

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### VISIT US:

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### WORSHIP WITH US:

#### Summer Worship times

#### **Saturday Evening Worship**

5:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

#### **Sunday Morning Worship**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
in person and via Zoom

#### **Adult Sunday School**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

#### **Prayer and Fellowship**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

### All are welcome!

### How Beautiful

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"

-- Isaiah 52:7

There is a simple song we often sign at our Saturday evening service, based on this verse from Isaiah, that goes:

*How beautiful on the mountainsides  
are the feet of those who bring good news*

*How beautiful on the city streets  
are the feet of those who bring good news*

As I write this message, youth and adults from our congregation are "up on the mountain" at Craig Springs, learning about the fruit of the Spirit. Meanwhile, in the church office, we are deep into planning for Vacation Bible School, coming up August 7-11. And as you receive this I and several others will be on our way to Louisville, KY for General Assembly, the national (and beyond) gathering of Disciples of Christ, where we will worship together, fellowship together, and discern how the wider church can best live out its mission.

How beautiful! How beautiful all of the many and varied places where good news is shared. How beautiful that children and adults, the youngest and oldest and everyone in between, can share in God's love and peace. How beautiful when we sing together, eat together, walk together, and sit together.

I am grateful to serve with you, and to share in all of this beauty with you.

Grace + Peace,

*David*

# Youth Group

## MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The first ever CCINVA Regional Mission Trip to Princeton, KY was a wonderful experience for the members of BACC who participated. There were 13 total participants from the region and it was great to get to know other disciples and work together being the hands and feet of Jesus. We worked on a Habitat for Humanity house installing wood floors, loading and unloading framed walls, did harvesting of vegetables at First Christian Church in Princeton, and did such much needed yard work for a homebound couple that are experiencing health issues. The area is still very much in disarray from the tornados that hit the area in December of 2021. It was great to connect with and support the greater church and make an impact with this community in need. We had lots of fun during the week too with some fireworks, disc golfing and an afternoon at Camp Kum Ba Ya. We will definitely be participating again next summer and hope we can take even more members with us!

Please ask Emily, Lilly, Diane or Kendra about their experience!



thanks  
for your  
support





# Youth Group



## SUMMER CAMP Up on the Mountain!

Bon Air Christian Church sent 19 kids to camp this summer. As always, it was wonderful to be back on the mountain & all reviews coming back were GREAT!

Going to camp is a life-changing experience & Craig Springs holds such a special place in the hearts of many. Not only is it fun in the moment, but your time there also has a lifelong impact. From meeting new friends to strengthening relationships with old friends, feeling the presence of God each and every day to meaningful worship services, camp songs, fun games and more memories than you think your mind can hold. Camp truly shapes who you are. We are grateful for the many ways camp has helped our BACC youth become who they are today — amazing individuals who know and love God ♥

Be sure to ask any of these folks about their week on the mountain!

**Campers:** Charlotte & Elizabeth Emson, Jackson & Charlotte Rembold, Emily Rucker, Lilly Ver Beek, Logan & Reese Blanchard, Clover Tejnecky, Cadence & Shepard Mooney, Catherine & Taylor Trezza, Sarah Boger, Vivian Alexander, Davis & Zayden Snoot, Hunter & James Deering.

**Volunteers from BACC** — a HUGE thanks to you!

Jasmine Heath, Susan Baum, Robin Blanchard, Sarah Trezza & Charlie Ver Beek.



*Be on the look-out for more pics to come!*



Pics from CAMPDD

# What's Happening

## General Assembly

### KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

*July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville*

When Disciples from all across the United States and Canada gather in Louisville, KY from July 29th-August 1st for General Assembly, it will be the first time the whole church has gathered in this way in four years. In that time, much has changed - not the least of which the impacts of the covid pandemic, which kept us from meeting in person as previously scheduled. And much has stayed the same, as well - the vital mission of the church, for example, and God's limitless and abiding love.

Each congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is empowered to send representatives to General Assembly. Our congregation will be represented by Cathy Law and Dan Butler. Ordained clergy are also able to serve as voting representatives. Together, we will worship and pray; fellowship and learn; and discern how our wider church can best live out its identity as "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." One major topic of conversation will be a proposal for General Assembly to gather less often in-person but to provide more regular opportunities for remote gathering. Stay tuned for updates from General Assembly!

## VBS!

**Save The Date for BACC VBS!**  
**"Twist & Turns" Where following Jesus**  
**changes the game is coming**  
**August 7th - 11th, 9a - Noon**



Volunteer links and child registration links can be found in your Wednesday "Church News" email. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Vaden, Cindy Johnson or Kendra Ver Beek.

***VOLUNTEER MEETING / TRAINING will be Wednesday, August 2nd  
at 10:30 a.m. at church. If you are are signed up to help with  
VBS, we hope you can make it!***

***VBS decorating will take place Sunday, August 6th after worship.  
Come join the fun!***

# What's Happening



## Fall Kick-Off

Some big fun is in the works! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 10th**. We'll be returning to our regular Sunday schedule, with worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. and our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. And we're planning some special fun for kids and adults alike. Keep an eye out for more details, and we look forward to kicking things off for the fall!



## A Note from our Regional Minister

Dear all Congregations in Virginia,

As your regional minister for these past 4 years, I have had the chance to worship with many of you and look forward to finding a time in the near future to be with each and every congregation I have not yet been able to visit. It has been my joy to help many congregations find ministers. I have served as a counselor, pastor, and support to clergy across the region. I have held visioning sessions and connected one congregation with another, with the hope that these connections would help each grow stronger. I am committed to being available to each church, lay person and clergy for advice or just a listening ear. We have over 130 congregations and around 300 plus clergy within this region that I have the immense honor to serve but I am also glad everyone does not need me all at the same time.

In the past 4 years, we have improved our minister recruitment and support ministries through our Commission on Ministry teams which have been invaluable for churches to find quality ministers. We have also seen the rising need on the part of some congregations to address aging or outdated buildings that no longer fit the congregation they are today. As your regional minister, I have helped many churches connect with the wider church ministries that have the resources, people, and expertise to help us do things we have never encountered.

WHATS NEXT: God is truly doing something amazing in our midst and new ministries are rising including new camps, re-forming of our regional youth council, newly forming young adult ministry, ongoing opportunities to do deep Soul Work around learning to talk with each other about racism and the ways to make this a better world/church. I believe God is nudging us to find ways to work together as Disciple churches. For some it is making sure that no one goes hungry in the community, for others it is finding ways to serve our community through our buildings, and other congregations are committed to providing space for mental health ministry. With every church/minister I visit, I learn of something that another church/minister needs to hear too. I honestly don't know what God will bring next, but I am listening, and I am excited for Disciples in Virginia!

In brief, what I am saying is I have been having so much fun serving as your Regional Minister over these 4 years and hope that you have had the chance to feel some of that Spirit-fed energy and hope as well. If your congregation already supports this ministry through your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) and/or Special offerings (like Christmas, Easter, Reconciliation, and others) I want to thank you, for it makes a huge difference!

~ Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning



# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### CWF Salad Group -- all are welcome!

**\*Our first meeting of the year will be Thursday, Sept 14.** (we're meeting 2nd Thursdays this year). Gather at 6:00-6:15, eat our pot-luck salad at 6:30, and meeting starts at 7:00 (in-person and Zoom). Our study this year will be "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes", also a study from the Presbyterian Women. Cost is \$10/each, payable at the first meeting. Our country of study will be Venezuela.

**\*Our annual retreat will be Friday, Sept 29 - Sunday, Oct. 1, at Gwynn's Island!** Frances has invited us to come to her place, in thanks for our support. The Island is 1 1/2 hours from Richmond. If you can't come for the whole weekend, you can come for part of it! We need to get a head count, so please let me know by Sept 1 if you will be going. More details will be coming 😊

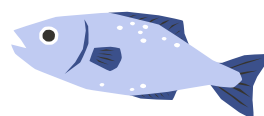
**\*Let's play cards!** A nice warm-up for our retreat! Thursday, Aug. 17, 6:15, at the church, multi-purpose room. We'll do pot luck salad (Cathy will bring the greens) and we'll play Hand & Foot. If you don't know how, it's easy to learn, so come for the fun and fellowship.

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Looking Ahead:

Plans are underway for a Penny Ante Poker Party to be hosted by Bernie McDonald in the late Summer/early Fall. And the CMF is looking for an opportunity to catch some fish (fresh or salt water) within the next three months.

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



*For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power,  
of love and of self-discipline.  
2 Timothy 1:7*

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## What CWF Means to Me

I have been blessed to belong to two of the three Christian Women Fellowship groups. The Day Goup is made up of mostly older ladies who no longer want to drive at night. They meet at the church from September thru May at 10:30 the second Tuesday of the month for a program especially created for Christian Women. Then we have lunch and fellowship. This group of ladies have mostly been members of our church for many years and have a deep understanding of their faith in Christ and share their stories on how to live a Christian Life. They love seeing their friends in a setting outside of Sunday Morning. When I was the leader of this group, I often had to ring a bell to bring the group to order for the meeting. These ladies are like extra grandmothers or favorites aunts to the younger members of this group.

The Ladies of the Night was and is made up of younger women, some working, stay at home moms and retired women. They meet once a month the first Thursday of the month, first going out to dinner and then going back to church for their program and fellowship. They are more active in that they volunteer at Redd School to tutor and mentor children at this intercity school. They also support the batter Womens Shelter with gift cards for their families. We are one of their largest contributors in this program. We also go movies, plays, and the beach twice a year as a group. Many of our members visits our elderly members when they can no longer attend the meetings.

One of the things everyone enjoys are the teas provided by Jamie McDonald, she has a collection of tea pots and will provide us with different flavors of hot tea, with the group providing tea sandwiches and sweets. I think anyone reading this can see that both groups provide an opportunity for fellowship and Christian learning. We are a family of women who share our faith and good works with others.

~ Arlene Giffel



*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.  
Psalm 16:8*

# Thank You



Thank you all for coming to our Good Bye Party. Special thanks to our Elder Bud Deihl for putting it together and Susan Deihl and Sandy Logan for coordinating the food. Thank you Vickie, Traci, Nicole, and Russ for the music. Many others provided food, decorations, cleanup and other duties, thank you all.

We are celebrating the 40 years we were a part of the BACC family. We will find a church in Atlanta but will still participate and support the mission of BACC. We are confident that the leadership of David, Kendra, and the Board will bring continued success.

~ Joe and Barbara Bancroft



Dear Bon Air Christian Church family,

Thank you so much for all of the love, support and kindness extended to us during Joe's illness and since his passing. David's calls, Tom's elder calls/letters and the cards, calls, prayers, visits and food you provided were such a source of comfort to Joe and me while he was sick. Your continued support since his passing has meant the world to Rob, Emily and me. Thank you, too, to all of you who attended and/or helped out with Joe's memorial service. I know it was a long trip to make but your support that day meant SO much. David's presence was very comforting, Cindy's eulogy was so meaningful, the music Vickie, Traci, Janet, Suzanne and Russ provided was absolutely beautiful, Cathy did a nice job manning the guest book and the food many of you brought to share was greatly appreciated.

Our family always knew that we were a part of a wonderful church family at Bon Air Christian Church. Our experience during the past 16 months has made that ever more apparent.....and even more special as you have continued to love and care for us even though Emily is the only one of us still living in Richmond!

Now that I'm able to travel again, I hope to come back to Richmond to visit and to attend church from time to time.

Again, thank you to all of you for being Christ's hands, feet and words in this world and for helping to make this long, difficult journey easier to bear.

With love,

~ Frances, Rob and Emily

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*Psalm 23:4*



# Church Family Updates

## Lord, Hear Our Prayers

**Please pray for:** The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as they gather in Louisville, KY.

**Please continue to pray for:** Vickie Shannon; Arlene Westveld; Megan Moran Bucholz, friend of the Baums; Kath Cartino; the family of the Rev. James Brewer-Calvert; Janet Lenhart, and her nephew Bob Penley; Jean Dowdy's cousin, Eric Morris; Leigh and David's friend, Gunnar Dickson; Gail Macfadden; Frances, Rob and Emily Atherton; Liz Young; Jane Finengan's parents, Tom and Lois Martin; Gerry Roppé and his friends, Chico and Sue; Pat Pennington's son in law; Craig Huddle and family; Taylor Brooks; Liz Young; Doug Collins, Sr.; Bob McGowan; Terri Rudolph and Bill Heath; the Alcock and Teachey families; Steve Goff; Peggy Gross; Steve Kline; Todd and Dana Hatton; the family of Jeter Bourne; Kathy Morton's nephew, Sean; Gina McKenney; Diane Fearnley and family; Nancy White; David Winn; the Flannery family; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Joan Mielke's sister in law, Lynn; Clay Boyd; Emily Porter, Christie MacAulay and family; Traci Eagle; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie; Alice Murray's friend, Robin T.; Jack and Alois Ellis; Mike Vernon; Faye Ringel; Gary and Marion Hosey; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Jeri Farkus; Dawn and Craig Sandahl; Becky West; Ada Slayton; Angel Huff and her family; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Jim Henderson; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Gene Dunston; 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; Cathy Wheless; Larry Brown; Judi Wright; Evan O'Dell; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Mary Williams; Stephanie Strobe; Caroline Laughorn; Jo Bailey; Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Barbara Barker; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell; Vickie Shannon's mother, Dorothea Mentzell; Rose McCaferty's sister Judy; Betty Jean and Diana Barber.



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.  
Proverbs 3:3-6*