

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Tap. Give. Done.

WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday

**5:00 Casual Worship Service
in the Sanctuary**

Sunday Morning Worship:

10:00 a.m. via Zoom

**11:00 Worship in the
Sanctuary**

Prayer and Fellowship:
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!



What I Never Learned in Seminary

One of these days this is going to end. We hoped it would be sooner rather than later, but most of us are trying to figure out how to adjust to quarantine, masks, and socially distancing for the long haul. I know many of you are doing pretty well adjusting, and then there are those among us who are simply getting worn down by the whole climate of isolation and fear. Please know that I welcome your phone calls and emails, and I am glad to find a way to safely chat with you in person if you need help. For some the challenges of this time are more depressing and anxiety producing than we can imagine. We do have our friends, Paul Simrell and Jennifer Collins, who are pastoral counselors and we'd be glad to help facilitate connecting you to them via a safe environment.

Worshipping has been a new adventure. There really isn't enough space in this article for me to name every person who has helped us to minister in the midst of this pandemic. I want to say again how grateful we are to those who are helping with recording (Craig Berkley, Jon and Kendra Ver Beek and all of our musicians). We are grateful to Robin Blanchard, who continues to share our Worship and Wonder stories through YouTube. Thank you Sandy and Caitlynn Collins, Nicole Johnson and Claire Deitch for your help with Zoom, recording and editing for our YouTube while Jon and Kendra were away.

They definitely didn't teach zooming, YouTubing or any of this stuff in seminary, but they should. I am simply abundantly grateful to worship with you in whatever ways we are able.

Love, cindy 

Together Again

We can't wait to see you!

Live and in person - in our sanctuary!

SATURDAY CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE at 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM

We are practicing the guidelines for social distancing. Worshippers wear face coverings and are seated at least 6 feet apart. We welcome you to worship and we welcome you to invite your friends.



WE'RE STILL ZOOMING AT 10:00 ON SUNDAYS

ZOOM INTO WORSHIP AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO ZOOM IN AS WELL!

We carry on with zoom! We so enjoy seeing our friends in other states and we are grateful that those who are at high risk are able to continue worshipping with us as we join together as one church orshipping in many places. Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we will be zooming our worship service. We know that many people feel more comfortable staying at home as the coronavirus continues to spread throughout the world. Invite your friends to zoom in -- the more the merrier. What a wonderful way to share the gospel!

Thank you, Robin Blanchard, for recording our Worship and Wonder stories every week. All the W&W stories can be found on our YouTube page.



Youth Group

Craig Springs goes VIRTUAL!

It's not our favorite mountain but it is still an opportunity to see your favorite friends! Craig Springs virtual summer camps have gone virtual and so far they have been a great success! There is still time to sign up for the following camps that will take place in August: **New Covenant (Aug. 2-7)** and **Family Retreat (August 7-9)**.

*It's all FREE!

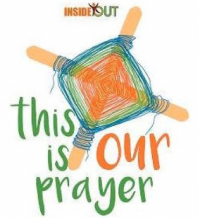
This will be a place to connect with camp friends as we learn and grow in our faith through the curriculum, "This is our Prayer."

The main site with information and registration is OPEN – please see below for links:

<https://ccinvavirtual.virtual-camp.org/>

Online Registration form

<https://forms.gle/GeTwmDSe2KqEym3y7>



This has definitely been a year like no other so far, but let's make the most of it and do what we can to all come together as church in all ways possible.

A "RE~IMAGINED" VBS! AUGUST 3-7, 2020

We are so excited about VBS 2020, which will be held on **August 3-7 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Daily rotations will include arts and crafts, music, and recreation each morning, centered around our theme of the day. There will also be a nightly Zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. for wrap-up and story time at home.

To protect the health of our participants and our volunteers, we will have:

- Temps checked at the door upon arrival (maximum temp 100.4)
- Masks required for all volunteers and children~~If you don't have one, we will!
- Frequently used sanitizing stations throughout our building
- Social distancing at all rotations
- Pre-packaged art activities, to limit sharing of supplies
- Pre-packaged snacks to take home; no lunch will be provided
- Very small groups of children moving through our rotations together

Still feeling uncertain? Opt to pick up your art activities beforehand to do at home each day, then join us for our evening Zoom VBS! That will include story time and a science activity. We've got something for everyone at BACC!



[REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN VBS 2020: KNIGHTS OF THE CASTLE!](#)

Celebrating Our Graduates



WARMEST CONGRATS TO OUR 2020 GRADS!



We are so proud of each of you and your great accomplishments, and so excited about your next adventures!

Jake Ver Beek

Hannah Carden

Bella Seemiller

Carolyn Brink

Mackenzie Crank

Ahmed Nur

Abdi Nur

Abbey Crank

Caitlynn Collins

Katie Johnson

Ian Thomas

Caroline White

Collin Thomas

We had such a good time celebrating our 2020 high school and college graduates with a socially-distanced barbecue dinner after our July 26th Saturday evening service.

Special thanks to Laura Hollis and Sandy Logan for all of their time and efforts in providing such a delicious meal for us to enjoy! And if you need to see that beautiful slideshow one more time:

SENIOR 2020 SLIDESHOW



Thank You



Bryahna Mooney



Emily McKenney



Lilly Ver Beek & Mia Berkley



Maddie Rucker

Many thanks to our talented artists who share their gifts in providing artwork for our bulletin covers!

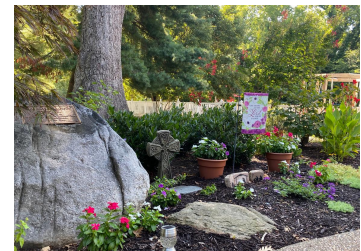


Carol Herrin

Thank you to all those who help the church's grounds stay beautiful!

thank you

Paula Craft
Kitten Whitlow
Diane Clark
Kris Foster
Sandy Logan



Stephen Blanchard and Doug Collins who help with the sprinklers.

I want to thank all of my church friends for the many cards and phone calls I received during the months I have had Bell's Palsy. Your words of encouragement meant so much. Love, Beulah Proffitt

Dear BACC Family,

I want to thank you for the outpouring of love shown to my family in the past few months. The cards, messages, prayers, food, flowers, and visits during my mother's last months with us were truly overwhelming. We have all felt God's love through your kindness. Sara Reese

Thank you so much for the blood drive. We had a great day and saw 27 donors and collected 25 units. Those units can help as many as 75 patients! This is a huge help during this time.

Christine Homan, Account Manager, Donor Recruitment Department, American Red Cross

Our warmest thanks to Cassie Price and Church in Community for organizing another successful blood drive on July 29!

Love One Another

OUR MICAH INITIATIVE~~REDD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Thank you to each and every person who has made a very generous donation to the school supply drive. It is as exciting as Christmas to check the mail and find envelopes containing a check for Redd. Today I received three.



Originally, the drive was going to end on July 31, because we thought the supplies had to be ordered in early August so that they could be in the classrooms before school started in September. Now the deadline to send in a check is being extended until the end of August, as the students will be taught through virtual learning the first semester. I will send a check to Community In Schools for our Redd Elementary students at the end of July that contains all of the donations to date. However, anyone who still wants to make a donation and has not yet done so is welcome to send it to me or to BACC, and at the end of August a final check with these additional donations will be sent as well. There is a basket outside of the church office, next to the box for food donations, where actual school supplies can be placed. These will be delivered to Redd when the school office is ready to accept them. Thank you again for your loving support of this outreach of The Micah Program. Any boost that can help our students during this school year complicated by the pandemic is going to be needed, so that students do not touch the supplies of others and are prepared with the materials needed to do their schoolwork.

~Barbara Bancroft

HOPETREE'S FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Foster care: Hope for today and hope for the future! Become a foster parent to a young person today. HopeTree Family Services provides you with the training and support you need to be the parents that they need. To hear more about this opportunity, please come to ONE of our online Information Sessions:

August 5, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

August 12, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

August 25, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

For more information or to RSVP, contact Abigail Lee at AbigailS@HopeTreeFS.org or visit our website:

www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org.



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

Hebrews 13:16



Sharing Christ's Love

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

We are grateful to Charles Stephens who has faithfully delivered food to Bainbridge. He's recruited Tim Skeens to help out with our food delivery and we are grateful for the gift of their time and for their willingness to help us share our resources with those who are in need.

Thanks so much for the generous donations that many of you have made to help others during this challenging time! At just one point in July fourteen bags of food were delivered to Bainbridge!



CWS CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

While we're remaining physically distant, good works are still happening! Back in the early spring, the Church in Community and World Outreach Committees coordinated a drive for Church World Services Hygiene Kits, School Kits and Clean-up Buckets. These kits go to help people around the world during times of disasters. So far, BACC has collected 36 hygiene kits, 10 school kits and 8 clean-up buckets, thanks to efforts by the Sojourners Sunday School class. Because of Covid-19, CWS is planning to pick up the kits in October, so there's still time to put together some more kits! If you would like to help, here is a link for information on how to assemble a kit or make a donation: <https://cwskits.org/>

~Cathy Law

The Church World Service Emergency Kits and Buckets are now due in September, for pick-up on Monday, October 5.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

If you had told me in March that we would still be social distancing in August, I wouldn't have believed it. But due to the continuing pandemic, the CWF groups will not be meeting in person in September. Our Day Group has postponed their first fall meeting until November, skipping the September and October meetings for 2020. They will re-assess when the November meeting is closer and announce plans at that time. The Salad Group will be having a Zoom meeting, as they've been doing over the summer. The Ladies of the Evening are planning a Zoom meeting on their next regular meeting date, Thursday, September 3. Watch your email for dates and invitations to the Zoom meetings. Also, it looks as if the annual Chili-Cookoff will be cancelled for 2020. Hope we can begin meeting in person soon. Take care of yourselves.

~Jamie McDonald and Arlene Giffel

*'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

Matthew 25:40

Growing Together

BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

As we live in close quarters and share a lot more time together, we learn more about each other. Some relationships may be strengthened and some more strained. Our friend and former Associate Minister, the Reverend Paul Simrell, is offering opportunities to help build better relationships.

Paul uses the Prepare-Enrich program to explore ways to strengthen and grow in relationships. Paul is a Christian Pastor, a Certified Pastoral Counselor, a Certified Prepare-Enrich Facilitator, and a Certified Prepare-Enrich Facilitator Trainer. We are exploring with Paul group sessions where couples discuss conflict resolution and stress management and other relationship concerns. Please contact Cindy or the church office if you are interested in either group, individual, or couples counseling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class plans to continue meeting in August, with a themed study led by a different person each week. We now meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link for the class is included with the Sunday morning worship link, and all are invited to join us!

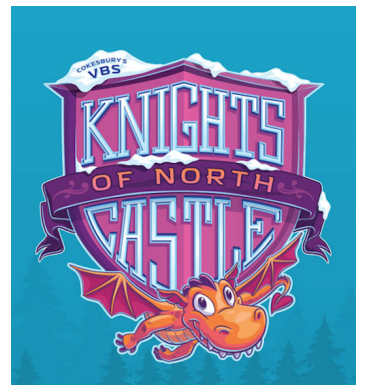


A WORD FROM OUR FRIEND CHARLES

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. *Matthew 5:6*
These words from Jesus are part of His teaching discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount. The general population in Jesus' day were hard working people - fishermen, farmers, laborers. They were not well-to-do. They knew what it was like to be hungry and thirsty, and to crave something good to eat or drink. Hunger and thirst were very real conditions for these people. The Judaism of Jesus' time was based on salvation by works. Throughout His ministry Jesus stressed salvation based on faith, faith in Himself as coming from God, and in God as the ultimate authority over all creation. Righteousness for Jesus' hearers involved remembering and understanding the scriptures. Children of young age were taught the words of the prophets and the stories of the heroes. The people of Jesus' time were much more familiar with their scriptures than many of us today are familiar with our Bible. Today's secular attractions and temptations are often seen to overcome and overwhelm our expressions of faith in Jesus and God, and of our devotion to His gracious Word. For our own spiritual good, we must not let this happen. We worship most what we have the most faith in. We must be certain our primary faith is in the God who created us, and who sustains us. Regular church attendance and personal Bible study reinforce in our minds the many examples of wisdom and divine instruction that are found in both Testaments. If we hunger and thirst for this righteousness, and seek it for ourselves, we will be filled.

~ Charles Stephens

Prepping for VBS 2020...



an event that will be small but mighty!

Little is much when God is in it!



Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Please pray for: Jim Henderson, who is being treated for lung cancer; for Dane Thompson, a family member of the McKenneys, who was just diagnosed with esophageal cancer; and for Russell Shelton who was recently hospitalized again. Our prayers continue to be with Steve Blythe; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; John and Judy Crank; Traci Eagle; Peggy Gross; Jackie Nilles; Dot Nuckols; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Jim Severance; Charles Stevens; Cathy Wheless; Liz Young; Alex and Emily Robinson's two-year-old niece, Sadie, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover, who is being treated for ovarian cancer; Vickie Brooks friend Mindy who is suffering with severe anxiety; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law who has cancer; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay who has health problems; Kendra Ver Beek's aunt, Linda Walter, who is dealing with some health and family issues; Robin Blanchard's friend, Leigh Ashanti, who has lung cancer; Charles Stevens' friend, Courtenay Reynolds, who has health problems and Charles' daughter Kris and son-in-law, Smokey; Christie MacAulay's daughter, Lauren; Joan Mielke's sister, Jan; Tommy Williams, Angel's grandpa; Gary Giffel; Frances Atherton's sister, Ann Dwyer; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Stephen Blanchard's cousins, Van and Leigh Dupriest; Kathy Morton's mother, Pat Hedrick; Jackie Nilles' friend, Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Tom Neumayer and his great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Terry Tynan; the Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; and the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Cassie Price's friends Jessica and Carter Pope who are expecting their first baby, who has cystic fibrosis; Patrick Sibold, who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Chip Wright, who has stage 4 cancer, and is the primary caregiver for his son; and Jean Dowdy's friend, Julie Pearson, who recently lost her husband.

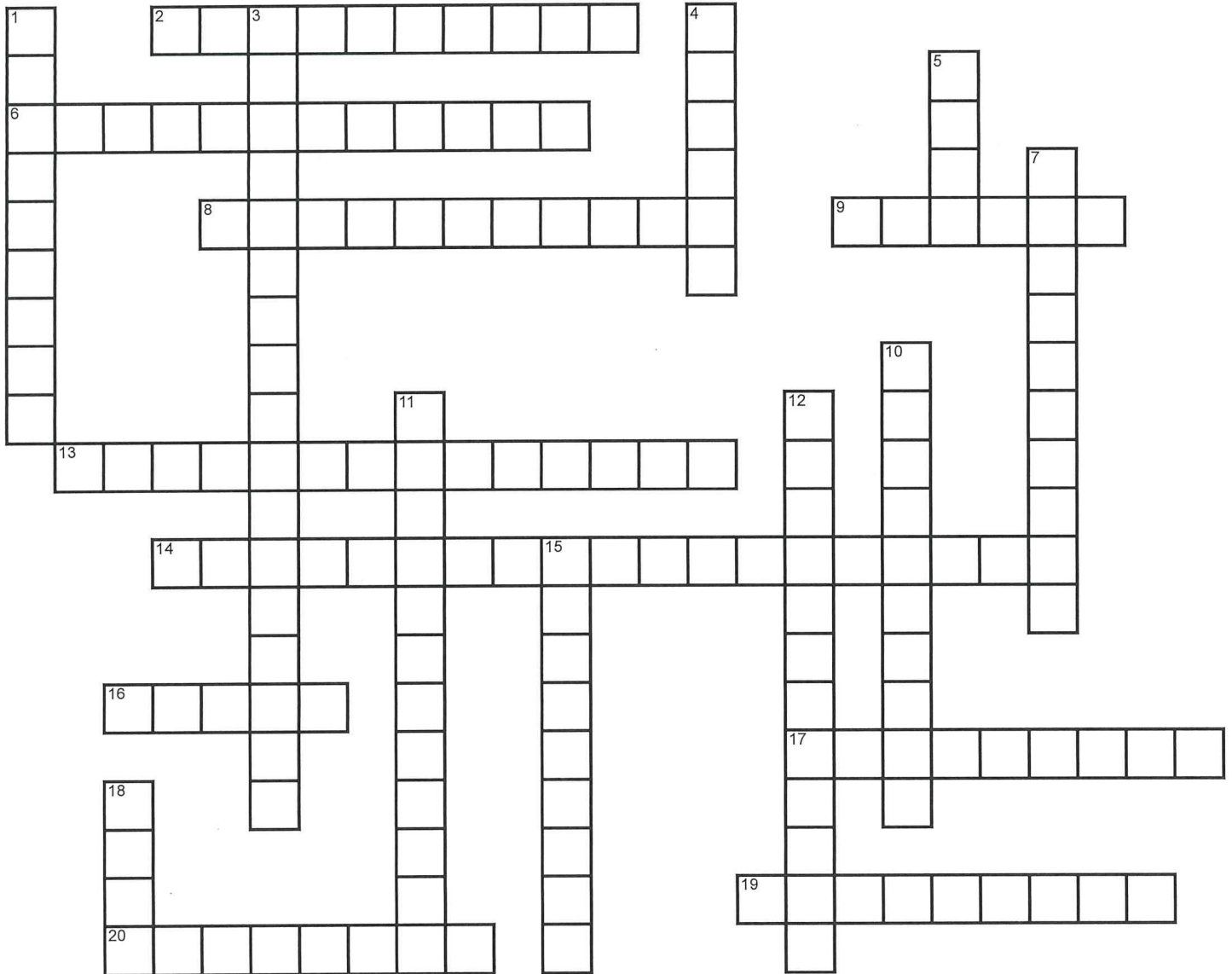
Let's all continue to remember our seniors who are so isolated and lonely at this time, as well as our healthcare workers and all essential workers who are doing so much for all of us through these difficult days. Please also keep all of our students, along with faculty and staff members, in your prayers as school resumes in various formats this fall.

Adam Teachey is grateful for all the prayers while he's been away in Afghanistan. We're so thankful that he has returned home safely, now stationed in Texas, and we give thanks for his service to our country!

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

OUR LITTLE WHITE CHURCH!



Across

- 2 Our DOC symbol, the _____, signifies the Lord's Supper.
- 6 Our youth have a wonderful time at _____ Camp every summer.
- 8 The lovely gardens behind our church are in memory of _____.
- 9 On Saturday evenings we have our _____ service.
- 13 The building of our _____ in 1992 allowed our entire congregation to meet together for meals for the first time, and we've been eating heartily ever since!
- 14 _____, usually held in August, is a highlight of every summer.
- 16 Our church is well known for the outstanding _____ at every service.
- 17 In 2007 we added a beautiful _____ wing.
- 19 In 1992 a _____ was added to our sanctuary.
- 20 We have three _____ every weekend, and you can attend one or all!

Down

- 1 Every May, the Bon Air Historical Society hosts _____ Day, when our church is a center of activities.
- 3 DOC stands for _____.
- 4 CWF stands for Christian _____ Fellowship.
- 5 CMF stands for Christian _____ Fellowship.
- 7 Children love to play on the _____ Memorial Playground.
- 10 _____ is one of our most vital ministries, encouraging our young people to become lifelong followers of Christ.
- 11 People come from near and far in December for our lovely _____ services.
- 12 Bon Air _____ occupied our building for 82 years before we moved in.
- 15 Cindy's favorite symbol, the sign of new life, is the _____.
- 18 After the children's story time each Sunday, the children go to their _____ and Wonder program.