

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:

4:00 p.m. 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!

A New Year's Examen

I don't generally make New Year's Resolutions. It's just not a practice that I've found 'works' for me in any meaningful way. Partly, I wonder whether we need a more modest goal for new habit formation, like 7 days instead of 365 (or, if you're more ambitious, the 40 days of Lent are only a few months away!). But also, I wonder about the rush to make resolutions for the next year before we've really reflected on the year we've just made it through.

For the purposes of reflection, I've found helpful an ancient prayer practice called the *Examen*, which is often associated with St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order (for March Madness aficionados, that's the folks who founded Georgetown and Gonzaga, among others). In the prayer of *examen*, we review our day -- or our week, or month, or year -- imagining that Jesus is alongside us as we walk back through all that has happened.

To review your 2021 with God, take these steps: find a quiet place and light a candle or otherwise set the space and time aside as sacred. Remind yourself that you are in the holy presence of God, and begin with a spirit of gratitude for all of the many gifts you have received. Now, walk through your year, month by month, noticing times that were particularly life-giving, and other times that may have felt life-draining. When did you feel love? When did you show love? When did you fail to love? After you have walked slowly through the past year with God, you can return to the present moment. And -- there is a New Year's resolution here after all! -- you can resolve to look for God in all things as a new year begins.

However you begin a new calendar year, remember: God's love is new every morning, always making us anew.

Grace + Peace,

David

Thank You



Lieutenant Eric Hunter is home from his chaplains training with the National Guard. Eric, Clay, and Tom began work to provide a bedroom with heat for Shukri. Zari has been busy taking her mother and her sister-in-law to doctor's appointments. Your prayers and your support mean much to the whole family. We give thanks that we can help make their lives a little bit better.

Merry Christmas and Thank You, from Shukri, Maryam and the Hunter family



Thank you to all our carolers who brought Christmas cheer!

Thank you to our children, bringers of light!



Blue Christmas



Lighting candles and Remembering loved ones

Read the Bible in a Year



Read the Entire Bible in One Year.

12 Minutes a Day.

That's the time it takes to read the ENTIRE Bible in one year.

It's a small daily habit that has ripple effects throughout the day, week, month, and year.

Carving out time for intentional Bible study brings focus, peace, and perspective to our days.

12 Minutes of Bible study can change the entire tone of the day.

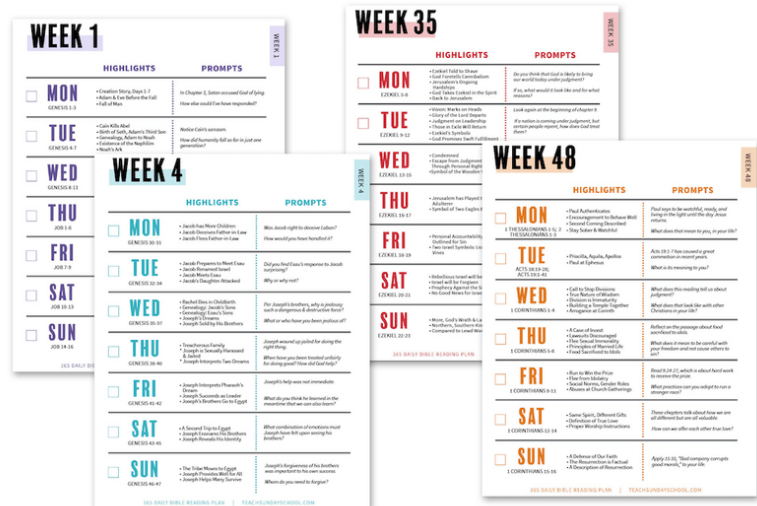
It's a time to PAUSE.

It's a time to REMEMBER what is really important.

It's a time to BUILD positive momentum for the day.

Our 365 day Bible Reading Plan is ready for you to begin using right away.

Please email us at worship@baccdoc.org if you'd like to participate. The Christian Education Committee will be discussing potential group meetings so we can share what we're learning as we progress.



Each Day, You'll Be Set Up for Success With... YOUR READING ASSIGNMENT

Events are read chronologically in the order they occurred in time. For example, the Book of Job is read before the end of Genesis because Job lived before Abraham. When a reading assignment is complete, check off the day's box to keep yourself motivated and on track!

HIGHLIGHTS

Daily "highlights" give you a quick preview of the topics you will be reading about that day.

We suggest reading this section prior to jumping into your Bible.

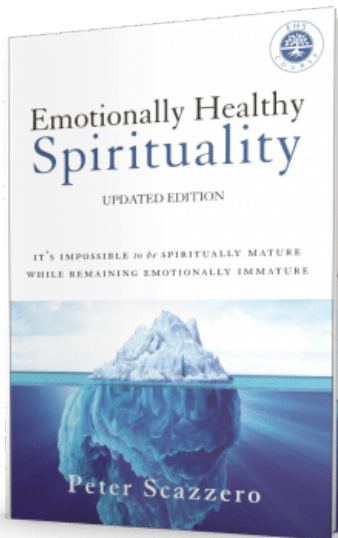
It's also a good idea to read the Highlights from the day before and after the current day so that your Bible study has greater overall context.

PROMPTS

Our daily prompt is meant as a springboard for deeper thought and Bible study in whatever way works for YOU! Use as a journal prompt, a prayer prompt, a family discussion starter, an idea to ponder while on your commute, etc.

New Learning Opportunities

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY



Beginning on Monday, January 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., we will begin a study of Peter Scazzero's *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Tying into our congregation's focus on mental wellness and human wholeness, this book has a simple but profound thesis: that it's impossible to be spiritually healthy if we are emotionally unhealthy. This study will help us deepen both our emotional wellbeing and our spiritual practices. It will be co-taught by our friend Jennifer Collins of Shepherd Staff Ministries and our own David Finnegan-Hosey. We'll meet weekly for eight weeks. If you are interested and would like us to order you a book, please email worship@baccdoc.org -- you will want to have the first chapter read before our first session.

SOUL SESSIONS

Soul Sessions is a fellowship and educational opportunity designed to explore a new aspect of our faith every week. Together we will engage the scriptures, rediscover ancient practices, and foster an awareness of God's presence in our everyday lives. Come every week, or come every-so-often. No catching up required! All that we ask is an open mind and an open heart. The class will be led by the Reverend Leigh Finnegan-Hosey and will take place during the Sunday School hour, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., beginning Sunday, January 16.

SOUL
SESSIONS

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9

Thank You

Thank You, Decorating Angels!



Paula Craft

Arlene and Steve Blythe

Jim Lester

Sam and Carol Herrin

Janie Severance

David Finnegan-Hosey

Cindy Stratton

Debora Vaughan

Kendra and Lilly Ver Beek

Sandy Logan

Tammy, Anne, Madeline and Emily Rucker

Jake and Charlie Ver Beek

Bill Heath

Barbara and Joe Bancroft

Many thanks to all who helped make our church beautiful during the Advent/Christmas season!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The BACC family provided dozens of Christmas gifts to twenty-four people in six different families. Food Lion gift cards were also distributed. I've been coordinating this activity for five years and your generosity never ceases to overwhelm me. My New Year wish for you is that you will be blessed as you blessed these families.

-Sara Reese



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

Hebrews 13:16

Sharing Christ's Love

THANK YOU



to all who made the story of our Savior's birth come to life at our Live Nativity.



Our 2021 Cast Members:

Maddy Boger
Sarah Boger
Mia Berkley
Dylan Brooks
Ava Greening
Allison Landergan
David Finnegan-Hosey
Charlotte Rembold
Ayra Duke
Angel Huff

Charlotte Emson
Cole Berkley
Jackson Rembold
Jake Ver Beek
Charlie Ver Beek
Evan Gross
Audrey Duke
Elizabeth Emson
Peyton Nilles
Emily Rucker
Lilly Ver Beek



Special thanks to Kendra & Jon Ver Beek, Doug Collins, Joe Smith, Tammy Rucker and Joan Mielke for all of your help!

*I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15*

Youth Group

The BACC Youth were *busy, busy* this month! We started with a Work of Our Hands Auction before the Hanging of the Greens service and it was a HUGE success! So many talented members of the church donated items to be auctioned off to benefit Youth Missions and we made over \$2,000!

That will help a lot of kids this summer! Thanks to all who made the auction such a success — from setting up, organizing, donating, and buying! It looks like the youth may be able to go serve in KY and help clean-up the recent destruction from the tornados. Date & specifics are still being worked out. Thank you again for all the love & support for our wonderful youth ♥



And then we brought Holiday cheer with a Youth Group cookie swap and caroling. We had a great time & definitely got our fill of sugar!



Mark Your Calendars!

**2022 Craig Springs
Summer Camp**

Regional Assembly June 4
Nature Camp June 20 - 24
Grand Camp June 24 - 26
CAMPDD Camp June 27 - July 2
Special Camp July 3 - 8
Triple I July 10 - 15
New Covenant July 17 - 22
Triple II July 24 - 29
Family Retreat July 29 - 31

January YG Dates:
January 9th
& January 23rd
at BACC

Friends and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas! The Ladies of the Evening met for dinner at Antonio's in December, then Sara Reese hosted the meeting at her home. The lesson came from II Samuel 3:7, 21:8-11. It was a sad and disturbing story about Rizpah. (The Day and Salad groups will be studying this story in January.) We continue to collect gift cards for the Battered Women's Shelter. And we continue to send cards to those who have lost loved ones, those who are ill, and those who are homebound in our congregation. Fifteen of us returned to the Blue Willow Tea House in Petersburg for tea. It was delicious! The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Andee Kirk's house**. The group will meet at **5:00 p.m. at Firebird's for dinner**. The lesson will come from Acts 1:6-11.

The Day Group did something different in December. We joined the JOY group for lunch at La Cucina. We had a great turnout and the food was fantastic. The next meeting will be **January 11, 2022 at BACC**. The meeting will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

The Salad Group met on Zoom as usual. Shea Hollifield talked about the cuisine of Afghanistan. During these difficult times, food is scarce in Afghanistan and malnutrition has become a major problem. Frances Atherton led the lesson from Numbers 27:1-11 (Zelophehad's daughters). We bought Christmas gifts for a family at Safe Harbor, which Kris Foster delivered to Safe Harbor for us. We'll next meet at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 on Zoom**. Tune in.

-Jamie McDonald



A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

Friends and Fellowship

THE JOY GROUP

JOY Group members, and others who might like to come, please join us on **Tuesday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m.** as we welcome entertainer Phil McKenney, who will amuse us with stories, art, and music. Phil does a one-hour performance-art piece, "Wild Men: The Dawn of Rock 'n; Roll," showing his pen and ink portraits of the twenty or so performers who created a musical shockwave in the mid 1950s. The pictures are brought to life as he tells the story of the rapid rise and fall of these fascinating musicians and sings many of their well-known hits in this unique and entertaining show. We invite you also to join us for lunch afterwards. Please don't miss the fun, and bring a friend if you like!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT PHIL AT HIS WEBSITE!](#)



December

JOY!



We had a wonderful group for our combined JOY Group & CWF Christmas Luncheon at La Cucina. What a wonderful way to ring in the Christmas spirit -- great food & fellowship.

QIGONG WITH JOY BLACK

We will be restarting our Qigong classes in January, continuing with the Primordial Qigong Movement Form. The first 3 classes will cover what we learned in the fall, so new folks can start at the beginning, and returning folks can have a refresher. The 4th-6th classes will offer the next /remaining steps, which will be new for everyone, for a total of 6 classes. Our January classes will begin on Monday, January 10th at 11:00 a.m.



YOGA WITH LINDA VERHEUL

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for Yoga with Linda Verheul via Zoom. Watch for the link in your weekly "Church News" email and dedicate some enjoyable and well-deserved time to self-care in 2022!

Friends and Fellowship

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

THE ROMEO'S RETURN:

The ROMEOs are back in action. The group re-formed on October 27th and meets each Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. Our meetings are at Joe's Inn Bon Air and we usually disband by 10:45 a.m. All BACC men and their friends are welcome. You do not need to be retired to eat breakfast and talk with other guys. Being 'Old' is optional, too.

Correction: The December 2021 BACC Newsletter contained an error about the ROMEO acronym. The traditional BACC title is 'Retired Old Men Eating Out.' The December Newsletter misnamed us 'Really Old Men Eating Out.'

Editorial comment: While we do not wish to change the BACC tradition, a more apt description of our Wednesday band of brothers is 'Rugged One-of-a-kind Men Enjoying Ourselves'. However, a ROMEO by any other name would smell as sweet! (Regards to Mr. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Act 2, Scene 2).

-Tom Snodgrass

DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS:

- The first ever Tool Sale was held on Sunday, December 5th at church. Tool Sale proceeds support the Youth Group Mission Trip.
- Men's Card Game was held at the church on December 9th at 6:30 p.m. and concluded by 8:00 p.m. 'Oh Hell' was the game. No gambling, just fellowship. Participation was low. CMF will suspend this activity in favor of more popular events, to be determined.
- Men's Gathering at the Pickle Barrel. Eight BACC men joined in feasting & fellowship at this popular restaurant on Thursday, December 16th. Our discussion topic was 'Options for 2022 CMF Winter Activities'. No consensus or schedule of events was approved at this gathering.



JANUARY 2022 CMF SCHEDULE:

- The ROMEO Breakfast occurs each Wednesday (9:15 a.m. at Joe's Inn Bon Air)
- The monthly Men's Gathering is the third Thursday of each month. January 20th, 2022 is the date. 5:30 p.m. is the time. A local venue will be announced in the church bulletin.

If you have ideas for men's events that will strengthen our fellowship, contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279/cell/text or email tesnodgras@aol.com)

Thank You



Dear Reverend Stratton,

CARITAS is grateful that you have joined us in working toward an end to homelessness and addiction in our region. Your recent contribution of \$500.00 ensures more people will feel the comfort of home. The rise of people experiencing homelessness and suffering from substance use disorders is not a crisis from which we can avert our attention. On both a national and local level, the pandemic has intensified the need for programs that provide safe shelter, workforce training, essential household items, and addiction recovery to people with nowhere else to turn. CARITAS is home to many in our community and with your help, we offer an open door to safety, community, and resources that assist people as they begin to restore their personal stability. Your generosity makes the transition to a new home possible for many emerging out of a crisis. Thank you for sharing the gift of healing with our neighbors in need so that they may find hope for a bright future. Come visit us at our new home, the CARITAS Center, and see your gift at work! We are grateful for you!

With appreciation, Clara Stokes, Chief Development Officer

A NOTABLE NOTE FROM OUR FRIEND CLAIRE MARLING...

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to say, "Thank you!" for the wonderful advent package I received in the mail. I always keep the advent devotionals that were written by BACC church members together so that I can refer to them throughout the year when I am in need of a spiritual uplift. I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing church. My very brief visit back to Richmond this past weekend showed me that now is the perfect time to sell real estate, but not to buy. My return will be significantly delayed, but I don't think that it will require 40 years of wandering.

Thank you again for all the work that is required to make BACC available to those outside the Richmond area. While 417 miles through the mountains does not sound like a very long distance, driving it with a dog protesting from the back seat emphasized that it might have been easier had I chosen to walk. I look forward to seeing everyone at our incredible, professional grade Zoom services :-)

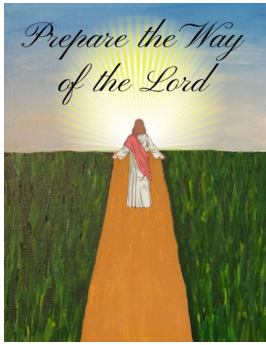
Talk to you soon,
Claire

*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?*

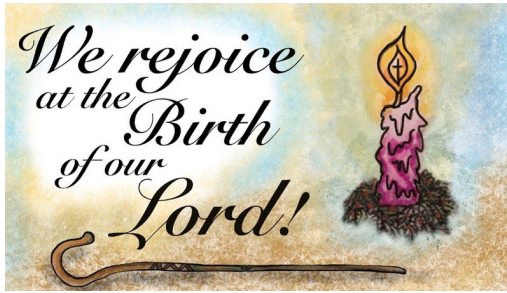
John 3:17

Thank You

Many thanks to our talented artists who provide artwork for our bulletin covers.



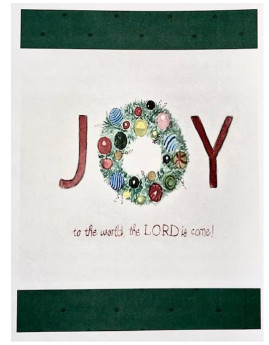
**EMILY
RUCKER**



**CLAIRE
DEITCH**



**BRYAHNA
MOONEY**



**CAROL
HERRIN**



Dear Reverend Stratton,

Thank you so much for your church's recent contribution of \$297.43 received on November 29, 2021. Your kindness provides more than nourishment; you're giving our Central Virginia neighbors hope. Because of you, they won't have to make an impossible choice between food or paying the electric bill. Because of you, they'll have enough to eat

throughout the holidays and the cold months that follow. Thank you so much for sharing your blessings and for giving hope to all of those who need us this winter. We could not serve nearly 200,000 food insecure Central Virginians without your support, or distribute over 30 million meals each year without your kindness. Thank you for changing lives, for the better, every day, and thank you for your generous spirit this holiday season.

In deepest appreciation, Douglas H. Pick, President and CEO

Dear Friends,

At the heart of Habitat for Humanity-Powhatan's work is keeping families safe and secure in their homes--which your support helps us accomplish on a daily basis. In the past week alone, we repaired a leaking oil tank line and provided fuel, connected a hot water heater for an older man without hot water for two months, and are now installing a new heating system for an 81-year-old homeowner. Last year, 52 critical home repairs were accomplished, and we are on track to far exceed 52 in 2022. Please consider helping us expand our efforts to help more families who have low incomes remain safe in their current residences.

Sometimes it's the big things with critical repairs, but sometimes it's the little things, too. The critical home repair program provides an opportunity to keep in touch with these individuals after the initial repair--we get to know them, hear their concerns, and work to address them.

We thank you for supporting our neighbors with your time, talents, and gifts.

John Saber, Chair

Susan Winiecki, Executive Director



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

I John 4:7-8

Serving Together

LEADING US IN CHRIST'S WAY

Thank you to all those who have agreed to serve our congregation by chairing our committees. Through these committees our programs and ministries happen. We are grateful for the gift of your time and talent. When these BACC friends call and ask if you are willing to help, we hope you will say yes. As it is said, "Many hands make light work." We are so grateful for all who serve.

Christian Education - Cindy Johnson and Leigh Finnegan-Hosey

Church in Community - Cathy Law

Evangelism - Chris and Leah Harrison

Membership - Sandy Logan and Laura Hollis

Property - Doug Collins

Stewardship - Jon Ver Beek and Shea Hollifield

Long Range Planning - Sandy Collins

World Outreach - Clay Boyd

Worship - Traci Eagle and Nicole Johnson

Long Range Planning - Sandy Collins

Nominating Committee - Frank Clark

Personnel Committee - Carol McGowan

Our committee chairs and our elders will gather at Richmond Hill for a training/planning retreat on January 7-8. Richmond Hill is an interfaith retreat center.



We are grateful for the many ways you serve our church. Please click on the link and sign up to be part of sharing the gospel through acts of kindness and love.

HELPING ZARI AND FAMILY

RIDES FOR FRIENDS

GREETERS

WORSHIP AND WONDER

WORSHIP LEADERS

VISITING OUR BACC FRIENDS

YOUTH GROUP LUNCHESES



Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please keep in your prayers: Mary Ellen Cummins who is in Chippenham Hospital after falling and breaking her hip; Bill Heath, Peggy Hill, the families of Shirley Burkhalter and Jim Severance; Clay Boyd; Jeff Logan, son of Sandy Logan, suffered a stroke this past week and is at JW; Natalie Ringel Trimmer; Lindsey Maiden; Myrna Law; Alma Spivey; John Crank; Steve Goff; Rhonda Ringel; Judi Wright, sister of Debra Vaughan, as she deals with severe pain; Leah and Chris Harrison; James Hatton, father of Todd Hatton; Jane Washington; Wanda Russell; Martha Southall, neighbor of Greg and Vickie Shannon; Ollie White; Beulah Proffitt; Liz Young; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Bill Heath, Terri and Jeff Rudolph; Kathy Morton; Gene Dunston; Sylvia Montgomery; Traci Eagle; Lois and Jim Zarefoss; Jim Henderson; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Jimmy Clark; Pat Cosby; Cathy Wheless; Peggy Gross; Gerry Roppe; Frank Harlow; Frances Gilman; the Byers family, friends of the Ver Beeks; Mary Williams, friend of Pat Cosby; 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; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's siblings, Judy and Bonnie; Barbara Barker; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Jamie McDonald's brother-in-law, George Fay; 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; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Chip Wright; Lynn Sarvis' friends, Pat Pitt and Ida McElroy; Patsy Layer; and Ivy Melanson, friend of Clay Boyd.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2



**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among people,
 To make music in the heart.**

**HOWARD THURMAN, "THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS,"
in The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations, 1985**