

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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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!

But What About....?

"Questions about the meaning of your life affect your whole person. They are connected not only with the way you think and act; but also, and even more so, with the way you are a human being, and with the bond between you and everything that is."

-- Henri Nouwen, *Letters to Marc About Jesus*

You might remember that back in January, during our "Where is God When..." sermon series, we asked you to share God Sightings as well as big questions that you hoped we would talk about at BACC this year. What a gift to read all of the many ways this church sees God throughout the week -- in nature, in children, in music, in the love of friends and family.

Looking over the questions, I saw a common theme emerge: how do we maintain our identity as faithful followers of Jesus while interacting with a world that is complex, constantly changing, and at times overwhelming?

Beginning June 18th and running through July 9th, we'll begin wrestling together with some of these big, tough questions in a series called "I'm Christian, But What About....?" We'll explore what it means to follow Christ in a world that seems increasingly secularized; in the midst of religious diversity; when forgiveness seems impossible; and when we're not sure if we're doing or believing enough to really call ourselves Christian.

Asking - and wrestling with - big questions is an important way we deepen our faith. It's part of how we help each other write our wholeness stories. A community that is comfortable with asking big questions together is a community that is ready to welcome all to Christ's table and to share with those who are questioning, too. How grateful I am to serve just such a community of faith!

Grace + Peace,

David

2023 BACC Grads

Congratulations to all of our BACC graduates this year, we are so proud of you!

"Do not forget to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

~ Hebrews 13:16



High School Graduates

Parker Landergan is graduating from James River High School where he was a Serf Mentor and a member of the National Honor Society. He enjoyed volleyball, indoor track, tennis, and even homework! Parker will attend Christopher Newport University as a member of the Presidential Leadership Program. He thanks BACC and our Youth Group for contributing so much positivity to his developmental journey.

Bryahna Raine is graduating from Open High School and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. While attending high school, Bryahna also attended J. Sargeant Reynolds and will graduate from the community college with an associate degree in May. She enjoyed rowing and being part of multiple clubs when she was at Open. Her favorites were Fridays! Bryahna will be attending VCU in the fall for two years for her B.S. in Biology and subsequently attend graduate school to further her education in Geosciences and hopefully one day become a Geoscientist. Additionally, she will be traveling as much as possible to explore the world, see captivating art and eat amazing food!

Jordan Etz is graduating from James River High School and will be continuing his football career at Randolph Macon as the kicker and punter.

Brooke Bingenheimer is graduating from James River High School and will attend Virginia Tech in the Fall.

Aspen Fearnley is graduating from James River High School and will be taking classes at Brightpoint in the Fall.

Clayton Lenhart is the grandson of Bob and Janet Lenhart. Clayton is graduating from Amelia High School and will be attending the University of Tampa.

Braxton Mooney is graduating from Gloucester High School.

Nate Parker is graduating from James River High School.



2023 BACC Grads



College Graduates

Allison Landergan graduated from Christopher Newport University with majors in Political Science and American Studies, and minors in Leadership studies, Human Rights and Conflict Resolution. She will be starting a two year Masters program in Public Policy at UVA in August. Since graduation she has been working for the House of Delegates Clerk's Office.

Hannah Moon graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management and a minor in General Business and Entrepreneurship. She has accepted a position as a manager in training with the Marriott in Brooklyn, New York.

JD Etz, son of Wendy and Donnie Etz, graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Andy Baldacci, son of Todd Baldacci, graduated from James Madison University. He will be moving to Nashville to work in communications.

John Gauge Collier, grandson of Steve Craft, graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Supply Chain Management. John will be serving our country in the United States Army. After his initial training at Fort Lee, Virginia, he will be stationed at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam on Oahu, Hawaii.

We hope you will join us in celebrating all of our BACC Graduates on Sunday, June 4th at our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will host a picnic in their honor immediately following service.



Youth Group

Youth Sunday was on April 23rd and the children of BACC did it again! From beginning to end, they lead the worship service with such poise, confidence and commitment. They did a GREAT job and their love for the Lord and this Christian community was felt by all.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



**Year-end celebration at Kings Dominion --
what a FUN day!**



*For your love &
support
of our amazing
BACC Youth Group!*

Youth Group



Our youth will be part of the CCINVA Regional Mission Trip serving in Western, KY this summer. We will be doing tornado recovery work and community development. Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to join us! Those under 16 years of age will have to sign up through the Youth Group or travel with a chaperone. We will be leaving Monday, July 3rd and will stay overnight along the way before beginning our work on Tuesday, July 4th.

The last day to register with the BACC YG is June 11th.

Please fill out the interest form in your Wednesday email from the church or contact the church office.



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN
VA REGIONAL
2023 MISSION TRIP**
Western Kentucky to help with
Tornado recovery efforts

**TUESDAY, JULY 4-
SATURDAY, JULY 8**

Accommodations are provided by
First Christian, Princeton, KY.
16 years and above will be building
Habitat for Humanity Homes for Tornado families,
11 to 15 years old will be doing other tornado recovery
and community development with our chaperones.
We will have devotionals each day and end the week
with an evening at Kentucky Lake.

**The cost is \$100 per person or \$50 per person if
you provide your own transportation.**
Registration is on the Craig Springs Camp Portal

Virginia Camping Ministry | Ccinva

 Use the QRCode to learn a little
bit about our partner and their
work





**Thank you to
everyone who gave
to the 2023 YG
Mission Trip special
offering on April
23rd. We collected
\$1,697.00 which
should cover the
cost for all youth to
participate!**

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 JUNE 1st. 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

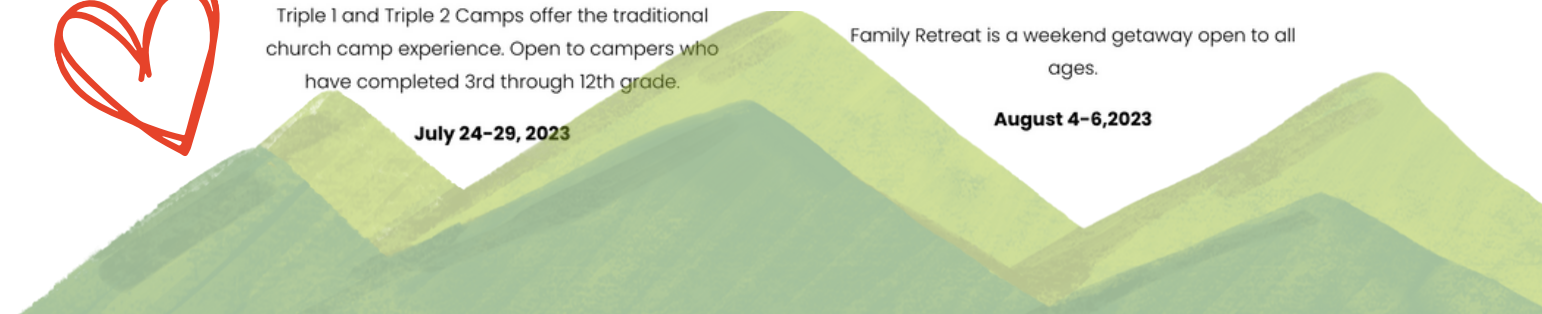
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July 24-29, 2023

Family Retreat

Family Retreat is a weekend getaway open to all ages.

August 4-6, 2023



What's Happening

Mental Health 101 Workshop at BACC

We had a wonderful turn out for our first Mental Health 101 Workshop on Saturday, May 20th. We had 55 people in attendance who learned more about NAMI and their available resources, specific mental health conditions, stigma explained, noticing the signs of suicide and how to talk about Mental Health. Emma Synder of NAMI Central VA gave a great presentation with some very valuable information and resources. Be on the look out for more offerings to come in our Wholeness Ministry.

Also, a very big thank you to all who participated in the Victorian Days Bake Sale. The money we raised allowed us to give a generous \$300 donation to NAMI Central VA.



JOY GROUP

The JOY Group and the CWF Day Group had a year-end lunch celebration at Candela's on May 16th. It's been a wonderful year of learning, touring and eating! We can't wait to start up again in September. If you have ideas for JOY Group gatherings or outings, please let Kendra know!



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.

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.



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 is in your Wednesday email from the church!

*Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it;
I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.
Jeremiah 33:6*

What's Happening

CWS Kit collection

BACC continues to serve as a collection site for Church World Services's kits, including Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Clean-Up Buckets and more. Churches from around central Virginia and even as far as NC bring their kits for CWS to pick up. CWS then distributes the kits to those in need around the world, including in the United States.

While BACC is not doing a church-wide campaign for kits this spring, members can still put together kits on their own for CWS. For example, the CWF Salad Group is putting together 15 period kits, a new kit being collected for CWS. Here is a link for more info about the kits and what is required for each of them. When assembling the kits, it is important to follow the CWS directions. Assemble Kits - CWS Kits. Pick up at BACC for all kits will be **June 20th** at 9:00 a.m.

And some great news — since January 1st, 2023, BACC has sent a total of \$2,545 for Week of Compassion offerings!



Pentecost Special Offering



Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year on Sundays, May 21st and 28th, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision: **to be and to share the Good News, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.**

Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

So, thank you. For participating in the new thing God is still doing — just as in the beginning.



What's Happening

Bancroft send-off

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR JOE & BARBARA BANCROFT

Dear Congregation,

Joe and Barbara Bancroft will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia in July. As their flock leader, I am planning a farewell luncheon for them after the worship service on Sunday, June 25, 2023, to be hosted by my flock.

Since Joe and Barbara have touched and blessed the lives of so many at BACC, we are extending the invitation to this flock gathering to ALL members of the congregation.

The luncheon will be pot-luck. If you would like to contribute, please use the Sign-up Genius link provided below to let us know how you would like to help.

[FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR JOE & BARBARA –SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK](#)

We hope you can join us to say farewell to Joe and Barbara and to celebrate all the contributions they have made to BACC, the Richmond community and the Disciples of Christ ministry.

If you cannot attend, but would like to say farewell to Joe and Barbara, the church office will collect farewell cards to deliver to them at the luncheon. We will also provide a table at the luncheon where you can leave your farewell cards.

We look forward to seeing you all at the luncheon on June 25!

God bless you!

Bud Deihl, Elder
Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
Acts 2:42*

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had our final meetings of the 2022-2023 CWF year in May. We start up again in September 2023. The Ladies of the Evening ate at Angelo's for dinner on May 4th and then met at the Church for the meeting. The lesson was on the Tenth Commandment, "Thou shall not covet." A **BBQ is planned for June 1st at Carol McGowan's house**. Next year most of the group will be moving to the Day Group on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Sept.10, 2023 after the 11:00 a.m. Service, we'll be having an organizational meeting for a new night CWF. We would like to reach out to those women who do not currently participate in CWF.

The Day Group met with the Joy Group on May 16, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Candela's on Robious Road. We had a great turn out and everyone had a good time.

The Salad group met on Monday, May 22nd. Cathy led our last lesson on the Ten Commandments. Instead of a salad we had a Ukrainian potluck. Everything was delicious. The Salad group is changing their meeting to the second Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room starting in September.

We plan to have a Chili-cook-off in February 2024. More info on that later. We will be having a "Work of our Hands" silent auction at the cook-off. Start thinking about what you might like to make for the auction. Have a great summer and see you in September.

~ Jamie McDonald

What CWF Means to Me

Having the love and support from the women in my CWF Group has given me strength - physically, emotionally, and mentally - to continue on to be a better person.

They often understand my life experiences because they have had similar ones of their own.

Learning from their life stories that they share with me is a great comfort.

They celebrate with me in my joys and mourn with me in my times of grief and sorrow.

They are right there for me when I am sick or struggling with a challenging issue in my life.

I am with people who relate to me. We support, encourage, and empathize with one another as we all strive to serve God and live out the scriptures we study.

These women are my dearest friends who love me unconditionally, sincerely care about me, and do not judge me.

They are my sisters because we truly are a family.

~ Jean Turlington



Thank You

Dear Friends of LTS at Bon Air Christian Church,
The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$1400.

Sincerely yours,
Mark V. Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement

PS: The seminary community is grateful for Bon Air Christian Church's offering and belief in this historic seminary.



Dear Bon Air Church Friends,
How can one say a simple thank you for years of friendship, visits, cards, and love. Mom lived a very special life and your thoughtfulness over the years played a major part. This past week has been very difficult but the support and love from Mom's church family truly made each step somewhat easier. The visits, funeral service, and the luncheon, were all exceptionally well done, and all gave the family a sense of calm in the storm. I am sure we will be visiting Bon Air in the future, especially since Sarah has announced on many occasions that she is a member of two churches! It can never be enough in any sense of the word but thank you for all you did to make Mom's life a little more meaningful. From all the family and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Blessings,
Gaye Bourne Blevins



To All of You,
For everything you've done ... for being the special people that you are...thank you so much. You all are so dear to nourish our bodies and souls. BACC meant the world to mom.
Blessings,
The Bourne Family

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the University of Lynchburg and your contribution of \$200.00 to the Lynchburg Fund.

Contributions to the Lynchburg Fund are critical to our success and your gifts support our entire University community—a community of innovation and collaboration, leadership, and inclusive excellence. Donors like you enable us to capitalize on unexpected opportunities and address immediate needs, award student scholarships, provide essential resources to our faculty and staff, and much more.

We are very grateful for your friendship and generosity. Thank you!

Sincerely,

J. Michael Bonnette, Ph.D.

Vice President for Advancement



Dear Bon Air Christian Church staff,

Your church members who are in their 60s & 70s and who grew up in greater Bon Air between 1950 and 1970 would enjoy attending gatherings of the Old Bon Air Kids to reconnect with old acquaintances, hear interesting & entertaining stories, and make new friends. Would you please share this information.

The next gathering of "Old Bon Air Kids" will be on Sat., June 10th in St. Michael's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (2040 McRae Road) from 10AM to noon. Richmond historian, author & local realtor Kitty Snow is our featured speaker.

Respectfully,

Paul Mitchell, Co-Organizer of the Old Bon Air Kids

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"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

Church Family Updates

WELCOME TO BACC!

Welcome Lisa McColm

Lisa was born in Florence, CO and moved to Michigan when she was 12 years old. She left MI at age 19 when she joined the US Navy. She served as a Personnel Specialist from 1975-1998 and retired as Chief Personnel Specialist in Sept. 1998. She first came to Richmond, VA in 1986 when she was serving on a recruiting day. She came back to call Richmond "home" when she retired.

Lisa has a daughter, Kristen, who lives in North Chesterfield and a granddaughter who is 8 1/2 years old, named Maisie. She also has a havanese dog named Desi. Lisa loves to garden, read, travel, walk, dance and be with family & friends. She is looking forward to being involved in the CWF & JOY Groups. Please reach out and say HI to Lisa when you can!

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Blessed! 

It was a wonderful and special Mother's Day when David blessed and dedicated Berkley Olive Clark! She was all smiles for the congregation and we could not be happier for Maggie, Karson and big brother, Bode. BACC loves you, Berkley!

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: The Alcock and Teachey families on the passing of Peggye. A celebration of Peggye's life will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Bon Air Christian Church; Frances, Rob and Emily Atherton upon Joe's passing. A celebration of Joe's life will be held on July 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the gazebo at Gwynn's Island Baptist Church; Terri Rudolph and Bill Heath upon the passing of Terri's husband, Jeff; Gerry Roppé who is dealing with health issues; Steve Goff who is home, recovering from back surgery; Peggy Gross; Steve Kline who is recovering from double pneumonia; Jackie Nilles who is recovering from covid; all those traveling this summer.

Please continue to pray for: Tim Skeens; Todd and Dana Hatton; Taylor Brooks; Andy Trezza and family; Josie Schmidt; Maddie Rucker; the family of Jeter Bourne; Kathy Morton's nephew, Sean; Bill Heath; Steve Kline; 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; Mary Garrison; Traci Eagle; Bob Penley; 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; Alex Kazas, Cassie Price's stepdaughter; Becky West; Ada Slayton; Angel Huff and her family; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Liz Young; 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; Jessica and Carter Pope, and Spencer; Betty Jean and Diana Barber; Dylan Southall.



*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

John 15:7