

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

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#### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



### WORSHIP WITH US:

#### *Summer Schedule*

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!**

### Going Out and Coming In

“The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.” - Psalm 121:8

For many of us, summer is a time of coming and going. School ends. Graduates prepare for what's next. Summer travel schedules heat up (eye roll-inducing pun intended). Fishing trips, beach trips, and river trips are planned. Some of us are even heading to Lynchburg for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Virginia!

Some of our comings and goings are fun; some are routine. Some are big and scary: major transitions in our lives, periods of uncertainty or change, the end of something without the beginning of a new thing yet being clear.

It is good to remember: in all of our going-outs and coming-ins, God is faithful. In the midst of anxiety caused by uncertainty, God is present. In our ends and our beginnings, God breathes new life and resurrection hope.

There is good and exciting ministry happening this summer at Bon Air Christian Church. There will be many opportunities to nurture and grow in faith and love. I hope to see you often. And also, know that wherever you are, wherever you go:

God's love goes with you. And the prayers of a loving community of faith go with you as well.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# 2024 BACC Grads

*Congratulations!*

## High School Graduates

**Logan Joseph Blanchard** is graduating from Trinity Episcopal High School and will be attending VCU in the fall to study Psychology.

**Sarah Emerson Boger** is graduating from James River High School and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall to study Communications.

**Emily Turner Rucker** is graduating from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and will be attending the University of South Carolina, Honors College to study Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on a pre-med track. Emily is also a recipient of the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries Leadership Fellows Program and Scholarship (HELM) which recognizes undergraduate students with potential for leadership in the church.

**Anika Tejnecky** is graduating from Cosby High School and will be attending Hollins University in the fall.

**Cody Collier**, grandson of Steve Craft, is graduating from Calvert Hall High School in MD and will be headed to the Naval Academy in the Fall.

**Morgan Flattum**, granddaughter of Steve Craft, is graduating from Cosby High School and will be attending Brightpoint in the Fall.

**Mattox Christopher Hibler**, grandson of Kris Foster, is graduating from Loyola Blakefield High School in Baltimore, MD and will be attending the University of West Virginia in the fall.

**Jordan Sophia Simon**, granddaughter of Kris Foster, is graduating from Ignaz Guenther Gymnasium in Rosenheim, Germany and will be taking a gap year to travel with her best friend starting in Australia in the fall.

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## College Graduates

**Caitlynn Collins** is graduating *Magna Cum Laude* from Elon University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Marketing specializing in Data Analytics. She will be moving to Arlington, Virginia and has accepted a job at Georgetown University as Program Manager, Analytics, Technology, and Security Programs at the School of Continuing Studies.

**Abdi Nur** finished his degree in December 2023 and graduated from Brightpoint Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and certification as a Mechatronics Technician. Abdi is working for ABB Power Protection.

**Jake Ver Beek** finished his degree in December 2023 and graduated *Cum Laude* from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business with a minor in Global Food Security. He is working at Virginia Farm Bureau as a VA FAIRS Specialist in the Agriculture, Development & Innovation Department.

**Caroline White** is graduating from the University of Virginia.

**Mitchell Flattum**, grandson of Steve Craft, is graduating from the University of Virginia with a degree in Statistics.

**Carson Bekken**, grandson of Steve Craft, is graduating from Duke with his MBA.





# Youth Group

O Father, help us to have a good fun-filled summer.

Keep our families and friends safe while enjoying swimming, picnics, games, and family fun.

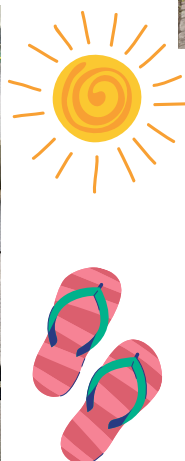
Thank you for creating beautiful long sunny days and warm starry nights,  
which remind us that you are always watching over us.

Thank you for a season of love, joy, and togetherness.  
Amen.

*From "A Prayer for All Seasons—Prayers by Young Adolescents," Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Youth and Young Adults*

We had a wonderful year-end YG celebration on May 5th ~ Cinco de Mayo! We had a mexican lunch and then headed to Kings Dominion for a perfect day of FUN! We had 10 youth and 5 adults. It was another wonderful year with this amazing group of young people. Wishing you all a happy & healthy summer! BACC loves you!

# ENJOY THE SUMMER





# 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/virginiacampingministry>***



## **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

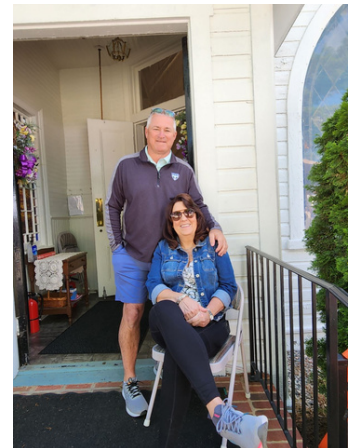


# What's Happening

## Victorian Days

May 11th turned out to be a beautiful day to host Victorian Days and welcome the community to our church. Thanks to all who participated -- helping with the Bake Sale, playing music in the sanctuary and those who extended a warm welcome to our neighbors. The Bake Sale made \$270 and that will go towards hosting our next "Community Event" which will be Parents Night Out. We have had a number of people reach out and tell us what a wonderful event it was! This is always a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors and invite them to experience all the wonderful things God is doing here at BACC – thank you for helping spread the Good News!

Thank  
you!



*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



# What's Happening

## CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC

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! Church will provide chicken strips, cake and drinks ... please bring a dish to share.

## CWS KITS

In May & June, 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 **June 14, 2024**, to be sure they are ready when CWS picks them up. Pick up at BACC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th.

## BACC SOFTBALL TEAM

We had a great interest meeting on May 21st with 12 people in attendance. If you were unable to attend and still want to get involved, please contact either Evan Gross ([grossevan0@gmail.com](mailto:grossevan0@gmail.com)) or Jake Ver Beek ([jakeverbeek@vt.edu](mailto:jakeverbeek@vt.edu)). The team is scheduled to begin in the Fall with RVA Amateur Softball Association through Henrico County Parks & Rec. Fall Season starts early September. We do need at least 5 women and 5 men to play (we need more women). More details to come but it should be a GREAT time of fellowship!

## JOY Group

Thanks to those who could make our year-end luncheon at Candela's. We had a great meal and fellowship. We are looking forward to kicking off another fun JOY-season in the Fall. If you haven't already, please fill out the JOY Group questionnaire for feedback on when and how often we meet, and ideas on fun things to do & learn in the future. See Kendra for the survey.

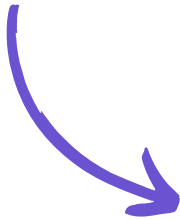
*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.  
Matthew 18:20.*



# What's Happening

## Coming soon ...

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT — Saturday June 29th (4p - 8p).** Sign your kids up and tell your neighbors! Let your kids enjoy some fun at BACC while you go out to eat, run errands and enjoy some quiet time 😊 Children 11 & under are welcome – we will have crafts, music, story time, dinner and a movie. The kids will have a blast! You can register your child / children at <https://bit.ly/BACCParentsNightOut> or scan the QR Code below:



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL —** Mark your calendars. BACC VBS will be **August 5th - 9th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.** We will need LOTS of volunteers to live up to “the best VBS in town!” Please let Cindy Johnson, Nicole Vaden or Kendra Ver Beek know if you would like to help! You can also spread the word & register your child / children at <https://bit.ly/BACCVBS2024> or scan the QR Code below. We can’t wait for another successful week!



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# What's Happening

## HELP BUILD HOPE / CHURCH WIDE MISSION PROJECT

### *Framing a House!*

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024

Gathering and worship: 8:30 AM

With 75-100 volunteers, we will finish by early afternoon!

**Where:** BACC Front parking lot

**Who can participate:** Anyone with an interest, ages 12 and up. Friends and family are welcome to join us in the holy work. NO CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE or SKILLS NEEDED!! We will need 25-30 Crew Leaders, who have some building experience, and they will be needed also on Friday, Sept, 6, 5:30-8:30 PM. A kitchen crew will be needed also. This is a highly organized and prescribed process, and Help Build Hope, from Louisville, KY, will guide us through it. HBH will provide the tools needed for the project. Folks who have participated in these builds have talked about what an amazing process it is!

Folks from other Disciples congregations will be joining us.

A registration form will be required from each participant prior to Sept. 7th. The form will be available in mid-August. The framed house will go to an area Habitat for Humanity.

**Cost and Donations:** The total cost will depend on the price of lumber, but will be \$8,000-11,000. BACC needs donations for this project. The BACC CWF has already committed \$1,000 for the project, and we have applied for a \$2,000 grant from the Regional Church. Checks are to be made out to Bon Air Christian, with "House Framing" in the memo line, and donations can also be made through Givelify.

Cathy Law and Bernie McDonald are the BACC coordinators for the house framing. If you have questions, reach out to them.



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community  
Building Homes

# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Each CWF held their final meeting of the year in May. All three groups will be starting up again in the fall. The Salad Group will meet over the summer for cards or a meal. The Day group will be having a picnic at Carol McGowan's house on **June 11th** and meeting in July and August for lunch at a restaurant. The Day group will also be having other events over the summer (plays, tours, etc.). Email notices will be sent out with information on these get-togethers. Lets stay in touch over the summer.

~ Jamie McDonald

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Scheduled June Opportunities. Contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279) for details.

- June 1st Saturday, 8:30 AM. Fishing and Lunch at Tim Vaden's Farm pond in Cartersville, VA.
- June 5th Wednesday, 11:30 AM. Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air.
- June 12, 19 & 26th, Wednesday, 8:30 AM. ROMEOs Breakfast at Joe's Inn.
- June 20th Thursday, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Habitat for Humanity Unity Build in RVA.
- June 23rd Sunday, 2:30 PM. Men's Golf at Providence Golf Course.

Fellowship takes many forms and occurs differently in multiple event types. Join the CMF in any events your schedule and interest will allow. You are most welcome.



*Penny Ante Poker Night on May 10th. All 5 players won! No Money was lost.*



*Faith Night at the Diamond on May 18th. Flying Squirrels win over Reading Fightn' Phils (Score = 2 to zero).*

*A gentle mist fell over the Diamond as 7 BACC members joined in fellowship, braved the chill & enjoyed the game/fireworks.*





# Fun and Fellowship



The Virginia Region is excited to announce the dates for this year's Disciples Women's Retreat! **Save the date for October 11-13, 2024**, as they plan to gather at Smith Mountain Lake to celebrate 150 years of Disciples Women and sow seeds of faith together. Registration will begin in early May and you can ensure you receive all updates in two ways:

- Email [2024.VDW.Retreat@gmail.com](mailto:2024.VDW.Retreat@gmail.com) to be added to our email distribution list for all future updates
- Join our private Facebook group [here](https://www.facebook.com/groups/415828094313416) to get all updates and meet other Disciples Women interested in attending.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this year's retreat successful!

# Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful for your support during this sad time following the death of my dear, sweet brother, Tim. I miss him so much, but I am comforted in my faith that he is with our Lord and Savior!

Your cards, calls, and hugs have been so comforting. Thank you for the love and friendship -- I truly feel blessed and hope all of you know that I love you too.

~Joan Mielke



Dear Reverend Finnegan-Hosey, Staff, and Congregation of Bon Air Christian,  
Thank you so much for the support of the Micah Initiative! It means so much. I'm grateful for the partnership that's been shared through the years and I am always open to supporting you how we can.  
Grace & Peace!

~ Andrew Schwartz, Micah Initiative Director



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for supporting CARITAS. Your recent gift of \$925 received on April 30th makes it possible for us to meet the immediate and long-term needs of those working to find homes and overcome addiction.

As CARITAS continues to adapt and innovate to address the challenges faced by our participants, we rely on support from caring community members like you who see the potential in people easily forgotten.

Your investment allows our participants to realize that they have a purpose in life, that there is more to their story than their situation. There is no greater gift than that!

With appreciation,

~Clara Stokes, Chief Advancement Officer



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care's Board of Directors and counseling staff, thank you for your contribution of \$275.

The continued support of your congregation for the Counseling Aid Fund ensures that clients seeking pastoral counseling will receive services, regardless of their ability to pay. At VIPCare, we are proud that we have never turned away a client because of their inability to cover the cost of their care. Support from congregations like yours makes this possible.

Thank you again. As always, please let us know if there is anything that VIPCare can do to serve the people of your church now or in the future.

Gratefully,

~Douglas M. Thorpe, Ph.D., Executive Director





# Church Family Updates

## *Our Prayers...*

**Please pray for:** Traci Eagle who is recovering from knee surgery; Bob Lenhart who is recovering from heart surgery and pneumonia; Steve Kline who is recovering from foot and ankle surgery; Debra and Lindley Vaughan's neighbor, Janet, who is recovering from sepsis, and their daughter-in-law, Janice, who started chemotherapy; Wendy Moore who was recently hospitalized; Mark Ringel who is recovering from kidney stone surgery; Sara Reese's sister, Janet Holder, who is recovering from surgery; Cindy & Russ Johnson's and Andee Kirk's brother-in-law, William, who will begin treatment for bone cancer; Rose McCaferty's niece and husband who are going through a difficult time; Gina McKenney's former student Darby, who lost her home in the tornadoes in Texas.

**Please continue to pray for:** Arlene Westveld; Carol McGowan and family; Bud Deihl; Richard Seeds; Skip Logan; Marion and Gary Hosey; Baby Gabriel; Angel Huff and family; Judy Hall and family; Cindy Cochran and family; JJ Blum; Paul Stairs; Joan Mielke and family; Shea Hollifield; Doug Collins; Steve Goff; Sylvia Montgomery; Jack Ellis and family; Doug Collins, Sr.; Natalie Trimmer; Nancy Rucker; Laura Hollis' daughter, Robin; Teresa McLaughlan; Phyllis Henderson; Harold and Gail Campbell; Taylor Brooks; Gerry Roppé; Evan Lenhart; Zachary Moon; Jim McCaferty's mother, Mary; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; 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; James Huff Jr.; Darlene Edwards; 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; Eric Morris; Gunnar Dickson; Gerry Roppé's friends, Chico and Sue; 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; 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.



*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*  
*Ephesians 6:18*