

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

MARCH 2020 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!

*Create in me a clean heart, O God
and put a new and right spirit within me.
-Psalm 51:10*

As I talked with the young man that I had seen grow up, he talked about how great it was to be a kid on the cul de sac - playing outside with all the neighbor kids until it was dark, then sometimes going in for their flashlights to play flashlight tag.

He also talked about how his parents made him go to church, and how sometimes he had to miss his soccer parties and other social activities because they had to go to church. I'm thinking, "here comes the bitter 'I quit church' excuse," about how horrible it was to be forced to do something like grow spiritually and learn more about God.

Instead he said how grateful he was that his parents gave him this solid foundation. He said how much he appreciates the fact that the church is the place where we're reminded that we aren't the center of the universe. It's okay - you can come in, sit down and just be. You don't have to try to be in control. You've got at least one hour off from trying to run the world.

As we begin our forty days of fasting and prayer we find Jesus at the end of his forty days. Out there in the wilderness, the tempter comes inviting Jesus to put himself in the center, inviting Jesus to run the world. Jesus goes to his own foundation. God is the center. God is the creator, the sustainer, the strength and the hope for each new day.

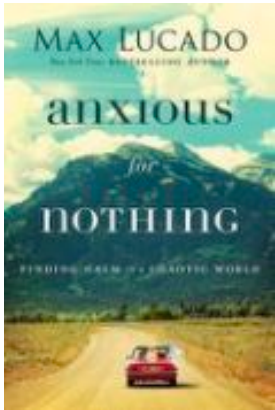
As we kneel alongside Jesus in the shadow of the cross, may we open up our hearts so that God can put a new and right spirit within us. During this Lenten season I pray we will all grow closer to the one who has loved us from the beginning, and maybe go outside and play flashlight tag, just to remember what it means to be God's own little child.

Shalom, Cindy



Lent and Easter

Anxious for Nothing: Could you use some calm? Join us for a five-session Bible study by best selling author Max Lucado. Max explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Phillipians 4:4-8. While anxiety is part of life, it does not have to dominate our lives.



We would love to have you join us as we learn to view life through the lens of God's sovereignty. Together, let's develop tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety. Our book study groups will meet :

- Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m., beginning on February 27, led by Rev. Jennifer Collins, and on
- Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 p.m., beginning on March 3, led by Paula Craft. We would love to have you join us!

PASTOR'S CLASS

Cindy will begin pastor's classes on March 8th for youth and adults who are interested in church membership. Please contact the office if you would like information about baptism and/or church membership.

March 8 at 12:00 p.m.
March 15 at 12:00 p.m.
March 29 at 12:00 p.m.
April 5 at 12:00 p.m.



On Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. we will have
a Pastor's Class for Adults.

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance



The Valentine's Dinner & Dance was a fun night filled with delicious food, fellowship, and dancing the night away! Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this annual Youth Group fundraiser.

We raised \$474.00 for future mission work!

The kids did a wonderful job prepping the food, decorating, and transforming the Fellowship Hall into a beautiful space. Special thanks to Leah Harrison for planning the menu and helping the kids cook, and to Fantasia Sound DJ's for keeping us entertained. We can't wait for next year!



Wellness Fair Mind, Body and Spirit



The Wellness Fair on February 23rd was a well attended community event. It was wonderful to see so many focused on overall wellness —mind, body & spirit.

We had 14 organizations participating.

The yoga, reiki and mindfulness demonstrations were great ways to experience these practices first-hand.

The "Teen Room" also had some very practical information for the kids to walk away with and remember.

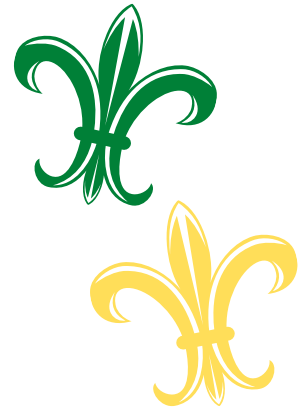
We have already received a lot of good feedback on the event, and we are looking forward to making it even bigger and better next year.

A big thank you to Leah and Chris Harrison and the Evangelism Committee for all of their hard work organizing this!



Youth Group

Shrove
Tuesday



We had another successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 25th — "Fat Tuesday." The Youth Group did an awesome job flipping pancakes and keeping the toppings flowing. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Youth Group.

We raised \$531 for future mission work!

A special thank you to those who brought griddles, volunteered in the kitchen, and helped clean-up.

It was a huge undertaking and many hands made for light (and *fun*) work!

It has been a BUSY month for our younger disciples. They have done a great job stepping up to volunteering and being so involved. We appreciate you all!

Next up in March:

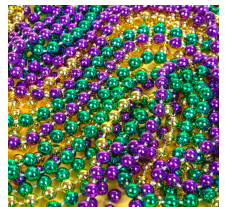
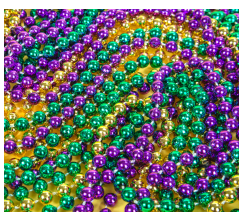
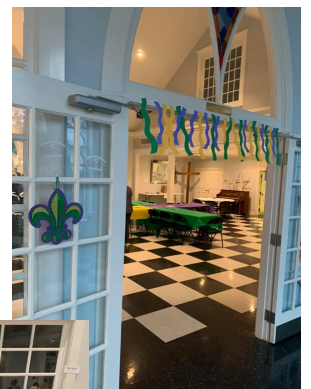
March 8th - YG Meeting

Friday, March 20th - Spring Lock-In (more details to come)

March 22nd - YG Meeting

March 29th - YG feeds The Gathering Place

Mark your calendars!



Reaching Out with Christ's Love

YOGA CLASSES

1st and 3rd Mondays
March 2nd and March 16th
9:30 a.m.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Thank you to Leah and Chris Harrison and the Evangelism Committee for spearheading this important outreach into our community. The group has been using Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. As we seek to find ways to help people lessen their anxiety and stress, we are grateful for this helpful and practical approach to a more peaceful life.

Joy Group

JUST OLDER YOUTH

We learned a lot and we were touched by the memories shared when our JOY group told us their love stories. It really meant a lot to us all to hear about your amazing lives and romances! Special thanks to Michael and LinDee McCall for coming and singing for us -- that was a very special treat!

On **March 17th**, we will have a guest who will update us on Senior Insurance options. Please bring a potluck dish and come enjoy this great time of fellowship and friendship.

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
John 1:2*

Reaching Out with Christ's Love

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Bainbridge Community Ministry is a well-run organization that gives food to deserving people in the south Richmond area. Recipients are well checked for actual need before food is given. It is also one of our outreach ministries. Please continue to support this worthy organization and the folks it serves. Current needs are canned goods such as fruit, vegetables, soup, and boxed cereal.

--Charles Stevens

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

Did you know that there are children and teenagers right here in our community who need a safe and loving home? HopeTree Family Services is looking for people like you to consider becoming a foster parent.

HopeTree 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 next Information Meetings:

- **March 9, 2020**, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at HopeTree Family Services Foster Care Office, 11745 Chester Road, Chester, VA 23831
- **March 10, 2020**, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at Baptist General Association of Virginia, 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294
- **March 11, 2020**, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Baptist General Association of Virginia, 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294

Call (804) 201-9006 or email

ShannonU@HopeTreeFS.org for more information.

--Cassie Price

There are thousands of children in foster care in Virginia.



Make A Difference For One

Become a Foster Parent

The Right Time is Right Now!



"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19



Women and Men's Fellowship Groups

CMF

BACC MEN: Join with your church family brothers in fellowship and feasting. Mark your calendar for two March events.

- **CARDS--Thursday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m.** Participate in the Men's Card Group. We will play 1- 2 games of 'Oh Hell' in the church Multi-purpose Room or one of the available Sunday School classrooms. We are normally finished by 9:00 PM. This is a simple and fast trick-taking card game, no money involved. The card-playing men meet once-a-month, usually on the second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend.
- **MEN'S GATHERING--**The third Wednesday of each month we meet at a restaurant for dinner and discussion. Topic in March is 'Men's activities for the late winter and spring.' Events to consider are an indoor golf outing at TopGolf or similar facility, and a fishing excursion in May or June. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 18th, 5:30 p.m. at River City Diner**, Southside, 11430 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA 23113. The Diner may have some discounted Green Milkshakes from the Tuesday St. Patrick's Day celebration. Mint Chocolate Chip?

Report on February Events: Four men played 'Oh Hell' card game at church on February 13th, and six BACC Men gathered at Joe's Inn (Bon Air) on February 19th for feasting and fellowship.

If you want more information about the Men's Group activities or have suggestions for work projects and fellowship opportunities, contact Tom Snodgrass at 804-370-5279 or tesnodgras@aol.com, or email Sam Herrin at cherrin2706@verizon.net.

--Tom Snodgrass

CWF

All CWF groups were able to meet in February. The Thursday Evening Group met at Wild Ginger on February 6 for dinner. I hosted the actual meeting. It was a quite cold and rainy evening. I made a variety of hot teas for everyone. The lesson came from Philippians 2:1-11 and 4: 2-6. March's lesson will come from Luke 24:13-35. We discussed our April beach trip, sent cards, visited, and had dessert. Our guest speakers from the battered women's shelter were unable to come, as one was ill and the other was looking for emergency shelter for a woman in a wheelchair. We hope to hear from them soon. The meeting on February 11th for the Day Group was also held on a cold and rainy day. We discussed the lesson from Philippians, and had lunch and dessert. We also talked about changing the schedule for the Day Group. Since we've had to cancel a lot of meetings due to inclement weather, we were wondering if meeting from September through November, taking a break from December through February, and then continuing to meet from March to August would work better. Let us know what you think of the idea. The Salad Group met on February 12th, another cold day, but not too rainy. The group was smaller than usual due to several members traveling and two of our members (Traci Eagle and Emily Rush Moore) currently recovering from surgery. Keep them in your prayers. Of course, we sent them cards. I discussed some information about Cuba's National Parks and things not to do if you travel there. Barbara Bancroft led the lesson from Matthew 18:15-22, and we also had our Cuban banquet. All the food was delicious. We've started planning our fall retreat. Join us in March for at least one of our meetings: **March 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Jean Dowdy's home, March 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room, or March 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.** We would love to have you at any or all! Hope to see you soon!

-- Jamie McDonald



Thank You

THANKS TO OUR WRITERS!

Thanks so much to all of our church members who willingly shared their time and talents in writing a devotion for our Lenten Devotional Book. So many will enjoy your insights and reflections throughout the Lenten and Easter season! You are appreciated!



THANKS FROM LENORA...

What a great 94th birthday I had! All the cards just kept coming, more than I have ever gotten before. Thank you for them and also for making me feel so welcome since joining the church. I can't tell you how much it has meant to me. Sincerely,
Lenora Fowler



THANKS FROM JACKIE...

Dear BACC family,

I am so touched by the outpouring of love and support from all of you as I have undergone two surgeries and now chemotherapy. Health issues can be daunting, but your kindness and concern have encouraged me to face cancer head on and do what I can each day to get through this journey to wellness. I am simply overwhelmed that so many people would care so much about me. Thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits, the delicious meals, and most of all, your prayers. The Lord blesses us each day through each of you. Peyton and I appreciate you all so much, and I can't wait until I am able to attend services, play music for Casual and Sunday services again and give you all a big hug. Love to all, Jackie Nilles

SPECIAL THANKS TO STEVE BLYTHE...

for all of the time and hard work dedicated to painting our pews and the outside of our building! It takes a lot of effort to be "the little white church on Buford Road!" Much appreciation, Steve, for keeping us looking beautiful inside and out!



CHRISTMOUNT: THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING

Dear Bon Air Christian,

Thank you for making 2019 a great year at Christmount through your contribution of 200.00, your encouragement, and support. Thanks for making a difference with your gifts here at Christmount, With Gratitude, Rev. Rob Morris, Executive Director

"That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."
Romans 1:12

Bon Air Interfaith Trialogue



Each Spring Or Ami participates in the Bon Air & Southside Interfaith Trialogue event, which is co-hosted by the Islamic Center of Virginia and numerous churches in the Bon Air/Southside area of Richmond. Over a hundred people (mostly adults, but also some teens and younger children) come together to share food and learn about other people and religious traditions in our community.

This three-part series generally takes place in April or May and focuses on a different topic each year. Past topics have included: religious extremism, how to love your neighbor, and finding hope in challenging times. We invite you to attend the Trialogue this spring.

Trialogue Dates for 2020

Thursday, March 19th / 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Bon Air Presbyterian Church

9201 Huguenot Road

North Chesterfield, Virginia 23235

Topic: Multi-faith Perspectives on How to View Fellow Human Beings

Thursday, March 26th / 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Congregation Or Ami

9400 Huguenot Road

North Chesterfield, Virginia 23235

Topic: Navigating Conflicting Values & Civil Disagreement

Thursday, April 2nd / 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Islamic Center of Virginia

1241 Buford Rd, Richmond, VA

North Chesterfield, Virginia 23235

Topic: TBD

Bon Air Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon Series

Praying Tuesdays during Lent

All are welcome! Our community worship will focus on different 'Aspects of Prayer.' Let us come together as one body of Christ. We look forward to worshipping with you.

Service begins at Noon

Light lunch & Fellowship from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.



Tuesday, March 3rd - 'Adoration'

Location: Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W. Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield, VA



Tuesday, March 10th - 'Thanksgiving'

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church
9800 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond, VA



Tuesday, March 17th - 'Confession'

Location: Bon Air Presbyterian Church
9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond, VA



Tuesday, March 24th - 'Intercession'

Location: Bon Air Christian Church
2071 Buford Road, North Chesterfield, VA



Tuesday, March 31st - 'Petition'

Location: Unity of Bon Air
923 Buford Road, Richmond, VA



DON'T FORGET...

to set your clocks forward
one hour on Sunday, March 8,
when Daylight Savings Time begins!

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

Our prayers continue with Diana and Samuel Becker; please pray for Traci Eagle, Liz Young, and Jackie Nilles as they continue their cancer treatments; for Lynn Sarvis' friend Brian Nelson, who has just started chemotherapy for follicular lymphoma; for Angel Huff's grandpa, Tommy Williams; and for Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber, who are being treated for cancer; John and Judy Crank, who are now at home; Jeter Bourne; Sitina Yusuf; Lenora Fowler; Pat Cosby; Steve Goff; Hannah Moon's friend, Caroline Laughorn; Frank Clark's father, Jimmy; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Charles Stevens' son-in-law, Smokey, who had surgery this week, and daughter, Kris Perkins; Tom Neumayer; Cathy Wheless; 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; Tom Neumayer's great-granddaughter, Kassidi Stevens; Terry Tynan; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; and the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT...

for info coming soon on ordering Easter lilies for our sanctuary. This is such a special way to honor or remember our loved ones. Orders will be due on March 27th.



With spring in the air, we often have things to do on Sunday mornings other than come to church. If you can't get here on Sundays, there is a viable alternative - our Saturday Evening Casual Service. It's a great alternative for those who can't make it to church on Sundays. Starting at 5:00 p.m. each Saturday and lasting a bit less than one hour, it is a good way to maintain our church attendance, our fellowship with other members, and our weekly communion. It lasts just under one hour, and includes hymns, scriptures, communion, prayers, and a sermon by Cindy. Come and pay us a visit on Saturday. See you there!

--Charles Stevens



The Church in Community Committee and the World Outreach Committee launched BACC's annual drive to collect emergency buckets, hygiene kits, and school kits for Church World Services. To add a bit of fun to the drive, we are promoting a competition between the Youth Group and each of the adult Sunday School classes to see which group can collect the greatest number of buckets and kits by the end of April. Each emergency bucket counts as five points and each hygiene kit and school kit counts as one point. Take your shopping list below and join the fun!

HYGIENE KITS:

One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), One washcloth, One wide-tooth comb removed from the package, One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable), One bath-size bar of soap in the original package, One toothbrush in the original package, Ten standard size Band-Aids

SCHOOL KITS:

One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only,)Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper), One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler, One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package, One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers), Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package), One box of 24 crayons (only 24), One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

CLEANUP BUCKETS:

One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.), Four scouring pads, Seven sponges, including one large, One scrub brush, Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g. Handi wipes), One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent, One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap, One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles), One package of 48-50 clothespins, Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft., Five dust masks, Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical), One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather, 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton, One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

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