

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## WORSHIP WITH US!

### **BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9/10:**

#### **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. Adult and Youth  
Sunday School

#### **Prayer and Fellowship:**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**All are welcome!**

## Write the Vision, Make it Plain

*"Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it." - Habakkuk 2:2*

What is our vision? When we look ahead to the future, what do we see? What is God calling us to next? Where might our sacred imaginations take us?

I hope you've been catching some glimpses of our shared vision recently - of Bon Air Christian Church as a center for wholeness ministries in our community; of a church and neighborhood supporting each other in telling our wholeness stories and moving toward mental, physical, and spiritual wellness; of a multi-generational congregation sharing our stories of God's love with each other and with the world.

Maybe you have questions about where we are headed together, or have ideas about how our resources might help someone write their wholeness story. Perhaps you are wondering what the proposed Associate Minister position would look like, and what that means for our staffing arrangement. If so, I hope you'll join me after any of our three services on October 14th and 15th for a brief "town hall" style meeting. This isn't our official annual congregational meeting (that will take place on November 5th). There won't be any votes or official business. This is just a chance for us to talk about our direction, our mission focus, and our ministries - so that together, we can keep writing a vision for our church, and making it plain.

I am grateful to be in ministry with you; I am praying for you; and I hope to see you soon!

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# Stewardship

The Holy Spirit is up to exciting goodness here at Bon Air Christian Church!

Our Stewardship theme for this year is “There’s More to Our Story.” We have such wonderful stories to tell as we seek to help people write their own “wholeness stories.” We want to continue to grow our ministries of mental wellness, continue to invite new people to join us in our mission, and continue to offer opportunities for our children and youth to grow in God’s love. And we want to celebrate all of our exciting growth while making sure that none of our faithful, longtime members feel left behind.

To support all these commitments, the board has approved a staff proposal that includes calling a full-time Associate Minister for Intergenerational Ministries, to build on our strength as a multigenerational congregation. With this new position, staffing responsibilities will be restructured, so that rather than having a part-time Secretary and part-time Director of Program Ministries, our current part-time position will evolve to meet the communications, technology, and administrative needs that we have identified over this past year. ***If you have questions about this new staffing arrangement, we hope you’ll join us for a “town hall” style meeting after any of our three worship services on October 14th & 15th.*** This isn’t our annual congregational meeting - that will take place on November 5th - and there won’t be any votes or official business conducted. It’s just an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The Board approved proposed 2024 budget has been mailed to all congregants and is available at the church office. The budget includes money for the new Associate Minister position. You’ll also see an increase in our local and global outreach budgets, as we continue to share our blessings with our neighbors near and far. And finally, you’ll see us making some other small changes to align our spending with our mission. Overall, these changes result in a proposed budget that is an increase over our 2023 budget, but is actually lower than our 2022 and 2021 budgets, both years in which we ended the year with a budget surplus because of this congregation’s faithful stewardship of resources.

In that same mailing, there was a pledge card and a time and talent card. We’d ask that you prayerfully consider in what ways you are willing to help this church share the story in the coming year – through prayer, presence, financial support, talents, and spreading the word. We’d ask that you return your pledge to church by October 15th, either by mail, in-person, or by emailing our Financial Secretaries Diane and Frank Clark at [dianewclark@hotmail.com](mailto:dianewclark@hotmail.com). We are grateful for the generosity of this congregation!

Here at Bon Air Christian Church, we know there is so much more to our story. How is God calling you to be a part of it?

**Here is a reminder of the steps we take in our Stewardship process:**

- 1. Stewardship committee gathers information and creates a proposed budget**
- 2. Proposed budget submitted to board in September for consideration**
- 3. Stewardship campaign runs in September / October**
- 4. Pledge cards & Time and Talent forms filled out and returned to the church by OCTOBER 15th**
- 5. Stewardship committee reviews and drafts a final budget for October board vote**
- 6. Congregation votes on the budget at the Annual meeting on November 5th**

**All church members are welcome at board meetings.**

**Voting members of the board are elders, deacons and program committee chairs.**



# Youth Group

We had 22 youth and 4 adults brave the Fall Lock-in on Saturday, September 16th. It was a wonderful day that started with the Community FUN Day. The youth attended the Saturday casual worship service and then we headed to the BreakOut Room for a fun-filled escape room adventure. Two of the four rooms “broke out” and the other two were beat by the clock. We then headed back to the church for dinner, games, fun and a *little* sleep. It was great to have the church buzzing with kids again to kick-off another year of youth group and fellowship. BACC truly has the best kids around!



WE BROKE OUT!





# Community Fun Day

It was a beautiful day to welcome our friends and neighbors to our first BACC Community Fun Day! We had a good turn out and the weather was perfect! Thanks to all who made the event run smoothly, and a special shout out to our musicians and tech set-up team. The Cheesageddon food truck and JiJi's frozen custard were big hits as was the bounce house. We can't wait to do it again!



In Romans 15:7 Paul writes,  
“Welcome one another, therefore,  
just as Christ has welcomed you, for  
the glory of God.”



# What's Happening

## **Reconciliation Special Offering 2023:** **October 1st & October 8th**



For over 40 years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has had a visible ministry to address racism in society. The Reconciliation offering supports those ministries. In Virginia, the offering has supported Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation workshops throughout the region for ministers and laypersons.

The offering will be received Oct. 1 and Oct. 8. Thank you for adding a little extra to your offering for this special work of the church!



RECONCILIATION  
MINISTRY



## **Craig Springs Work Weekend:**

**October 6th - 9th**

**(meals available from Friday dinner to Monday breakfast)**

While the Spring might be a far more exciting time to come to Craig Springs and help “open” the camp, Fall is just as important. The better we leave everything in the Fall the better it will weather the Winter and the easier it will be to open in the Spring. In addition to the general clean-up and putting things “to bed”, there are of course other tasks that can happen any time a willing soul or skilled worker is available. There will be a list of projects on the ToDo list, some will NEED to be completed this Fall, others will flow into the Spring list if not completed. You can find more detailed information about the work here:

<https://www.ccinva.org/craig-springs-camp>

This is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to check out how camp operates before they send their kids. If you are interested in attending, please email Ron Schwarz at [admin@craigsprings.org](mailto:admin@craigsprings.org)

If you have questions, please reach out to Kitten Whitlow, Sarah Trezza or Kendra Ver Beek.

## **Opportunity to Serve**



BACC has supported the work of CCHASM (Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) for many years, including collecting food for Thanksgiving. **November 13th-18th**, CCHASM needs volunteers to sort and organize donations for Thanksgiving meals. Volunteers can work a couple hours or all day, in a variety of tasks, most involving lifting, sorting/packing and moving non-perishable foods in their warehouse in Chester. The CCHASM website has more information, and volunteers are asked to register in advance. [www.cchasm.org/volunteer](http://www.cchasm.org/volunteer)  
If you have questions, please contact Diane Clark or Cathy Law.



# What's Happening



**Together Again!**  
**Saturday, October 14th**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Bud Deihl and Chance Bell invite you to join them for “The Six-Foot Journey,” a continuation of the live concert and feast we have shared with the community for over 21 years.

This is one of the largest events our church holds and continues to draw countless people from the public to Bon Air Christian Church.

Greeting and seating such a large crowd is challenging. Many of you have helped Susan in the kitchen and in setting up food for the feast, which follows the concert, and we are asking for that help again. One of the most important tasks is cleanup after the concert and packing dishes, loading the truck, etc.

Please contact Bud Deihl if you can help. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present this concert gift to the church community and to the public.

We look forward to seeing you, greeting new friends, making music and eating good food with everyone!

Bud ([bud.deihl@gmail.com](mailto:bud.deihl@gmail.com) / 804-370-9115)



**Sunday, October 22nd**

**1pm gathering / 1:30 p.m. walk begins.**

**Bon Air Presbyterian Church** will be the host church (*this is a change*).

We will begin and end our walk in their parking lot at 9201 W Huguenot Rd.

This will be a 3-mile route. You can register to walk at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/teams?event=midlothianva>

Join the “Bon Air Christian Church team” and help us end hunger one step at a time!



# What's Happening

Volunteers  
needed

Oct  
28

5:30 -  
7:00pm

Trunk  
or  
Treat

TONS-O-FUN

**Saturday, October 28th**

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Food, Candy, Games ~ all are welcome!**

One of the best nights of the year at BACC is coming ... Trunk or Treat! This is always a great event that welcomes LOTS of friends, families and neighbors from the area.

Our goal is to have 24 trunks so PLEASE SIGN UP! Call the church office or email Kendra if you want to decorate a trunk!

We will also need volunteers to help with parking, games, face painting, etc ... We will be collecting candy in the church office starting early October.

If you have any questions at all, please reach out. We hope to see you there!



# Fun & Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will have three CWF groups for the 2023-2024 season. Our newest group is the CWF Night Group and they will be meeting on the **first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm**. The meetings will be at Andee Kirk's home: 906 Buford Oaks Circle, N. Chesterfield, 23235. Andee lives close to BACC. They will be using the book, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Mattered* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman for their study material. Their next meeting will be **October 5th**. Please read Chapters One, Two and Three for the first meeting and be ready to discuss Chapter 3 -Eve.

The Salad Group has moved their meetings to the **second Thursday of the month** in the multi-purpose room. Come around 6:15 pm with something for the salad. The meeting (both in person and on Zoom) will start at 7:00 pm. Next meeting's on **Oct. 12th**. *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker will be the lesson material.

The Day CWF is our third group and will be meeting on the **second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am** in the multi-purpose room. Brenda Kidd is our lesson leader. The September tea was postponed to October. So join us on **September 10th** for tea. We continue to support the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA with gift cards for the ladies to use. Kroger, Target, Walmart, Gas and Food Lion work best. And please bring plastic bags (not torn) for use by Bainbridge Center to distribute food. You may leave these in the Bainbridge Center food collection box in hall by office door or give to Brenda Kidd. After the September meeting, those who wanted went to Firebird's for lunch. With the exception of the October tea, the Day group will not be serving refreshments but instead will be going out to lunch following the meeting. September outings also included a play at Swift Creek Playhouse followed by dinner at Howlett's Tavern. We'll be going to the beach in October.

I hope all of the women at BACC will join us for Christian Women's Fellowship. And don't forget the **Chili Cook-off and the Work of our Hands Silent Auction on Saturday, February 17th, 2024**.  
Jamie McDonald

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The once-a-month Mens Gathering Dinner is scheduled for **October 19th at 5:30 PM**. Location is Capital Ale House, 13831 Village Place Drive, Midlothian, VA 23114. The Men's Gathering is held at a different restaurant each month on the third Thursday of the month. Usual attendance is 7 - 16 hungry men.

The Capital Ale House is celebrating OCTOBERFEST this month, so expect schnitzel and wurst to be offered as specials.



*Men's Gathering at Extra Billy's Brewery on 9-21-2023.*



# Fun & Fellowship

## JOY GROUP

We kicked off our JOY Group for the year on September 21st with Emma Snyder from NAMI coming to speak with the group about Mental Health for Seniors. We had 18 people attend, and it was a very informative presentation.

Just as children are not small adults, elderly people are not merely older adults. They have unique healthcare needs. "Mental Health 101 for Seniors" is a program devoted to giving seniors an opportunity to learn about mental illnesses specific to their age through an informative presentation. The goal of this program is to create a multi-generation of culturally diverse individuals who can help address the stigma associated with mental illness through education, support and advocacy.

Copies of the hand-outs from the presentation are available in the church office and below are some resources that Emma shared with the group.



- **Crisis Text Line** ([crisistextline.org](http://crisistextline.org) / text 741-741
- **RBHA** ([rbha.org/services/crisis-response](http://rbha.org/services/crisis-response)) / call (804) 819-4100
- **911** (Emergency Services) or **988** (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)
- **Mental Health America** ([mhanational.org](http://mhanational.org)) & MHA VA ([mhav.org](http://mhav.org))
- **National Institute of Mental Health** ([nimh.nih.gov](http://nimh.nih.gov))
- **Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration** ([samasha.gov](http://samasha.gov))
- **Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services** ([dbhds.virginia.gov](http://dbhds.virginia.gov))
- **Senior Connections** ([seniroconnections-va.org](http://seniroconnections-va.org))

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*

*James 3:13*



# Week of the Ministry

## October 5th - 11th

Week of Ministry was created by Pension Fund to provide resources for congregations and ministry workers to:

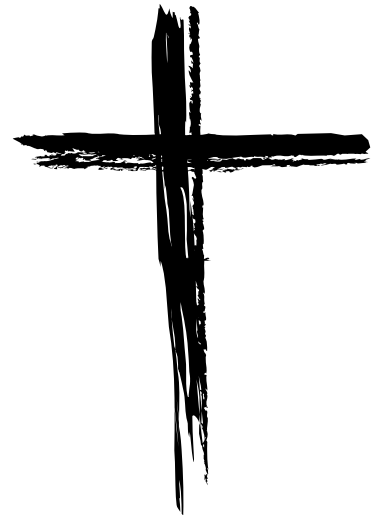
- Show appreciation for those in ministry.
- Encourage congregations to celebrate their pastor.
- Foster relationships among ministry peers.
- Support and encourage those who might be interested in a ministry career in the future.

We have had the best of the best here at Bon Air Christian Church and we would like to honor and celebrate all those called to ministry. We will recognize these leaders at the late worship service on October 15th.

Please be sure to reach out and say “thank you” for the important work all of these ministers do to lead us and love us all!

*David Finnegan-Hosey  
Cynthia Stratton*

*Clay Boyd  
Bill Spangler-Dunning  
Amy Spangler-Dunning  
Dan Griggs  
Leigh Finnegan-Hosey  
William Seay  
Steve Scott*



*“And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers.”*

# Thank You

Dear friends,

I am so thankful to have such wonderful friends at BACC. Michael and I appreciate the meals, flowers, visits, cards, calls, emails and texts. So many prayers and well-wishes came our way. Our special thanks to David for coming to the surgery center at 6:00 a.m. before my knee surgery for a visit and prayer. I still have weeks of PT so keep those prayers coming.

Sincerely,  
Kitten and Michael



Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can say. I truly appreciate all the wonderful cards I have received. The love and prayers have really made me feel loved by all. Thanks so much!

Stephen Kline



Many thanks to all who volunteer to help make worship service run smoothly each and every week. We appreciate you!

There are always opportunities to serve and everyone is welcome. Please check your Wednesday emails for the sign up genius or call the church office.



*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

*James 1:17*





# Church Family Updates

## **WELCOME, Tery Sarver!**

We welcome Tery Sarver to our church family. She is originally from Long Island, New York and now has lived in Virginia for 12 years. She and her husband moved down here mostly because of their children moving here. Her children and grandchildren also share her home. Her husband of 42 years passed away in March of 2022. She is retired from a social work position in Suffolk County, New York. Her hobbies are reading, theater, and writing poems that can be set to music for one's special occasion. She did not know much about the Disciples of Christ denomination until last year and feels this is where she belongs. Tery is seeking the Lord as to what He would have her do with the rest of her time here. She is delighted to be part of Bon Air Christian Church!

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9917 W. Providence Road  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236

Cell: 804-300-0796  
Email: [tlorese@gmail.com](mailto:tlorese@gmail.com)

## **WELCOME, Stuart Smith!**

We welcome Stuart Smith to our church family. She was raised in Southwest Virginia in the Roanoke area. She moved to Richmond in 1968. She has a son who lives in Northern Virginia and a brother who lives in Lynchburg. She graduated from Phillips Business School in Lynchburg and is a retired Paralegal from a large firm in Richmond. She has 2 dogs and 1 cat. Her hobbies are playing bridge and mah jongg and working fibers like quilting, weaving, crocheting, sewing, punch needle, etc. Stuart started watching BACC services via Zoom for 2 years during Covid and now will be attending in person. She was very grateful to have that option in being part of our worship. We are delighted to have Stuart join our BACC family!

Address:  
7360 Norwood Pond Place  
Midlothian, VA 23112

Cell: 434-390-8770  
Email: [stuvag@gmail.com](mailto:stuvag@gmail.com)

*So we, though many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually members one of another.  
Romans 12:5*

# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** All those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses, and their families; Alma Spivey, who is home after a recent hospitalization; Woody, a friend of the McKenney's and a former student, Jackson; those impacted by the recent storm; Leigh and David, who are expecting a new Finnegan-Hosey in February

**Please continue to pray for:** Doug Collins; Bob Lenhart; Sam Morse and family; Steve Kline; Mary Ann Casdia; Keith McDonald; Glenda Turner; Nick Monger; the family of Gene Dunston; Steve Kline; Bobby Saunders; Tery Sarver; the family of Liz Young; Gary and Marion Hosey; Rick Morton; Jim Henderson; Paul Stairs; Caroline Laughorn; Wilma Pruett; Bridget Hengle; Joan Mielke's friend, Pete and Joan's nephew, Bucky; Shea Hollifield's niece, Holly; Faye Ringel; Megan Moran Bucholz; Kath Cartino; the family of the Rev. James Brewer-Calvert; Bob Penley; Eric Morris; Gunnar Dickson; Terry Cope; Steve Goff; Gail Macfadden; Frances, Rob and Emily Atherton; Gerry Roppé and his friends, Chico and Sue; Pat Pennington's daughter and family; Doug Collins, Sr.; Bob McGowan; Terri Rudolph and Bill Heath; the Alcock and Teachey families; Peggy Gross; the family of Jeter Bourne; Kathy Morton's nephew, Sean; 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; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Becky West; Ada Slayton; Angel Huff and her family; Alma Spivey; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Pat Cosby; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold Campbell; Wanda Russell; Nikki Todd; Carolanne Ivey; Jean Venner; Cathy Wheless; Larry Brown; Judi Wright; Evan O'Dell; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Stephanie Strobe; Jo Bailey; Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Barbara Barker; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell; Rose McCaferty's sister Judy.

## **Updating Prayers ~ Action Req'd**

We would like to make sure our prayer requests are current and up-to-date. Please take a look at the back of our weekly bulletin and here on the newsletter and share with us any updates or edits on your prayer requests. E-mail the church office at [worship@baccdoc.org](mailto:worship@baccdoc.org) with any changes.

*Thank you!*





# All Saints' Sunday

**On Sunday, October 29th, we will remember the faithful lives of all the saints of Bon Air Christian Church who have passed into God's eternal arms over this past year.**

This year, we have grieved the loss and celebrated the lives of many in our beloved BACC family. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), we are encouraged as we persist in our own journeys of faith. We remember the names of these loved ones, and we know that many of you are also remembering other names, of family and friends you have said goodbye to recently. We hold you in prayer. May the memories of your loved ones continue to be a blessing. This year, we remember:

*Jane Washington*

*Braeden Fearnley*

*Beulah Proffitt*

*Myrna Law*

*Jeter Bourne*

*Peggy Alcock*

*Joe Atherton*

*Jeff Rudolph*

*Iva Teachey*

*Liz Young*

*Gene Dunston*



*"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart."  
—Mahatma Gandhi*