

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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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!

Looking for the Light

"There are weary travelers searching everywhere you go
Strangers who are searching, longing deeply to be known
May you find a light to guide you home."
-- "May You Find a Light," by *The Brilliance*

In January, we begin the season of Epiphany. We most associate Epiphany with the magi, strangers from far away, following a star to bring strange gifts and even stranger tidings to Mary and Jesus. This well-known story, though, is just the beginning of a season which is all about the ways that the good news of great joy which we sing of on Christmas begins to spread beyond Bethlehem to truly be for all people. It is a season of looking for the light, of paying attention to the ways God's love shines in the world.

Starting on January 8th, we'll begin a four-week sermon series called "Where is God when...?", asking the question of how we look for God in times and places when it's difficult for us, or perhaps for the people around us, to see God's love. We'll talk about God's presence when the world seems divided; when we feel lonely; when someone we know is very sick; and when we're not sure how to help.

My hope is that these topics will be helpful for many of you, and also that they will create opportunities for conversations with neighbors and friends who may be wondering some of these same things. We are all, in one way or another, looking for the light. We come to church seeking companions on that journey. And each of us, in turn, has some of that light, some of God's love, to shine on the world.

Grace + Peace,

David

Worship With Us



Our Christmas Eve Worship Services are always such a special part of the year for us, as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the light He brought to our world.



Many of us also enjoyed our Christmas Day service, with a hymn sing and many friends attending in PJs!

Our Live Nativity 2022



Were you there for our Live Nativity 2022? If you missed it, check out the link below and join the fun as our BACC kids share the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus!



**Mary gave birth to Jesus and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger (Luke 2:7).**

**An angel appeared to nearby shepherds with “good tidings of great
joy.” The angel told them the Son of God had been born,
and they hurried to find their newborn Savior (Luke 2:8–16).**

[LIVE NATIVITY 2022](#)



Youth Group

COOKIES AND CAROLS



We had a great time together in December as we caroled at the homes of several of our members, then gathered at the Ver Beek's home for a holiday party and cookie decorating. Many of us also enjoyed participating in the Live Nativity, and we all loved the trees full of Christmas socks left for us to enjoy!



JOIN US IN JANUARY:

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS AT BACC:

Sunday, January 8th from 12:00-2:15 PM

Sunday, January 22nd from 12:00-2:15 PM

**January is Connor's Heroes Volunteer Month,
so be on the lookout for more details!**

Who's New?



OUR NEW CHRISTMAS ANGEL...

We extend our warmest congratulations to Karson, Maggie and Bode Clark upon the birth of their new family member, Berkley Olive Clark. Berkley joined the family on Tuesday, December 6th, at six pounds, six ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Frank and Diane Clark, Kathy Sweeney, and Barry Sweeney. Berkley also is the niece of Uncle Kris and Uncle Kyle and Aunt Kelsey, and cousin to Emery and Colton. We are all so thrilled to have her as our newest member at BACC!



NEW FRIENDS FROM UKRAINE... COMING SOON TO A HOME NEAR YOU!

We are all excited about our new friends, the Somik family, arriving in mid-January! Olena and Roma, along with daughters Khrystina, age 16, and Polina, age 6, will arrive soon, and we are eager to meet them and help them get settled here in the U.S. Thanks so much to those who have contributed household items to help this family as their new home is set up. If you have things you would like to contribute, please use the link below.



HELPING OUR UKRANIAN FAMILY

*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

What's Happening

RESOLVE TO SAVE LIVES IN 2023!

That's a pretty good New Year's resolution right there! This is the 2023 New Year's resolution for the American Red Cross, and we could also make it one of ours! If you're interested in being a part of this goal, you may want to take part in the ARC Blood Drive right here at Bon Air Christian Church on **Thursday, January 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

FOR ALL DRIVES JANUARY 1-31: All who come to give from January 1st through January 31st will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Phoenix! This prize includes travel, hotel, a \$500.00 gift card, pre-game activities, and more! RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl

If you'd like to get involved, check out the signup at **[AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT BACC.](#)**



LIFE LINE SCREENING: THE POWER OF PREVENTION



BACC will be hosting a Life Line Screening event in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, February 10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Life Line Screenings are a way to remain healthy and active, and go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. Call **1-800-640-6307** or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC to get more info or schedule your screening.

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

For our December meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch together at Candela's on Tuesday, December 20th. We had fifteen members join to celebrate the holidays together, and we all had such a good time! For our **January 17th** meeting, Craig Berkeley will be our guest speaker, addressing the topic of cybersecurity. Join us at **10:30 a.m.** for a great and helpful presentation, followed by a potluck lunch.



FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



2022 has been a year of challenges and blessings for all of us. We have stuck together and helped wherever needed. Looking back, we have gathered for breakfasts, brunches, lunches, dinners, an ice cream social, hot chocolate bar, and Sunday morning coffee breaks. Food might be on the table, but we come because we choose to be a part of this BACC family. Thank you for giving and helping in so many ways. God bless you all, and we look forward to a "full house" in 2023.

— Sandy Logan and Laura Hollis

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas! Looking forward to 2023 with the CWF. We are once again having our **Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** We hope to also have a Silent Auction. If you would like to donate, let me know. More details on this in upcoming articles and bulletin inserts. The entire Church, as well as friends, are invited. The more the merrier!

The Ladies of the Evening met on December 1st. We had dinner at Carrabba's. Sara Reese was hostess for the meeting at BACC and provided goodies. We discussed honoring our parents and what that means. Christmas cards were sent and gift cards for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA were collected. We also decided on our date for the Chili Cook-off. Next month we will meet at **Andee Kirk's home at 7:00 p.m. on January 5th, with dinner at P.F.Chang's at 5:00 p.m.** The Scripture lesson will come from **Exodus 20:13** and **Matthew 5:21-26**.

The Salad Group CWF met on December 19th. Our Salad Dinner started at 6:15 p.m., Zoom at 6:45 p.m., and the in-person meeting at 7:00 p.m. Emily Rush shared information on Ukraine and led the lesson on the Fifth Commandment. We continue to support Safe Harbor and its services for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Christmas cards were sent. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room**. Come early at **6:15 for salad; Zoom will start at 6:45**. I'll be leading the lesson on the Sixth Commandment using the scriptures above.

The Day CWF met on the third Tuesday instead of the second Tuesday. We joined with the Joy Group for a Christmas luncheon at Candela's. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**. Start the New Year with CWF!

— Jamie McDonald



HELPING THE YWCA LITTLE SPROUTS!

Several of the Ladies of the Evening members took on a project for the YWCA in December. They had over 1,000 books donated for preschoolers through early primary grades, and needed to have the book sorted by reading and interest levels for their Little Sprouts preschool programs. Our "Book Ladies" included Barbara Bancroft, Sara Reese, Kitten Whitlow, Carol McGowan, Laura Hollis, Arlene Giffel, and Gina McKenney. We had a great time sorting books and fellowshiping together, followed by dinner at La Cucina afterwards.

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Christian Men's Fellowship continues to meet regularly during the winter months. Our ROMEOS meet **every Wednesday morning at 9:15 at Joe's Inn of Bon Air** for breakfast and fellowship together. On the third Thursday of each month, they meet for **dinner at 5:30**. On **January 19th**, they will meet at Joe's Inn for dinner also, and would love to have you join the fun! If you have questions, would like to RSVP for dinner, or have some ideas on fun activities for the CMF group, please reach out to Tom Snodgrass at tesnodgras@aol.com or 804.370.5279.



GOOD TIMES at the December Christian Men's Fellowship Dinner at Mission Barbecue! From left to right: Doug Collins, Bob McGowan, Bob Lenhart, Jim McKenney, Steve Goff, Greg Shannon, Frank Clark, Tom Snodgrass, Steve Craft, John Gage Collier, and Kris Clark.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Serving Together

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FAMILIES!!

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, BACC helped 10 families, with a total of more than 20 children. Thanks to your generosity, each of these families was blessed with plenty of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for their families. Your support made a difference for these families during a difficult time for them. Below are pictures from Redd Elementary and the delivery of the Thanksgiving food and Christmas gifts.

— Cathy Law



Taluanda Brown, Redd Elementary Community in Schools Staff, with Thanksgiving food for a family of 6.



Barbara Bancroft and Taluanda Brown delivering Christmas presents



BACC friends work on organizing Christmas gifts donated to help our families

COATS FOR CARITAS FRIENDS

BACC donated 49 coats for Caritas! These coats will warm their clients, many of whom walk to work or public transportation. Many thanks to all those who made this such a success, and to Cathy Law and Shea Hollifield for delivering all of the coats for us!



Thank You

THANKS FROM THE BACC STAFF:

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

We are grateful for you! We're grateful to serve this congregation, grateful for your love, and grateful for all the generous donations to this year's staff gift. Your kindness is so appreciated, especially during a time when we know many people's resources are stretched thin. Thank you for all you do and are, and we look forward to another year of shared love, shared faith, and shared ministry. BACC is the best! In gratitude,

Your BACC Staff

THANK YOU
SO MUCH



THANK YOU FROM CCHASM

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!
CCHASM Board of Directors

MANY THANKS FROM OUR FRIEND PAT COSBY...

I just wanted to thank all of those in the group of carolers who came. We appreciated the caroling so much, and really enjoyed the Christmas spirit they shared! It sounded beautiful! I also wanted to thank all the CWF groups that never forget me, from the gift bags to the cards every month~~so thoughtful of all! The Advent devotional book was very interesting to read, with different people's views and stories, many of which were very heartfelt. BACC is the best group that I have been blessed to know in my life. I miss seeing and being a part things, but God has a plan that I am living now. I am blessed with so many folks who befriend me and do his work. I just want all to know that I am thankful for all!

Peace, Love, and Happy Holidays to all!
Pat Cosby



*"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever."
Psalm 86:12*

Thank You



WENDY MOORE



LILLY VER BEEK



CLAIRE DEITCH

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



CLAIRE DEITCH



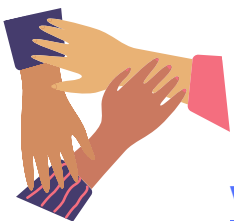
CAROL HERRIN



CASSIE PRICE

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

Church Family Updates



Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please continue to pray for: Craig Sandahl for continued recovery following heart surgery, and his wife Dawn, who has a recent CML leukemia diagnosis; Becky West; Joe and Frances Atherton, Ada Slayton; Cheryl Farrell; Karen Basalay; Myrna Law; Angel Huff and her family; the family of Danny McClennan, friend of John Elliott; Steve Goff; Mary Ann Casdia; Traci Eagle; Beulah Proffitt; Patty Simmons; Gerry Roppe; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover, sister of Laura Hollis; Liz Young; Jim Henderson; Peggye Alcock; Terri Rudolph; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Gene Dunston; Sylvia Montgomery; Jeter Bourne; 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; Martha Southall, neighbor of Greg and Vickie Shannon; 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; Chip Wright; 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