

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11:

Saturday Evening Worship:

5:00 Casual Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship:

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in
person and via Zoom

Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
via Zoom

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages at BACC

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

The View from the Mountain

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" -- Isaiah 52:7

This summer was my first time at Camp Craig Springs. We hiked with a group of our youth up the Potts Mountain Trail (a hike that would have been easier if I hadn't tried playing Sharks and Minnows with the Junior High group a few days before). At the top of the trail, a wooden cross among painted rocks marks an overlook over the surrounding hills and valleys. We paused there awhile, eating much-appreciated sandwiches and taking in the view.

It's common to hear the term "mountaintop experience" used as a stand-in for the ecstatic highs, sudden epiphanies, or unexpected moments of serenity. But on top of Potts, I was struck by a different sense of the term: that being on the mountain meant I could see, with some distance and clarity, the surrounding peaks, slopes, and valleys.

Writing this reflection, it's impossible to know what situation you are in as you read it. Are you feeling high, or low? Peak, valley, or a slope somewhere in between? What about our life together as a congregation? With so much uncertainty in the world surrounding us, what encouragement might we need to hear?

Sometimes, it's not the emotional or spiritual high that we need; rather, it's the perspective of being able to see the whole landscape. From the overlook, we can see how far we've come, how hard the climb has been, how vast the scope of God's creation really is. God is at work in this world. Sometimes, that work is going on more slowly, or quietly, or is spread out over more vast distances, than we can imagine mid-climb. So we pause together, in gratitude and amazement, to see, just for a moment, what God might have us see.

Grace and Peace,
David

Worship With Us



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 11th!*

Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship at 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Zoom services will continue at 11:00 a.m.

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
Psalm 32:8*

It's Time for Sunday School...

JOIN THE FUN IN SEPTEMBER!



We are so excited about kicking off our Sunday School program on Sunday, September 12th by sharing brunch together from 9:30-10:00, then heading to our Sunday School classes! Here's our line-up for 2021-22, and we're hoping there's something for everyone.

Classes and teachers are listed below:

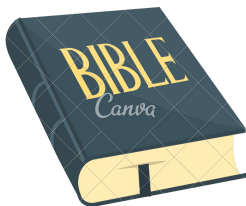
YOUTH CLASSES

- **PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 1:** Barbara Bancroft and Gina McKenney
- **GRADES 2-5:** Robin Blanchard
- **GRADES 6-8:** Russ and Cindy Johnson
- **GRADES 9-12:** Diane Clark and Cathy Vaden



ADULT CLASSES

- **SOJOURNERS CLASS:** Susan Deihl, Cathy Law, and Sara Reese
This class will meet virtually at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings through December
- **FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** Kitten Whitlow
- **PARLOR CLASS:** Jamie McDonald, Cassie Price, and Danny Simmons



*We would love to have you join us
as we learn and fellowship together!*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 1:7

What's Happening

IT'S TEA TIME, LADIES!



Our CWF Day Group will be having a tea on **Tuesday, September 14th at 10:30 a.m.** This will be our first meeting of the year. All food will be provided. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Arlene Giffel.

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



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!

THANKS SO MUCH 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 sign up genius to sign up. Your time and talents are so appreciated!

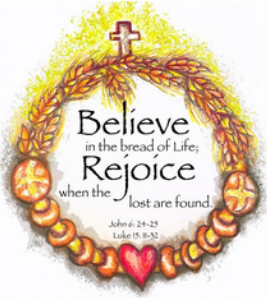
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Thank You



**CLAIRE
DEITCH**



**CAROL
HERRIN**



**BRYAHNA
MOONEY**



**SUSAN
DEIHL**



**PEYTON
NILLES**

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

THANKS TO YOU...

I wanted to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, emails, and visits related to my recent surgery. Support from the BACC family is helpful in the healing process. After a slow start in recovery I am feeling better and looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

—Brand Inlow

Dear BACC Friends,

I am truly grateful for all the cards, calls, meals, and well-wishes during my recent surgery and recovery. I am doing great, no doubt because of all of your prayers, and am so thankful for the church family that cares so much. Feeling blessed!

—Jim McKenney



Dear BACC Congregation, Thanks to all of you for many remembrances and kindnesses after I had knee surgery. I received so many beautiful and encouraging cards, lots of food, and many calls and visits from you. It has meant so much to me to know that you were keeping me in your prayers. God's healing hand is helping me to make a full recovery. I'm so very thankful to be a part of the BACC family. Love in Christ,

—Jane Miller

*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

Youth Group

2021- 2022 SCHEDULE

We had a great meeting with leaders and a few youth to brainstorm and plan our upcoming year. There are TONS of great ideas and we are always open to more! We can't wait for a year of fun, fellowship, serving and growing together! Below are some dates to mark on your calendar for the coming months. A full schedule will be emailed to all families. If you have any questions, new ideas, or want to help with the BACC YG in any way, please give Kendra a call at church!

SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 12th — Youth Group "Tailgate" KICK-OFF! More details to come. Time TBD. Get your game-face on!

Saturday, September 25th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon — Volunteering for the Chesterfield Food Bank at Chalkley Elementary School. More details to come.

OCTOBER:

Saturday, October 2nd — Youth Group feeds HomeAgain Men's Shelter.

Saturday, October 9th — St. Andrew's Gleaning project (TBD).

Sunday, October 24th, 12:00 - 2:15 p.m. — YG @ BACC - pumpkin painting & mask decorating, prepping for Trunk or Treat.

Saturday, October 30th , 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. — TRUNK or TREAT!



CAMP CRAIG SPRINGS

More than two dozen Bon Air members participated in camp at Craig Springs this summer as campers, volunteers, and camp staff. Our Second Triple campers explored themes of creation together through worship, art, and fellowship. A group of our campers, pictured here, soaked in the beauty of creation from the top of Potts Mountain! ***Thank you for your support and prayers for our camping ministry.***



Second Triple campers

What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Two of the CWF groups are planning to return to in-person meetings in September. Things, of course, could easily change and we'll let everyone know as soon as possible. The Ladies of the Evening will again be meeting in homes. Our first meeting will be at Carol McGowan's home on **September 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** We'll meet for dinner at Firebirds at 5:00 pm. 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 Salad group has decided to continue meeting on Zoom for the near future. The Zoom meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm.** We have chosen Afghanistan as the country we will study this year. And we will continue supporting Safe Harbor as our mission project. Join us in the fall.

Jamie McDonald

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

An august group of twelve men met on August 17th at Joe's Inn Bon Air for fellowship and to discuss activities in the Fall. Two events are firm on the calendar.

September 21, Tuesday – meet at Extra Billy's BBQ Restaurant at **5:30 p.m.**

September 24, Friday – Participate in Habitat for Humanity House Building Project

If you would like additional information on these firm events, contact the BACC CMF Coordinator, Tom Snodgrass, 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com.

Options for CMF Fall events include a float trip down the James River (including fishing), a golf outing at Providence Golf Course (Chesterfield), and fishing off the Buckroe Pier (Hampton, VA). Further discussion will occur at the September 21 feast at Extra Billy's and via email notices.

Tom Snodgrass

QIGONG WITH JOY

If you're up for a new challenge, check out our Qigong Class with Joy Black, which takes place on **Mondays 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 **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for Yoga with Linda Verheul via Zoom. Watch for the link in your Tuesday morning email and dedicate some enjoyable and well-deserved time to self-care!

*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



What's Happening

GOD GOES BEFORE US: STEWARDSHIP 2022

The past 18 months have been an unprecedented challenge for us as a church and for many of us as individuals. Many aspects of our lives have been disrupted. It has been a time of change with no clear end in sight. It brings to mind the Hebrew people and their time in the wilderness. This pandemic time has been our wilderness time - we're not really sure where we're going, but somehow we must go on.

As a church we have gone through many changes in how we worship and function as a faith community. We have learned that being the Body of Christ isn't limited to being in the same physical space together. We have learned that technology can help bind us together and touch sisters and brothers hundreds of miles away.

The Hebrew people fled oppression in Egypt under Moses' leadership. They left what they knew for an uncertain journey. Along the way they faced many trials and their faith often faltered. Despite their frequent failings God continued to go before them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Even during the ambiguities of the pandemic we have managed to continue our ministry. As a church it has been a time of growth, innovation, adaptation and introspection.

We have been blessed to expand our ministerial resources through our call to David Finnegan-Hosey to serve as co-minister. We have provided food to the hungry, sent children to camp, reached out to those around us with comfort and care. Our doors are once again open to the community to serve those in need of support. During it all we know that God has gone before us.

BACC's ministries have multiple levels - practical, theological and compassionate. At the most basic level in order for the church to serve, everyday functions must be met - the lights must be on, the doors need to be open. Our outreach needs to be supported. At the theological level both the Old and New Testaments have many and varied lessons on giving. One clear message is that we are called upon to support God's kingdom on earth and this can take many forms. Our compassion as Christians beckons us to use our time, talents and resources to help heal the world's brokenness. God goes before us as we strive to do His work.

Once the Hebrew people finally completed their wilderness time and arrived at the promised land, there was still much to be done. They had enemies to overcome, homes to establish, fields to clear and crops to sow. In many ways their efforts were just beginning. Instead of wandering they had to settle down and begin the work of community with God still going before them.

Our pandemic wilderness is not yet over, but we do have tools that can help us get there. We know that just as the Hebrew people had work to do upon reaching the promised land, we will have work to do once we emerge from the pandemic wilderness. We have hope that 2022 will be a time to reinvigorate our ministries and build on the lessons we have learned in the past 18 months. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support BACC's ministries in 2022.

We know that God goes before us.

Shea Hollifield & Jan Ver Beek

What's Happening

Reconciliation Special Offering 2021:



Our special offering will be taken on September 26, 2021, and October 3, 2021.

Your advocacy and financial support are much appreciated. For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism.



How to Help Haiti and Afghanistan

On Saturday morning, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the south of Haiti. The earthquake was also felt in other Caribbean islands. This earthquake was stronger than the 2010 quake that devastated the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince, and news outlets are reporting nearly 1300 lives lost so far. Week of Compassion partners have already deployed volunteers to help with rescue operations and assess the damage. They are working to meet immediate needs.

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In recent days many of us have witnessed the dire situation in Afghanistan. The Taliban entered Kabul, seizing control as the Afghan government collapsed. As U.S. troops withdraw from Afghanistan, Afghan allies and refugees are seeking to flee the country as the Taliban take over.

As this humanitarian crisis unfolds, Disciples are asking how to help. Week of Compassion is working with partners in the region to provide needed relief and help meet urgent needs. Those needs are still emerging, and the situation is very delicate. But know that gifts to Week of Compassion will go to the partners best situated to respond.

You can make checks payable to BACC with Memo: Week of Compassion -or- use Givelify

What's Happening



2021 CROP Walk

Dates are TBD for our 2021 CROP Walk.

Please be on the look-out for more information as soon as we hear from our friends at CWS.

JOY

Mark your calendars ...

The BACC JOY Group returns on **Wednesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.** at the church.

We will give the Finnegan-Hosey family a warm, JOYFUL welcome and get to know David, Leigh and Laila a little more! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

We hope to see you there!



**Thank you to Ann Coleman Purser
for sprucing up and updating our beautiful
sign out front!**



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

Church Family Updates



WELCOME, ELIZA ROSE!

We congratulate Adam and Colleen Teachey, and big brothers Bryce and Blake, on the arrival of Eliza Rose Teachey on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021. Eliza was born one day after great-grandmother Peggye Alcock's birthday. Eliza was 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. Bryce and Blake are excited to become big brothers, and the entire family is delighted to add a little girl to the mix! Daddy Adam reports that "all is well and Eliza is doing great!"



WELCOME, TERRI RUDOLPH!

We're always delighted to have new BACC friends, and we welcome Terri Rudolph, daughter of Bill and Shirley Heath, into our community of faith. Terri has been a tremendous help to her father when dealing with her mother's illness. She has worked as a Pediatric Nurse until an injury to her right hand brought many challenges. She is currently employed at Home Depot. Terri has three sons, as well as two stepchildren with her husband, Jeff Rudolph. Please welcome Terri when you see her here at BACC, and please keep her and Jeff in your prayers as they deal with some unique medical issues.

A NEW ADDRESS FOR OUR SEEMILLER FRIENDS:

Paul and Martha Seemiller
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Salem, VA 24153
mseemiller@yahoo.com
paul_seemiller@yahoo.com

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

Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Cecelia Andrick in the loss of her brother, Steve Magee; Paula and Steve Craft in the recent loss of their sister Faye; Bill Heath and Terri Rudolph and family in the loss of Terri's brother-in-law, Mike Rudolph; Frances Atherton, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery; Liz Young, who is recovering from surgery; Susan Baum's friend, Jeru Farkus Thomas, who is hospitalized at VCU with COVID; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy, who will go to Duke on September 1st to find out more about some current medical problems; Bill Heath and Terri Rudolph; Steve and Paula Craft; Gail Campbell recovering from surgery; Jim McKenney; Wanda Russell; Emily Rucker; Brand Inlow; Faye Lester; Iva Teachey; Dan Griggs; Steve Goff; Sam and Carol Herrin; Cindy Johnson; Kathy Morton; Gene Dunston; Sandy Logan; Sylvia Montgomery; Traci Eagle; Jim Severance; Lois and Jim Zarefoss; Shirley Burkhalter; Jim Henderson; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; John and Judy Crank; Cathy Wheless; Peggy Gross; Robin Blanchard's father, Robert Ketner; Gerry Roppe; Richard Seeds; Russell Shelton; Tristan Spangler-Dunning; Frank Harlow; Wanda, family member of Nicole Morton Ryan; Mary Williams, friend of Pat Cosby; Angie Goff's sister, Cathy; Stephanie Strobe; Gerry Roppe's, friend, Chico; Joan Mielke's niece, Eva, and her sister, Jan Crawford; Anne Heath's friend, Julia Bowman, and family; Hannah Moon's roommate, Caroline Laughorn; Pat Cosby's cousin, Jo Bailey; Nancy Maiden's friend, Betty Jo; Bill Heath's son-in-law, Jeff Rudolph; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's siblings, Judy, Bonnie, and Richard; Barbara Barker; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Pat Pennington's friend, Nancy Bingle; Laura Hollis' sister, Janice Hoover; 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; Jackie Nilles'aunt, Brenda Grant; Jim Pannell; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell; the Blythe's 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 Pitt.

*The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
Psalm 145:18*