

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



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. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee."



Holy is the Week. We come together to remember
and to open our lives that God may continue to work
miraculous love within us, so that we too may be born anew.

We prepare our hearts and our lives and seek to deepen our faith.
Come share with our community of faith as we sing "Hosanna!",
receive the bread of life, drink from the cup of salvation, look upon
the face of the One who has loved us to the end and who is our New
Beginning. We invite you to journey with us through this holy time.

APRIL 6, 7:00 PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Remembering the Lord's Last Supper (Zoom available)

APRIL 7, 12:00 PM - COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

"Seven Last Words Worship Service" with Bon Air Churches

APRIL 8, 4:00 PM - HOLY SATURDAY CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 9 - EASTER, THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

7:00 am - Sunrise Worship Service

8:45 am & 11:00 am - Worship Services (Zoom available at 11:00 am)

Noon - Easter Egg Hunt

And then? Easter Sunday is less of an end, and more of a beginning.
It begins a whole season, the Great Fifty Days of Easter, in which we
remember and celebrate the victory of love and life that we witness
in the resurrected Christ. From "Hosanna" to "Hallelujah" and
beyond, we join with followers of Jesus throughout the ages as we
sing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

I am grateful to walk alongside you on this journey of faith.

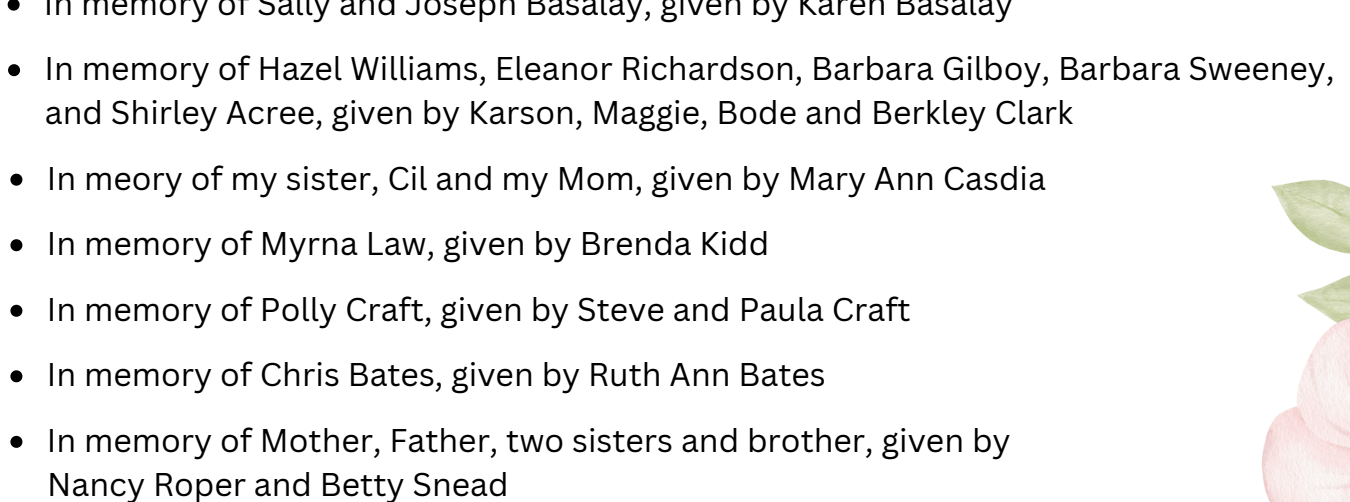
Grace + Peace,

David



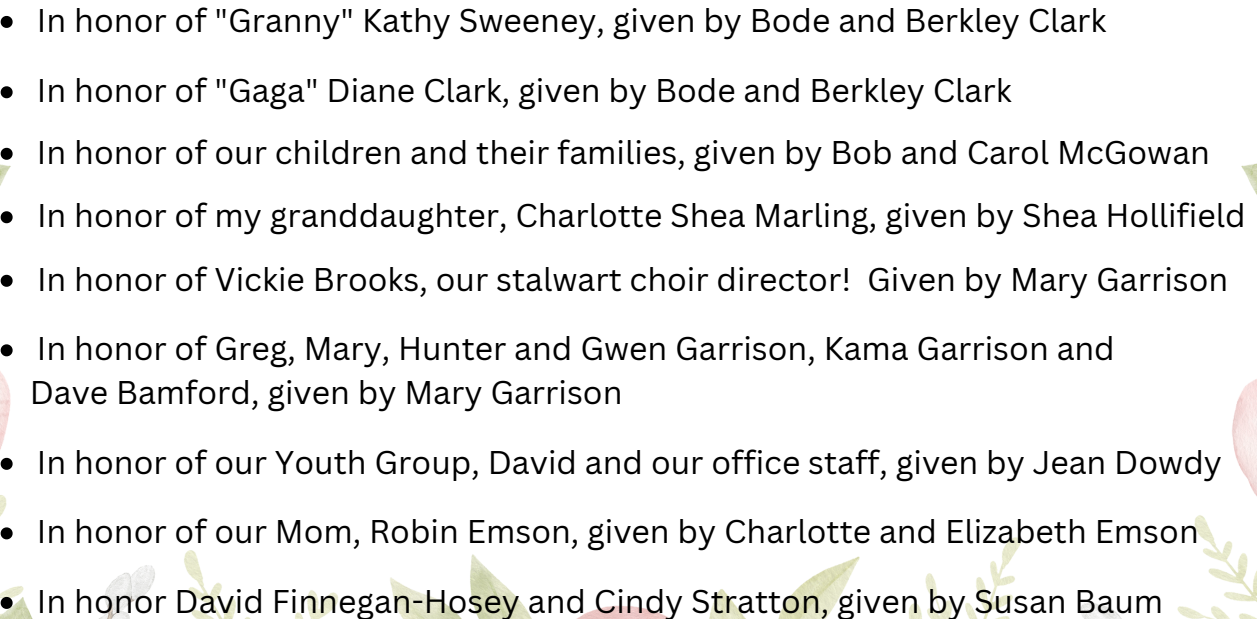
Easter Flowers

Thanks so much to our BACC friends who filled our lovely sanctuary with Easter blooms and blossoms for Easter Sunday:

- In memory of Dick and Nancie Price, given by Cassie Price
 - In memory of Dorothy King, given by Cassie Price
 - In memory of Arlette and Linwood Brown, given by Rhonda Ringel
 - In memory of Vic and Eleanor Foster, given by Kris Foster
 - In memory of Jerrell Todd, given by Joe and Barbara Bancroft
 - In memory of Georgette and Hector Cote, given by Steve and Angie Goff
 - In memory of Marguerite and Mastin Goff, given by Steve and Angie Goff
 - In memory of Deane Cheatham, given by Emily Porter
 - In memory of my mother, Barbara Hollifield, given by Shea Hollifield
 - In memory of Lloyd and Barbara Thacher, given by Lynn Sarvis
 - In memory of Steve Weishaar, given by Lynn Sarvis
 - In memory of Julie Burke, given by Bob and Carol McGowan
 - In memory of Leona and Andrew Lesyinski, given by Karen Basalay
 - In memory of Sally and Joseph Basalay, given by Karen Basalay
 - In memory of Hazel Williams, Eleanor Richardson, Barbara Gilboy, Barbara Sweeney, and Shirley Acree, given by Karson, Maggie, Bode and Berkley Clark
 - In memory of my sister, Cil and my Mom, given by Mary Ann Casdia
 - In memory of Myrna Law, given by Brenda Kidd
 - In memory of Polly Craft, given by Steve and Paula Craft
 - In memory of Chris Bates, given by Ruth Ann Bates
 - In memory of Mother, Father, two sisters and brother, given by Nancy Roper and Betty Snead
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Easter Flowers

- In memory of my husband, John, mother Margaret Thompson and sister, Carol Anderson, given by Jean Dowdy
 - In memory of our parents, given by Brenda and Scott Graham
 - In memory of Beulah Profitt, given by loving friends
 - In memory of John and Judy Crank, given by loving friends
 - In memory of Curt and Myra Branyon, Allen and Frances Pickles and Jenny Church, given by Jeff and Angie Branyon
 - In memory of Micah and Don, given by Cindy Stratton
 - In memory of my husband Randolph Wilson Slayton (Sonny), given by Ethelene Kunath Slayton
 - In memory of my Dad, David Bowen Sr., and my grandparents, Herbert and Louise Bowen, given by Dana and Todd Hatton
 - In memory of Stephen Andrick, Jeff Andrick and Steve Magee, given by Cecelia Andrick
 - In memory of Pauline and Camillo Calzola and Charlie Kerrigan, given by Loraine Calzola
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- In honor of "Granny" Kathy Sweeney, given by Bode and Berkley Clark
 - In honor of "Gaga" Diane Clark, given by Bode and Berkley Clark
 - In honor of our children and their families, given by Bob and Carol McGowan
 - In honor of my granddaughter, Charlotte Shea Marling, given by Shea Hollifield
 - In honor of Vickie Brooks, our stalwart choir director! Given by Mary Garrison
 - In honor of Greg, Mary, Hunter and Gwen Garrison, Kama Garrison and Dave Bamford, given by Mary Garrison
 - In honor of our Youth Group, David and our office staff, given by Jean Dowdy
 - In honor of our Mom, Robin Emson, given by Charlotte and Elizabeth Emson
 - In honor David Finnegan-Hosey and Cindy Stratton, given by Susan Baum
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Easter Blessings

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Congratulations to all the children who will be blessed and dedicated on Easter morning:

Colton Clark
Laila Finnegan-Hosey
Charlotte Marling
Perri Robinson



Easter Special Offering

Every day, Disciples answer the call to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. In the Preamble to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we accept our mission of witness and service to all people in the name of Jesus the Christ. We extend God's welcome to all at the Lord's Table, because we believe that our shared Christian faith bonds us to each other and to the entire world.

No matter the challenges we face – from combatting racism to ending human trafficking, from starting a church to sustaining a community – Disciples know that by sharing the work, we accomplish what, by God's design, we cannot do alone.

The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church. General ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations.



Youth Group

SUMMER CAMP!

It's everyone's favorite time of the year! Time for Craig Springs Summer Camp!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Remember, BACC pays half for every camper.

Early Bird rate through APRIL 15th. Use "Bon Air Christian Church" pays 50% when registering.



TREC Camp

TREC Camp combines teamwork, leadership, and confidence building activities of a nationally accredited COPE course with thrills, skills, and challenges of high adventure programs ranging from white water rafting to zip lining to canoeing to horseback riding to mountain boarding to tubing. This is a church experience that will challenge your mind and body.

June 17 - 24



New Covenant

New Covenant Camp is catered for our younger campers. Open to those who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

June 19-23, 2023

Nature Camp

Nature Camp offers a camp experience for young campers who otherwise may not be able to attend camp. Adults serve as mentors to our high school campers.

June 25-30, 2023

Special Camp

Special Camp is dedicated to campers with physical and intellectual disabilities.

July 3-8, 2023

Grand Camp

At University of Lynchburg! Grand Camp is our intergenerational weekend retreat for grandparents and their younger grandkids. This is a perfect getaway for the *grands* in your life.

July 7-8, 2023

Triple Camp 1

Triple 1 and Triple 2 Camps offer the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

July 10-15, 2023

CAMPDD

CAMPDD (Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama), pronounced "Camped," open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

July 17-22, 2023

Triple Camp 2

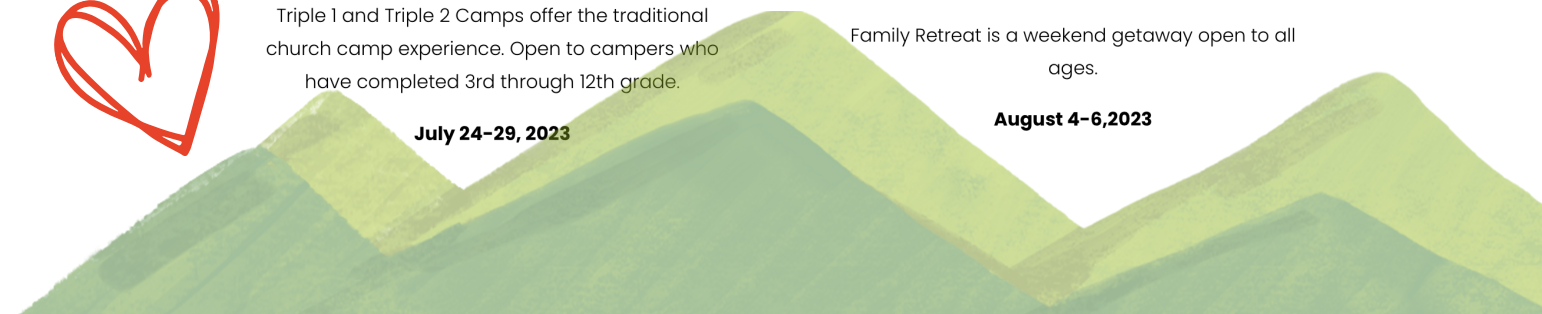
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July 24-29, 2023

Family Retreat

Family Retreat is a weekend getaway open to all ages.

August 4-6, 2023



What's Happening

Do you have a 2023 Graduate?

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college in the spring of 2023, please let the church office know! We want to recognize **all** of our graduates for a job well done. You can call the church office or email worship@baccdoc.org and let us know from where they are graduating, what their future plans are and any other information you might want to share with the congregation.



Coming up in May ...

MENTAL HEALTH 101

PRESENTED BY:



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT...

- Facts about different mental health conditions and symptoms
- Important terms to know when talking about mental health
- Impact of stigma and how to change the narrative
- Common signs of worsening mental health or suicide risk
- How to talk about mental health and de-escalate a crisis
- Treatment options and resources available in your community

WHEN

May 20th
10 AM - 11 AM

WHERE

Bon Air Christian Church
Multi-Purpose Room
2071 Buford Road

RSVP



May is a full time of year at BACC, with recognitions for graduates, Sunday School teachers, and for mothers of all definition; end of year celebrations for our children and youth; and of course Victorian Days! This year, Victorian Days will take place on **May 13th** and is an excellent opportunity to welcome our neighbors and share share our mission. We'll also provide an opportunity to deepen our understanding of our wholeness ministry focus, with a Mental Health 101 presentation on **May 20th**.

Also ... VBS: Save The Date



Save The Date for BACC VBS!

"Twist & Turns" Where following Jesus changes the game is coming August 7th - 11th

If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please contact Cindy Johnson, Nicole Vaden or Kendra Ver Beek.

Registration information coming soon!

What's Happening

General Assembly 2023

When the General Assembly meets in **Louisville, Kentucky July 29-August 1, 2023**, it will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered in person. The theme for the 2023 General Assembly is “Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us.” The theme is based on three scriptures: Luke 17:20- 21, Genesis 11:1-9, and 2 Peter 1:3.

The planning committee described the theme, “There are multiple words, scriptures, languages, and ways to share and shape our common life. The church has more than one story to tell, and more than one tool for innovation and distinctive witness in the future. God is with us. What is life before God like? Salt, an open table, zoom, and treasure in clay jars. What have Disciples learned about life before God in the midst of the uncertainty the church and its members faced over the last three years?”

The theme “Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us” is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God both individually and communally through an expansive in-person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville. The past two years, local congregations and the wider church have needed to be separated but have also innovated new ways for God’s limitless love to be revealed in our church, our communities and around the world. God’s limitless imagination holds so many possibilities for the church.

This four-day event will encourage Disciples to gather online and in-person to celebrate the way that God’s expansive love connects each of us as “kin” and to part of the larger kindom of God. Save the date and join the church July 29-August 1, 2023 for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Louisville, mission, and the sacred work of the church.

Our congregation is entitled to FIVE voting representatives at the General Assembly. If you are interested in being a voting rep, please contact David - davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org.



*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?*

1 John 3:17

Fun and Fellowship

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Thanks to Sandy Logan and the Membership committee for hosting a wonderful St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Sunday, March 19th! The shepherds pie, salad and desserts were fantastic!



JOY Group

For our March outing, the JOY Group went on a tour of Agecroft Hall. In April we will welcome stained glass artist, Joyce Libron. We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.** We will have a potluck lunch.

Then in May, we will join the CWF ladies for lunch at Candela's! Always lots of fun happening at JOY!



Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Remember we are having a **joint meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2023 after the late service**. Lunch will be provided. I hope everyone can attend.

Last month, The Ladies of the Evening had dinner at Firebird's and then we met at the Church for our meeting. We continue to send greeting cards and collect gift cards for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA . The **April meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th**. Dinner will be at Two Compadres in Midlothian. The lesson will come from Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20 and Matt. 12:36-37. Sara will be leading the lesson.

The Day Group met on March 14th. I brought my teapots and we had tea. Arlene, Laura, and Jane provided delicious treats to go with the tea. Brenda led the lesson on a mother and daughter from the Bible. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:30 am** in the multi-purpose room. Plan to join us.

The Salad group met on Monday, March 20th. As usual the salad was excellent and we had tuna fish. Yea! Shea talked about agriculture in Ukraine. Before the war, it was thriving and was known as the breadbasket of Europe. Unfortunately, the war has destroyed so much. Claire Deitch led the lesson on the 8th commandment, do not steal. Means more than you think. For example, you can steal someone's dignity. Don't do it. We signed cards and brought food to help replenish the food pantry at Safe Harbor. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 17th** in the multi-purpose room. We meet at 6:15 for salad and the meeting (including Zoom) starts at 7:00 pm. The lesson will be on the 9th Commandment (Scriptures are listed above).

Join us in April at any or all of our CWF meetings and don't forget the joint meeting on April 23rd.
~ Jamie

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There is always fun to be had with the CMF group at BACC. The April get-together is scheduled for **April 20th at Four Seasons Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.**

The address is 14320 Winterview Parkway, Midlothian, 23113. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tom Snodgrass.

You can also join the ROMEOs every Wednesday at Joe's Inn in Bon Air for breakfast at 9:15 a.m.



ROMEOs at breakfast on 3/22/23

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thank You

CCHASM



Bon Air Christian Church,
From every one of us at CCHASM, we are grateful for all that you do:
the SUPPORT you give, the KINDNESS you instill, the LOVE you inspire.
And one thing more we know is true, our future is brighter because of
you!

Lauren Lattimer
CCHASM Board of Directors

BON AIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,
We wanted to thank you for the generous donations you provided our BAES families at
Christmas. Your generosity lifted spirits and brought the magic of the season to our
students and their families. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely, Bon Air Elementary

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,
On behalf of the Virginia Council of Churches, please accept my gratitude for your
continued support. It is support of Covenant Churches like yours that makes it
possible to make real the prayer of our Lord that we might all be one. Please
express my deep appreciation to the members of Bon Air Christian Church for your
gift of \$275.00. Your contribution is vital to the continuation and strengthening of
the Council's ecumenical mission. The work of the Council depends on gifts like
yours, and I want to again express my deep appreciation for your continued
support and understanding of our ministries. Please continue to hold the VCC and
our mission in Christ in your prayers.



Blessings,
Rev. Mary Ann Glover
General Minister

FAMILY

Dear CWF Salad Group,
Thank you so much for the lovely card and kind words of encouragement for me and Gary as
we continue to struggle through this challenging time. The prayers and support from the Bon
Air Christian Church family are greatly appreciated. We are sustained and strengthened by
the powerful "prayer warriors" that keep us in prayer.

Sincerely, Marion Hosey

Thank You

CONNOR'S HEROES

Dear Ms. Ver Beek and BACC Youth Group,



Please extend my gratitude to the BACC Youth Group for their donation of \$625.00 to Connor's Heroes. Their gift will make sure a family has hope, guidance and support throughout their child's cancer journey. It will start with a Heroes Bag and Backpack. Inside, a child will find an iPad, crafts, toys, and games. A parent will receive the first (of many) gift cards for unexpected expenses that come with a cancer diagnosis. Connor's Heroes program team is able to offer a family emotional support with every phone call, text, email and hospital visit. And financial support with gift cards for groceries gas, house cleanings, meal deliveries, or a special treat for a birthday or holiday. On behalf of the childhood cancer heroes your donation will help, thank you all so much for your support.

You're the best!
Best Wishes, Celia Tetlow Martin
Executive Director



VIPCARE

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care's Board of Directors and counseling staff, thank you for your contribution of \$225.00. The support of your congregation for our Counselling Aid Fund ensures that clients seeking pastoral counseling will receive services regardless of their ability to pay. In 2021, VIPCare served more than 1,750 clients through 6,160 counseling sessions with 1,871, or 34% of, sessions underwritten by the Counseling Aid Fund. In total, VIPCare provided \$300,229 in sliding scale counseling services to clients in need. I expect the 2022 totals will be similar.

Bon Air Christian Church's gift ensures that VIPCare is able to continue to offer this level of financial assistance, so no one is turned away from counseling because of an inability to cover the cost of their care. Thank you again. As always, please let us know if there is anything that VIPCare can do to serve the people of your church now or in the future.

Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Lent,
Douglas M. Thorpe, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Thank you for serving!

We are so 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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Thank You

GRATEFUL

I am so grateful for the kindness and support of this beautiful congregation during my recuperation from hip surgery. The cards, the well wishes, the wonderful meals and the delicious desserts were so appreciated more than my words can fully convey.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. God bless you always.

~ Traci Eagle

SO BLESSED

What a blessing this lovely little church is. My sadness at taking a break from choir was turned around somewhat by your support. From calls, food, cards and that wonderful Lenten Devotional Book! The Lenten love sack of goodies was great, but that book! Amazing. Every entry a joy.

Thanks again,

~ Mary Garrison

Worship Leaders Wanted!

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

(1 Peter 4:10)

What are your God-given gifts?

How do you plan to use them to serve others?

What keeps you from using these God-given gifts to serve?

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Worship Leaders.

We hope you will pray about and give serious thought to volunteering, and accepting this opportunity to be able to serve the Lord in this way.

You can sign up via the link in our church Wednesday email or by emailing (worship@baccdoc.org) or calling the office (804-272-6228). We have a Worship Leader at each worship service, and there is a worship leader bulletin to guide each in what to say.

Your willingness to serve as a Worship Leader is greatly needed and appreciated!

SERVE AS A WORSHIP LEADER





Church Family Updates

WELCOME, NEW BACC MEMBERS!

We are so happy to have you!

Dan Butler

Dan is a portrait artist who opened his business, Butler Portraits, thirty years ago. His home and his studio are both in Brandermill. Last year his daughter, Danielle, married her high school sweetheart Billy. Dan enjoys traveling and sailing. Dan is grateful for the warm welcome he's received from our Bon Air Christian Church family.

Josie Schmidt

We welcome Josie Schmidt to our church family. Josie is originally from the Virginia Beach/Norfolk area, but has lived here in Richmond for 40 years. She has 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Josie has her Bachelor degree in Music Education from James Madison University. In past years, she taught music at Bon Air Elementary School. She now is self employed, part-time, and is a Healing Touch Therapist and Conflict Resolution Coach. She offers Healing Touch in her home or yours. Her hobbies are pickleball, kayaking, all of the arts, the beach, day trips, dining, games, and playing cards.

Josie Schmidt
3131 Stony Point Road
Unit B
Richmond, VA 23235
Email: jvbschmidt@gmail.com
Cell: 804-461-8228

Paul Stairs

We welcome Paul Stairs to our church family. Paul is a native Richmonder. He has an older brother who has 2 children and lives in Hanover County. And he has a younger sister who has 6 children and lives in Charlotte County. He has a BA in Psychology from University of Richmond, a MD from VCU, a MS in Science from VCU, and a MBA from VCU. He is a retired Physician and has numerous interests. He likes reading, old crafts (like binding a book by hand), all antiques and especially repairing antique clocks, calligraphy, genealogy, a little bit of cooking, and dabbling with guitar and keyboards. He has an English Shepherd named "Nellie".

Paul Stairs
1409 Westover Gardens Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23225
Cell: 804-564-5296

Church Family Updates

Our Prayers...

Please pray for:

Doug Collins who is recovering from eye surgery; Bill Heath who is recovering from kidney stone surgery; Steve Kline who will have foot surgery March 31st; Janet Lenhart's nephew, Robert who has three brain tumors; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad, who is serving in the Ukrainian army; Gerry Roppe's friend, Norman "Buzz" and his family who is at home and in hospice care; Alice Murray's friend, Robin T, who is having mitral heart valve surgery on March 30th in Minnesota.

Please continue to pray for:

Peggy Alcock; Gina McKenney; Jane Finnegan; Jean Dowdy; the families of Beulah Profitt and Myrna Law; Diane Fearnley and family; Clay Boyd; Karen Kline and family; Joe and Frances Atherton and family; Emily Porter, Christie MacAulay and family; Mary Garrison; Traci Eagle; Kim Lenhart (& Clayton Lenhart) on the death of her sister Tracie Duncan; Mike Vernon, Debra Vaughn's friend; Faye Ringel, sister-in-law of Rhonda Ringel; the Somik family; Terri Rudolph, and her husband, Jeff; Gary and Marion Hosey; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Jeri Farkus, friend of Susan and Philip Baum; Dawn and Craig Sandahl; Alex Kazas, Cassie Price's stepdaughter; Becky West; Ada Slayton; Angel Huff and her family; Steve Goff; Mary Ann Casdia; Gerry Roppe's; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis; Liz Young; Jim Henderson; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Gene Dunston; Jeter Bourne; Pat Cosby; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold Campbell; Wanda Russell; Joe Bancroft's brother-in-law, Joe Thomas; Nikki Todd; Carolanne Ivey; Jean Venner; Steve Kline's friend, Gail Smith; Gerry Roppe's friend, Chico; Cathy Wheless; Larry Brown; Judi Wright, sister of Debra Vaughan; Evan O'Dell; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; 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; Tammy Rucker's friend, Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Barbara Barker; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's sister Judy; Cassie Price's friends, Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Betty Jean and Diana Barber.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2