, Bon Air & Crestwood Elementary schools — again this year. Adult Sunday Schools will be doing four bags for CCHASM as well.

Please place your food donations in the marked boxes located throughout the church from October 27th - November 24th. Please call or email Cassie Price with any questions.

SEE LIST BELOW, we will also be collecting money to purchase missing items.

The Angel Tree with gift requests for our Christmas families will go up November 17th. All gifts must be collected by December 15th.

Thank you for sharing with our neighbors during the holiday season!



2019 Thanksgiving Meal Item suggestions:

BASICS:

- Boxed Stuffing Mix (like Stovetop)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes in boxes or packets
- Jars of Turkey Gravy or Dried Gravy Mix Packets
- Canned Yams, Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas)

Cornbread Mix, Canned Pumpkin or Fruit Pie Filling, Pie Crust Mix

GIFT CARDS for perishable items such as butter, fresh vegetables, and a turkey.

EXTRAS:

- Boxed Mac n Cheese, Cream of Mushroom soup, Instant Coffee, Instant Tea, Jello,
- Rice, Dried Beans, Cake or Brownie Mix, Oil, Peanut Butter, Jelly.



Fall Back Reminder!

November 3rd

Day light savings time ends.

Turn your clocks back Saturday night!



"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

John F. Kennedy

Our Church Family

Dear BACC Congregation,

Thank you for spoiling us during the week of the ministry. The cards, dinner and gifts were all so appreciated. This is an amazing congregation and it is a privilege and blessing to serve with you. We are so thankful for your generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness. We can only hope that we have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired us.

Thank you so much for all that you do. You make this great place possible!

With Love,
Cindy & Kendra



Dear BACC Friends,

The lovely basket of flowers, mostly African violets, adorns my table looking very seasonal. It will remain there for quite some time if I follow the instructions carefully.

Thank you for your loving thoughts and remembrances.

Sincerely,
Sandy Howard



To All the Angels at BACC,

Recently, I lost my soulmate. My emotions were mixed. I was happy to see Shirley's pain of the last twenty plus years gone, but my pain continues. During the last several years of Shirley's illness, our friends here at Bon Air Christian Church have shared their friendship, thoughts, prayers, and food with us. You have given us warm smiles and hugs of hope. You have taken the time to listen to the latest tales of events, some sad and some humorous, but you were always there for us. What can we say but, "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!" You were God's messenger's extolling His love for all of us. We pray for God's blessings for each of you.

Again, Thank you!
Bill Heath and Family



*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."
Marcel Proust*

Church Family Updates

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **David and Samantha Parker** upon the birth of their daughter Scarlett.

Scarlett was born on September 23rd. Mike and Valerie Carey are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations also go out to **David Baum and Kasey Exum** who were married in Virginia Beach on October 26th.



Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please lift up in prayer:

Bill Heath and family upon the death of his wife, Shirley.

Bernie McDonald and family upon the death of his brother.

Karl Greening and family upon the death of his mother.

Duke and Suzanne's nephew Shane and his wife, Katelin. Katelin's two brothers were killed in a car accident.

Paul Seemiller whose heart surgery was rescheduled for October 30th.

Mollie Marr upon the death of her father, Reverend Milo Marr.

We continue to pray for...

Valerie Carey's 4-year old grandson, Caden, who is having health problems; Lenora Fowler; Rick Neal; Sandy Howard; Jeter Bourne; Jake McCann; Betty Snead; Clairee Cochran; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Carrie Berkley's sister, Liz Young; Sitina Yusuf; Traci Eagle; the Inlow's friend, Darryl Luper; Pat Cosby; John Crank; Steve Goff; Jim New; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Todd Hatton's father, 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; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Debbie Inlow's father; Jackie Nilles' friends, Cristie Webber and Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Harold Campbell; Dot Nuckols; 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.



***Veterans Day is November 11th
Thank you to all who served our country!***