

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



### 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)

#### Adult & Youth Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

#### Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**All are welcome!**

## Grateful

Today, I am grateful.

I'm grateful for the generosity of Bon Air Christian Church and our friends and neighboring congregations. Together in this last month, we've sent more than 100 emergency cleanup buckets to North Carolina to help with recovery after Hurricane Helene, and collected thousands of dollars to help those in need of it through our mission partners at Week of Compassion and Church World Service.

I'm grateful for everyone who showed up to welcome our neighbors at our biggest ever Trunk or Treat (and everyone who ran out for extra candy when it became obvious we were welcoming way more folks than we'd planned for!).

I'm grateful for everyone who writes cards, makes calls, and visits folks who are in the hospital or having a hard time getting out of the house.

I'm grateful, as we are already making plans for our Advent and Christmas season (can you believe it?!?!), for a church that prepares, in ways big and small, to welcome Christ into our sanctuary, into our homes, and into our hearts.

I'm grateful that, as we always say, "there's a lot going on in the life of the church." And I'm grateful, too, that ultimately, it isn't the busyness of our activities that is at the center of it all, but rather the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, all given to us as pure gifts.

There is so much for which we can be grateful. For what are you giving thanks today?

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# Annual Meeting

## **BACC Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 3rd after late worship**

October 24, 2024

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

I hope you and your families are doing well and enjoying the beautiful Fall weather that God has provided for us.

David likes to say there is a lot going on in the life of the church and that continues to be true now more than ever for us. Our outreach programs continue to provide a big impact to the community so thank you for the continued support and keep a lookout for inserts in weekly bulletins - chili cook off is around the corner. We also have been fortunate to continue growing this year with new members as well as having the joy of seeing our youth #s increase. David and Kendra continue to do a terrific job of juggling everything as our search committee looks to find the right fit with an Associate Pastor to help support them and our go forward plans.

The Board recently approved the 2025 Final Budget recommendation as well as approved our Nominating Committee proposal. We are ready to present these board approved items to the congregation for your consideration at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 3, 2023 after our 11:00 a.m. worship. In this meeting we will discuss: 1) The most recent Nominating Committee's proposal and 2) the Stewardship Committee 2025 Final Budget proposal.

We appreciate everyone attending the meeting who is able so we can discuss these items, answer your questions, and vote. It is an exciting time to be here at BACC as we look to grow our church family, support our existing staff, and continue to maintain this beautiful place of worship. I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do to support our church and each other. We are truly blessed to have this wonderful place to worship and our BACC family.

Yours in Christ's love,

Russ Johnson

President of the Congregation, Chair of the Board



*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

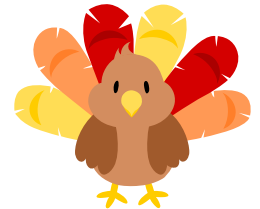
*Hebrews 13:7*



# Looking Ahead

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

*Thursday, November 28th at 8:45 a.m.*  
potluck brunch to follow.



## HELP US DECORATE FOR ADVENT!

*Sunday, December 1st, Noon (light lunch provided)*



## HANGING OF THE GREENS WORSHIP

*Saturday, December 7th at 4:00 p.m.*  
potluck dinner to follow.



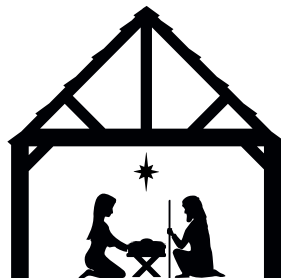
## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

*Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m.*  
party to follow at The Ver Beek's home



## BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

*Saturday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m.*



## CHRISTMAS EVE

*Christmas Eve Worship services*  
*5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*



# Looking Ahead

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Families

***Thanksgiving donations will be due by November 17th***

***Christmas gifts (unwrapped) will be due by December 3rd***

This year, we are sponsoring several families, with a total of 20-22 children. There are multiple ways everyone can participate, to brighten the lives of others during the holiday season. For Thanksgiving, the families will receive a box of canned/dry goods and a gift certificate for perishable foods (eg., turkey, fresh produce, dairy). For Christmas, the children in the families will receive gifts of clothing, a toy or two and a book. The families will receive a gift card for Christmas dinner food.

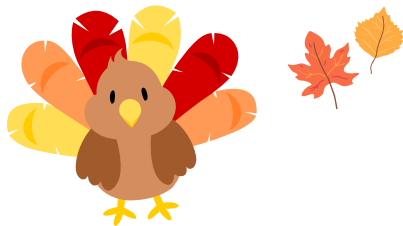
Ways to participate/help:

- Donate dry goods for Thanksgiving meals (e.g, canned vegetables and fruit, potato mixes, rice, dessert and breakfast mixes). Boxes will be in the hallways outside the Fellowship Hall and the church office
- Donate money for the gift cards (designate your donation for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas)
- Sponsor gifts for the children. Each child will receive an outfit, a toy or two and a book. Gifts for the parents will be household paper items or cleaning supplies. The link for the online sign-up form will be in the Wednesday emails starting November 13. For those who prefer, there will be trees, in the Fellowship Hallway, with ornament tags for gifts, starting November 17. All gifts are to be returned to the church by December 8. Collection boxes for gifts will be in the same places as the Thanksgiving food boxes.

Timeline for our holiday giving:

\*November 3-17: donations of dry goods for Thanksgiving meals, and/or monetary gifts for Thanksgiving grocery gift cards

\*November 13-December 8: Selecting and purchasing Christmas gifts for children and parents; and/or monetary donations for Christmas dinner gift cards. All gifts must be returned by December 8.



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*



# Youth Group

For our October Youth Group meeting, we had author Nichole Fogleman come share about her book, "In The Garden: 40 Days of Hope and Healing." She shared with us faith based tips for a healthier body, mind, and spirit. We did some hands on cooking and experimenting with healthy foods, and had a lot of fun learning from her. We meet next on **Sunday, November 3rd**. We will attend the congregational meeting and then have lunch together. We will also be working on making blankets for the victims of Hurricane Milton, which will be delivered to Asheville, NC along with other needed items.



yum!



**COMING SOON**

Mark your calendars and join us for these fun events coming up!  
Youth can volunteer & participate where they are able:

- **November 16th** -- Chili Cook-Off, kids are welcome to enter a chili recipe too!
- **November 23rd** -- Parents Night Out, we need volunteers!
- **December 1st** -- Youth Group at BACC and Advent decorating, come help decorate the church for the Christmas season!
- **December 15th** -- Christmas Caroling, our homebound members always love to see the youth!
- **December 22nd** -- Christmas Pageant, more info to come. We hope *all* youth will participate!



# What's Happening

## Daylight Savings ends November 3rd!

Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 3, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep.

**Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 2nd before you go to bed!**



## Advent Devotionals

Advent is fast approaching and one of our favorite traditions here at BACC is our Advent Devotional Book written by members. This is a daily devotional spanning the four weeks of Advent that helps us remember that our God is always with us, every day, and even in the most unlikely of places. We are asking for volunteers to write a devotional this year. This is an important and meaningful tool we put together to help us grow closer to God as we approach the birth of our Savior. **Devotionals will be due to the church office by November 15th** – please see the sign-up genius in your Wednesday “Church News” emails to sign up. Thank you in advance!



## Thanksgiving Special Offering ~ Nov. 17th & 24th

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.



*If you plant goodness, you will harvest faithful love.  
Hosea 10:12*



# Fun & Fellowship

## 2024 BAGPIPE CONCERT – “Fitter than a Fiddle, The Healthy Pipe”

Thanks to all who attended the Bagpipe concert on October 12th. The church was packed with an excellent turn-out and the music and food did not disappoint! Bud & Susan thank all who helped set-up and clean-up, and all those who came to support Bud & Chance. Over \$1,000 was raised for Church World Service as well ... to be used for disaster relief. It was a wonderful evening all around!



*Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Ephesians 5:20*





# Fun & Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Hope everyone had a Happy Halloween. We're now entering one of our busiest seasons of the year with Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner. I hope you can make time to join one of our CWF groups. Andee Kirk will be hosting our newest group on **Thursday, November 7th** (906 Buford Oaks Circle) at 6:30 pm. Our lesson will be about Potiphar's wife on page 89 in our study book and you can find her story in Genesis chapter 39. Please join us.

The Day Group meets in the Multi-purpose room on **Tuesday, November 12th** at 10:30 am. Our lesson looks at how Luke views Jesus (Luke 1-4; 14:12-24; 16:19-31). Don't forget to bring your canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry and your gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, etc.) for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. After the meeting, join us for lunch at Firebird's.

The Salad Group meets on the second Thursday in the Education Wing. **Thursday, November 14th** ~ Come at 6:00 pm to share a meal. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. You can join this meeting on Zoom. Cathy Law can send you the link.

REMEMBER the **CHILI COOK-OFF** will be held on **November 16th** after the Saturday Service. Keep working on your items for the Silent Auction. Plan on entering a Chili. See you then.

~Jamie McDonald

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



NOVEMBER Fellowship Events.

- Nov 6th (Wednesday) 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Nov 9th (Saturday) 9:30 AM – Tour Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights (Family event = bring kids, friends & partners)
- Nov 13th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOS\* Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Nov 20th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOS Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Nov 21st (Thursday) 5:30 PM – Men's Dinner @ Capital Ale House, Midlothian
- Nov 27th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOS Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

\* ROMEOS = Reliable One-of-a-kind Men Enjoying Ourselves

CMF Handyman Team is still open-for-business.

- The ad hoc team of semi-skilled laborers gather in fellowship to help BACC members with one-time/short term household projects including carpentry, maintenance, minor electrical/plumbing repairs and odd-jobs. If you (men) are of-a-mind to help others, contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279) to add your name to our list of laborers. We accept all men, 18 and over, to our fellowship projects.
- If you (BACC members) have a household task that you cannot do yourself, or have no family to help you, contact Tom Snodgrass. No job too small.



# Chili Cook Off

The Chili Cook-off is almost here. The date is **Saturday, November 16th**. The event will be held in the fellowship hall following the Saturday evening service (about 5:00 pm). This will be our CWF fundraiser for the year. The final decision of where the money is going has not be made.

Despite inflation, we are not raising our prices. We are asking for \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 per family to taste the chilis and choose your favorite. Tickets will sold at the door on the 16th. The menu also includes mac & cheese, cornbread, salads, and desserts. It's a fantastic bargain for Saturday night dinner. If you would like to enter a chili, please email Jamie McDonald ([newmac13433@gmail.com](mailto:newmac13433@gmail.com)). Last minute entries are also welcome.

You do not have to be a member of BACC to enter. We also ask that you provide a list of ingredients so people with allergies will know if it is safe for them to taste. We don't need the actual recipes or amounts. Winners will be announced in the December newsletter. We will also be having a silent auction that night. You can get started on your Christmas shopping. If you would like to donate anything for the auction, email Jamie McDonald.

We will also be auctioning a beautiful quilt that was made by Andee Kirk. The quilt has all 50 states' wild flowers. A sheet will accompany the quilt naming each wildflower and its state. It is a large lap quilt. It is 76 inches long and 66 inches wide.

## Raffle tickets cost:

\$2 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 3 tickets

\$10 for 6 tickets

\$15 for 10 tickets

\$20 for 14 tickets

You will be able to buy tickets for the Wildflowers Quilt after the early and late services on November 3rd and November 10th in the Fellowship Hall, and also at the event on the 16th.

Call Andee Kirk at 804 929 2270 or Jamie McDonald at 804 543 4490 to purchase raffle tickets or with any questions.





# Thank You

## HURRICANE HELENE UPDATES

The pictures of the devastation after Hurricane Helene have been hard to comprehend, and the recovery will take years. To help those in need, Bon Air Christian Church served as a collection site for Church World Services Emergency Clean-Up buckets. BACC provided 38 buckets, with a total of 114 collected, with donations from at least 9 other churches and organizations. The buckets have been delivered to Hillyer Christian Church (DOC) in Raleigh, and will soon be taken to western NC, as they continue sorting through the damage.

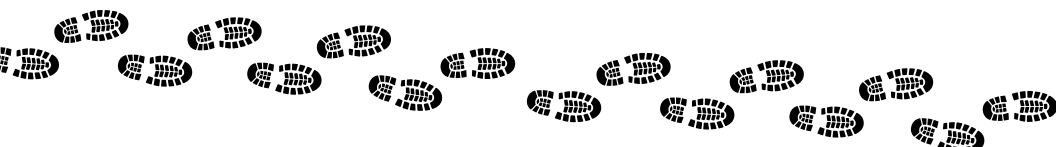
Many thanks to all who have donated to CWS and Week of Compassion for hurricane recovery. Both CWS and WOC will be supporting recovery efforts in the months and years ahead. BACC members have donated over \$3800.00 for this work, in addition to the Clean-Up buckets assembled.

Christmount, the national conference center for the Disciples of Christ, in Black Mountain, NC, sustained major damage to their water system, roads and grounds. After four weeks, their water system is again operational and most of their roads have re-opened, but there is still much work to do. Their Facebook page has regular updates.



## 2024 CROP WALK

42 walkers total and the Golden Sneaker still belongs to BACC! Thanks to everyone who came out and walked -- every step helps! \$3,336 was also raised! Way to go, Disciples!



thank you





# Thank You

Dear Reverend Finnegan-Hosey,

This is a very belated thank you to you and the members of your church for hosting the build a thon a few weeks ago. It truly was a village that made it happen. It was a thrill to be part of it and to see the house itself, put together in the photo that was emailed to us.

The lunch was an unexpected treat - your church members worked hard - it was much appreciated by all of us!

Again, kudos to everyone at Bon Air Christian who pitched in to make this great project happen!

~ Barbara Howson (Bon Air Presbyterian Church)



Dear Karen Basalay & BACC women's group,

Thank you for empowering RVA. Your gift to YWCA Richmond strengthens our community by empowering survivors of violence, children, and families in the Richmond region.

Your \$515 investment empowers our team at YWCA Richmond to do their work. Our community is stronger when families can live in a violence-free home, and all children have the opportunity for quality early education and childcare as their family gains economic mobility.

Thank you again for your generosity. We're so grateful for your daily choice to create positive change in our community.

Sincerely,

~Julina Becker, Advancement and Events Coordinator / YWCA Richmond



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,425 received on September 16, 2024 to the Fuller Center for Housing Greater Carroll County Area. Without donations from individuals like you who have a heart for making the lives of families in our community better, it would be very difficult to undertake projects that address the many housing needs that exist in our area.

The Fuller Center for Housing was begun in the spring of 2005 as a ministry whose goal is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. As a local Covenant Partner with the Fuller Center for Housing as of May 2010, we hope to provide the structure, guidance, and support that the Greater Carroll County Area needs to build and repair homes for impoverished families locally.

Donations of time, talents, money, and service are critical to accomplishing the work that we hope to do in our area. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for joining with us in this important ministry to our community.

Sincerely,

~Michelle Tompkins, Treasurer





# Thank You

Dear David,

Thank you for Bon Air Christian Church's recent gift of \$927.50 to Richmond Metro Habitat for Humanity, received on September 20, 2024.

Your support enables families like Melissa to provide a safe and healthy home for her children. The mother of three works full-time in customer service for a mobile telecommunications company while she pursues an associate degree in applied science from J. Sargeant Reynolds. The home that she was sharing with her daughter and two sons was built in 1930 and needs renovation. The windows are drafty, and the house is cold and the winter.

"Owning a home will mean that I am able to give my kids everything they need," Melissa told Richmond Habitat. She has now completed 10 financial and homeownership education classes and monthly one-on-one budgeting sessions to make sure she is equipped with information that will help her succeed as a homeowner.

Melissa also completed 350 hours of volunteer time — helping to build her own home, other Habitat homes, or by working at our ReStore. After finishing these program requirements, Melissa was recently able to purchase a safe, secure, energy, efficient home and pay an affordable, 0% interest mortgage, making her dream of homeownership reality.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission to build strength, stability, and self reliance through shelter in the Metro Richmon Area.

With gratitude,

~ Jenn O'Rourke, CFRE, VP of Resource Development



Thank you for the gifts, cards and kind words during the Week of the Ministry in October. It is a joy, privilege, and pleasure to serve the wonderful people of this church. We are blessed beyond measure, and appreciate all the kindness shown to us. We thank God for you!

In Christian Love,

~ David & Kendra





# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** Jane Miller who fractured her ankle in a recent car accident; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch, who continues to experience pain from a car accident last year.

**Continued prayers for:** Bud Deihl; Mary Garrison; Brenda Kidd; Debra Vaughan; Cindy Johnson; Shirley Foutz; Vickie Shannon's mother; Rick Lewis; Paul Stairs; Traci Eagle; Bode Clark and family; Angel Huff and family; Jane Finnegan's mother, Lois; Marion and Gary Hosey; Adam Darby; Nancy Roper; Steve Goff; Phil and Diane Harris; Claire Marling's student, Victoria; Mary Ann Casdia; Jake & Mazie McCann; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Debra Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Sylvia Montgomery; Mackenzie Mason and family; the family of William McReynolds; Marvin Robins; the family of Orion Solomon; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Alice Murray's sister, Linda Lowers; Brand Inlow and family; Sandy Logan's family; the Vaden family; Natalie Trimmer; Mark Ringel; Darlene Hicks; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Diane Bean; Janet Holder; Alice Murray's friend, Robin; Jeff and Angie Branyon's friend, Jill; Frances Gillman; Bill Mahoney; Richard Seeds; Judy Hall and family; Cindy Cochran and family; JJ Blum; Jack Ellis and family; Doug Collins, Sr.; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Harold and Gail Campbell; Taylor Brooks; Gerry Roppé; Evan Lenhart; Zachary Moon; Jim McCaferty's mother, Mary, and Rose's sisters, Barbara and Judy, and her niece and husband; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; Pat Cosby; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Cathy Wheless; Lanny Saylor; John Foster; Karen Shelton Smith; Caroline Laughorn; Barbara Horton and family; Fred Turner; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Laura Finch and Brian Cassel; Wilma Pruett; Bridget Hengle; Faye Ringel; Eric Morris; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie, friends Kathy Sanford, and John Mann; Mike Vernon; Connie Graves; Kip Barefoot; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Chris Verheul; Janice Hoover; Mary Ellen Cummins; Nikki Todd; Judi Wright; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Judith Hazelo.



### **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!*