

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday:

5:00 Casual Worship Service in the
Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Worship:

9:00 a.m. Zoom Adult SS
9:45 a.m. SS on-site
10:00 a.m. Worship via Zoom
11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Terrible and Beautiful

Sitting in my beach chair staring at where the ocean meets the sky. Suddenly the weight of all I carry comes streaming out. As I watch the ocean I am reminded of days gone by. It is one of those moments when loss is so thick and so hard that life feels impossible.

I think of our family, funny times with Don, Micah, Robin and Chad. And I miss Micah and Don so much there just aren't words.

And so I pray. Out spills the anger and hurt. Out spills my prayer for God's help.

It is help that has always been there. Sometimes I know it and feel it and sometimes I don't. Once again I hear God speaking his words of love and comfort. We all know loss. It accompanies us along life's path as our world changes.

As I listen to children giggle wildly every single time a wave comes and watch the seagulls soaring over the water, I think of how blest I am. It's as if God painted the sky just for me today.

Today I choose to think of the blessings. I was blest with Don, the finest man any woman could ever hope to have had as a husband. I was blest with 26 extraordinarily happy years with a kind and loving son, Micah. I am blest with two wonderful children, Robin and Chad, three grandchildren, and the best church ever.

Yes, many things are challenging in our lives. We have lots of things in our worry bucket concerning our nation, our families, our lives. But today God has painted this beautiful sky for us. God has graced us with this beautiful earth. God has given us this day and fresh opportunities to begin anew.

I am praying for you as we continue to navigate our way through the pandemic and as we all try to figure out how to live our best life, here and now with God's help and guidance. I love you and miss you.

Shalem, Cindy





Together Again

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 can't wait to see you!



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 worshipping 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!



*To all those who make the magic happen —
 Jon and Kendra Ver Beek
 and Craig Berkley for recording,
 Jim Henderson for the gift of the equipment,
 and all of our musicians —
 we say thank you!*

THANK YOU



We sure have missed being together as a Youth Group in person.

We are so grateful everyone has stayed healthy & well. Below are a couple of opportunities to gather and kick-off another great year of Youth Group at BACC! We will have in-person and virtual gatherings — can't wait to see everyone soon.

~ Kendra



Regional Youth Virtual Gathering September 2nd at 8:30pm

8th - 12th grades

A time to talk, connect, pray & discuss school and life in these challenging times.

Zoom invite will be sent closer to date.

Social Distance Youth Group Kick-Off September 20th at Noon

Huguenot Park

Mark your calendars -- we have missed our youth!

We will get together for some socially-distanced FUN ... Amazing Race scavenger hunt, games, food & some much needed catching up!

More details to come closer to date.



Beginning their new adventure ...

If anyone would like to send a card or note to their BACC YG Alum that now attend college, please know the church office has most current addresses for everyone.

We know they would love to hear from their friends at Bon Air Christian Church!



Through Christ
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ALL THINGS
Love One Another

OUR MICAH INITIATIVE~REDD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is exciting to announce that with the very generous contributions from 18 families, our church has given Redd Elementary School \$930.00 toward new school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year! In addition, there were donations of bags of school supplies that included a variety of items such as markers, pencil boxes, crayons, pencil sharpeners, and my favorites, pink erasers and glue sticks. Thank you for assisting our school, which we support through the Micah Initiative. We look forward to being able to volunteer with the children directly in the classroom at a future date. This was a very successful School Supply drive!



~~Barbara Bancroft

SOME REFLECTIONS FROM CHARLES

Micah 6:8 *He (God) has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Often we wonder just what God expects from us, in this time of our busy lives and our many responsibilities, and in this hectic, confusing, troubled world. The prophet Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, explained it very concisely. These requirements from God are simple and straight forward; they are essentially The Golden Rule.

Doing justly is our acting in a fair and equitable way toward others. We treat them as we would want to be treated in the same situation. Christ, in his earthly mission, demonstrated this numerous times in His service to others.

Mercy is our showing compassion to others. Understanding, empathy, giving of time, considerations for the feelings of others, offering help when help is needed, not ridiculing – these are examples of mercy. Loving mercy is our sincerely wanting to offer ourselves to others when we see them in a situation we can help with, and our being glad to do so.

Humbleness is our going about, quietly and privately, being helpful and merciful to others as occasions arise in our lives for us to do so, and our being glad to be doing the Will of God. Humbleness is the doing of a good deed quietly, because that deed is the right thing to do at that time, and the only reward we seek from doing it, is the knowledge that we have done the right thing. Walking humbly with our God is our always remembering that God is our supreme creator and the source of all wisdom and goodness, and our being glad to be obedient to His will for us.

In this hectic, confusing, troubled world we often may wonder what God expects of us, and how we are to relate to all we see around us. The prophet Micah has given us the answer, and put it in simple, easy-to-understand terms. For our good benefit, regular church attendance is important, to keep us in touch with the God with whom we are to walk humbly.

~~Charles Stevens

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

Hebrews 13:16



VBS 2020

A "RE~IMAGINED" VBS!

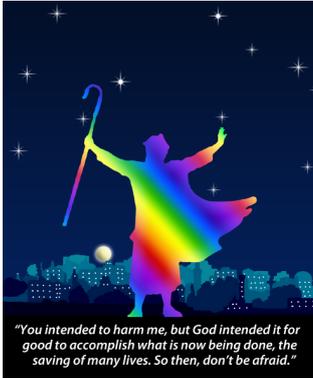
It was a wonderful week at The Knights of North Castle VBS 2020! We had 8 kids in person every morning and another 4 joining via zoom most evenings. We made the most out of hosting VBS during the pandemic and everyone did GREAT!

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make this happen, and thanks most of all to the children who attended and showed us that it was worth all the effort!

God is so good!



Thank You



Susan Deihl

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



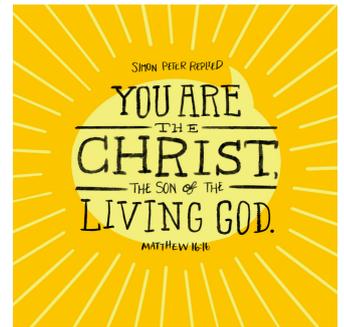
Claire Deitch



Lilly Ver Beek



Carol Herrin



Lilly Ver Beek

many thanks

I give many, many thanks who to all who have sent me well wishes, and brought delicious meals, during my bout with ill health. They are very much appreciated.
~~Charles Stevens

I would like to thank everyone from church for their concerns and or sending me all the very nice get well cards . It really makes me feel good to have such caring people as my church family. Thanks again everyone!
~~Steve Kline

Thank you so much to all of my BACC friends for your cards, calls, and prayers wishing me a speedy recovery from my surgery. I am feeling fine now, and I so appreciate the friendship and love shown to me during this time!
~~Jeanne-Marie Andrews

Mom and our family cannot adequately express our love and appreciation for everyone at Bon Air Christian Church. The love, concern, prayers, and cards you have sent after her fall August 3rd, and her hospitalization ever since, have lifted our spirits and meant so much. Thank you! Mom has endured multiple surgeries, some pain, and a few real scares, but there have also been many tender moments. She is so grateful for your love and support during this time, and so are we.

~~Joy, Danny, Anne, Bobby and Frank (the Coleman kids)

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26, NKJV



Sharing Christ's Love

BAINBRIDGE FOOD BANK



Bainbridge Community Ministry remains open during the current health crisis. They have taken steps to reduce person-to-person contact, and are still serving the needs of their clients. The current needs are: macaroni and cheese, cereal, beans (green beans and pork and beans), canned vegetables and soups, and sweet tea. Let's not forget the folks who depend on Bainbridge for part of their food supply. ~Charles Stevens



Thanks so much to Charles Stevens and Tim Skeens for their time and dedication to this ministry, and to all of you who have been so generous with food donations!

CHURCH IN COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

The Church in Community Committee partnered with the Willow Oaks Rotary Club and the American Red Cross for another successful blood drive held in our fellowship hall on July 29. Thanks to all the Bon Air Christian Church members and community residents who gave the gift of life! We thank the Christian Women's Fellowship Salad Group, who prepared and donated bag lunches for the Gathering Place, a street ministry for the homeless, on August 30th. ~Cassie Price

Matthew 25: 35, 40: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."*



The Church World Service Emergency Kits and Buckets are now due by Wednesday, September 16, for pick-up on Friday, September 18. This is an update that we just received, several weeks earlier than the date that we've been working towards.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Summer is almost over and this was a unique summer. Hope it is the only one like this. Due to Covid still hanging around, the CWF Day Group will not be meeting right away. Hopefully we'll be able to have meetings soon. The Ladies of the Evening are going to have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the comfort of your own home. A link to the meeting will sent by email. If you do not receive the CWF emails and would like to attend, just let the church office know. The Salad Group will also be having a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. This group provided lunches for the Gathering Place, which helps feed the homeless, on August 28th. Both groups had a joint Zoom meeting with the YWCA about their work with victims of domestic violence. They provide a very needed service and the meeting was very informative. They help women in Richmond and Chesterfield. Safe Harbor provides the same kind of services in Henrico. Our CWF groups provide financial and material support for this important mission. Hope you'll be able to Zoom with us.

~Jamie McDonald

Growing Together



YOU'RE INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We are eager to resume in-person Sunday School classes, beginning on Sunday, September 13th, and we are so excited to see our friends back at BACC! We have missed everyone so much! We will meet at 9:45 a.m. and will adhere to all recommended COVID-19 protocols, including being socially distanced and wearing masks. We will also provide hand sanitizing stations and have volunteers come clean/disinfect after the classes dismiss each week.

We have several volunteer teachers that will be taking turns teaching the Adult & Youth Sunday School classes in person. The health and safety of our church family is our top priority while we provide opportunities for our members to grow in their faith and be in community together. The Christian Education ministry of Bon Air Christian Church is vital to our well being and is so very important to all of us.

If you have not done so already, please reply by email or call the church office and let us know if you plan to attend Sunday School at BACC starting Sunday, September 13th. This information will help us be prepared.

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2020:

9:00 a.m. Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (adult & youth) on-site at BACC

10:00 a.m. Zoom Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship at BACC in sanctuary (with COVID-19 protocols)

The Zoom Adult Sunday School class plans to continue meeting in September, with a themed study led by a different person each week. We have changed our meeting time to Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The Zoom link for the class is included with both the Friday and Sunday morning worship links, and all are invited to join us!

MEETING LOCATIONS

Adult SS Class:
Multi-Purpose Room

Middle/High School Class:
Fellowship Hall

Pre & Elementary Class:
Ms. Robin's &
Ms. Gina's Rooms



Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers ...

We continue to pray for Charles Stephens; Jim Henderson; Steve Kline; Juanita Coleman; 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; Russell Shelton; Cathy Wheless; Liz Young; Dane Thompson, a family member of the McKenneys; Al Bingenheimer's mother; Russ Johnson's sister Elizabeth; Kendra Ver Beek's aunt, Linda Walter and cousin, Kyle Walter; Alex and Emily Robinson's two-year-old niece, Sadie; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover; Vickie Brooks friend, Mindy; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law, John Slusher; Joan Mielke's brother David and his wife, Kathy; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; Robin Blanchard's friend, Leigh Ashanti; Charles Stevens friend, Courtenay Reynolds; Charles' daughter Kris and son-in-law, Smokey; Christie MacAulay's daughter, Lauren; Joan Mielke's sister, Jan; Tommy Williams, Angel's grandpa, who was recently diagnosed with cancer; 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; Steve and Karen Kline's niece, Suzy Street; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope; Patrick Sibold; Chip Wright; Jean Dowdy's friend, Julie Pearson; Debbie Inlow's neighbor, Anne Yamada; and J.J and Paula Blum, parents of Kelsey Clark, whose home was badly damaged in the August 15th flooding.

Let's also continue to remember our seniors who are isolated and lonely at this time, as well as our healthcare workers and all essential workers. And also keep all of our students, along with faculty and staff members, in your prayers as school resumes in various formats in the coming weeks.



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

Psalm 145:18