

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) SEPTEMBER 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!

Telling the Whole Story

September is here, with all that comes with it here at Bon Air Christian Church! Starting on September 10th, we'll be back to our two Sunday services, with the choir singing at the late service and all of our Sunday School classes meeting at the 10 a.m. hour. We'll celebrate our fall kickoff with a potluck brunch on September 10th and a community fun day on September 16th. We'll have our friends from NAMI of Central Virginia back for a presentation for our JOY Group on Mental Health for Seniors. There is a *lot* going on at BACC!

And also: we remember that in the swirl of activities and ministries, at our core we are about sharing in the story of God's gracious work in the world. This fall, we'll be exploring the whole story "from the beginning," tracing the ways that the stories of the Hebrew Bible (what Christians often call the Old Testament) help us understand who what God is up to in the world; and how we are called to live into that mission as Jesus-followers today.

As we tell the whole story, we also learn how to write our own "whole stories" -- stories of what wholeness, healing, and purpose mean for us in our lives, today. And those stories, in turn, help us relate in healthy ways to all the needs for ministry and mission in our community and around the world. Because, as our Stewardship team shares later in this newsletter, here at BACC, there is more to our story.

I am grateful to be in ministry with you and honored to share stories with you!

Grace and Peace,

David

Worship With Us

We will return to our Fall Schedule on *September 9th / 10th!*

Saturday Casual Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Early Worship at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Late Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Zoom services will continue at 11:00 a.m.

Back to Sunday School Potluck Brunch

Sunday, Sept. 10th

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

JOIN US

Youth Group Dinner Planning Mtg.

Thursday, September 7th @ 6p.m at Candela's (Robious Rd)

YG Lock-In!

Saturday, September 16th

(see 2023/2024 dates later in newsletter)

YOUTH

JOY

JOY Group Kick-off

Thursday, September 21st

(see 2023/2024 dates later in newsletter)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8

Sunday School

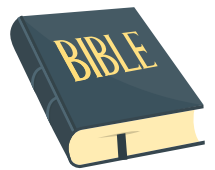
We are excited about kicking off our Sunday School program on Sunday, September 10th by sharing brunch together from 9:30-10:00 a.m., then heading to our Sunday School classes!

Here are our available classes this year ~ something for everyone.

We hope you will join us in learning and in fellowship!

YOUTH CLASSES

- **PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3:** *Gina McKenney & Andee Kirk*
- **GRADES 4-8:** *Robin Blanchard, Cindy & Russ Johnson*
- **GRADES 9-12:** *Diane Clark, Cathy Vaden, Cindy & Russ Johnson*



ADULT CLASSES

- **SOJOURNERS CLASS (Hybrid class with in-person and Zoom):** *Susan Deihl, Cathy Law, Sara Reese & Angie Branyon*

We will start the year with a short study of Philemon (the shortest book in the New Testament), followed by an overview of the Psalms. Then we will start an in-depth study of the book of Isaiah, looking at its authorship, historical and social context, what it says about God, and its influence on other parts of the Bible, including the New Testament. Anyone is welcome!

- **FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** *Kitten Whitlow*

Theme: God Provides. This fall, our Bible lessons follow the theme "God Provides" and remind us of the ways God meets our needs and of God's call to us to help those who lack life's essentials of food, water, and shelter.

- **PARLOR CLASS:** *Jamie McDonald & Danny Simmons*

Discover Jesus' character through the "I Am" statements in Jesus Revealed by pastor and author Matt Rawle. In Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join Matt on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection.

2023 VBS

thank you

A HUGE thank you to everyone who made this year's VBS such a success. With 63 children registered, it ran smoothly and everyone (kids & adults alike) had a blast! VBS is such an important ministry here at BACC and we could not do it without a slew of dedicated volunteers - we appreciate your time, patience & love!

Co-Directors: Cindy Johnson, Nicole Vaden and Kendra Ver Beek

Adult Volunteers: Jane Finnegan, Paula Craft, Christie MacAulay, Carol McGowan, Diane Clark, Maggie Clark, Laura Hollis, Cathy & Tim Vaden, Sandy Logan, Gina McKenney, Arlene Giffel, Joan Mielke, Andee Kirk, Suzanne Dale, Mary Garrison, Robin Carper and Leigh Finnegan-Hosey.

Teen Volunteers: Mia Berkley, Lilly Ver Beek, Sarah Boger, Claire Lutz, Charlotte Lutz, Ava Greening, Daniel Cress, Lila Spence, Natalie Horne, Maryssa Tarantelli and Taylor Trezza.



What's Happening

We hope you will join us on **Saturday, September 16th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** for our first ever "Community FUN Day!" Invite your family, friends and neighbors too ~ *everyone is welcome!* We will have the Cheesaggedon ("out of this world sandwiches") Food Truck, JiJi's Frozen Custard Food Truck, outdoor music, outdoor games and arts & crafts inside for the kids! It will be a wonderful event to wrap up summer and kick-off the fall season. We hope this will be a well attended, outreach event for the whole community!

Remember Disciples ... Getting someone to come to an event at your church usually starts with a personal invitation!



What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Looking forward to another year of CWF. A lot of changes this year. Ladies of the Evening have joined with the **Day Group**. We will be meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am** in the Multi-purpose room. That means our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 12th**. We will be having a tea. Jamie McDonald will bring the tea and teapots. Please bring a sweet or savory food to accompany the tea. Kitten Whitlow will be leading the group and Brenda Kidd will be bringing the Bible lesson. We will continue to support the Bainbridge Food Pantry as well as the Women's Shelter at the Richmond YWCA. We do this by collecting gift cards (Kroger, Food Lion, gas, Walmart, Target, etc.). And our fall beach trip is coming up in October. If you are free during the day, please join us on the second Tuesday. All are welcome.

The **Salad Group** has changed their meeting day. We'll be meeting on the **2nd Thursday of the month**. So our first meeting of the year is **Thursday, Sept 14th**. We will gather at 6:00-6:15, eat our pot-luck salad at 6:30, and meeting starts at 7:00 (in-person and Zoom). Our study this year will be "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes", which is a study from the Presbyterian Women. Our country of study will be Venezuela. Cathy Law leads our meetings and we take turns teaching the lesson and providing information on Venezuela. Our annual retreat is coming up at the end of September. Everyone is welcome. Bring something to add to the salad and come and have a great time.

Our third CWF is a work in progress. We'll be having an **organizational and informational meeting after the 11:00 am service on September 10th**. Andee Kirk will be leading the meeting. Lunch will be provided. We are hoping to reach out to women who are new to CWF and those who now have the time to join. The current plan is to meet in the evenings so women with jobs can attend, with the date and time to be determined by the participants.

And finally, we'll be holding our **Chili Cook-off on February 17th, 2024** after the Saturday evening Worship Service. A "Work of Our Hands" silent auction is being planned. We do need items to auction. We want items you have crafted/created or services you can provide. If you have any questions about CWF or the Cook-off, contact Jamie McDonald (804-543-4490) or (newmac13433@gmail.com)

Jamie McDonald
President CWF

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
John 5:13*

What's Happening

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF is a group of BACC men and their friends who gather in fellowship throughout the year. For September, two events are planned, ROMEO Breakfasts 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 Fall.

ROMEO's 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, filling 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 Men's Gathering is scheduled for **September 21st at 5:30 PM**. Location is Extra Billy's Brewery and Smokehouse, 1110 Alverser Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113. 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.

If you would like to receive e-mails on CMF events or have a new e-mail address, contact Tom at the number/e-mail above.



Did You Know?

BACC now has an in-house AED unit located in the Fellowship Hall near the double doors leading to the sanctuary. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

There was a training on how to use the device after worship service on August 20th. If you were unable to attend and would like to be educated on how to use this life saving device, please contact Sandy Logan, Cathy Vaden or Andy Trezza. They would be happy to show you!



What's Happening



STEWARDSHIP 2023

There's More to Our Story...

In late 2022 we said a loving God Speed, but not good-bye, to Cindy Stratton, our minister for over 30 years. We then said an equally loving Welcome to David Finnegan-Hosey as our full-time minister after he and Cindy served as co-pastors the previous year. 2023 has been a year full of vibrant service to our congregation and the surrounding community -- but there's more to our story.

The Holy Spirit is moving here at Bon Air Christian Church. So far in 2023 we have welcomed 10 new members to our congregation. We joyfully dedicated five little ones into our church family. We hosted 63 children for Vacation Bible School. We sent 19 kids, and five counselors to camp at Craig Springs. We have revived our mission focus on wholeness ministry. We've reached out to the community to educate about mental wellness. We hosted health screenings and blood drives to bolster the physical well-being of our neighbors. We have engaged in spiritual growth through three book studies with another one coming up for Advent. We regularly open our doors to AA, quilters, the Bon Air Historical Society, and other community groups. We continue to support CARITAS and the Bainbridge Food Pantry. Very recently we had the opportunity to help those struggling in the aftermath of devastating wildfires in Maui through Week of Compassion. Our congregation has been busy and productive -- but there is more to our story.

As we look ahead to 2024, we know there is more that we can do. We want to continue caring for our congregation from those recently dedicated babies to our youth, families, and seniors. We want to persist in our focus on wholeness and mental wellness. We want to seek new ways of engaging with the surrounding community.

As we begin our annual budget and planning process, we know there is more to our story. It's not just about the activities we engage in, it's also the spiritual growth that isn't really visible -- it's within us as individuals and as a community of faith. We hope our story can grow and expand in 2024. We hope there are more ways to serve one another and our sisters and brothers around us. We hope there are even more opportunities to grow spiritually. As we prepare for 2024 and the ways our church can share the Good News, please think about what more our story can be.

**The 2024 Proposed Budget will be presented at the
BOARD MEETING on Sunday, September 17th.**

Board Members: Please plan to attend as we will need a quorum.

What's Happening



RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

Reconciliation Special Offering 2023:

September 24 & October 1

The Reconciliation ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was established over 50 years ago to support racial reconciliation and anti-racism projects, and it works at the general and regional levels of the church. The Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation ministry is active in Virginia, with 6 workshops held across the state in 2023 for clergy and lay persons, to increase awareness and reduce prejudice. The next one will be held at Seventh St Christian Church September 9th; BACC hosted one of the workshops in 2022.

Our gifts support this important work toward the true goal to transform, strengthen and deepen the church's efforts to bring justice and salvation to the world and that we do so with love and respect for all.

Our goal for the Reconciliation offering is \$1000.

**INTERFAITH DAY OF SERVICE
SUPPORTING
THE WOODLAND
CEMETERY**

the YMCA

Woodland Restoration Foundation
Historic Woodland Cemetery, Richmond, VA

FOR RICHMOND

Richmond Jewish Community Center

Richmond Sikh Association

Richmond Muslim Community Center

Come out and join in the beautification of Woodland Cemetery with these faith based organizations that have partnered together to bring this day of service.

DATE: September 10
TIME: 2-5 p.m.
Woodland Cemetery
2300 Magnolia Rd, Richmond, VA 23223
Scan this QR code to register

Free water will be supplied.
For more information, contact Jamal Riley at rileyj@ymcarichmond.org

INTERFAITH DAY OF SERVICE

On **Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 2 PM - 5PM** the YMCA of Greater Richmond will host the 2nd Annual Interfaith Day of Service at Historic Woodland Cemetery. The YMCA of Greater Richmond has partnered with the Weinstein Jewish Community Center, Keneseth Beth-Israel, For Richmond, the Sikh Association of Central VA and members of the surrounding RVA community to roll up our sleeves and volunteer to beautify the grounds of historic Woodland Cemetery. If you are interested in attending, let Cathy Law know at catherinelaw804@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars



JOY GROUP Dates

We will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m.
Please stay tuned for program details, each month will be different!



Thursday, September 21st
Thursday, October 19th
Thursday, November 16th
Thursday, December 21st
Thursday, January 18th
Thursday, February 15th
Thursday, March 21st
Thursday, April 18th
Thursday, May 16th



YOUTH GROUP Dates

3rd - 12th grade youth will meet the 1st Sunday of every month
from Noon - 2:15p.m.

High School Youth: You will meet one additional time during the month on a
date of your choosing! We will discuss this more on October 1st.

Please stay tuned on local missions, fun outings and lock-in dates!

Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group Dinner Planning Meeting (Candela's on Robious Rd)

Saturday, September 16th — Lock-In after Community FUN Day!



Sunday, October 1st
Sunday, November 5th
Sunday, December 3rd
Sunday, January 7th
Sunday, February 4th
Sunday, March 3rd
Sunday, April 7th
Sunday, May 5th



Mark Your Calendars



Together Again!

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 concert acknowledges the long separation we have all experienced due to the Covid 19 pandemic and celebrates the fact

that we can now take that "six-foot journey" to bridge the gap created by necessary social distancing. So, journey with us as we share marches, strathspeys, reels, hornpipes, jigs and more. A reception (and Susan's legendary feast) will follow the performance.

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 on **October 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.**

Bud
bud.deihl@gmail.com
804-370-9115



2023 CROP Walk

Will be held on **Sunday, October 22nd**
Christ the King will be the host church.
We will begin and end our walk in their parking lot at 9800 W Huguenot Rd.

More details to come ...

Church Family Updates

WELCOME, Brynn Hazel Clark!

Congratulations to Kelsey and Kyle Clark on the birth of their daughter, Brynn Hazel.

Brynn made her appearance on August 25th after a super fast and intense labor! She was 7 lbs. 9oz. and 19.75" long. Mom, Dad, big sister Emmy and big brother Colton are all doing well and absolutely in love!

We can't wait to meet you, sweet girl!



Reminder ...

Make sure to download the "*Instant Church Directory*" app on your phone to have the latest, most updated member contact information.



My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: The family of Gene Dunston upon her passing to eternal glory; Steve Kline who who is awaiting test results.

Please continue to pray for:

Tery Sarver; Kitten Whitlow; Bernie McDonald; The family of Liz Young; Rick Morton; Jim Henderson; Paul Stairs; Joan Mielke's family in MS; Faye Ringel; Vickie Shannon; Megan Moran Bucholz; Kath Cartino; the family of the Rev. James Brewer-Calvert; Janet Lenhart, and her nephew Bob Penley; Jean Dowdy's cousin, Eric Morris; Leigh and David's friend, Gunnar Dickson; Terry Cope; Steve Goff; Gail Macfadden; Frances, Rob and Emily Atherton; Gerry Roppé and his friends, Chico and Sue; Pat Pennington's son-in-law; Craig Huddle and family; Taylor Brooks; Doug Collins, Sr.; Bob McGowan; Terri Rudolph and Bill Heath; the Alcock and Teachey families; Peggy Gross; Steve Kline; Todd and Dana Hatton; 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; Gary and Marion Hosey; 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; 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; Betty Jean and Diana Barber.

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 with any changes.

Thank you!

