

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:
4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
in person and via Zoom

Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

"So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid."

-- Mark 16:1-8

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

The time has finally come! The long wait is over! No need to strain to find the seed of joy on Easter Sunday – we can shout for joy, sing out for joy, exclaim our joy from the rooftops! The victory is won!

So why do we still feel sad or afraid, angry or anxious?

Joy is many things. It is, absolutely, the shout-from-the-rooftops glee, the burst-out-singing-Alleluia celebration, that I most associate with Easter Sunday. And, as our Lenten journey has, I hope, helped us remember, joy can also be something quieter, something more persistent and steady, that we grow and tend throughout all the seasons of our lives.

After Easter, fear turns to amazement turns into a steadfast, persistent hope, a sharing of good news that, again and again, rolls away stones of sorrow and reveals God making a way, yet again.

That's worth celebrating! It's worth celebrating today. And it's worth holding on to that hope, tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day, and the next. While Easter Sunday has passed, Easter is a season that we celebrate for 50 days. A lot can change in 50 days. A lot can happen to us. We can feel a lot of different things. But whatever changes life may bring, we know: seeds of joy continue to be planted, to sprout, and to burst into full bloom.

A joyful Easter to you – Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen.
Grace + Peace,

David



Easter Flowers

Thanks so much to our BACC friends who will help fill our lovely sanctuary with Easter blooms and blossoms for Easter Sunday:

In Memory Of ...

- Don and Micah, given by Cindy Stratton
- Cynthia and Ted Majewski and Molly Johnson, given by Russ & Cindy Johnson
- David, Carol and Mike McColm, given by Lisa McColm
- Dick Allen and Jeffrey Pearce, given by Susan Allen
- Our mother, father, two sisters and brother, given by Nancy Roper & Betty Snead
- Elizabeth Winders, David Bowen, Sr. and James Hatton, given by Todd & Dana Hatton
- Georgette and Hector Côté, Margurite and Mastin Goff, given by Steve & Angie Goff
- Jane McKinley, given by her BACC Family
- Myrna and Bill Law, given by Cathy Law
- John Dowdy, Carol Anderson and Margaret Thompson, given by Jean Dowdy
- My mother, Barbara Hollifield, given by Shea Hollifield
- Janice Rice Hedrick, given by Laura Hollis
- Our loving parents and grandparents, Jeter and Jack Bourne, given by David, Gaye and Sarah Blevins and Michael Bourne



Easter Flowers

In Memory Of ...

- Joe and Barbara Gilboy, given by Kathy Sweeney/Madison
- Dick and Nancie Price, Connie and Charles Stuart, given by Cassie Price
- Polly and Raymond Craft, given by Steve and Paula Craft
- Vic and Eleanor Foster, given by Kris Foster
- Lloyd and Barbara Thatcher and Steve Weishaar, given by Lynn Sarvis

In Honor Of ...

- Gaga - Diane Clark, given by Bode & Berkley
- Granny - Kathy Madison, given by Bode & Berkley
- Maggie, Karson, Bode and Berkley Clark, given by Kathy Sweeney/Madison
- My granddaughter, Charlotte Shea Marling, given by Shea Hollifield
- Cindy Stratton, given by A Good Friend

To the Glory of God ...

- Given by Brenda Kidd
- Given by Jeff & Angie Branyon



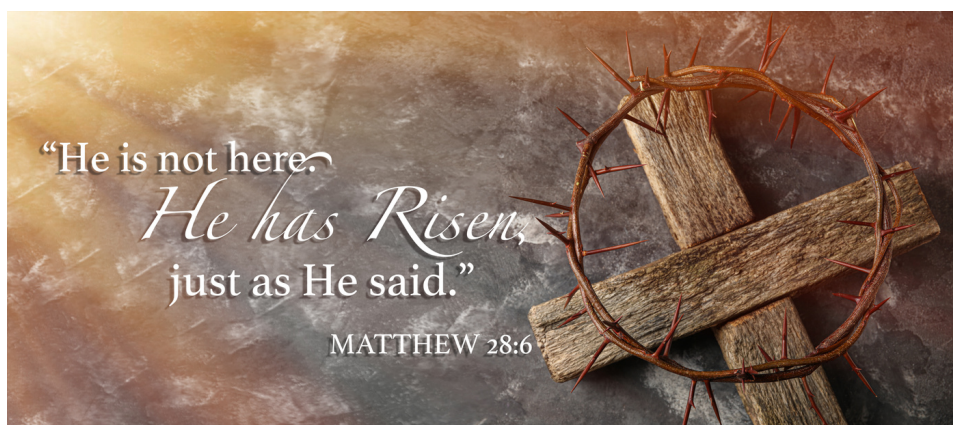
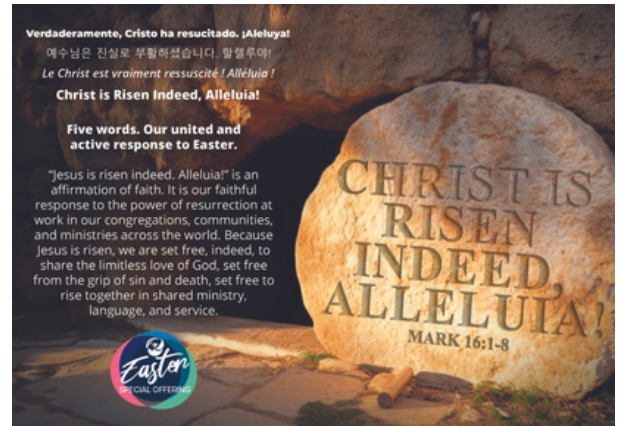
Easter Blessings

Easter Special Offering

March 24th and March 31st is our Easter Special Offering. As we celebrate Easter, we remember the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church, in multiple places, with many gifts and languages.

Our gifts to the Easter special offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. The General Ministries of the Christian Church share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. These Ministries include Disciple hospital and military chaplains (such as our own Leigh Finnegan-Hosey), our global mission partners, the start-up of new congregations, and mental health resources for ministers and congregations. Our gifts of any size make a difference.

Thank you for giving to the Easter Special Offering.



*May God bless you with faith and family this Easter.
Rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord, our savior.*

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.
Find out about ALL camps available & register at
<https://www.ccinva.org/viriniacampingministry>

Special Camp - June 30 - July 5, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA
Special Camp is an unforgettable week of love, laughter, and forming lasting friendships. Campers with intellectual and physical disabilities come from across the region to Craig Springs to learn about God's love for them through a welcoming, supportive and accepting camping experience.
Camp Price - \$100.00

Triple Camp 1 - July 7 - 12, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA
Triple Camp 1 offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
Camp Price - \$365.00

TREC Camp - July 13 - 20

TREC Camp is a new regional camp based out of Lynchburg, Virginia which will involve campers age 13 to 18 in high adventure activities each day of the week. In the past, our activities have included: hiking, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding, mountain boarding, repelling and climbing, zip line and caving. This is a camp for youth who enjoy new challenges and the fellowship of a small camp. Must be able to swim.
Cost: \$420.00

CAMPDD - July 1 - 6, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA
CAMPDD (Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama), pronounced "Camped," open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
Camp Price - \$365.00

Triple Camp 2 - July 14 - 19, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA
Triple Camp 2 offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
Camp Price - \$365.00

Family Retreat - July 19 - 21, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA
When was the last time your family spent quality time together without distractions? Do you want to relax in a rocking chair, play in a creek, and breathe the fresh mountain air? Family Retreat offers an economical way for the whole family to experience camp together for a fun-filled long weekend.
Adults - \$91.00
Ages 6 - 17 - \$68.00
5 and under - Free



What's Happening

CPR & AED at BACC



CPR

DO YOU KNOW
HOW?

DO YOU KNOW
WHEN?

AED

DO YOU KNOW
WHERE IT IS
LOCATED?



Is it a heart attack or cardiac arrest? Or something else?

BACC now has a CPR mannequin and an AED.

If you would like a hands-on demonstration, please call or email Sandy Logan to schedule a time. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Learn how to help save lives!

JOY Group

In April, we will welcome Betsy Brandt who will be giving a presentation on the Boston Tea Party. The presentation will last about 1/2 hour, and there will be lots of displays.

Betsy says, "What's fun about this talk is that we all know a little bit about the Boston Tea Party from school, but that's it. I am astounded at how much more there is to learn about it, and how much of the thinking, action, and reaction resonates today. And I'm not just "talking taxes" when I state that."

We hope you can join us on **Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.** in the multi-purpose room at church. We will have a potluck lunch after the presentation and discussion.



*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?*

1 John 3:17

What's Happening

SAVE THE DATE -- REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Regional Assembly is a gathering of Disciples from across the state that is held every two years, at University of Lynchburg. A variety of workshops are offered, and there is worship service and a short business meeting. It is a wonderful time for fellowship with other Disciples and to learn more about the work of the church. Our own Cindy Stratton is serving as the Region's Moderator-Elect and will become moderator next year. The church will cover the registration fee. A carpool can be organized to leave at 7:30 AM and return before dinner time.



May 31st - June 1st
Friday: pre-assembly
Saturday: 10a.m. - 3p.m.

CWS KITS

In May, BACC will serve as a collection site for Church World Services Kits, such as school kits, hygiene kits and emergency clean-up buckets. While BACC is not organizing a church-wide collection of kits this year, individuals and families can put together kits to donate. Each kit has a specific list of items to include, and instructions on how to pack it. Here is a link to more info: <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/>

Kits should be assembled and brought to the church by May 1, 2024, to be sure they are ready when CWS picks them up.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

What's Happening

Do you have a 2024 Graduate?

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college in the spring of 2024, 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 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.



Coming soon ...

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - SPRING UNITY BUILD — **April 11th - June 29th, 2024 / Thursdays - Saturdays / 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** / 1407 Spotsylvania Street, Richmond. Stop by the display outside the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this project and to sign and write a note of encouragement and love on a 2x4 that will be used in the construction of the house! If you have questions, please contact Cathy Law.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT — Tentative date will be in **June**. More details to come, we hope your kids can come join us & YOU can enjoy an evening out!

CHURCH PICNIC and HOMECOMING — We love to celebrate! This year, we will have our church picnic, recognize our graduates and have a “homecoming celebration” on **Sunday, June 2nd**. We hope you can join us for this joyous celebration of wonderful things happening at BACC!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — Mark your calendars. BACC VBS will be **August 5th - 9th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**. Registration link will be coming soon, and we will need LOTS of volunteers to live up to “the best VBS in town!” We can’t wait for another successful week!

CHURCH-WIDE MISSION PROJECT — This winter, the BACC Cabinet and Board have discussed a church-wide mission project. At the March meeting, the Board voted to proceed with the project, which is to build the framing for a 3-bedroom house in our parking lot. Folks of all ability levels can be part of the process, which will take less than a day to complete. The house will go to Habitat for Humanity. Other Disciple churches in Virginia will be invited to join us, as 75-100 people are needed for the day of the build. Affordable housing is a major issue these days, and this project will speed up the process for a family to have a safe home.

Efforts are underway to set the date for the project. Watch for more information in May and June, regarding fund-raising and how to volunteer!

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF Night Group is meeting at 6:30 pm at Andee Kirk's home: 906 Buford Oaks Circle, N. Chesterfield, 23235 on **Thursday, April 4th**. Everyone is welcome. We meet to study Women of the Bible. Rachel will be the subject in April. We send cards to those who are ill and others we feel will be cheered by receiving a card. And it's great to just catch up.

The Salad Group will be meeting on **Thursday, April 11th** at 6:30 pm in the MPR at Church. Bring something to add to the salad and enjoy an evening of Bible study and fellowship as well as a delicious meal.

The Day CWF met on March 12th. We had a large group which was great. Brenda Kidd led the lesson about Jesus cleansing the Temple. Several from the group toured Tuckahoe Plantation on March 25th and went out to eat lunch. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **April 9th** at 10:30 am., followed by lunch at Firebird's for those who like to eat out (most of us do). Please remember to bring gift cards for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. The Bainbridge Food Bank does not need peanut butter or plastic bags right now but does need jelly, canned fruits & vegetables & meats. Hope you will join us.

We held our joint meeting on Sunday, March 24th to decide where to donate the money we raised from the Chili Cook-off. We had \$4,000.00 to donate. \$1,000.00 each to the Craig Springs Kitchen Fund, Framing a House Mission Project, and the CWF Spring Project (Week of Compassion & Craig Springs). We will also be donating \$500.00 each to CAMPDD and Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

~ Jamie McDonald

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Baseball Season Is Here!
Come and join the fun!



The BACC CMF is organizing an outing on **May 18th** to the Richmond Flying Squirrels Faith Night. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Squirrels will be playing the Reading Fightin Phils. Fireworks to follow the game. We will be trying to sit together as a group.

Tickets range from \$10.00 to \$14.00 based on seating. The game starts at 6:05 PM. We would like to get a head count by April 21st.

Please contact Kim Teachey if you would like to attend.
(804) 624-1815 or kimteachey@comcast.net

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP continued ...

March was a busy month for the newly-formed CMF Handyman Team. Several men assisted Ruth Ann Bates in de-cluttering her home and yard. Kudos to Bernie McDonald, Steve Craft, Greg Shannon, Jim McKenney and Tom Snodgrass. Additional opportunities in early April will be scheduled to empty-out the attic and take several loads to the Chesterfield landfill or donate items to Habitat ReStore and other charities.

If YOU would like to join the new CMF Handyman Team, we are glad to welcome you as a volunteer supporting our church members. The Handyman Team is focused on residential household tasks where funds are limited and the church family is able to help at special times. Call Tom Snodgrass (804) 370-5279 to add your name to our Handyman Team. Or Email tesnodgras@aol.com

April 2024 Scheduled CMF Activities:

- April 3 Wednesday - CMF Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM)
- Apr 10 Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)
- Apr 17 Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)
- Apr 18 Thursday - Men's Gathering at Extra Billy's/Midlothian (5:30 PM)
- Apr 24 Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)

Mark your calendars for the following May and June fellowship events:

- May 17 Friday - (5:00 PM until complete) Penny ante Poker Night at Bernie McDonald's home. Bring your food item to cook on the grill and a side dish for all.
- May 18 Saturday - Faith Night at the Diamond. Richmond Flying Squirrels vs Reading Fightin' Phils.
- June 1 Saturday - CMF Fishing Outing at the Vaden Farm pond in Cartersville, VA.

CMF Chair for 2024 is Tom Snodgrass, 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com.

THE VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN

If you do not already receive the Regional newsletter: The Virginia Christian, you can sign up **HERE** or scan the QR code below, to receive it. This is a helpful tool to keep up with all that is happening in our region.



Thank You

Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes in my time of need. Much appreciated.

Love,
Norton Snead



Hello All,

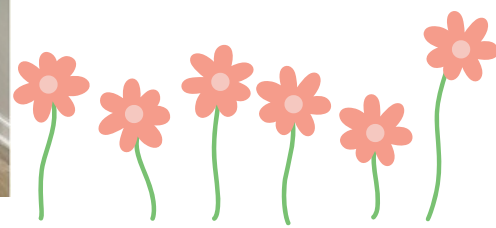
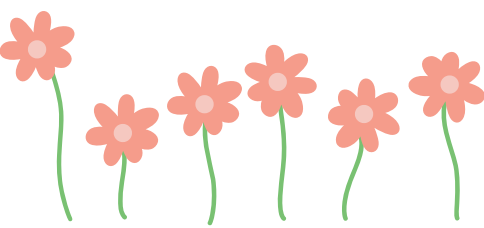
I would like to thank you all for the get-well wishes and Lenten Devotional book you sent to brighten my recovery. It was so thoughtful of you all, and I really appreciate it!

Love,
Robin Carper (*daughter of Laura Hollis*)



Kate and Vitali Mazur came to Richmond from the Ukraine after their homeland was attacked by Russia. Their business in the Ukraine was demolished and Kate's hometown is in the occupied area. Since coming to Richmond, they have both found employment and Vitalii has started a new business in appliance repair. Kate is working for Butler Portraits. They are so grateful for the encouragement of the church and for all of your prayers as they have begun a new life. They have just moved into an apartment and are thankful for the donations from church members. Thank you for your generosity and for your loving kindness, I would like to ask for your continued prayers for my friend, Vlad and his wife Tetiana and their two small children. Vlad was wounded as he fought on the front lines in the war and he will be in the hospital for about a month. He has suffered great emotional anguish as he has tragically witnessed the death of many friends. Your ongoing prayers are a source of sustenance and strength.

Thanks for being such people of love, compassion and generosity.
Cindy Stratton



Church Family Updates

Our Prayers...

Please pray for: Shea Hollifield who is recovering from surgery after a recent fall; the Finnegan-Hosey family as they patiently await for baby boy to arrive (*at time of printing*).

Please continue to pray for:

Doug Collins; Brenda Kidd; Steve Goff; Sylvia Montgomery; Cindy & Russ Johnson's and Andee Kirk's brother-in-law, William; Jack Ellis and family; Doug Collins, Sr.; the family and friends of Jane McKinley; JJ Blum; Natalie Trimmer; Nancy Rucker; Steve and Karen Kline; Traci Eagle; Laura Hollis' daughter, Robin Carper; David's brother-in-law, Scott Carlton; Cindy Cochran's brother and sister; Debra and Lindley Vaughan's daughters-in-law and niece, Liz Sheffield; Woody Campbell; Teresa McLaughlan; Phyllis Henderson; Harold and Gail Campbell; Taylor Brooks; the family of Lois Zarefoss; Rick Morton; Gerry Roppé; Evan Lenhart; Zachary Moon; Bob McGowan; Jim McCaferty's mother, Mary; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; Paul Stairs; Pat Cosby; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Cathy Wheless; Tonda Bynum; Lanny Saylor; John Foster; Karen Shelton Smith; Caroline Laughorn; Barbara Horton and family; Fred Turner; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Jack Dalton; Laura Finch and Brian Cassel; Marion and Gary Hosey; James Huff Jr.; Darlene Edwards; Paul Stair's sister; Josie Schmidt's sister, Mary; Wendy Moore's friend, Laverne and her brother; Brad Munce; Shea Hollifield's niece, Holly; Rose McCaferty's sisters, Barbara and Judy; Ken Schmalenberger; Bobby Saunders; Wilma Pruett; Bridget Hengle; Faye Ringel; Megan Moran Bucholz; Kath Cartino; Bob Penley; Eric Morris; Gunnar Dickson; Gerry Roppé's friends, Chico and Sue; Kathy Morton's nephew, Sean; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie, friends Kathy Sanford, and John Mann, and former student, Jackson; Alice Murray's friend, Robin T.; Mike Vernon; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Bill and Alice Murray's son Brett; Mary Ellen Cummins; Nikki Todd; Carolanne Ivey; Jean Venner; Larry Brown; Judi Wright; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Frances Gilman; Jo Bailey; Judith Hazelo; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2



Happy Easter

May the Lord
shower His
blessings on
you and keep
you safe, always

Superphoenix

With love,
Your BACC Family