

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

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VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:
5:00 Casual Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship:
10:00 a.m. Worship Service in
person and zoom

Sunday School:
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school
via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
at BACC

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

All are welcome!

"Sing, sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong!"

August 8th we are looking forward to hearing the sweet, sweet beauty of congregational singing. Victor Hugo once said, "Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

We have been richly blest by all the musicians who have helped us through this pandemic by lifting us up and sharing the beautiful gifts God has given to them. We are deeply grateful.

We do so look forward to hearing the sanctuary filled with the sounds of everyone making a joyful noise and praising God.

July has been a busy month with beautiful children learning and growing in their faith at Vacation Bible School. Our youth have enjoyed being back on the mountain and worshipping God at Craig Springs Camp and Conference Center. Lives have been touched as we shared in the book study led by Jennifer Collins.

This year has taught us to be thankful for many simple pleasures that we have taken for granted in the past. We never know what's coming around the next corner and life is fragile, so friends, sing, sing a song. Take in the beauty of the sounds and the sights around you. Take time to tell the people you love how grateful you are for their presence in your life. Take time to be in worship and to allow God to transform you.

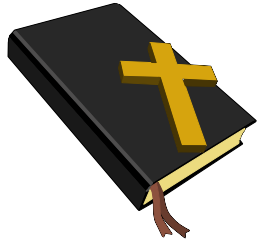
On red day of VBS a little boy and I were talking and I told him how much I liked his red shirt and his red shoes. His mom said, "he picked out everything himself to wear that day." The little boy proudly announced, "I have red underwear too." I loved the pure excitement and joy in his voice. May God bless us that we may find joy in the simplicity of life and rejoice as we see his holy presence in all things.

Shalom,

Cindy.



Worship and Service



Summer Schedule August through Labor Day

Sunday Worship Services are at **10:00 a.m.**
in our sanctuary and via Zoom

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Adult Fellowship Class at BACC

We will return to our Fall Schedule on *September 12th!*

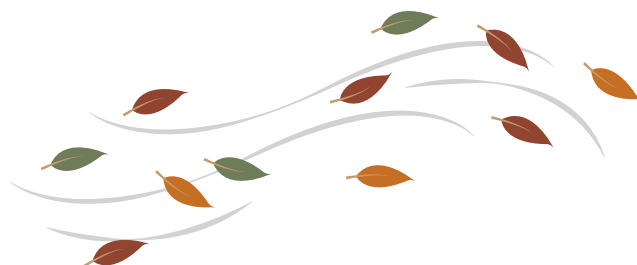


**Sunday Worship at 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.**

Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Zoom services will continue.



Our choir will return in September, and the first choir rehearsal will be on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Feeling the Love at VBS...



Good Morning, Beacon,
if that's your name today!



Feeling loved and having fun
in our beautiful sanctuary!

We had smiles and hugs
abounding in VBS 2021:
**DISCOVERY ON
ADVENTURE ISLAND!**
Our 38 children were
wonderful, and we had
plenty of talented and
smiling volunteers on
board! It was a fabulous
week for all of us!



Lots of fun with Lighthouse
Keeper Dave and Miss Sarah



Music and Movement with Miss Nicole and Mr. David



So many
wonderful
volunteers!



ARISE
AND
SHINE!



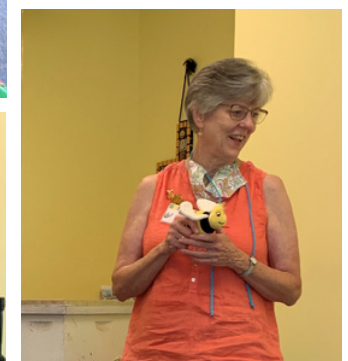
Miss Cathy visits to
teach us about bees



Crafts with Miss Caitlynn and Miss Missy



Fun with Our Science Girls, Miss Cassie and Miss Maddie



Feeling the Love at VBS...



Lots of Outside Fun with Miss Diane each day!



Just Feeling the Love!



Friday Fun with the Ice Cream Man!



We all loved our snacks with Miss Cathy and Mr. Bill!

Thanks so much to Susan Baum, Brenda Kidd and Sandy Logan for providing them!



WE'VE GOT CLASS!
Sign in with Miss Vickie and Mr. Pete and have fun!



Good times on Maggie's playground!



THE COCONUTS



THE VOLCANOES



THE TURTLES



THE SEAGULLS

Thank You



SUSAN DEIHL



WENDY MOORE



LILLY VER BEEK



EMILY RUCKER

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

MARY GARRISON THANKS US...

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thanks for honoring Ed with the flower arrangement. It's lovely and we all appreciate your remembering him. Sad he never had time to become the good hardworking church member he was in Oklahoma. He always thought we over-decorated at Christmas at Western Oaks Christian, but there he was every year, hanging garland, stringing lights, hanging wreathes, etc. :) Thanks, Mary Garrison

...AS DOES DAN GRIGGS

To my BACC family, Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful communications. Surgery was successful. Must regain my strength now. Dan Griggs

THANKS FROM CHURCH WORLD SERVICES

Dear Friends: Disasters often strike and without warning, but thanks to your generous contribution, Church World Service will be better prepared to provide emergency assistance when and where it is needed. Your support and your foresight mean that we can quickly and effectively get supplies into the hands of people who need them after a crisis. These supplies include CWS Blankets, CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets, CWS Hygiene Kits, CWS School Kits, and Emergency Food Packages. Your gift also helps to provide long-term recovery assistance and assist communities to rebuild and to mitigate future disasters. Rebuilding from a disaster is tough, but we have repeatedly witnessed the resilience and strength of the women, men and children who rise in the wake of an emergency. I am so moved by your generosity as you join us in standing with them and providing hope. Thank you. May God bless you for your support.

Rick Santos, President and CEO, Church World Service

*God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Colossians 1:13-14

What's Happening



TIME TO STOP BY?

Though most of us are now excited about finally gaining some freedom to get out and see our friends again, we have many BACC members who aren't able to get out as often as they'd like. If you have some time to visit and brighten a friend's day, check out our Visiting Our BACC Friends link. Click on the week when you plan to visit, then click on those you friends you plan to visit. This will not inform our friends that you're coming and when, so you may want to give them a call before heading out for your visit. Thanks for sharing the BACC love!

VISITING OUR BACC FRIENDS

*Your friendship is a special gift, generously given,
happily accepted, and deeply appreciated! ~Anonymous*



THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

One of the most special things about BACC is that there's room for all of us to use our variety of skills, talents, and interests to serve. As we move back into having our more traditional services, we once again need Worship Leaders, Greeters, and Worship and Wonder storytellers and helpers. Also, some of our seniors would so appreciate a ride to church from a helpful BACC friend! Please consider where you might be able to help out and go to our signup genius to sign up. Your time and talents are so appreciated!

WORSHIP LEADERS

GREETERS

WORSHIP AND WONDER

RIDES FOR FRIENDS

Welcome Home!

Several of our church friends have new addresses. Please make note of them in case you need them:

Jim and Lois Zarefoss

Brookdale, Room 208
14016 Turnbury Lane
Midlothian VA 23113
464-4297



Anna-Leigh Dale

990 Logan Street, Unit 804
Denver, CO 80203
itsannaleigh123@gmail.com



Norton and Betty Snead

3109 Cottage Oaks Court
Midlothian, VA 23112
nortonsnead182@yahoo.com
bsnead60@yahoo.com
426-2465; 426-2466



Deb Romig

2814 Leidy Road
Gilbertsville, PA 19525
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*But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart;
consider what great things he has done for you.*

I Samuel 12:24

Youth Group

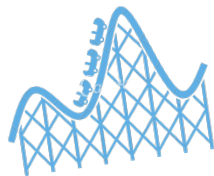
Fun Times at Kings Dominion

Several of us from the Youth Group enjoyed a beautiful day at Kings Dominion on Friday, July 23rd.

We started when the park opened and most made it to closing time! There are some brave souls in this church! They counted and rode over a dozen rides... *at least the thrill-seekers did* :) It was great to be together and have fun fellowship in the summer before we are all back in school.

"Your positive impact on the generations to come will be directly related to the ministry you have in that little place called home."

— Jim George



What's Happening



UPCOMING ARC BLOOD DRIVE



BACC will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on **Tuesday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. If you're interested in participating, check out the website to sign up:

[AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE](#)

Many thanks to Cassie Price for being our liason on this!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF is planning to return to in-person meetings in September. The Day Group is planning a tea party and will be meeting at the Church on Tuesday the 14th at 10:30 a.m. The Ladies of the Evening will again be meeting in homes. Our first meeting will be at Carol McGowen's home on September 2nd at 7:00 pm. The Salad Group will once again be meeting at the Church on Wednesday the 8th at 6:30 pm. Join us in the fall.

—Jamie McDonald

QIGONG WITH JOY

If you're up for a new challenge, our Qigong Class with Joy Black will begin on Monday June 28th at 11:00 a.m. This is an in-person class and is for everyone at all physical capabilities and levels. If you cannot get down on the floor, you will be able to do many, if not most, of the practices in a chair. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, including layers and socks for warmth, and bring a yoga mat, blanket/cover, and water. If it's your first time, drop in fifteen minutes early so that Joy can talk about the background of QiGong with you. We hope to see you there!



YOGA WITH LINDA

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. for Yoga with Linda Verheul via Zoom. Watch for your link in the Wednesday morning email with the Prayer and Fellowship info, and dedicate some enjoyable and well-deserved time to self-care!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Save the date, gentlemen! On Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., we'll be meeting at Joe's Inn of Bon Air in the alcove. This will be the initial post-COVID meeting. We will discuss options for other Men's activities and enjoy good food and fellowship. I will send out a reminder and ask for a head-count in early August.

—Tom Snodgrass

*But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him,
how does God's love abide in him?*

John 3:17

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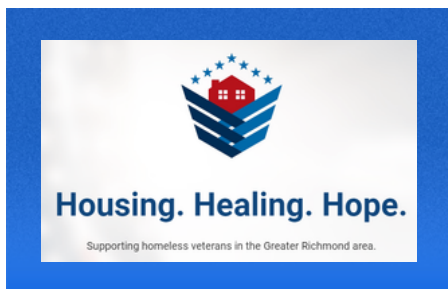
OUR SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Many thanks to the Rev. Jennifer Collins of Shepherd's Staff Ministry for leading our summer book study on *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst. It has been a meaningful time of learning, growth, and healing. Together, we have explored the difficulties and hidden gifts of the process of forgiveness, and reflected on the places in our own lives that call out for transformation. Although our study has wrapped up, we hope you can join us for a new book study offering coming this fall!



WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

If you've not yet had the wonderful pleasure of joining us, consider dropping in on one of our Wednesday evening Prayer and Fellowship meetings. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, and over the past year and a half we've developed a wonderful little community of faith, sharing scripture, music, and prayer needs with one another each week. As participant Joe Bancroft recently said in his closing prayer, "We're more than friends. We're really family." We would love to have you click that Zoom link in your Wednesday email and participate with us!



HELPING OUR VETERANS: LIBERATION VETERAN SERVICES

The mission of Liberation Veteran Services is to help the individual who is motivated but lacks opportunity. In most cases, an individual just needs a place to sleep, eat and feel safe while improving their situation. LVS seeks to help veterans move towards self-sufficiency.

For those interested, Craig Huddle has left a tub in the front lobby for donations for Liberation Veteran Services, a non-profit that assists homeless veterans. **They are in need of five items: paper towels, toilet paper, Pine Sol, bleach, and 55-gallon trash bags.** Craig will deliver these items to the facility for us.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

What's Happening



FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee is always looking for new ideas, and we welcome your suggestions. How can we help you and others? What social activities would you like? You can leave your ideas in our mailbox in the church office, call and share them at 804.272.6228, or text them to 804.914.7878. Blessings to all!

—Sandy Logan and Laura Hollis

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Greetings to everyone,

I pray that this message finds you all well and that you and your loved ones are enjoying the summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief update on the Church's finances. As of June 30, 2021 unrestricted giving was \$23,000 less than for the same period of 2020. I believe that some of this shortfall is attributable to accelerated giving that took place in April 2020 at the onset of the pandemic. It is my hope and belief that unrestricted giving will catch up to last year's levels by the end of 2021 as we anticipate being able to continue live, in-person services through Fall and the Christmas season.

Expenses are tracking as expected and if unrestricted giving is able to rebound to last year's levels, I believe that our results will meet budget. BACC's balance sheet remains strong and there is more than enough in the Capital Expenses Fund to absorb the upcoming cost of the HVAC unit that we are having to replace.

Thank you all for your continued generosity. As always, let's keep each other in our prayers and continue to extend as much love, compassion and understanding as we can to one another and to those we meet. God bless you.

Duke Dale, BACC Treasurer



OUR SATURDAY SERVICE

...is flourishing! All are welcome to join us on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. for our casual worship time!

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Phillipians 2:4

Church Family Updates



Growing in faith and sharing the love at Craig Springs!



CAMPDD

2021 CAMPERS:

Jake Ver Beek
Charlie Ver Beek
Lilly Ver Beek
Vivian Alexander
Emily Rucker
Samantha Seemiller
Jackson Rembold
Charlotte Rembold
Anika Tejnecky
Natasha Tejnecky
Peyton Nilles
Maddy Boger
Bella Seemiller
Ashlee Blankenship
Gerald Stauffer
Kallie Norwood
Cami Norwood
Catherine Trezza
Taylor Trezza
Logan Blanchard
Reese Blanchard
Cadence Mooney
Shepard Mooney



*Allison Landergan
is serving on the
Craig Springs
Camp Staff this
summer!*

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12*



Say Grace

Say Grace (A Pastoral word for Clergy and Laity of the Church) **A word from our Regional Minister, Bill Spangler Dunning**

As we begin to re-enter our buildings and the pandemic gets closer to an end, let me say a few words that I hope will encourage us to rise to the best we can be as Church.

* Say Grace to one another and give room and different paths for all people to return in their own way: some have been vaccinated while others have not. Some will make the choice to still wear a mask and others will be ready to shed them.

* Say Grace to each other as you remember that our younger children are not able to receive the vaccine yet, so allow parents the ability to protect their children and everyone else by continuing to follow the CDC safe protocols.

* Say Grace to one another as we get used to being together again as some will be ready for handshakes and others are still more likely to elbow bump or bow. We Disciples know how to welcome all to the table and go above and beyond in our inclusion of the different parts of the Body of Christ. More than ever, we need to rise to the best we can be as Church and give one another GRACE.

* And mostly, Church, Say Grace to one another and find ways to express and acknowledge the loss and grief that we have experienced during this wilderness time of the pandemic. Allow for space and time to share these stories of loss, both through individual conversations and in those Graceful moments in worship together.

* Finally, Say Grace to one another as you dream for the future of being church together. Get excited for the ways that God has journeyed with us and helped us change for the better.

Say Grace! Give Grace and rise to the best of what Church People can be!

Bill Spangler Dunning, Regional Minister
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia

At BACC, all are welcome.

For the protection of all, please wear a face covering if you are unvaccinated.

Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Our prayers go out to Brand Inlow who is having spinal fusion surgery on August 3rd; Jane Miller as she recuperates from knee replacement surgery. We are praying for Dan Griggs who had kidney surgery, and also for Iva Teachey, who is currently at the Laurels of Willow Creek and hopes to be home within a week, and Brand Inlow, who will be having spinal fusion on August 3rd.

We pray for Wanda Russell who has been having some health challenges. Our prayers continue with Cindy Johnson, who is undergoing radiation therapy; Lois and Jim Zarefoss, who have moved to Brookdale; Sylvia Montgomery; Gene Dunston; Traci Eagle; Jim Severance; Jim Henderson; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; John and Judy Crank; Cathy Wheless; Peggy Gross; Jackie Nilles; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Russell Shelton; Liz Young; Tristan Spangler-Dunning; Pat Cosby and her friend, Mary Williams, who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Robert Ketner, Robin Blanchard's father; Kendra Ver Beek's aunt, Linda Walter; Angie Goff's sister, Cathy; Stephanie Strobe, friend of Tom and Sara; Gerry Roppe's friend, Chico; Joan Mielke's niece, Eva, and her sister, Jan Crawford; Anne Heath's friend, Julia Bowman and family, who are dealing with injuries and illness; Frank Harlow, Amy Greening's father; Hannah Moon's roommate, Caroline Laughorn; Nancy Maiden's friend, Betty Jo; Bill Heath's son-in-law, Jeff Rudolph; Marie Boger's cousin, Teresa Houtz; Lewis Williams, uncle of Diane Clark; Cathy Law's mother, Myrna; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's siblings, Judy, Bonnie, and Richard; Barbara Barker, mother of Guy Barker; Cassie Price's friends, Spencer, and Jessica and Carter Pope; Pat Pennington's friend, Nancy Bingle; Alex and Emily Robinson's niece, Sadie; Sandy Collins' brother-in-law, John Slusher; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; Frances Atherton's sister, Ann; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Pat Tilmon and Diana Barber; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Russell Shelton's friend, Paul Townes; Jackie Nilles' friend, Kathryn Idelson Noftzger; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; the Blythes' friend, Donna Leake; Steve Blythe's cousin Brandon; Terry Tynan; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Chip Wright; and Lynn Sarvis' friends, Jimmy and Pat Pitts.

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

Psalm 145:18