

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Tap. Give. Done.

### WORSHIP WITH US:

**Saturday**  
**5:00 Casual Worship Service**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**  
**10:00 a.m. via Zoom**  
**11:00 Worship in the**  
**Sanctuary beginning July 12**

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

**All are welcome!**

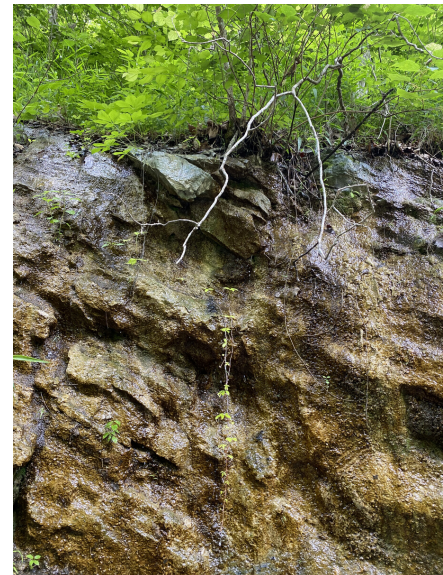


One of my favorite photos I took is this one of a little stream of water that flowed down from the mountain top. Here is God proclaiming to us that the freshness of his spirit and the wonder of his love flows on. It flows from the top of the mountains of our lives and wanders through all the tiny rivulets of our cares and our joys and it flows on and feeds into streams of mercy and grace.

I am reminded of the words from the Prophet Amos: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an overflowing stream." As individuals and as a church we are seeking to discern how we may be about proclaiming God's justice and righteousness. We seek to share God's love in all that we say and do. I am thankful to share with you in working for God's righteousness and sharing the good news.

Dear friends:

I have lived in Virginia for 38 years and I just took my first trip to Natural Bridge. It is breathtakingly beautiful. It was so amazing to be outside in God's good creation. To stop long enough to see the moss growing on a rock, a tenacious flower emerging out of the stone, the greenest green of the foliage and the bluest blue of the sky adorned with billowing clouds. To hear the rush of the waterfall and to feel the coolness of the mountain water trickling down was a gift. Being present. Being right where I am and allowing the creator God to fill me up was sorely needed refreshment.



**My prayers and  
my love continue  
with you.  
Shalom,  
dear friends,**

*cindy*



# Together Again

*We can't wait to see you!*

## **OUR CASUAL SATURDAY SERVICE...**

### **Live and in person at 5:00!**

The Saturday evening casual service is back. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall, with social distancing and other proper precautions being followed. The communion service uses individual prepackaged portions of bread and juice. This service is a good alternative to the regular Sunday services now that Sunday services on-site are on hold. We should keep up with our church attendance even if other things interfere. Let's not forget that regular church attendance is an important part of our spiritual lives. If possible, please let the church office know that you plan to attend by Friday, so that there will be seating for everyone. See you there at 5:00 p.m.

~Charles Stevens

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY BEGINS JULY 12**



We are looking forward to seeing your beautiful, smiling faces! July 12th will be our first Sunday morning worship service back in our own dear Victorian chapel. We are excited to see all of you and to worship together. We are looking forward to hearing the soft unison of voices praying the Lord's Prayer. We are looking forward to being gathered as the community of faith in this lovely building that has been such an important place to the whole community. Mark your calendars for July 12 at 11:00.

We will practice social distancing and wear face coverings for the safety of all. We ask that folks not enter the sanctuary until 10:50 and that you please be mindful of social distancing - no hugging (yet - hopefully someday).

## **WE'RE STILL ZOOMING AT 10:00 ON SUNDAYS**

Who could have ever imagined what a gift ZOOM would be! It has been wonderful to see you zooming in for worship on Sunday mornings. We have been delighted to welcome new members through our zoom worship service. We have truly loved connecting to our friends who live at a distance - a long distance from us and yet they are as much a part of our community as anyone else.

So we will carry on! Every Sunday at 10:00 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!

# What's Happening

## A Note from Barbara Regarding Help for Redd Elementary:

Redd Elementary School has asked us to contribute school supplies to the 2020-2021 school year again this year. To follow the suggestions from the CDC secondary to COVID-19, our school has set a goal of having enough school supplies so no student will share with another once the students return to school. Instead of providing a supply list, the request this year is that I mail one check from our congregation to Community In Schools of Richmond directed to E.D. Redd. Talaunda Brown, our Community In Schools site coordinator, will then order the supplies and send me a list so that I can share with you the total amount we donated and what supplies were purchased with our donations. Please consider making a donation to school supplies for Redd Elementary by sending a check made out to Barbara Bancroft and mailed to: Barbara Bancroft, 4306 West Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23230

Once decisions have been made by the City of Richmond Public Schools as to when and how students will attend school, I will share this information with all. If you have any questions, please contact me at 804-615-7766.

~Barbara Bancroft



THANK  
YOU

We are so appreciative to Barbara for all of her time and work dedicated to Redd Elementary. She makes a difference in many little lives, and represents our congregation so well!

## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



We are so happy to welcome the Robinson family to our little white church on Buford Road! Emily, Alex, and Tilly, our newest BACC members, are friends and neighbors of the Rucker girls, who invited them to visit with us several months ago. Alex is a CNU grad and a financial advisor at LPL on Parham Road. Emily is an ODU grad who studied recreational therapy, worked in that field for a while, and is currently a stay-home mom for Tilly. Both Alex and Emily grew up in the Hampton Roads area, and will celebrate their fourth anniversary in September 2020. Tilly is sixteen months old, and she has really enjoyed having her dad also home with her also during the pandemic. Emily and Alex's main hobby is Tilly, though they also enjoy outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, spending time at the beach, and hanging out with good friends. Please give the Robinsons a warm Bon Air welcome when you see them at church or on Zoom!

# Youth Group

## Craig Springs goes VIRTUAL!

Just wanted to share some exciting news with everyone – our friends around the region are working hard to pull together a virtual camp this year! And ...

\*You can sign up for as many camps as you would like!

\*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."

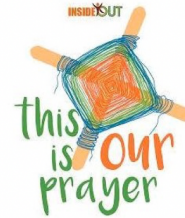
The main site with information and registration is OPEN – please see below for links:

Main Virtual Portal (See dates and offerings here)

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

Online Registration form for Craig Springs Offerings

<https://forms.gle/GeTwmDSe2KqEym3y7>



Come back often to explore new content that will be added throughout the summer, specific content and times of events will be forthcoming soon! Real-time Zoom events are coming too! It will help in planning if you can register now ~ It is our hope that you will be able to attend some, if not all, events that will be planned!

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



Welcome to VBS 2020! We have had to make some necessary changes in our traditional format, of course, to protect the health of our participants and volunteers:

- VBS will take place on-site from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Monday – Friday, with a nightly Zoom meeting for wrap-up and story time at home. We will have a maximum of 30 participants, with no more than a total of 50 people in the building. Students will be in 6 groups of 5, with 2 teachers per group.
- We will have temp checks at the door each morning for everyone, and masks required for kids and adults (BACC to provide if needed).
- There will be sanitizing stations throughout our building.
- We will implement social distancing at rotations, and outdoors as much as possible.
- There will be pre-packaged art activities, to limit sharing of supplies.
- No lunch will be provided, though we will send kids home with pre-packaged snacks.

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!](#)**



# Reaching Out with Christ's Love

## YOGA CLASSES

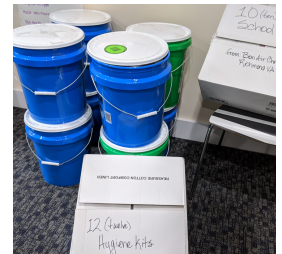
When our schedule returns to normal, we will continue our yoga classes with instructor Samantha Burns on the first and third Mondays of each month. Please call the church office or check your email for confirmations on these classes. In the meantime, we thank you, Samantha Burns, for recording a Gentle Yoga video for us. This will be a wonderful and healthy distraction during quarantine time. The hour long yoga video can be found on the BACC YouTube page:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0sAYMM8\\_hH3OrhGbNMSwA/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA0sAYMM8_hH3OrhGbNMSwA/)

## 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 during the first week of October.**

## BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Summer is fast approaching, and many of us are entertaining happy thoughts of vacations and fun times. But there are some folks who cannot afford to take nice vacations, or even buy enough food for their families. Bainbridge Community Ministry is a well-run organization that carefully checks each applicant to be sure their need is genuine. Their clients depend on Bainbridge for a portion of their food supply. Please don't forget to set aside some things for these folks, and bring them to church for our food boxes. Current needs are hot and cold breakfast items, jelly, soap and detergent, canned tuna, chicken, and other meats, sugar, coffee and tea.

~Charles Stevens

**Thanks so much for the generous donations that many of you have made to help others during this challenging time!**

*'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*



# Fellowship, Prayer and Learning

## 2020 Graduate Recognition on Saturday, July 25th

We are so proud of our BACC Graduates and want to properly recognize them and send them off to their next big adventure! Please come help us celebrate at the Saturday service on July 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Our grads will be recognized at the worship service and then we will have a social distance picnic outside.



### PICNIC

Bring your own chair and we will enjoy barbecue provided by the membership committee. We will stay 6 feet apart and celebrate our graduates.

Please RSVP to the church office by emailing [worship@baccdoc.org](mailto:worship@baccdoc.org) or call 804-272-6228. We want to make sure we have plenty of food ... and dessert!

Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and celebration!



**CMF:** Four men participated in fellowship by fishing at Tim Vaden's pond on Saturday, June 13. Bob Lenhart caught the largest fish, a 6+ pound large mouth bass. There are no activities planned for July. Please continue to pray for our country and our congregation. --Tom Snodgrass

**CWF:** The CWF Salad Group will continue to meet through July for a devotional meeting on Tuesday, July 14 and a fun meeting on Tuesday, July 28. The meeting time is 7:00 PM and the Zoom link will be shared with meeting participants. In different times, we need different ways to stay connected. Zoom has been a helpful tool for such! Our other CWF groups hope to resume meeting in the fall.

--Cathy Law and Jamie McDonald

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Adult Sunday School class plans to continue in July, with a themed study led by a different person each week. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. for the last time on Sunday, July 5, then we will begin to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on July 12. The Zoom link for the class is included with the Sunday morning worship link, and all are invited to join us!

*For where two or three are gathered in His name, I am there among them.  
Matthew 18:20*

# Thank You

Dear BACC Members,

I just wanted to share with all of you how wonderful it is to be able to attend BACC worship and fellowship services in a virtual fashion. In the time that I have been away from BACC and living in Tennessee, it has been difficult for me to be able to attend church services where I truly feel welcome. Being the "new kid on the block" is never easy, and there are times when the homesickness is profound. Add to that the current crisis we all are going through, and the feelings of loneliness are compounded. But never fear! Through the efforts of so many at BACC (an extra shout out to Kendra and Cindy) I am able to watch services online via an app called "Zoom", and feel as though I am right there with all of you. It has brought me so much joy. Please contact the office for details if you would like to participate but are unsure of what is involved. Thanks to everyone who makes it possible, and I hope to see more of you in virtual worship soon!

Claire Deitch



Dear BACC Family, Thank you for "showering" mom (Jeter Bourne), with so many loving, fun, and thoughtful birthday cards for her 99th. She really looked forward to her mail each day. She is truly blessed to belong to such a caring church!

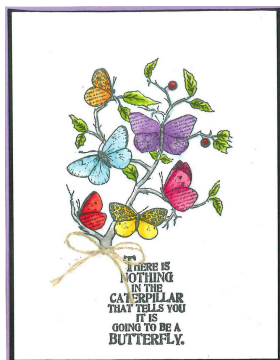
Blessings, Gaye Bourne Blevins

I give many thank yous to all who sent me well wishes during my recent hospitalizations. They are very much appreciated.

Charles Stevens

Thank you to all for the many gifts, treats, prayers, cards, and messages. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have lifted our hearts during this time of healing. Being a part of the BACC community continues to bring me joy throughout life's tests and challenges. Wishing our church family wellness and peace.

With gratitude, Emily McKenney and Adam Darby



MANY THANKS to Gail Macfadden for creating the lovely cards for our 2020 graduates and also for the inspirational Father's Day cards. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

*Psalm 118:1*

# Thank You

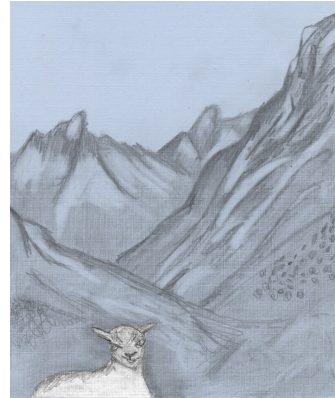
So many thanks to our talented artists who share their gifts in providing artwork for our bulletin covers!



**Susan Deihl**



**Lilly Ver Beek**



**Bryahna Mooney**



**Claire Deitch**

## Speaking of talent!

We have been the recipient of incredibly uplifting, touching and beautiful music. Thank you to all of our musicians who have brought us God's message of hope and have enriched our time of worship. Since the quarantine began, musicians who have shared their gifts with us during worship and prayer and fellowship time have been:

Vickie Brooks, Ruth Ann Bates, Janet Lenhart, Michael McCall, Ron Rush and Brand Inlow, John (Pasha) Moore, Suzanne Dale, Laura Jurman, Chris Isenberg, Jasmine Heath, Polly White, David Blevins, Traci Eagle, Nicole Johnson, Samantha and Martha Seemiller, Russ Johnson, Audrey Duke, Elizabeth Emson, and Gary Archer.



*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord  
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*



## 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 some of the following relationship topics:

- Your Relationship Strength and Growth Areas
- Scoping Out Your Personality (Using the Prepare-Enrich SCOPE Personality Tool)
- Your Personal Stress Profile and How to Manage Stress More Effectively
- Communication Assertiveness and Active Listening
- Conflict Resolution
- Finances
- Spirituality
- Romance, Sex & Affection
- Closeness and Flexibility
- Goals and Goal Setting

Paul also offers individual couples counseling. We will have more info coming regarding group relationship coaching. We'd be happy to hear of your interest.

## BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE RED CROSS

Church in Community will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, July 29, in our fellowship hall.

Please consider giving the gift of life!

Register at [Blood Drive Management System](#)



# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...*

We keep in our prayers Jeff and Brenda Collie in the recent loss of her mother, Juanita Fisher, as well as John Elliott and his family in the loss of his father, John Pascal Elliott, Jr.; Lenora Fowler and her family; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer; Pat Pennington's son, Port, who is having medical issues; Russ Johnson's sister Elizabeth, who is having some health issues; Traci Eagle and other friends and family members of Annie Layne as they grieve her passing; and Jim Severance, who is recuperating after a hospital stay due to kidney stones and sepsis. We continue to pray for Traci Eagle, Liz Young, and Jackie Nilles as they continue their cancer treatments; Cassie Price's friends Jessica and Carter Pope, who are expecting their first baby, who has cystic fibrosis; Robin Blanchard's friend Leigh Ashanti, who has lung cancer and recently moved to hospice care; Tommy Williams, Angel's grandfather, who is now back home; and Patrick Sibold, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Sandy Collins requests prayer for Chip Wright, who has stage 4 cancer, and is the primary caregiver for his son, and Clay Boyd requests prayer for his sister-in-law Pam Boyd, who is a Covid-19 frontline worker. Continued prayers also for Russell Shelton, Steve Blythe, Peggy Gross, Charles Stevens, Richard Seeds, and Gary Giffel, and Cathy Wheless.

Our prayers continue for Alex and Emily Robinson's niece, Sadie, age two-and-a-half, as she undergoes treatment for leukemia; for Fran Atherton's sister, Ann Dwyer; Jean Dowdy's friend, Julie Pearson, who recently lost her husband; Joan Mielke's sister Jan; and Laura Hollis' friend, Dinah Foreman. We are praying for Lynn Sarvis' friend Brian Nelson, who has follicular lymphoma, and for her friend Zach Bynum, who was recently injured in an accident; for Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber; Emily Rush's friend, Cere; John and Judy Crank; Jeter Bourne; Sitina Yusuf; Pat Cosby; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Charles Stevens' son-in-law, Smokey and daughter, Kris Perkins, as well as his friend Courtenay Reynolds; Tom Neumayer, and his great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; 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; Harold Campbell; Dot Nuckols; Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements; Gerry Roppé; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; and the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake. 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.

Adam Teachey is grateful for all the prayers while he's been away in Afghanistan. We're so thankful that he's returning home safely, 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*