

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OCTOBER 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)

Adult & Youth Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

I am having a hard time seeing images of the destruction caused by Hurricane Helene. Personally, the news from Western North Carolina is particularly devastating. Leigh and I were married nine years ago in a small town outside of Asheville, NC. The pastor who married us still lives in the area. I've spent vacations and personal retreats at our Christmount retreat center and worshipped with friends at First Christian Church of Black Mountain.

A disaster like this can stir up many questions for us. "How can we help?" is an obvious place to start. Our partners at Week of Compassion urge us, in the days immediately following a disaster, to "Stay - Pray - Give." (A giving envelope is open for online giving, or a check can be made out to the church with "Week of Compassion" in the memo line). As time goes on, opportunities will arise for volunteers to help rebuild in affected areas, but it's too soon for now. We begin with prayers and generosity.

We might also find ourselves with questions such as "Why does God allow such things to happen?" It's ok to have these questions. Our scriptures are full of faithful people asking hard questions of God. A quick scan through the Psalms, that great prayerbook at the center of our Bibles, will offer many examples. There's much more that can be said on this topic, but just remember that when he was asked to summarize the scriptures, Jesus responded: "Love God with your whole self, and love your neighbor as your self." Let our responses to tragedy be guided by this love. Narratives, whether theological or secular, that blame those most impacted by disaster are unhelpful and unnecessary.

Starting with love doesn't answer all our questions. There are many things that happen that are beyond our ability - certainly beyond my ability - to understand. But our scriptures suggest that stewardship of God's creation and our relationships with each other have real impact, including in the natural world. We are called to ongoing compassion and care: for each other, for the world we live in, and also for ourselves as we respond to hard things. On that last point, it sometimes is time to turn off the news or social media feeds, to step back from something that feels overwhelming, and to take a deep breath, a prayerful walk, or a small act of compassion and kindness. Right now, I think I'll do just that. I hope you will, too.

Grace + Peace,

David

Updates

Search Committee

As you may already have heard, the candidate for our Associate Minister position has withdrawn her paper work from consideration. The Search Committee's work will continue and we'll be meeting this week to discuss next steps. Please continue to keep the ministry of this committee in your prayers.



Stewardship

The 2024 stewardship campaign to support the 2025 budget is underway. The campaign theme is, "We Gather at the Table." Each week we come to Christ's table for spiritual nurturance. As a church we nurture and support one another spiritually and physically. Our church needs to be nurtured as well. For BACC to reach out to proclaim the Gospel, reach up to worship God and reach in to nurture and grow in faith and love we must be able to conduct spiritually meaningful worship, teach our children, open our doors to the surrounding community, sustain our talented and committed church staff and support a wide range of mission-focused activities.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support Bon Air Christian Church's mission with your time, talent, and financial resources and turn in your pledge card and time and talent form by OCTOBER 13th, so the board can act on a final budget at their October 20th meeting.

Let us gather at Christ's table together.



*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10*

Youth Group

We had a great Kick-Off meeting on September 8th and had some fun with “Church Olympics”... we have quite a competitive bunch! We had lunch, played some games, got to know each other a bit more and came home with some medals! We are looking forward to a great year with the best YG around!

REMINDER: Youth Group now meets the 1st Sunday of every month.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 6th** as we will be “munching our way to health.” Church members are invited to join us too! If you have questions about the October meeting, please email Robin Blanchard at 2danceit@gmail.com

Author Nichole Fogleman, her book “*In The Garden: 40 Days of Hope and Healing*”, will be sharing faith based tips for a healthier body and mind. There will be an opportunity for hands on cooking and experimenting with healthy foods. We hope you will join us!



Our “Olympians”



REMINDER: VA Youth Council applications are due **October 15th!** Apply **HERE!**

Also ...FUN FACT: There will be a REGIONAL LOCK-IN on **Friday January 17th**, at First Christian Church in Lynchburg, VA -- Get ready to not sleep! 😊

Help Build Hope

House Framing Update

What a glorious day it was on September 7th! Our front parking lot was filled with joy and love, as we worked together to build the framing for a family's new home. With 112 people present, we completed 53 sections of framing in just 2 ½ hours! By noon, the framing sections were loaded on the trailer to go to Hillsville and we had eaten lunch. **Wow!** Thank you to all who helped build, prepare food, and keep us organized.

There were 13 faith communities represented that day, including 11 Disciple congregations: Bon Air, Gayton Rd., 1st Christian Hopewell, The Ministry Church, Seventh St., Perseverance, Springfield, Olive Branch and Slash Christian Churches. Bon Air Presbyterian, Gayton Baptist and the Islamic Center of Virginia were also represented. The house went to the Fuller Center for Housing-Greater Carroll County, VA, for a young couple with a 3 year old daughter and a second child on the way. The Fuller Center functions much like Habitat for Humanity. They held a building blitz the next week and got all the framing and the roof trusses installed in two days, then finished the roof, exterior siding, basic HVAC, plumbing and electrical and drywall within 5 days.

Thanks to the generosity of so many folks, monetary donations exceeded our expenses, and extra funds will be sent to the Fuller Center to help with the completion of the house.

If you'd like to follow the progress on the house, here is a link to their Facebook page:
[Facebook Fuller Center](#)

Thank you again for being part of this wonderful mission!



THANK YOU!



What's Happening

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

This special offering celebrates our work toward wholeness and imagining a world where racism is dismantled and all of God's children can flourish. Our gifts support programs to combat the sin of racism and oppression, to restore God's limitless love, such as the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation workshops provided throughout Virginia. The offering is **September 29th and October 6th**.



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The 1st Saturday of every month, a group at BACC, feeds the HomeAgain Men's Homeless shelter. We have had a relationship with HomeAgain for many years and they are so appreciative of the meals.

This month, Saturday, October 5th, the Saturday Casual Worship service will make the meal after they have a short worship service and then deliver the food. *EVERYONE* is welcome to join this effort and help make the meal! If you are willing and able, please plan to come to the church **Saturday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.** We will have a menu ready and you can help prep & cook.

It's a great way to serve and be part of this important ministry!

JOY Group

We will gather for our first meeting of the Fall on **Thursday, October 17th**. We will meet in the multi-purpose room and have a potluck lunch. This is our monthly gathering for our "Just Older Youth," and everyone is welcome! We will get together this month, play some games, and talk about the coming meetings and what kinds of activities we want to do. We encourage you to come with ideas!

We are looking forward to a fun meeting after a long summer break! Please reach out to Kendra if you have any questions.

What's Happening

Ecumenical Fellowship Opportunities

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join the Bon Air Ministers Association for our ecumenical Blessing of the Animals service, hosted by our neighbors at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Bring your pet or service animal for a special celebration of the joy they bring to our lives. The service will be held on Saturday, October 6, at 4pm. It will be held outside in front of the St. Michael's sanctuary, weather permitting.



CROP WALK

Mark your calendars for **October 20th at 1:30 p.m.** The CROP Walk raises funds for the hunger relief programs of Church World Service. Each congregation in the Bon Air Minister's Association brings a team of walkers - and the congregation that brings the most walkers wins the coveted Golden Sneaker. Pastor David does not want to give up that trophy! The host church will be St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The BACC team page is ready for you to JOIN!

GO TO <https://bit.ly/2024CROP> OR SCAN THE QR CODE HERE:



SCAN ME



What's Happening

22nd Annual BACC Bagpipe Concert

Bud Deihl and Chance Bell invite you to join them for *Fitter than a Fiddle... The Healthy Pipe*, a continuation of the live concert and feast our church has shared with the community for over 22 years.

Pipes, just like people, only work well when they're healthy and happy. Just like people, pipes need to be exercised (played regularly) to be in top performance. When the pipe is feeling good and the weather is right, the harmonics are beautiful and the tones inspire the piper. So... please join us as we share a healthy sampling of marches, strathspeys, reels, hornpipes, jigs and more on **Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 p.m.**

And... What is a healthy life without a celebration with good food? Join us for a groaning board "feast" following the concert.

Volunteers Needed:

This is one of the largest events we offer and it 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 or Susan Deihl if you can help in any way. 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 12, 2024.

Bud



What's Happening

Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendars for our infamous Trunk or Treat! **We will need approx. 20 cars** to hand-out candy, and lots of candy donations! The candy monster will be in the church office to start collecting. Please let Kendra know if you can decorate a car and join the fun!

A sign up genius with other volunteer positions will be sent soon in the "Church News" email.



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 to be added to our email distribution list for all future updates
- Join our private Facebook group [here](#) 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!



CRAIG SPRINGS WORK WEEKEND

October 11th – 13th – make sure you register soon! [You can register HERE](#)

There is plenty of work to be done and it is always a wonderful weekend with fellow disciples working on the place we all know and love:

Possible Task List:

- Landscaping
- Screening
- Ceiling Fans
- Clubhouse
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Firewood Area



*Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.
Job 12:12*



Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Our newest CWF group will start this month. The first meeting will be **Thursday, October 3rd, 2024** at Andee Kirk's home (906 Buford Oaks Circle, 23235) at 6:30 p.m. We're using Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter as our study guide. Our lesson will be Tamar's midwife on page 85. You can find her story in Genesis 38:27-30. Please join us.

The Day Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room on October 8th. Our second lesson comes from the Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 5-7, 13) 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, those who are interested are going to lunch at Candela's. Our annual fall beach trip is coming up at the end of the month.

The Salad Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Wing. So that means the October meeting will be on the 10th. The people on Zoom will join the meeting at 7:00 pm.

REMEMBER the CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on **November 16th, 2024** after the Saturday Service. Keep working on your items for the Silent Auction.

~Jamie McDonald

CHRISTIAN MENS FELLOWSHIP

Dining in Fellowship with like-minded men. Save these dates.

- Oct 2nd (Wednesday) 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Oct 9th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Oct 16th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Oct 17th (Thursday) 5:30 PM – Men's Dinner @ Four Season's Restaurant - Midlo
- Oct 23rd (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Oct 30th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

Men's Golf (Tentative). Ducks & Cups October Surprise is planned for Sunday, October 13th at either Mill Quarter or Providence Golf Course. Start time is 2 PM after some practice time to work the kinks out of your swing. Contact Sam Herrin for updates, cherrin2706@verizon.net.

CANCELLED. The October 19th CMF Yard Sale, announced in the September BACC Newsletter, has been cancelled. Look for a new date in the Spring 2025 timeframe.

Church Family Updates

CONGRATS & WELCOME!

Congratulations to Catherine Trezza who was baptized on Sunday, September 22nd, which was also her birthday! We are so proud of you, Catherine. Your church family loves you, and is here for you as you grow in your faith and love for Jesus.



Bon Air Christian Church extends a warm welcome to **Carol Sharp** who joined the church on Sunday, September 1st.

Carol has lived in Richmond almost her entire life except for 15 years on Gwynns Island and two years in Germany.

Carol graduated from Mary Baldwin College and is a member of the Lions Service Club and several Women's Clubs. She has a sister who lives in Bethesda, a brother who lives in Florida, and two grandchildren. Carol also has one cat. Please be sure to say HI and introduce yourself. We are so happy you are here, Carol!

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THANK YOU!

Dear Church,

Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, and visits on my birthday. I appreciate all of your many kindnesses and well wishes. It means a lot to me and I am truly grateful for my thoughtful and supportive church family.

~ Ethelene Slayton

Thanks for your generous support!

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~ Lexington Theological Seminary

Church Family Updates

WEEK OF THE MINISTRY – October 6th - 12th

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

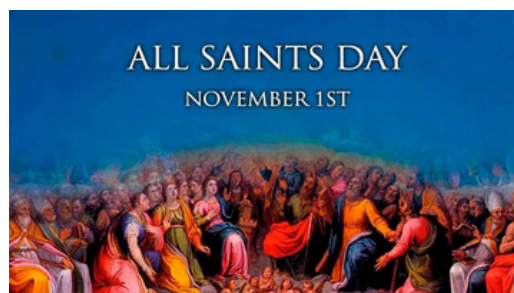
ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will remember the faithful lives of 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 members 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:

Jim Henderson, Alma Spivey & Lois Zarefass



*For they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God,
being sons of the resurrection.
Luke 20:36*

Prayer Concerns

Our Prayers...

Please pray for: Paul Stairs who has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Debra Vaughan who will have a total knee replacement on Oct. 8th; all those who were directly impacted by the recent hurricane, including our Disciples congregations in North Carolina and Western Virginia, and our brothers and sisters in Christ at Christmount; our BACC Choir who has been dealing with a lot of illness recently.

Continued prayers for: Marion and Gary Hosey; Bud Deihl; Adam Darby; Traci Eagle; Nancy Roper; Steve Goff; Jane Finnegan's mother, Lois Martin; Arlene Westveld and family; Phil and Diane Harris; Arlene Giffel and family; Mary Ann Casdia and family; Angel Huff and family; 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; Paul Stairs and his aunt, Virginia; 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; Jean Venner; Larry Brown; Judi Wright; Chris Lion; Lisa Perkins; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Jo Bailey; Judith Hazelo.



*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it,
and it will be yours.*

Mark 11:24