

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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VISIT US:

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:

5:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship:

9:15 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

in person and via Zoom

Sunday School:

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

All are welcome!

On a Mission

As I write this, our youth group has just returned from their South Carolina mission trip. Their work has included serving on a memory care unit, volunteering at a car wash to raise money for Alzheimer's research, and doing some good ol' weeding in the hot South Carolina sun. We have been praying for them – for safe travels, and also that through this experience God would shape their lives and the lives of those they serve with in special ways.

What does it mean to be on a mission? Bon Air Christian Church defines its mission as reaching out to proclaim the gospel, reaching up to worship God, and reaching in to nurture and grow in faith and love. As we reach out, reach up, and reach in, we are in turn participating in God's mission in the world, the work of healing and wholeness.

Theologian David Bosch writes, in his book *Transforming Mission*, of the surprising nature of Christ's mission in the world: "What amazes one again and again is the *inclusiveness* of Jesus' mission. It embraces both the poor and the rich, both the oppressed and the oppressor, both the sinners and the devout. His mission is one of dissolving alienation and breaking down walls of hostility, of crossing boundaries between individuals and groups."

This mission to which we are called is beautiful and amazing, scary and surprising. As our youth are discovering this week, and as we discover anew every week, participating in God's mission puts us in relationship with all sorts of people and places we might never have expected – because the work of Christ, like the grace of Christ, embraces the whole world. Today, I am thanking God – for our youth who were willing to embark on this week of service; for the congregation that nurtures them; and for the call to this all-inclusive mission which God to gives each and every one of us.

Grace + Peace,

David

Celebrating Our Heritage



CELEBRATING 140 YEARS!



What a wonderful day we all enjoyed on Sunday, June 3rd as we celebrated 140 years of ministry here at Bon Air Christian Church! We had many guests to share this special time with us, including members of Bon Air Presbyterian Church, who used the building prior to BACC.

We all enjoyed special music and speakers, exhibits about our lovely building and its history, delicious foods, and most importantly, the company of our BACC friends old and new!





Celebrating Our Heritage



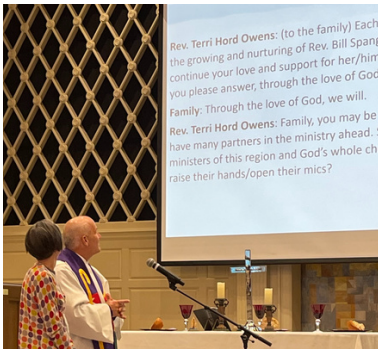
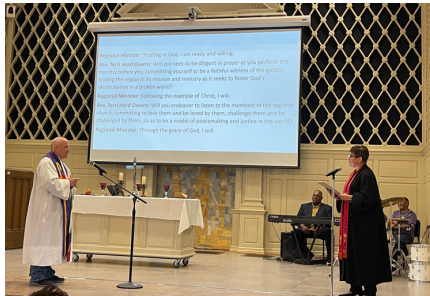
**SPECIAL THANKS TO DAN BUTLER FOR THE
LOVELY PHOTOS OF OUR SPECIAL DAY!**



The Regional Assembly

A SPECIAL D.O.C. DAY!

We had a wonderful Regional Assembly at the University of Lynchburg on Saturday, June 4th. Our Regional Minister, Reverend Bill Spangler Dunning, was installed. The General Minister and President, Reverend Terri Hord Owens, preached. Cathy Law spearheaded the Bon Air Christian Church exhibit and Jasmine Heath staffed the Craig Springs exhibit. David and Cindy led a workshop on Mental Health and the church. It was a great time to catch up with our friend, and the church's "Priscilla", Amy Spangler Dunning. It was great to be back as the Regional Church, worshipping and serving together.



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20



Youth Group

2022 YG Mission Trip / Charleston, SC

It is always a blessing to serve ... but to serve with the BACC Youth is extra special! We had six girls total plus two chaperones attend the Mission Trip this year and it could not have been a better group! Everyone was kind and inclusive, hard working, willing to help & volunteer when needed, and always had a good attitude no matter what. There was zero drama and 100% fun!

We were placed at a retirement community and served both the Assisted Living and Memory Care residents. We all learned more about and practiced real life skills such as empathy, active listening, patience and kindness. Communication was sometimes challenging with the Memory Care residents because they had trouble finding the right words or had difficulty speaking. They could also become agitated and anxious, but most of our friends were very friendly and loving, and very excited to see us each morning! Our youth learned how to communicate beyond speaking and it was beautiful to watch!

We ran the activity lessons and crafts for the day, we served lunches, cleaned out flower beds, threw a luau party, and visited with the residents and got to know each of them and their stories. It was a time we will likely never forget. These friends left imprints on our hearts!

Our "home base" for the week was Ridge Baptist Church in Summerville, SC where seven other Youth Groups were staying as well. We had worship and devotions each morning and night, and we had one free afternoon where we headed to the beach! We spent a few hours at Folly Beach with our toes in the sand and enjoyed the SC sunshine! It was a GREAT trip!

Thank you for your prayers & support!



**GO
SERVE**
GROUP MISSION TRIPS



2022 YG Mission Trip / Charleston, SC



Worship & Devotions

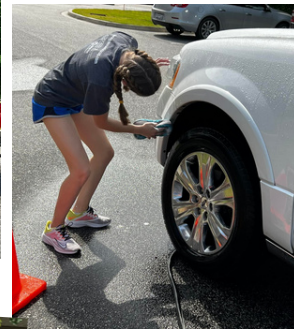
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for life ...



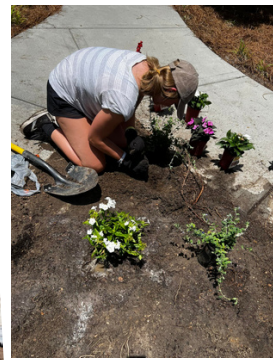
Activities
&
Crafts



CarWash



Gardening & Planting



"Theme Days"





Youth Group

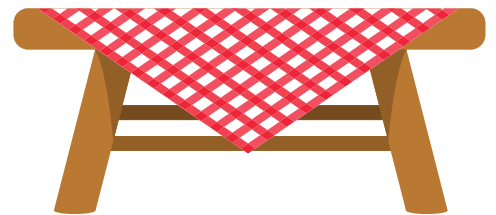
Youth Group NOTES

****Mark your Calendar****



Outdoor Movie Night to be rescheduled --
please look for a doodle poll in your email.

DOC Youth Picnic will be July 31st @ Forest Hill Park.
More details to come!



CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP

CAMPDD Camp June 27 – July 2

Special Camp July 3 – 8

Triple 1 July 10 - 15

New Covenant July 17 – 22

Triple II July 24 – 29

Family Retreat July 29 - 31



**REGISTER
NOW**

Summer Camp schedule is out and we now have an online code you can enter as you are registering your children that will take 50% off your registration total! Enter this code and you pay ½ and BACC pays the other ½.

Our code is: BonAir50

Please call the church office if you have any questions at all.



Sharing Christ's Love



**Thanks for your kindness
and generosity!**

We are so grateful to everyone who helped provide Church World Service kits. Through your gifts you are helping those who have had their lives devastated by natural disasters, war and poverty. It is a privilege for our church to serve as a depot to help in this worthy cause. The BACC Depot had 46 School Kits, 76 Hygiene Kits, 76 Quilts, 10 Sewing Kits, and 25 Backpacks to be picked up this year. Thank you for your far-reaching love.



**IF YOU HAVE
ROOM IN
YOUR HEART
AND YOUR
HOME...**



FOSTER CARE

FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



Please email Dejene.Youngel@hopetreerefs.org to RSVP for a date below:

Thursday, July 14th, 2022 6:30 pm (virtual)
Thursday, July 21, 2022 12pm (virtual)
Thursday, July 28th, 2022 6:30 pm (in-person)



Sharing Christ's Love

CARITAS SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous donations of household items for the CARITAS Furniture Bank!! We completely filled five cars and one pick-up truck to deliver all the donations to CARITAS. The photos don't quite capture all you gave, so here's a partial list of what was delivered to the Furniture Bank:

- Dishes to equip at least 15 kitchens
- 5 large sets of flatware, 9 boxes of cups and glasses
- 6 boxes of pots/pans
- 11 boxes of baking dishes and kitchen utensils
- 26 bags and boxes of towels, sheets and blankets
- Over a dozen small kitchen appliances
- 9 lamps, 6 household mirrors
- 11 clothes drying racks

Thanks to Tom Snodgrass, Rose and Jim McCaferty, Catherine Parrish, Shea Hollifield, Kris Foster, Bob Lenhart, Jim McKenney, and Paul Stairs for their help in sorting and delivering the donations. These gifts will go a long way to help many families in the Richmond area as they start a new life in new homes! The CARITAS Furniture Bank accepts donations of household items and furniture year-round, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have additional donations, here is a link to their website for additional information:

CARITAS SUPPORT

Thank you again for sharing your blessings with those in need.

– Cathy Law, Chair, Church in Community





What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As usual, CWF does not meet over the summer. But that doesn't stop us from getting together for food and fellowship! The Ladies of the Evening met for a cookout on June 2nd at Carol McGowan's home. The rain chased us inside, but did not dampen the fun. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Check your emails for more get-togethers.

If you are interested in joining a CWF group next fall, let me know and I will add you to the email list. I hope you will consider joining with us. See you in September!

– Jamie McDonald

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"A STUDY IN FRIENDSHIP"

Ruth 1 (NRSV)

Saturday, July 16

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

Passcode: 800373



VIRGINIA DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

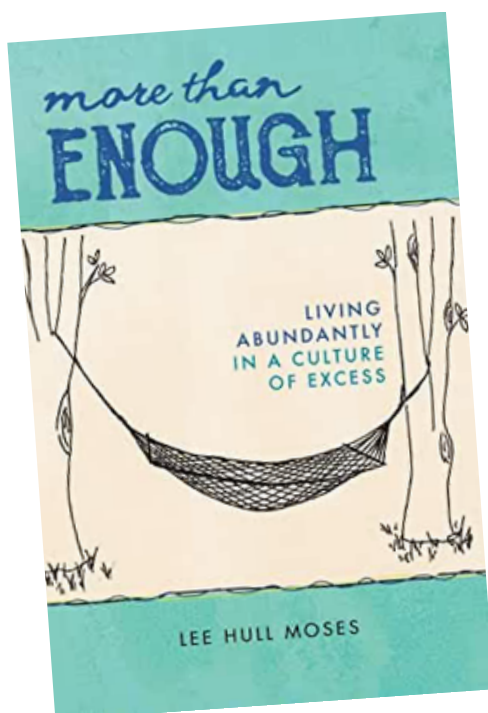
"Called for Such a Time As This"

based on Esther 4:14

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Stephanie Kendell

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2022



SUMMER BOOK STUDY: MORE THAN ENOUGH



"God calls us to lead lives of enough." So writes Rev. Lee Hull Moses, who currently serves as the vice president and chief of staff for the Office of the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This summer, we'll be reading her book *More Than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess*. With a blend of practical reflection and insight on topics from guilt to delight, *More Than Enough* goes beyond a call to gratitude and generosity and invites the reader to a new way of life, one that is grounded in the hope and grace of God.

Beginning on Wednesday, June 29 and continuing through July, there will be two options for participating in this study: **in-person, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom, and online via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. following Prayer and Fellowship.** The Zoom meeting will use the same link as Prayer and Fellowship.



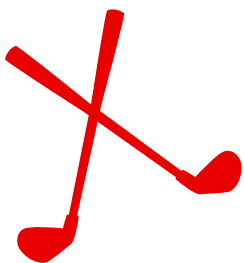
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

July provides several opportunities for feasting and fellowship with the Christian Men's Fellowship Group. Mark your calendars:

- **ROMEOs** meets every Wednesday morning at 9:15 a.m., Joe's Inn – Bon Air. We carry on the tradition of BACC men who started the group fellowship more than twenty-five years ago. We have a table on the left side of the restaurant, near the back on the lower level. Dress is casual. Just show up.
- The once-a-month **Mens Gathering** is scheduled for **July 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Location is **Tarrant's – West Restaurant**, 11129 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23233. Contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279 or tesnodgras@aol.com) to express your intent to attend.
- **BACC Men's Golf Outing (Ducks & Cups)**. Join us for this fun-filled opportunity to smack some golf balls at **Providence Golf Course**, within a ten-minute drive from the church, **Sunday, July 24th @ 2:00 p.m.** 18 holes. All ages accepted, experience level is not a deterrent – novices and first-timers are welcome. Invite friends to participate. Contact Tom Snodgrass at phone number/email above to add your name and your friend's name(s) to the participant list.

Please let Tom know if you have ideas for Christian Men's activities through the rest of the summer and into fall.

– Tom Snodgrass



*ROMEOs
at Joe's inn!*

From left to right: Tom Snodgrass, Joe Bancroft, Bob Lenhart, Jim McKenney, and Paul Stairs, our newest ROMEO!



VBS 2022: FOOD TRUCK PARTY ...ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

We'll be welcoming our students from **August 8th through August 12th**.
Invite your friends and family, and if you'd like to join in on the fun, check out our
volunteer link below and get on a roll with us this summer!

We are still in need of volunteers to join the fun!



[VBS REGISTRATION](#)

[VBS VOLUNTEERS](#)



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the
kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

Matthew 19:14



Serving Together

SUPPORTING REDD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Through the Micah Initiative, BACC has supported Redd Elementary in Richmond City over the past few years. For Teacher Appreciation Week in early May, the Church in Community team provided breakfast for the faculty and staff. All were quite delighted with the special breakfast, and appreciated the recognition and support as well.

Hopefully next year volunteers will be able to work again in the schools. Barbara Bancroft has volunteered at Redd for several years. If you think you would like to be part of the work at Redd Elementary, talk with Barbara to learn more.

Thank you for serving!

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.



[RIDES FOR FRIENDS](#)

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[WORSHIP LEADERS](#)

[VISITING OUR BACC FRIENDS](#)

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"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

Thank You

"LADIES OF BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH~~WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!"

Dear Ladies,

Words are inadequate for the blessings we received from each of you for our Johnston Willis Alumnae Day! We have been going since 1962 and nothing compared to that day. The food was so delicious. The tables were gorgeous. We so appreciate the hard work and love each of you contributed. We ask the Lord to bless each of you, your families, and your church. Thank you so much!

With love,

Irma Whip, Faye Kellum, Class of 1962



Dear Kendra and the gang,

A quick note of much appreciation for making the Johnston Willis Nursing School Alumni Luncheon of 2022 a huge success! The menu was great, and the layout really worked. I especially liked the breakfast scones and the cheesecake. Looks like everyone had a great time. I noticed your over-and-above acts of kindness to the aging attendees. I'm sure we'd love a repeat next year! Until then, many thanks!



Pat Frasher, Secretary, on Behalf of the JW Alumni

thank you



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THANKS SO MUCH...

...to those who
serve with Habitat
for Humanity!
Your work makes
a big difference!
Check out those
new-home-owner
smiles!

Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Phillipians 2:3-4



Thank You

Dear Bon Air Family,

Thank you for all of the cards, texts, calls, food, special gifts, prayers and visits we have received during Joe's illness. This has been, and continues to be, a difficult journey. Your love and support mean so much to us. Thank you for being a wonderful church family and a special blessing in our lives.

thank you!

With love and gratitude,
Joe and Frances Atherton

Dear BACC Friends and Family,

My sincere appreciation to all of you for the many prayers, cards, visits, and delicious food when I had my fall and surgeries. A special thank you to Carol Herrin for being with me at the ER. I am so grateful for my BACC family!



With Much Love,
Jean Dowdy

Dear BACC,

In the sadness of Dad's/Pop-Pop's passing, we found so much love and kindness in the many cards we received. Your thoughtfulness and prayers helped lift us up more than you know. A special thanks to the choir for all of your love and support as rehearsals were nearing the end of the season. I appreciate your patience! And to Cindy, there couldn't have been a more beautiful service. Your words touched our hearts and allowed us to smile as we celebrated Dad's/Pop-Pop's life. The music from Michael McCall and friends couldn't have been better and just rounded out a wonderful celebration of life! We are so blessed to be part of BACC!

Love,
Vickie, Kyla, Taylor, and Dylan

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

MANY THANKS to Gail Macfadden for the hours recently devoted to crafting the beautiful cards to honor our mothers and fathers, and our 2022 graduates! They were just beautiful, and all felt the love on their special days! Much appreciation, Gail, for sharing your time and talents with us in this way!



Thank You

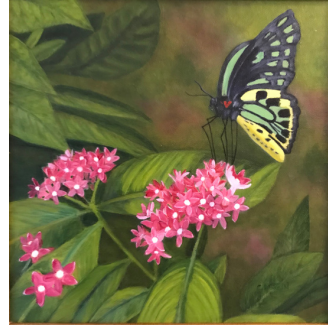
Many thanks to our talented artists who provide artwork for our bulletin covers!



EMILY RUCKER



CLAIRE DEITCH



CAROL HERRIN



BRYAHNA MOONEY

A LETTER FROM DANIEL VADEN...

May 20, 2022



Dear Women's Fellowship,

Thank you so much for the card and message. It really means a lot to get mail from back home and hear from all of you. It really keeps my spirits up. Everything here is going well and time is ticking on by. Hard to believe it's already the end of May. I can't wait to be home and see everyone at church. Things are slow here, which is a good thing. This place is not what I expected and the base I am on is nice. They have a local shop here where they sell local stuff and I plan on bringing home some gifts to save. They have a gym here and the food is pretty good. It could definitely be worse. The locals that I have met are pretty nice. They seem to like us. I hope you all are doing well and I will see all of you when I'm home.

Daniel Vaden

Serving in Iraq with the Virginia National Guard

DANIEL'S ADDRESS:
SPC Daniel Vaden
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*Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart,
for consider what great things he has done for you.
I Samuel 12:24*

Church Family Updates

CONGRATULATIONS, KILLEEN AND CARTER!



Our warmest congratulations to Killeen King and Carter Wells, who were married here at Bon Air Christian Church on Saturday, May 28th, 2022. Killeen grew up here at BACC, and is the daughter of Cassie Price. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wells many years of joy and delight together!



BLESSINGS AND DEDICATIONS FOR KATHERINE AND HARPER!

What a wonderful day, on Sunday, June 12th, when Katherine Alexandra Archer and Harper Elizabeth Duke were blessed and dedicated at our late service. Katherine is the daughter of Michael and Sasha Archer, and sister of Jack, and Harper is the daughter of Charles and Abby Archer Duke, and sister of Grayson. Both are the granddaughters of Gary and Barbara Archer. Warmest of welcomes to these two precious little girls, and congratulations to their families! Future choir members, perhaps?!



He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:2-6

Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Frank and Diane Clark and family in the loss of Frank's father, Jimmy Clark; the people of Afghanistan; Lisa Perkins, friend of Karson Clark, recently diagnosed with colon cancer; Kendra Ver Beek's mother, Janet, as she recovers from back surgery; Bill Jeffrey and family; Lois Zarefoss and family; Reverend Rachel Woodall and family; Traci Eagle and Jodi White who are recovering from surgery; Peggye Alcock; Nancy Maiden and family; Sandy Logan; Terri Rudolph; Steve Goff; Joe Atherton; Jim Henderson; Jake and Mazie McCann's son, Scott McCann; Daniel Vaden; Ollie and Linda White; Sandy Logan's son Jeff; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; John Crank; Myrna Law; Alma Spivey; Beulah Proffitt; Liz Young; Gene Dunston; Sylvia Montgomery; Jane Washington; Wanda Russell; James Hatton; Joe Bancroft's brother-in-law, Joe Thomas; Pat Cosby; Jeter Bourne; Harold Campbell; Cathy Wheless; Peggy Gross; Gerry Roppe; Judi Wright, sister of Debra Vaughan; Steve Kline's friend, Gail Smith; Jane Finnegan's friend, Ann; Larry Brown; Billy Pike, friend of Becky Harvell's; Martha Southall, neighbor of Greg and Vickie Shannon; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Mary Williams, friend of Pat Cosby; Stephanie Strobe; Hannah Moon's roommate, Caroline Laughorn; Pat Cosby's cousin, Jo Bailey; Nancy Maiden's friend, Betty Jo; Chip Wright; Dorothea Mentzell, Vickie Shannon's mother; Rose McCaferty's siblings, Judy and Bonnie; Barbara Barker; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Patsy Layer; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Betty Jean and Diana Barber; Patrick Sibold; Jim Pannell; Gerry Roppe's, friend, Chico; Jackie Nilles' aunt, Brenda Grant; Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke; Stacy Price; Lynn Sarvis' friends, Pat Pitt and Ida McElroy; and Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2