

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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#### VISIT US:

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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

##### Summer Schedule will begin

**May 27 and 28; see  
Newsletter for details**

**All are welcome!**

**"When we do something new,  
let's talk about what we'll do!"  
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood**

In the Finnegan-Hosey household, we are currently big fans of *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*. The animated show is based on the classic work of the Reverend Fred Rogers, better known, of course, as Mister Rogers. The "When We Do Something New" song, a staple of the show, is sung whenever the characters are nervous or excited about a new experience. The song teaches children - not to mention us anxious adults! - that it's ok to share your nerves, and that talking through a new thing helps make "new" seem less unnerving.

This summer, we are going to try a few new things at Bon Air Christian Church - specifically, a **new summer worship schedule, with a combined Sunday service at 10 a.m. and our Saturday casual service at 5 p.m.** The first Saturday/Sunday of this new schedule will be **May 27/28**, and **September 2/3** will be the last weekend for it before we return to our regular schedule in the fall. Our Fellowship Sunday School class will continue to meet over the summer, at 9am. We're excited about this experiment - and it's just that, an experiment that we can try out, see how it goes, and then talk about it!

A different summer schedule isn't the only new experience we're talking about this month, though. On Pentecost Sunday (May 28th), we remember the new beginning of the earliest church. In the words of a video from our wider church's New Church Ministry, "In the beginning, every church was new. God was doing a new thing, creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." Pentecost isn't just a remembrance of something that happened a long time ago; it's a reminder that the Holy Spirit is still among us, calling us to share God's love in ever-new ways.

I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit continues to blow fresh winds of inspiration and growth here at Bon Air Christian Church. Keep an eye out this month for all of ways the Spirit is calling us into mission and ministry. And when that call leads us to consider doing something new, well, let's talk about what we'll do.

Grace + Peace,

*David*



# Easter 2023

It was a meaningful and special Easter season at BACC.

We began with our **Maundy Thursday** worship service where we remembered the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

On **Good Friday** we welcomed nine Bon Air churches, ministers and congregations, for an ecumenical "Last Seven Words" worship service. We had over 80 in attendance.

Then, we finally celebrated the resurrection at our Saturday and three **Easter morning** worship services and a community egg hunt. It was a beautiful time to remember our risen Savior!

*Good Friday*



*Happy Easter*





# Easter Blessings

Congratulations to the children who were blessed and dedicated on Easter morning.

*"May you grow in the knowledge of God, whose name is Love and whose ways lead to more and more life."*

(excerpt from the blessing written by Rev. Leigh Finnegan-Hosey)

YOU  
ARE  
LOVED



Charlotte "Charlie" Marling



Colton Clark



Laila Finnegan-Hosey



Perri Robinson



# Easter Blessings



## *Easter Special Offering*

Thank you to all who gave to the Easter Special Offering this year. This offering supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church, and supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

This year BACC collected and will send \$2,243.00

*"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen."*

*Acts 10:39-40*



*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Galatians 6:2*



# 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

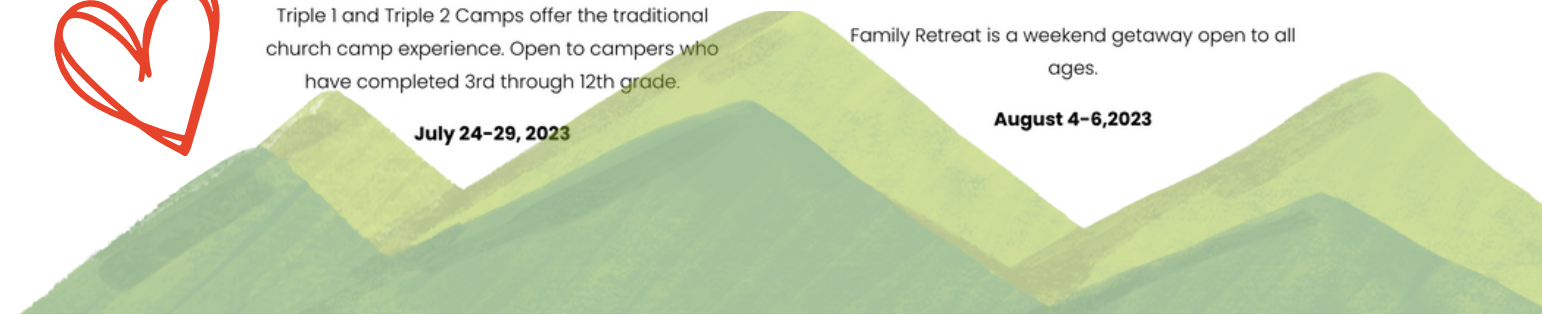
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**July 24-29, 2023**

### Family Retreat

Family Retreat is a weekend getaway open to all ages.

**August 4-6, 2023**





# What's Happening

## 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



We hope you can join us on May 20th for **Mental Health 101**. All are welcome! This is part of our on-going mission focus on Wholeness Ministry – mind, body and spirit.

*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!

## Pentecost

The name comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter.

This is the day we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles.

***Pentecost is May 28th - Wear red to church to celebrate Pentecost.***

***Pentecost Special Offering will be May 21st & May 28th.***



*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.*



# 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.***



## JOY GROUP

Thank you to stained glass artist, Joyce Libron, for coming to present to the JOY Group on April 18th. It was wonderful to see how beautiful pieces come together —what a labor of love!



**Joyce P. Libron**  
**Stained Glass Artist**  
**glassjoy4u@aol.com**  
**804-320-0939**

*The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.*  
*Proverbs 18:15*



# What's Happening

## 2023 Trialogue

### Goals

- Build better relationships between the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities based in the South side area.
- Build trust and familiarities through regular meetings and sharing food.
- To start a public conversation among the three traditions about theology, scripture and revelation.

General Theme: "Tragedies & Blessings of Human Life"

1st session: Hosted by the Islamic Center of VA, **May 4th, 2023**

2nd session: at St. Edward Catholic Church, **May 11, 2023**

3rd session: at OR AMI, **May 18, 2023**

Gathering and refreshments **begin at 6:15 p.m.**, and the evenings wrap up by 8:00 p.m.

## Victorian Days

Our church will host Victorian Days again this year. It will be held on **Saturday, May 13th**. Evangelism will host the Bake Sale table and all proceeds will help pay for our Mental Health 101 Program that will take place on **Saturday, May 20th**. If you can help with the Bake Sale, please contact Sandy Collins. If you would like to help welcome people to BACC and give tours of the building, please contact the church office.

## Sunday School Appreciation & Youth Group Year-End Celebration

We hope you will join us for recognition and appreciation of a great year of learning & fellowship! We will thank our Sunday School teachers at the late service on Sunday, **May 21st**. This will wrap up the Sunday School classes as we take a break during the summer, with the exception of the Fellowship Class that will still meet! *(The Fellowship Class is open to all ages and will meet at 9:00 a.m. during our summer worship schedule – this meeting time starts Sunday, May 28th.)*

Youth Group will also have their year-end celebration in May -- *more details to come!*



# What's Happening

## Graduate Recognition & Picnic

We will recognize our 2023 BACC Graduates at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service on **June 4th**. We will also have an outdoor picnic in their honor. We hope you can join us in this fun celebration!

### 2023 Grads -- we need your info!

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](mailto: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.



## 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!*





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Last month, The Ladies of the Evening ate at Two Compadres and then met at the Church for the meeting. Sara led the lesson. Greeting cards were signed and sent. Gift cards for the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA were collected. The group voted to move to the daytime. Night driving is becoming a problem for many. Some have opted to continue in the evening. We had our spring beach trip to the Outer Banks in mid-April. The May meeting will be on **Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** Dinner will be at Angelo's Italian in Midlothian. The lesson will come from Ex. 20:17-21; 1 Kings 21:1-16; and Luke 12:13-15.

The Day Group met on April 11th. Brenda led the lesson. We continue to collect canned goods for the Food Pantry. Our next meeting will be a joint luncheon with the Joy Group on **May 16, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.** Lunch will be at Candela's on Robious Road. Plan to join us.

The Salad group met on April 17th. We collected toiletries for Safe Harbor. Kris talked about the foods of Ukraine. Sara led the lesson. Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 22nd** 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 10th Commandment. We will be having an Ukrainian potluck.

~ Jamie

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF is a group of BACC men and their friends who gather in fellowship throughout the year. For May, two events are planned, ROMEO Breakfast and Men's Gathering. More may be added as the men identify activities they would like to share with their brothers. Keep a watch on the Sunday church bulletin for updates. Contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279 or TESNODGRAS@AOL.COM) if you have ideas for Christian Men's activities through the rest of the warmer months.

ROMEOs meets **every Wednesday morning at 9:15 AM, Joe's Inn – Bon Air**. We carry on the tradition of BACC men who started the group fellowship more than 25 years ago. We have a table on the left side of the restaurant, near the back on the lower level. Dress is casual. No reservation required; just show up.

The Joe's Inn 'Senior Breakfast' is delicious and inexpensive. From four to seven men normally attend the breakfast. Some charter members of the group say the original ROMEO acronym identified them as 'Retired Old Men Eating Out'. This new generation could more aptly be described as 'Reliable One-of-a-Kind Men Enjoying Ourselves'.

The once-a-month Mens Gathering is scheduled for **May 18th at 5:30 PM**. Location is under discussion and will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and by email to the men's group participants. The Men's Gathering is held at a different restaurant each month on the third Thursday of the month.

If you would like to receive emails on CMF events or have a new email address, contact Tom at the number/email above.



'On April 20th, sixteen men gathered at Four Seasons Restaurant in VA for a hearty meal and lively discussions across the table.



# Thank You

Dear Pastor David and friends at Bon Air Christian Church,

It is a blessing to once again celebrate with you the generosity of Bon Air Christian Church. Your gifts in 2022 puts you in the top 100 donor congregations. What a powerful demonstration of your commitment to those in need locally and globally.

It is you -- the people in the pews -- who are answering Christ's call and are the compassionate presence for those facing the devastation of war, weather, and natural disasters. You have joined our partners and are providing the means for recovery, comfort, and hope.

The powerful pathways of your gifts are well documented on the Week of Compassion website.

You are healing our world. Well done!

**With grateful blessings,**

**Judi Frost, Board Member, Week of Compassion**



Dear Bon Air Christian Church Christian Women's Fellowship Group,

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 \$185.00, and for your belief in our mission to promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Y'all are the best! Happy Spring!

**All the best,**

**Margaret Dodson-Cordrey, Advancement and Stewardship Manager, Richmond YWCA**



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**



# Thank You



A VERY big **Thank You** to Gina McKenney for her years of service at BACC. Gina has been the welcoming and smiling face of BACC for three and a half years as Church Secretary and always brightens anyone's day who comes in contact with her. We sure are going to miss her in the church office! Gina is focusing on her recovery and health and we wish her nothing but the very best. We thank her for her dedication, commitment, fun stories and positive attitude ... we are all better for it!

Please continue to pray for Gina's full recovery and be sure to thank her for all of her service to BACC. Gina, we are so glad to share with you in membership of this beautiful community of faith!

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 15:16*



Dear BACC Friends,

My appreciation for your love & support during Mother's illness and passing is beyond words. Your cards, phone calls and words of encouragement lifted and comforted me these past few months.

Thank you also for the generous gifts of food and your presence at Myrna's memorial service. When mother moved to Richmond 3 1/2 years ago, she feared losing contact with "church." Zoom church meant she could attend church again, and she quickly felt connected to BACC, and she was confident in transferring her membership. You were a blessing for her, and remain one for me.

Thank you, thank you.

**Peace,  
Cathy Law**



Dear BACC,

We just wanted to thank all of you for all of your support, generosity, and gifts to us and Laila. We are constantly amazed by your love and generosity. If we haven't gotten a personal "Thank You" letter to you, just know we are so grateful! Every night when we say our prayers with Laila, we thank God for Bon Air Christian Church - or as Laila calls it, "Church for All!"

In gratitude,

**David, Leigh, and Laila (and Penny Lane)**

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.  
Philippians 2:4*



# Church Family Updates

## WELCOME, NEW BACC MEMBERS!

### Jeff & Angie Branyon

We welcome Angie and Jeff Branyon to our church family. Angie grew up here in Richmond. Jeff was raised in Louisville, Kentucky, until age 11 when his family moved to Richmond. Over the years they have lived in Hawaii and Georgia. Angie has a niece who she raised and considers as her daughter. Angie and Jeff moved back to Richmond last year to be near their daughter and 13 year old granddaughter. Angie has a Bachelor's degree in English from Virginia Tech. She also has a Master's degree in Library Science from Radford University and a PhD in Library Science from Old Dominion University. Jeff has a Bachelor's degree in Finance and a MBA from Virginia Tech. Angie currently is a professor at Old Dominion University, but is retiring at the end of the summer. She then will be teaching Master's level Library Science courses as an Adjunct Professor at the University of West Georgia starting in the fall. Jeff is employed at Scion Health as Manager of Medicare Reimbursement. They have 3 cats. They both enjoy traveling. Angie is an avid reader and Jeff is a "baseball geek" and likes hiking.

Angie & Jeff Branyon

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Email: jrbranyon@aol.com

### Jane Finnegan

We welcome Jane Finnegan to our church family. She is the mother of Leigh Finnegan-Hosey and, upon retiring last year, moved here from Florida to live with Leigh, David, and Laila. Jane was born in Illinois, but since her dad was in the Air Force, the family moved around a lot. She is the oldest of 7 children and her mom and dad now reside in Missouri. Jane attended Northeast Missouri State University. She was a Flight Attendant for Eastern Airlines for 15 years and then taught the Childhood Education Program at the Montessori School in Florida for 32 years. She enjoys playing the guitar and piano, singing, reading, and spending lots of time with Laila.

Jane Finnegan

1325 N. 26th Street, Richmond, VA 23223

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Email: janefinnegan1053@gmail.com

### Loraine Calzola

We welcome Loraine Calzola to our church family. She and Mary Ann Casdia are cousins. Loraine moved to Richmond from Long Island, New York 4 months ago. She has a daughter who lives in Mount Kisco, New York and a brother who lives in Long Island, New York.

She is a retired bookkeeper and has an Associate degree in Pre Education from St. John's University.

Loraine Calzola

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# Church Family Updates

## WELCOME, NEW BACC MEMBERS!

*We are so happy to have you!*

### **Georgina (Gina) Waterman**

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### **Nancy White**

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N. Chesterfield, VA 23235  
804-955-0730

## WELCOME, BACC BABIES!

*You are such a blessing ...*

Blessings and congratulations to Gail and Harold Campbell upon the birth of their first grandchild, Roger Stephen Bethel, who was born on March 4th. Proud parents are Sarah and Anna Bethel.



Congratulations to Kristin and Walter Culbertson on the birth of their son, Rhys Munroe Culbertson, who was born on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Mom and baby are doing great. Proud grandparents are Bob and Becky Skowron.



*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
Romans 15:7*



# Church Family Updates

## *Our Prayers...*

**Please pray for:** The family of Jeter Bourne upon her passing onto Glory; Steve Goff who will have back surgery on May 18th; Leigh Finnegan-Hosey who has upcoming oral surgery; the families of the victims, students and community of JMU; the Flannery family upon the passing of Vickie's friend, Elizabeth; Joan Mielke's sister in law, Lynn, who is recovering from hip surgery; Karson and Maggie's friends, Jeff and Kate, upon the birth of their son.

**Please continue to pray for:** The Booth and Hammitt families and friends; Nancy White; Peggie Alcock; Mary Ann Casdia; Bill Heath; Steve Kline; Gina McKenney; 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; Janet Lenhart's nephew, Robert; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Nancy White's friend, David Winn; Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie; Alice Murray's friend, Robin T.; Jack and Alois Ellis; 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; 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.



*You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows.*

*John 22:27*