

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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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!

Abundantly blessed

It was late on Sunday evening when I was leaving Beaufont Healthcare Center after visiting Dr. Andrews. Dr. Jack and John Crank both said the same thing to me that day. They both reflected on the blessings they have had in life. As I was leaving, there was a gentleman sitting outside who said he was sitting there watching the deer over in the woods. He said, "I never used to notice things like that when I was young." With a deep peaceful sigh, he acknowledged the gift of being able to see the beauty that is right in front of us all the time.

Life is fleeting. Loved ones are gone from us before we were ready to say goodbye. Children grow up and go off to their own new ventures, it seems, in the blink of an eye.

Jesus calls us to live abundantly. We shouldn't just get through our days. We are to live them fully - as if this is our first and as if it is our last day.

The problem that seems so insurmountable - give it to God and allow God to fill you with the peace of this moment. God is here. God is with us. We need not fear because we are not alone. Trust that God will give you what you need. God will give you the right words. God will give you the hope, the patience, the strength you need.

Live today mindfully. Live today as the blessing it is. Yes, we have hard things. Yes, we have sorrow, grief and worry to bear, but trust that there is one who will always stand alongside of us. Oh dear friends, see the gift of beauty in the eyes of your family, see the beauty of God's good earth, see the beauty of God alive in you.

Shalom, Cindy



Fall Schedule

Dates to Note:

September 8th we will return to our 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship times.

CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on August 27th

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin September 8th

YOUTH GROUP will begin September 15th

Kick-Off celebration at the Vaden's farm

(more details to come)

JOY GROUP Birthday Celebration September 17th

& much more ... keep reading!

Stewardship: Windows of Opportunity to Serve God

Have you ever noticed all the windows at Bon Air Christian Church? We have three stained glass windows in our sanctuary that are a wonderful part of our historic house of worship. We also have several clear glass windows, complete with shutters, to help adjust the amount of sunlight as we worship. The hallway leading down to the Education Wing is bright and airy with all the windows looking out at Bon Air. And in our Fellowship Hall we have lovely touches of stained glass and an inspirational round window above the kitchen door.

The church's windows are a good symbol for how BACC relates to the community. The community can look in through the windows and see a vibrant place of worship, people sharing in fellowship and service. Those inside the church can see the community around us needing the Good News of God's love.

The church is a window to help us see God and the direction he wants us to take. The church is a window to help other people see how God can transform us with his love.

This year's Stewardship Campaign is based on **Windows of Opportunity to Serve God**. The proposed budget will be mailed out to the congregation the week of September 9. The campaign will kick off with a special video on September 15. Commitment Sunday and a brunch for the congregation will take place on October 6. The final budget will go to the church board on October 20. The final, approved budget will be mailed out the following week. The BACC congregational meeting is scheduled for November 3.

As we enter this process please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to how we can support Windows of Opportunity to Serve God.

Vacation Bible School



Bon Air Christian Church just wrapped up a fabulous week of Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year's VBS was "Who Is My Neighbor?" – Learning to Love Like Jesus. We had a total of 56 kids registered, and the church was buzzing with activity!

It was great to welcome so many kids into the church and welcome them like neighbors. Each morning, we started with worship. We greeted one another like neighbors with a high-five, fist bump or introduction, challenged the kids to sit next to someone new each day, we watched a skit and then the children learned Bible verses and a "theme" for every day.

The themes that they learned, they carried with them through-out the week. The themes were "Love God," "Love your Neighbor," "Live Peacefully," "Include Everyone," and "Share with Others." Such simple themes that the kids grasped, understood and acted out. It was truly a magical week!

In a hurting world, let us remember to share the greatest commandment of all with our young disciples – "Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 'The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12: 29-31



A HUGE shout-out & thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that made this week so successful. Special thanks to the TEACHERS — Arlene Giffel, Laura Hollis, Christie MacAuley, Ellen Moon, Hannah Moon & Lena Neal.

You all are such a blessing!

Vacation Bible School



Sunday School & Youth Group

We are excited to be Back-to-Sunday-School on September 8th!

We will have a brunch to kick things off, the rising 4th graders will receive their bibles, and then we will begin a new year of learning about God's unending love and diving into the Word! We hope you all will join us — *there is a class for everyone!*

THANK YOU to our amazing Sunday School teachers for agreeing to teach this year! You are such a blessing by being difference makers in the lives of many disciples!

Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-School: Amy Greening

Early Elementary: Gina McKenney and Barbara Bancroft

Upper Elementary: Robin Blanchard

Middle School: Russ and Cindy Johnson

High School Class: Diane Clark and Cathy Vaden

Adult Sunday School

Young Adult Class: Robin Blanchard, Christie MacAuley, Chris Harrison

Sojourners Class: Cathy Law, Sara Reese, Susan Deihl

Fellowship Class: Kitten Whitlow

Parlor Class: Danny Simmons, Jamie McDonald, Steve Craft

Children receiving bibles this year:



Hank Frye



Tripp Raine



Angel Huff



Sadie Reynolds



YG Fun on the Farm

The Youth Group will kick-off a new year at the Vaden's farm! Two years ago, we had a blast swimming, fishing, petting the animals, playing corn hole and eating!

We can't wait to go back! Families are welcome! There will be an online sign-up for food and games — be on the look-out. We will head to the farm right after the late service on **September 15th.**

More details to come in e-mail.



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

BACC HOSTS CARITAS - SEPTEMBER 21-28

The CARITAS program for single women will be at BACC September 21-28. We will provide breakfast, a bag lunch, a hot dinner, laundry, showers and a safe place to spend the night for about 30 women. There are many tasks involved in helping our sisters in need for this week. We are still in need for people to help with shower transportation (our in-house shower cannot accommodate that many people in one day), providing breakfast foods, preparing bag lunches and spending the night at church. If you can help out with any of these, please sign-up on the chart outside the office or [on-line here](#).

We can also use gently used bath towels. We have plenty of hand towels and washcloths but are in need of additional bath towels.

If you have questions please contact Shea Hollifield, sheahollifield@comcast.net or 804-433-7883.
Your help with this ministry serving our homeless sisters in Christ is greatly appreciated.

CROP WALK



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

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the CROP Walk and we are setting the goal to have 50 WALKERS from BACC! Let's make this our biggest year ever! Wouldn't it be great if all 50 walkers could raise \$50 each? Everyone is welcome to participate.



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

"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14: 13-14

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

ANNUAL BAGPIPE CONCERT

We need your help.

The 19th annual bagpipe concert will be on **Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 8:00 - 9:00p.m. with a reception immediately following.**

This is one of the largest events our church holds and continues to draw countless people from the public to Bon Air Christian Church. Greeting and seating such a large crowd is challenging. Steve & Karen Kline have faithfully helped over the years, but we need more help.



Many of you have helped Susan in the kitchen and in setting up food for the feast which follows the concert, and we need that again. One of the most important tasks is clean up after the concert and packing dishes, loading the truck, etc. Please contact Bud Deihl if you can help. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present this concert gift to the public and all of the help that everyone provides. We look forward to making music and eating good food with you on October 12, 2019.

Thanks.

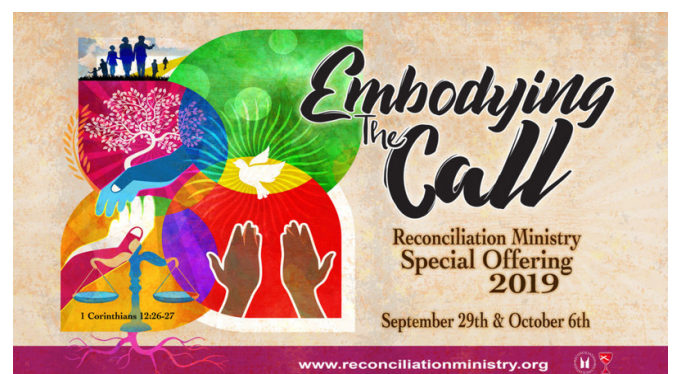
Bud (bud.deihl@gmail.com / 804-370-9115)

2019 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

September 29th & October 6th

The Reconciliation Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it, we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!



What's Happening



Celebrating our Octogenarians and Nonagenarians



Calling all 80 and 90-year-olds!

The Joy Group invites everyone to come join the fun as we celebrate some of our most mature members. On **September 17th at 10:30 a.m.** we will have a birthday party in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Everyone is invited to the JOY (Just Older Youth) party.

CRAIG SPRINGS FAMILY RETREAT RECAP

2019 Family Camp at Craig Springs was a great success! For those of you who are not in the know... Family Camp is for ages Infant to Infinity, so it is one of the most unique camps that is held during the summer at Craig Springs. We had 62 campers, 19 of which were kids ages 2-14 and campers up to 80+ years old. The Triple Camps this summer averaged around 85 camper's so Family Camp is growing to be one of the larger camps during the summer schedule.

BACC was well represented at Family Camp with 7 church members attending for the long weekend. I returned as the director of Family Camp for the 3rd year, and I was joined by Kevin Heath, Jasmine Heath, Andee Kirk, Jean Turlington, Sara Reese, and Tom Snodgrass. Andee was a first time Craig Springs camper although she has been before to drop off/pick up her boys. Our Newest and Never Before Been to Craig Springs campers were Sara Reese & Tom Snodgrass, we are hoping that they want to come back to camp again next summer! I would like to give Andee and Jasmine huge shout outs for their parts in making Family Camp such a success!

At Family Camp we were treated to awesome worship lessons by Rev Michael Stump of Doe Run Christian Church. Ruth Ann Manning Hannah was the assistant director and she led us in music for both worship and silly fun! Jasmine also helped to lead music, she gave a fantastic keynote talk on her experience as a Disciples Peace Intern last summer which fit in nicely with this year's theme of "Peace". Andee was invaluable as my craft person this year while she helped the campers make Hand Clay Doves and Paper Plate Doves to symbolize Peace. And to round out our staff was Mark Hodges as our camp nurse for the weekend. We would not have the success we do for Family Camp without any of these awesome wonderful Craig Springs people!

Whether you are single, a couple, you have children or grandchildren. Whether you have been to camp before or not... ALL ARE WELCOME! Don't you want to be a Family Camper? We hope to see you at Family Camp in 2020!

~Anne Heath



Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF

The heat of summer will soon pass. We have enjoyed many opportunities for men's fellowship. So far this year we have golfed together, fished for bass and crappie, watched the stock car races at Southside Speedway, supported Vacation Bible School and sampled the fare at several local restaurants.

As we head into the fall, the BACC Men will continue to gather for feast and fellowship. The tradition is to meet at a restaurant the third Wednesday each month at 6:00 PM. On **September 18th**, we will gather at Capital Ale House, 13831 Village Place Dr, Midlothian, VA 23114. Please join us.

September brings a new opportunity for the BACC men to support our church mission. We will provide the evening meal to our CARITAS guests on **Saturday, September 21st**. This is the first evening meal our guests will eat while in our care.

Still in the planning stage to schedule is a 7-week Bible Study sponsored by the Christian Men's Fellowship. Participation in the study will be open to all adults.

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.



CWF

CWF is starting back up for the 2019-2020 school year. ***The Evening Group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm*** at various members' homes. The September meeting will be at Mary Ann Casdia's home on September 5th. We will meet at O'Charleys on Hull at 5:00 pm for dinner together beforehand.

The Day group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the multipurpose room at church. The first meeting will be September 10, 2019.

The Salad Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The first meeting will be September 11, 2019. Bring something for the salad. Remember our Fall Fundraiser (the fabulous Chili-Cookoff) is on November 23, 2019. Think about what you might like to donate to the silent auction.

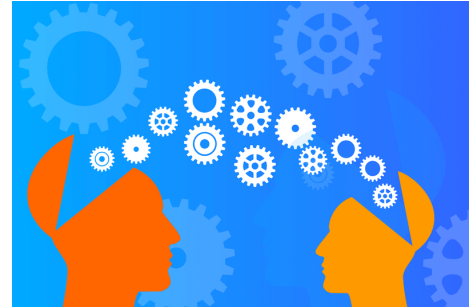
I hope all the women of BACC will be able to join one of the CWF groups this year. It is a great way to get to know the women of the Church better. We always have a great time. Food, fun, fellowship, Bible study, and service. See you soon.

~ Jamie McDonald

The Church beyond our walls

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you're looking for a truly rewarding volunteer experience, consider volunteering as a mentor with the Micah Initiative or the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond, two Christian-based nonprofits that are actively recruiting mentors for the new school year.



To learn more about volunteering as a Micah Initiative classroom mentor at Redd Elementary School on Jahnke Rd., contact Barbara Bancroft (babancroft@gmail.com, 804-204-1688) or visit <http://www.micahrva.org>. To learn more about mentoring in the afternoon or evening at a Youth Life after-school learning center, contact Cassie Price (cassie.price60@yahoo.com, 804-337-1052) or visit <http://www.ylfr.org>.

CRAIG SPRINGS FALL WORK WEEKEND

October 11th - 13th

Work Weekend is a free event open to anyone. The camp provides food, indoor lodging, and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor. There are tasks suitable for persons of all ages and abilities. Come alone or with a group. Craig Springs want YOU there!

Registration is online at craigsprings.com

Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending in case others want to join and carpool!



"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Hebrews 6:10

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DISTRICT VII ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 6th 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Seventh Street Christian Church

Gathering time: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Program 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

THEME: "LIVING OUT OUR FAITH IN TANGIBLE WAYS"

We will assemble CWS Hygiene Kits (goal: 20 kits) during the worship service, with each congregation signing up to bring 20 of one item for the kits. We will have a District Choir again (let your music director know!) and hope again to have at least 60 in attendance! An offering will be collected for CWS.

If you have questions about the Assembly, please ask!

HYGIENE KITS

Hand Towels **-Bon Air to donate 20**

Wash Cloths **-Bon Air to donate 20**

Fingernail or toenail clipper, removed from packaging

Wide-toothed comb, removed from packaging

Bar Soap, bath size, in original packaging

Toothbrush, in original packaging

10 standard-size Band Aids

1-gallon freezer Ziploc bag

Bon Air is taking 2 items, as it is the largest congregation. Only 20 items of each are needed. Please contact Cathy Law or Jean Turlington if you would like to donate or have any questions.

THE VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN

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"The best place to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi

Thank You!

Thank you to my church family at Bon Air Christian Church for your kind and loving support to me and my family upon the passing of my mother, Joyce Burton. My mom was an elder and lifelong member of her church, but I am so glad for the times she let me bring her to worship and fellowship with us. I was able to bring her to Casual Service for what turned out to be her last church service she would ever attend. I am grateful that she also got to enjoy our Hanging of the Greens Service and the Valentine's Dinner. I know that my mom felt welcomed and could see how special our church family is. I am grateful that God allowed me to share these treasured times at Bon Air with my mom.

Please know that I sincerely appreciate the outpouring of care and concern, the many cards, gifts of food, phone calls, and all that you did to try to help us during this time of grief and loss. I am truly blessed by each of you.

~ In the light and love of Christ,
Jackie Nilles

A giant THANK YOU and shout out to Bryahna Mooney for finishing our painting for the BACC Christmount rocking chair. The youth painted a rocking chair on our Mission Trip this summer and this painted board by Bryahna will be mounted on the back of the rocking chair for all to see, admire and enjoy.

The rocking chairs from different groups are located on the second floor deck of the main guest house. The BACC rocking chair is going to be the best one there! The painting is absolutely beautiful!



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



"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always."

1 Chronicles 16:11

Church Family Updates

BACC Friends,

Please note that we will be spending more time at the lake now that we are retired, and our address there is:

56 Captain Hudgins Lane
Hudgins, VA 23076

Frances & Joe Atherton



Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please lift up in prayer:

Pat Cosby and family upon the death of her husband, Dave.

Katherine Cartino and family upon the death of her younger brother, Jamie Greenbaum.

Maggie Pace and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, David Latta.

Jackie and Peyton Nilles upon the death of Jackie's mother, Joyce.

Clairee Cochran who is having kidney problems due to her lupus.

Jim Henderson and Jim Lehan who are recovering after surgery.

Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn, who is being treated for leukemia.

Carrie Berkley's sister, Liz, who is battling colon cancer.

Sitina Yusuf who has been diagnosed with nodular scleritis.

We continue to pray for:

Jack Andrews and John Crank who are both undergoing physical therapy at home; 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; 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; 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.