

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) FEBRUARY 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!**

## **God Sightings**

"So Jacob called the place Peniel (which means the face of God), saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.'"

— Genesis 32:30

At Craig Springs every summer, we invite the youth to submit entries to a box labeled "Where have you seen God today?" Every morning begins with a sharing of "God Sightings" from the previous day. What a great way to start the day!

Where have you seen God today? This week? This month?

In January, our sermon series focused on times and places in which it can be difficult to see God. What about the flip side of the coin? In what places and times is it easy for you to see, feel, or experience the presence of the Holy One?

As we move through February, with Ash Wednesday and our Lenten journey on the horizon, I hope you'll take time to share your "God Sightings" with the rest of the church. Let us know where you are seeing God in the midst of your daily life. And let us know, too, what your big questions are that you'd like to see lifted up in sermons, studies, and discussions. Because one of the ways I see God is in the big questions, big conversations, and big dreams of this wonderful community of faith.

Grace + Peace,

*David*





# Looking to Lent


**Devotions for our Lenten Devotional Book** are due on Friday, February 10th. Many thanks to all who have contributed. If you are willing to write a devotional: [LentenDevotional2023](#)

If you are interested in **Pastor's Class** to prepare for baptism, please contact David at [davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org](mailto:davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org)

Our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**, hosted by the Youth Group, will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**Our Ash Wednesday Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil** will take place from 6:00 a.m. February 22 — 6:00 a.m. February 23  
[Sign up to pray](#)

**Lent Book Study:** *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr, will begin March 1st (Zoom) and 2nd (in-person). Books will be available in the office soon.





# What's Happening

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All of our 2023 committees will have their first meetings on **Sunday, February 12, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.** We will share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall before breaking off into different rooms for different teams. If you've ever wondered how to get more involved with any of our ministry programs, from learning (Christian Education) to praising (Worship) to reaching out (Evangelism) to nurturing (Membership) to serving (Church in Community & World Outreach) and more, then this is a great opportunity to get connected to a team! God calls each of us into ministry; the only question is, where will we serve?

## JOY GROUP

Our warmest thanks to Craig Berkley, our wonderful guest speaker at our January 17th JOY Group meeting! With his extensive career background in IT services, Craig did an informative and entertaining presentation for seventeen of us on cyber security, which we all learned so much from and quite thoroughly enjoyed. Yes, we're trying to get him back for a second round. :)

We invite you to join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st.**



## CPR/AED TRAINING

Hands On CPR and AED Training (not a certification course) will be held at BACC on **Saturday, February 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Michelle Gossip from VCU Health will facilitate. We will need to know how many plan to participate. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office, or call the church office to sign up or ask any questions.



# What's Happening

## CHILI COOK-OFF!

CWF is finally able to again host a **Chili Cook-off**. The date will be **Saturday, February 18, 2023**. The event will be held in the fellowship hall following the Saturday evening service (**about 5:00 p.m.**). This will be our CWF fund raiser for the year. The money raised will go to the Ukrainian family we're supporting and the CWF Spring Projects. The two projects are First Christian Church Mayfield, KY (destroyed by a tornado) and the Evangelical Protestant Church in Morocco (primary ministry is helping the displaced).

We will also be having a silent auction that night. If you would like to donate anything for the auction, call or email Jamie McDonald at (804) 543-4490 or [newmac13433@gmail.com](mailto:newmac13433@gmail.com). We will also be having a White Elephant sale and other opportunities to spend your money. Leftovers will be sold at the end of the evening and a quilt raffle is in the works. We are asking for \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 per family to taste the chilis and choose your favorite. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 18th. The menu also includes mac & cheese, cornbread, salads, and desserts. It's a bargain for Saturday night dinner.

If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-off, please email Jamie McDonald [newmac13433@gmail.com](mailto:newmac13433@gmail.com). You do not have to be a member of BACC to enter. ***We do ask that you provide a list of ingredients so people with allergies will know if it is safe for them to taste.*** We don't need the actual recipes or amounts. Ribbons will be awarded and winners announced in March's newsletter. You will be able to humbly bask in the praise of your fellow chili aficionados.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. You will be doing good. See you on the 18th!



Jamie McDonald

## 2023 CABINET/ELDER RETREAT



Our Cabinet/Elder Retreat, held on Saturday, January 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. was a great success! Many of our elders and cabinet chairs were in attendance, enjoying breakfast, lunch, and fellowship together while learning and planning for the year ahead.



# What's Happening

We hope you can attend this ecumenical worship service to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

## WEEK OF PRAYER *for Christian Unity*

**DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.**  
(Isaiah 1: 17)



*The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reflects God's concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. Isaiah teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires.*

*The co-pastors of Voices of Jubilee, Rev. Ashley Diaz Mejias and Rev. Lauren Ramseur, will be our keynote speakers for the event.*

*This is our local community's opportunity to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which takes place every year in January.  
All are welcome!*

**February 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Bon Air Baptist Church  
2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235

Refreshments and Fellowship to follow worship



# Serving Together

## Week of Compassion 2023 Special Offering February 19 & 26

### RISE UP ANEW



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

There are so many disasters and tragedies in our world. From flooding in eastern Kentucky and Hurricane Ian in Florida, to economic struggles in Haiti, to the war in Ukraine. These are just some of the troubles that we have lifted up in prayer and held in our hearts in recent weeks.

But we do not stop there. We put our prayers into action through our gifts to Week of Compassion, transforming suffering into hope around the world.

Our goal for our 2023 special offering is \$2,500.00.  
Let us rise up anew to help those in need close to home and far away!





# Youth Group

## BACC Youth "Living on a Spare"

We had a great time going bowling on January 22nd. I don't think anyone will be quitting their day jobs but fun and fellowship was had by all! Many thanks to Tammy Rucker, Craig Berkley, and Jon Ver Beek for chaperoning and keeping things 'rolling!'



The BACC Youth Group are the Volunteers of the Month for Connor's Heroes Foundation in January. We are sponsoring a "Family Fun Pack" supply drive which includes supplies for Family Game Nights, Spa Nights and Movie Nights. Check your Wednesday email for links to items that can be donated. Collection boxes are at the church. The YG will be delivering items to CHF in February. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far!

Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar

**YG hosts Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper on  
Tuesday, February 21st at  
6:00 p.m.**







# Youth Group

## **NEW Virginia Youth Council is forming!**

This is a wonderful opportunity for youth in 9th - 12th grades.

Virginia youth have a chance to participate with other youth councils in this pilot program across the whole church. The VA "POD" will be hosted at the University of Lynchburg.

More than one youth per congregation can apply and be accepted. This type of work and volunteer information looks great on college applications AND you get direct input into the future ministry and work of the DOC!

**Application link** can be found here: <https://forms.gle/ap1Q5bwvdsZ3QTQi9>

We are also seeking 4-6 Adult Sponsors for the newly formed council.  
If interested, please send email directly to [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com).

## **Overview**

**This six month leadership symposium will prepare youth to lead in local congregations and support them in designing and implementing their own project for their home church. This is not a leadership team, but rather a leadership lab where High School age leaders can explore their gifts, receive wisdom from other leaders, and imagine new possibilities for their local congregation. Participants can attend in person at Chapman University, through "Pod" locations in their geographic area, or via Zoom where participants will form their own cohorts.**

### ***Symposium Schedule In Person and for Zoom***

#### **February 4, 2023**

**Session 1 ~** We will explore some leadership basics, learn about the Churches we serve, and begin imagining final leadership projects. \*Pre-reading and video watching required.

#### **April 29, 2023**

**Session 2 ~** We will wrestle with the challenges of change, learn about how faith is formed and how different generations approach life and leadership. Final project plans will be shared at this time. \*Pre-reading and video watching required.

#### **June 3, 2023**

**Session 3 ~** Time to share the stories and celebrate the work that has been done in all our various congregations. Each participant will have a chance to present.

***Please let David or Kendra know if you are interested.***



# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Valentines' Day is near. Hoping chocolate is in my future! The Ladies of the Evening met on January 5th at Andee Kirk's home. Her place is always so beautifully decorated. We had dinner at P.F. Chang's. We sent New Year's cards to many BACC friends, and gift cards for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA were collected. We discussed the 6th Commandment: Do not murder. It can mean more than you think. Our next meeting will be **February 2nd at BACC at 7:00 p.m., with dinner at Sedona Taphouse at 5:00**. The lesson will come from Exodus 20:14, Genesis 2:18-25, and John 8:1-11.

The Day CWF met on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. We had a great turnout. Brenda Kidd led an excellent lesson on commitment. Sandy Logan fed us a wonderful meal of tomato soup, grilled cheese, and dessert. If you weren't there, you really missed out. The Day group continues to support the Bainbridge Food Pantry. Our next meeting will be on **Valentine's Day at 10:30 at BACC**. Brenda plans to bring a lesson on bad girls of the Bible. Should be very interesting!

The Salad CWF met on January 16th. Dinner (salad) started at 6:15, Zoom at 6:45, and the in-person meeting at 7:00 p.m. We had special guests join us for the meal. Vitaly and Kate are refugees from the war in Ukraine. It was wonderful to talk with them. Both have master's degrees and lost everything in the war. We provided paper products as our continued support of Safe Harbor and its services for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. I shared information on the ethnic groups in Ukraine and led the lesson on the 6th Commandment. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room**. Come early at 6:15 for salad. Zoom will start at 6:45. The lesson will be on the Seventh Commandment. (Scriptures above).



We are once again having our **Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** We will be having a Silent Auction, a White Elephant sale, and some fixed priced tables. If you want to donate, let me know ([newmac13433@gmail.com](mailto:newmac13433@gmail.com)). Cost is \$5.00 per person with a max of \$20.00 per family. Drinks, a salad bar, and desserts will be provided. We are hoping to be able to raffle a quilt. And at the end of the evening we'll be selling leftovers. Funds raised will go to the CWF Spring Projects and a Ukrainian refugee family. If you are planning to bring a chili, let me know. It helps with set-up. But we'll also accept surprise chili entries that night. You do not have to be a CWF member to donate. Come and vote for your favorite chili. The entire church, as well as friends, are invited. The more the merrier!

And finally, we are planning our **CWF joint meeting on April 23rd after the second service**. If you are curious about CWF or think you might like to join, please come to the meeting.



# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The ROMEOs reign at **Joe's Inn of Bon Air** every **Wednesday morning at 9:15**. Pictured here: Jim McKenney, Joe Bancroft, Greg Shannon, and Tom Snodgrass. Whenever you're available to join us, just show up!

### GUYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!

Our Christian Men's Fellowship gentlemen still enjoy getting together for a meal here and there. In addition to meeting for breakfast every Wednesday morning at Joe's Inn of Bon Air, they also meet for dinner one Thursday evening each month. In February, this will occur on **Thursday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m.**, half an hour earlier than usual, at **Extra Billy's Brewery & Steakhouse** on 1110 Alverser Drive. We would love to have you join us! To RSVP for this event, or to share ideas for other fun events, contact Tom Snodgrass at 804.370.5279 or [tesnodgras@aol.com](mailto:tesnodgras@aol.com).



CMF enjoys dining together at Joe's Inn of Bon Air on their first dinner out for the new year, on January 19, 2023. From left to right: Paul Stairs, Frank Clark, Greg Shannon, Steve Craft, Todd Baldacci, Bob McGowan, Doug Collins, Sam Herrin, Jim McKenney, Tom Snodgrass, Bernie McDonald, Kristopher Clark, and Joe Bancroft

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

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*



# Thank You

## THANKS FROM ETHELENE SLAYTON...

Dear Ladies,

Your lovely card and note was highly appreciated--when I saw all the ladies' signatures, I was overwhelmed. Whatever the CWF does, it is so lovingly and tastefully done. You're terrific! Thank you for being my friends, and remembering our family in prayer.

With Loving Thoughts,  
Ethelene Slayton



## A NOTE FROM BEULAH PROFFITT

To my dear friends at BACC,

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, phone calls, and goodies during my hospital stay and recovery. I am so blessed to have such wonderful friends, and I love and miss all of you.

Beulah Proffitt

## FROM A NOW-FAMILY-OF-FOUR...



Dear BACC Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the continuous love, support, and prayers for our family. We are so blessed to be part of a church family like BACC. We love you all so much and cannot wait for Berkley to be around her family. Thank you all again for all of your love and prayers!

Love, Maggie, Karson, Bode and Berkley Clark

## FROM CLAIRE AND CHARLIE...

Dear David, Kendra, Gina, and BACC Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful fruit arrangement! It was the perfect snack for long nights. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this time and look forward to introducing Charlie soon.

Love, Claire Marling and Charlie



## A NOTE FROM MARION

Dear Friends at Bon Air Christian Church,

Please accept the enclosed gift in honor of and in grateful thanksgiving to the CWF and all those praying for our family. We so appreciate the "great cloud of witnesses" supporting us.

Yours, Marion Hosey



## "AGAIN Y'ALL SHINE! THANK YOU!!

Dear Barbara and BACC Friends,

Thank you for making a difference with your gift! Your generosity provides items for our families enrolled in our mixed-income preschool at Sprout and for families working to build a new, violence-free life with our domestic violence and sexual assault resource team. Supporters like you drive what we do by caring about our mission. With your help, we can create a safe and empowering environment for families and community members that will have a lasting impact. We're so grateful for your gift of \$290.00, and for your belief in our mission to promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

All the Best, Margaret Dodson-Cordrey  
Advancement and Stewardship Manager



# Thank You

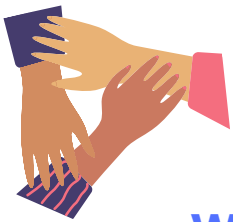
Sincere thanks to Susan Deihl, our talented artist who provided the artwork for our January bulletin covers!



Thanks to Joy Black for our January Mental Awareness moment!  
[Catch that here if you missed it.](#)

*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.



**GREETERS**

**WORSHIP AND WONDER**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP**

**HELPING THE SOMIK FAMILY**



# Who's New?

## Introducing Charlotte "Charlie" Shea Marling



Charlotte "Charlie" Shea Marling was born December 31st, 2023 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Claire Marling. She is healthy and so very loved. John Marling and Shea Hollifield are the proud grandparents. Claire reports that Charlie likes ceiling fans, Mom, Grammy, and her baby swing, and does not much care for sleeping after dark, diaper changes, lotion, and hats that fall down too far. Shea, John, and a close friend of Claire's are all there to help out for now, and Charlie has grown both one pound and one inch since coming home. BACC Blessings to lovely Charlie and her family !



## ...and Reid Jacob Teachey!

Reid Jacob Teachey was born to Amy Teachey and Erin Harr on December 13, 2022, weighing in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Reid is also the grandson of Kim and Susan Teachey, the great grandson of Iva Teachey and Peggy Alcoke, and the nephew of Adam Teachey and Mandy Teachey Sangpeal. Amy and Erin are loving every moment with Reid, and are "so in love with our sweet boy!" Warmest Blessings to Reid and his family!



### SMILES ALL AROUND:

Reid meets proud  
great-grandmother  
Peggy Alcoke  
Feelin' the love?

*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*



# Church Family Updates

## OUR DEAR RAY BEASLEY~~CALLING IT STRAIGHT!

**A legend among Virginia football referees, 99-year-old Ray Beasley draws a flag – the Gold Flag Award!**



In nearly 40 years of football officiating, Ray Beasley (left) earned a reputation as a top-flight rules expert who “didn’t take any foolishness.” For decades, he worked at C&P Telephone and refereed alongside friend Dick Goodman Sr. (right). Both men played football for Virginia Tech after returning from military service during World War II.



Ray Beasley, 99, of Midlothian began officiating high school football games in the Richmond area in 1950. During his high school football career, he played as a running back for John Marshall High School, which won the state championship in 1940, capping a season where the team was undefeated and unscored-on.

ASH DANIEL

Check out Ray's story in the January 18, 2023  
*Chesterfield Observer.*

**We will celebrate Ray's 100th birthday on April 22!**

[HEAR RAY'S STORY](#)

[READ RAY'S STORY](#)



# Church Family Updates



*Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** Beulah Proffitt, who is in rehab at Johnston Willis recovering from a heart attack; Traci Eagle as she prepares for hip surgery in February; Connie Graves, neighbor of Bob and Janet Lenhart, who recently had surgery; the family of Raymond Langford, cousin of Bob Lenhart, who recently went home to glory; the Somik family, as they settle in Chicago; Steve Kline, as he recovers from one foot procedure and prepares for another; Emily Porter, Christie MacAulay, and family; the Trezza and Dunn families; Bill Heath, daughter Terri Rudolph, and her husband, Jeff; Gary and Marion Hosey; Todd Sims, friend of the Ver Beeks; Kip Barefoot; Jeri Farkus, friend of Susan and Philip Baum; Dawn and Craig Sandahl; Alex Kazas, Cassie Price's stepdaughter, Becky West; Joe and Frances Atherton; Ada Slayton; Karen Basalay; Myrna Law; Angel Huff and her family; Steve Goff; Mary Ann Casdia; Traci Eagle; Beulah Proffitt; Gerry Roppe'; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis; Liz Young; Jim Henderson; Peggie Alcock; Terri Rudolph; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Gene Dunston; Jeter Bourne; Sylvia Montgomery; Pat Cosby; 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; Nancy Maiden's friend, Betty Jo; 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*