

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

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:

5:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Beginning September 11th:

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. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

All are welcome!

The grace of God means something like: "Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you."

This is a quote from one of my favorite authors, Frederick Buechner, who recently passed from this life on to glory beyond. Another one of my favorites from him was his definition for vocation: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

Indeed ministering with you has been such a place. It has for sure been my deep gladness. We all have a calling. I have listened to teachers in recent days as they welcomed students back to school and I give thanks for so many of the wonderful teachers who had not only a job but a calling. They are making a difference in the lives of our children and we are grateful for their dedication amidst the challenging times in which we live.

There are many ways we do ministry. There are many ways we answer God's call upon our lives. I have spent more than half of my life sharing in ministry with you. I have many different feelings about my retirement on November 6th. I love you all dearly. How lucky am I that I've been able to get up and go to work everyday at a job that I love with people that are the best!

People keep asking me what I am going to DO. I am going to walk my dogs. I am going to see my family. I am going to sit on my deck in the morning and have a cup of coffee. I am going to dance and do art, go to yoga and travel. I am going to sit in a pew without thinking about what comes next in the service. I am going to listen and sing and worship. Mostly I am going to BE. I know God is still calling me, as surely as God is still calling you. I do think that God is calling me to BE. To be still and know God - that's what I'm going to DO and BE.

With much love and gratitude,

Cindy



Worship With Us...



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th:

**Sunday Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
with our 10:45 Service available via Zoom**

***WE WILL RETURN TO OUR FALL SCHEDULE ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH:***

- **Sunday Worship at 8:45 a.m.**
- **Sunday School for all ages 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 wonderful choir will return in September!
Their first rehearsal will be on
Tuesday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.***



Please let the church office know if you can bring something to share for our Sunday School Brunch on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m.!



We're Back!

JOIN THE FUN IN SEPTEMBER!

We are so excited about kicking off our Sunday School program on **Sunday, September 11th** by sharing **brunch together from 9:30-10:00**, then heading to our Sunday School classes! Here's our line-up for 2022-23:



YOUTH CLASSES

- **PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3:** Barbara Bancroft and Gina McKenney
- **GRADES 4-7:** Robin Blanchard and Kelsey Clark
- **GRADES 8-12:** Russ and Cindy Johnson, Diane Clark, and Cathy Vaden



ADULT CLASSES

- **SOJOURNERS CLASS:** Susan Deihl, Cathy Law, and Sara Reese
This class will be a hybrid class, meeting both here at BACC and via Zoom.
- **FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** Kitten Whitlow
- **PARLOR CLASS:** Jamie McDonald and Danny Simmons



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*Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4*

Youth Group



The YG Outdoor Movie Night was a huge success & tons of fun! We had pizza and played games before heading outside for a scavenger hunt and a movie under the stars! Thanks to all who came out & participated.



More fun pictures of movie night are on our BACC FaceBook page!



Lilly Ver Beek, Emily Rucker, Claire Lutz, Mia Berkley, Charlotte Lutz, Sarah Boger, and Caitlynn Collins

THANKS SO MUCH to our amazing VBS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS! They did such a wonderful job keeping our 40 kids busy, safe, and happy throughout the week, and handled the challenges like the champs that they are! We were so thankful for each of these young ladies who shared their time, talents, and skills with all of us! They brought so much energy & FUN to the week!

Youth Group



CROP WALK 2022



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The needs of the hungry, both in Richmond and worldwide, are greater than ever.

Join us for the
52nd Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 23rd. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. & the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. from Saint Matthias Episcopal Church.

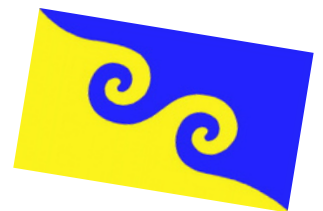
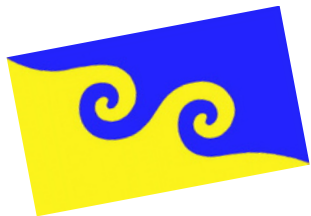
Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to this fun, family-friendly event as we walk in solidarity with our neighbors, some of whom must walk for miles to get access to food and clean water.

YOUTH GROUP

Kick-Off will be Sunday, September 18th

in the afternoon ~ 4:00 p.m.

More details to come!



Also Mark Sunday, September 25th,

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Youth Group is going to clean up the James River with SailsAngels of Richmond!



Fun and Fellowship

**I SCREAM! YOU SCREAM!
WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**

We wrapped up our tons-of-VBS-fun with an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 14th, after the children shared their Bible School songs and dances with us! We all had such a good time, scooping out our yummy ice cream, adding lots of toppings, and enjoying with friends! It was the perfect ending for a wonderful week!



You can't top that!



Thoughts on Stewardship



God's Abundance Stewardship Campaign for 2023

The past year has been one of renewal and reinvigoration for Bon Air Christian Church. As a faith community we have emerged from the pandemic wilderness with an expanded understanding of how to be the Body of Christ in a range of circumstances.

Many may be familiar with the fable of Stone Soup. A stranger comes to a village suffering from scarcity and encourages the sharing of limited resources to create abundance for all. In a similar manner, by sharing our faith, our gifts, and our resources we create God's abundance.

The Scriptures are full of examples of faith creating abundance. God provides manna and quail to the hungry Hebrew people after they fled from Egypt. Elijah instructs the Widow of Zarepath and her flour and oil feed her and her family as well as Elijah until the rains return. Elisha helps a widow save her sons from servitude by collecting and selling cooking oil. Christ's first miracle is turning scarcity into plenty by changing water into wine at a wedding. All of the Gospels recount Christ using limited resources to feed the hungry crowds. Abundance is created through faith and sharing our resources.

Our church doors are open to the community, and once again BACC is bustling with activity. A range of community groups gather within our walls, Bible School reached about 40 children to let them know about God's love for them, three worship services (including a Zoom option for those who cannot physically be present) and Sunday School take place each week, our Christian Women's Fellowship, Christian Men's Fellowship, and church committees meet regularly, and our building is a hub for things like health kits and CARITAS collections. Our physical presence in the community has purpose and meaning.

Our spiritual presence is even more important. Worship services nurture our relationship with God and help us spread the Good News. We reach out to comfort and care for the sick, grieving, and lonely among us. We work in partnership with other organizations to support critical missions too large for any one church to accomplish. All of these things are done through the abundance that comes through faith and sharing our time, talents, and resources.

While 2022 has been a year of renewal, 2023 will bring new opportunities for us to grow as a congregation and explore new ways to serve God and our sisters and brothers. The world around us poses many challenges as we move into 2023. If we are to continue to reach out to proclaim the Gospel, reach up to worship God and reach in to nurture and grow in faith and love, then we must continue to work together in faith. Now more than ever we need to work together sharing our faith and our gifts to create abundance to serve God. Please prayerfully consider how you can help create the abundance to support BACC's ministries in 2023.

—Shea Hollifield and Jon Ver Beek, Stewardship Chairs

What's Happening



QIGONG IS BACK!

JOIN US FOR THESE MARVELOUS MONDAYS!

Great news for us! Joy Black will be back in Fall 2022, offering QiGong classes on Mondays, including a Seated Qigong and a Standing Movement Qigong class each week!

11:00-11:30 — Seated Qigong Class

11:30-11:45 — Break (allows for after-class questions)

11:45-12:30 — Standing Movement Qigong Class

For the days when Joy is away, we will have classes recorded by her ahead of time to use here at BACC or at home. At this point, we have **every Monday in September, October, and November** on our calendars, **beginning on September 12th**. (We will not meet on Labor Day.) Please consider adding these Mondays to your calendar too, for some self-care and fellowship time!

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:



QIGONG

Seated Qigong Class – Perfect for those with foot, leg, and balance concerns. Ages 12-100 welcome. Remain seated to combine energizing breath work with arm and leg movements. Open and balance your energy flow with the mind-body connection to benefit vital organs. Enhance heart rate. Includes brief guided meditation. Join us in person, on Zoom, or on BACC's YouTube channel.

Standing Movement Qigong Class – Perfect for most people. Ages 12-100 welcome. Remain standing to combine energizing breath work with arm, leg, and full-body movements (easily modified). Open and balance your energy flow with the mind-body connection to benefit vital organs. Enhance balance, flexibility, and heart rate. Includes brief guided meditation. Join us in person, on Zoom, or on BACC's YouTube channel.

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:14

What's Happening

JOY GROUP

Our wonderful JOY Group will have our first fall meeting on **Tuesday, September 20th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. We cannot wait to see each of you again! After our September meeting, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please take a moment to give some feedback on the survey sent out recently by Kendra (check your email), and/or come prepared to discuss some fun activities that we might enjoy this year.

For our September meeting, we are quite excited about our guest, David Crank! David is a film production designer and art director, who was nominated for an Oscar for best production design for the Tom Hanks' film "News of the World." Son of our much beloved John and Judy Crank, David often works from his Studio in Richmond, Virginia. He will be talking with us about working on movies, set design, etc., which should be informative and fun for all of us! And...you might get discovered!! Come join us, so you don't miss your chance!

today
I CHOOSE
joy



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

There will be a BOARD MEETING on **Sunday, September 18th at 12:00 p.m.**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please try to attend if you serve on the board.



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

What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Summer's over and CWF is ready to get started. Our lesson book is *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Anne Gamble, published by Presbyterian Women. The nine lessons take a new look at the Ten Commandments or "Words." The first lesson covers the first two commandments. Each lesson includes Old Testament scripture and New Testament scripture. The New Testament scriptures show Jesus' take on each Word. The lessons also include modern day applications. The **scriptures for Lesson 1: Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37**. All three groups will be using the same material. I'm excited about the lessons!

The Ladies of the Evening meet on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at BACC**. So our first meeting will be on **Thursday, September 1, 2022**. If you are able, join us for **dinner at O'Tooles in Midlothian at 5:00 p.m.** We are collecting gift cards to Walmart, Target, groceries stores, etc. for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA. The group got together for dinner over the summer months and a bunch of us went to Williamsburg for four days in August. We are planning our Fall Beach trip for October 26-29. We still have openings. Contact Carol McGowan if you are interested. The **October meeting will be on the 6th**.

The **Salad Group has moved back to the second Wednesday of each month**. We'll be meeting on **September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the church**. It will be a hybrid meeting (both in person and on Zoom). If you want to meet in person, we'll be in the Multi-Purpose Room. Our country of study this year will be Ukraine. The September Service Project is Church World Service Period Kits. We've set a goal of 10 kits. We also had several get-togethers over the summer. And we've been planning a retreat on September 29 through October 2.

The **Day Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room** in the Education wing, so the first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 13th**. I hope all the women of the Church will be able to attend one of the CWF meetings. Lots of great fellowship! Don't miss out.



—Jamie McDonald

"Ladies of the Evening" at the Aberdeen Barn in Williamsburg

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 17:17



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Christian Men's Fellowship Group continues to enjoy spending time together. The ROMEOS (**R**iveting **O**utgoing **M**en **E**nchanting **O**thers?) meet for breakfast **every Wednesday morning at 9:15 at Joe's Inn in Bon Air**. You are invited to join the fun!

The CMF gentlemen enjoy dinner together on the third Thursday of every month. In September, they will meet for dinner at **Bell Greek Restaurant in Chester on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Please notify Tom Snodgrass if you plan to attend.

There will also be a **golf outing on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m.**, location to be announced. Whatever your skill level, please consider joining us for a fun afternoon on the course! As our friend Doug Collins enjoys saying, "It's a great day for 18!"

If you need more info about an event, or have ideas for other things that the Christian Men's Fellowship might enjoy, please contact the church office, or Tom Snodgrass at tesnodgras@aol.com / 804.370.5279.



COMING IN OCTOBER...



Our **Committment Sunday Potluck Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, October 16th from 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

We invite you to join us for this special day, the culmination of our 2022 Stewardship Campaign, as we share food and fellowship together.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

1 Corinthians 9:7

Serving Together



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

-I Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

As Christians, we are called to serve those in need. The Church in Community Committee is highlighting ways for us to serve and help others in our Richmond community.

Here are some to consider:

VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING: Sunday, September 4, 2022 at 12:00 Noon in the Multipurpose Room – Get more info on CARITAS and the Micah Initiative!

CARITAS FURNITURE DONATIONS: Chairs, tables (dining and occasional), dressers, bookcases, bed frames (no headboards or footboards), sofas, mattresses (no king or foam ones). If you can transport your items to CARITAS, donations are accepted Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 2220 Stockton Street. If you have questions or need help with your donations, contact the church office or Cathy Law (804-512-9092). Here is a link for more information about items CARITAS Furniture Bank can and cannot accept: [Items Accepted](#) | (caritasva.org)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: CARITAS is seeking volunteers for their shelters and the Furniture Bank. Shelter volunteers work 4 hour shifts in the morning, mid-day or afternoon/early evening, in teams of two, once a week, month or quarter. Furniture Bank volunteers assist folks who are "shopping" for their new homes, in two-hour shifts. [Volunteer](#) | (caritasva.org)

MICAH INITIATIVE: We support Redd Elementary, off Jahnke Road, through the Micah Initiative. Volunteer opportunities at Redd include tutoring, mentoring, clerical support, or helping with one-time events. [Volunteer](#) (micahrva.org). Last May, BACC provided a buffet breakfast for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Barbara Bancroft has volunteered at Redd for several years and others from BACC have volunteered there too!

CROP WALK: On Sunday, October 23, friends around Richmond are coming together for the 52nd Annual CROP Hunger Walk. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. & the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. from Saint Matthias Episcopal Church.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Bainbridge Food Pantry BACC continues to collect non-perishable food for the Pantry. The collection bin is by the Office door. —Cathy Law, Church in Community Chair

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

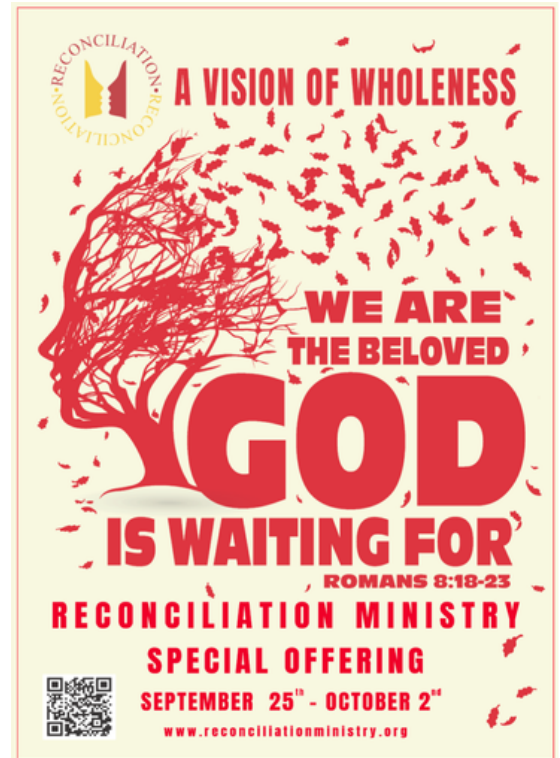
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RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

2022 SPECIAL OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 25TH AND OCTOBER 2ND

Our Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Ministry leads the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the Church, and is received in many congregations on the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. Please consider a gift to this ministry for our September 25th and October 2nd offerings.



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.



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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



Dear Friends,

Disasters often strike 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 foresight mean that we can quickly and effectively get supplies into the hands of the people who need them after a crisis. These supplies include:

- CWS Blankets
- CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets
- CWS Hygiene Kits
- CWS School Kits
- 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



for the spirit of the city

Richmond Hill

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 to the Micah Program of Richmond Hill, and for supporting the healing of our city. As we celebrate 35 years here on the Hill, we are grateful for your support of all the people and programs that make this place shine--from the RUAH School of Spiritual Direction, to the Armstrong Leadership Program, to the Koinonia School of Race and Social Justice, to the Micah Program, to the residential community that sustains hospitality and prayer here in this sacred place. We thank you. We are so glad to be in this work alongside you.

Blessings

Rev. Janet Legro, Council President

The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington, Annual Fund Chair

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13

Thank You



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



EMILY RUCKER



CLAIRE DEITCH



CAROL HERRIN



BRYAHNA MOONEY



A BIG THANK YOU TO CWF LADIES AND FAMILIES...



Dear BACC CWF ladies and families,
Thank you so much for all of the lovely sympathy cards and messages of support and love. I shared them with my mother and family and it was such a comfort to all of us to read and re-read your kind, loving words. It has made this bittersweet journey one of love and compassion. Your outreach is so appreciated. Many thanks and much love,

Linda Verheul and the Redford Family

Dear friends,

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, and visits when I celebrated my 95th birthday on August 26th. It really means a lot to me to be remembered like this and brought me huge joy on my special day. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and loving church family!



Ethelene Slayton

*Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart,
for consider what great things he has done for you.*

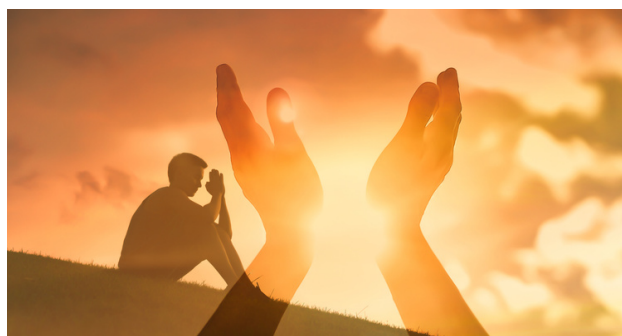
I Samuel 12:24

Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Arlene Giffel and family in the loss of her sister Gail; Chris Verheul, who has had to resume chemo due to a relapse; Angel and her family as they go through some challenging times; Jenn Metcalf, who will be having surgery for a torn meniscus and ACL; Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis, whose cancer has returned; the Crank family; Liz Young; Todd Hatton; Joe Atherton, Jim Henderson; Wendy Sydnor and family; Evan O'Dell and Chris Lion, who are both being treated for brain tumors; Lisa Perkins, friend of Karson Clark; Bill Jeffrey and family; Traci Eagle; Mary Ann Casdia; Peggye Alcoke; Sandy Logan; Terri Rudolph; Steve Goff; Scott McCann; Daniel Vaden; Ollie and Linda White; Sandy Logan's son Jeff; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Myrna Law; Alma Spivey; Beulah Proffitt; Gene Dunston; Sylvia Montgomery; Jeter Bourne; Pat Cosby; Harold Campbell; Jane Washington; Wanda Russell; James Hatton; Joe Bancroft's brother-in-law, Joe Thomas; Cathy Wheless; Gerry Roppe; Judi Wright, sister of Debra Vaughan; Steve Kline's friend, Gail Smith; 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; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Stacy Price; Chip Wright; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's siblings, Judy and Bonnie; Barbara Barker; Gerry Roppe's, friend, Chico; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Patrick Sibold; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Betty Jean and Diana Barber; Jim Pannell; Lynn Sarvis' friends, Pat Pitt and Ida McElroy; Gail Macfadden's friend, Lewis Bell.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2