

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Worship With Us:

BEGINNING SEPT 7th & 8th:

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!

“The notion that our lives are like the eternal cycle of the seasons does not deny the struggle or the joy, the loss or the gain, the darkness or the light, but encourages us to embrace it all - and to find in all of it opportunities for growth.”

- Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*

As I write this, it's about 95 degrees outside, which is making it hard for me to wrap my mind around a fall newsletter article. Summer isn't anywhere near ready to give up the ghost. Nevertheless, we are looking ahead to fall, a season that makes us think about change. Leaves change color. Kids - and teachers - head back to school. The weekend after Labor Day, our worship service times change - back to two services on Sunday and a 4pm Saturday service.

Bon Air Christian Church has gone through a lot of change over the past few years. Some beloved members have moved away; others have passed on into glory. New people have joined our fellowship, meaning that in some way, we are a different community, even as we are in continuity with the church we have always been. The challenges of covid led to new ways of being together online, which we have continued to find meaningful even as we have also restored and revived our in-person gatherings. A new co-ministry arrangement; then the retirement of a beloved minister; now a search for an associate minister; all requiring flexibility in figuring out how we are in ministry and mission together.

That's a lot of change, and change can be hard. But our scriptures do not promise us a life without change. What they do promise is that God is faithful; that God's love is steadfast; and that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is with us through all the seasons of our lives.

Will there be more change in the future? Most certainly! But we give thanks and praise for God's faithfulness, and we keep our hearts fixed on the truths that do not change: God is love. Christ is with us. The Holy Spirit gives us life.

Grace + Peace,

David

Search Update

Associate Minister Search Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 18th for our candidate for the Associate Minister search. It was a wonderful display of the love and energy of our congregation! Please continue to keep the search process, your search committee, and our current candidate surrounded by your prayers.

What is an Associate Minister going to do?

We are searching for an Associate Minister for Intergenerational Ministries, who would focus on our programming ministries that reach people at different life stages within the church (such as Youth Group, JOY Group, and families with young children) as well as create ministry opportunities to connect people across generations (such as an intergenerational mission project). The Associate Minister would also assist in leading worship and in the broader ministries of the church.

What happens next?

The search committee has met and will bring a formal recommendation to the church board at their meeting on **September 15th**, after first consulting with the elders for any input. If the board votes to approve making an offer to Rev. Tracey Perry, then a called congregational meeting will be announced for discussion and voting on extending a call.

I missed the visit. How can I hear from the candidate?

If you missed Rev. Perry's visit and sermon, you can always watch it on our YouTube channel at Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where all of our sermons are posted.

I have some thoughts about the candidate. With whom should I share them?

If you have any questions or any feedback you'd like to share about Rev. Tracey Perry's visit, you can reach out to our Search Committee chairs, Diane Clark and Russ Johnson. Note also that Board meetings (such as our September 15th meeting) are open to all members of the church, and that all members of the church will be able to share thoughts, ask questions, and vote at a called congregational meeting if the process moves in that direction.

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42*

Worship With Us

We will return to our Fall Schedule on *September 7th / 8th!*

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. 8th

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

JOIN US

Youth Group Kick-Off

Summer Olympics -- Youth Group style!

At BACC, September 8th, Noon - 2:15 p.m.

YOUTH

JOY Group Kick-off

Thursday, September 19th

At BACC, 10:30 a.m. in multi-purpose room

JOY

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs
Psalm 100:1-2*

Sunday School

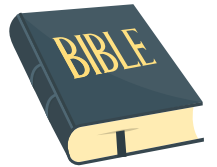
We are excited about kicking off our Sunday School program on Sunday, September 8th by sharing brunch together from 9:30-10:00 a.m., then heading to our Sunday School classes!

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 & Russ Johnson*
- **GRADES 9-12:** *Diane Clark, Cathy Vaden, Cindy 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 study of the Gospel of John, looking at how it was understood by its earliest readers, how it has been interpreted traditionally, and how we as Christians today can receive the Gospel and act "in its light." The main resource for our study will be *The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life*, by Amy-Jill Levine (2024).

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

Theme: "Claiming Identity". This Fall our lessons will cover "Struggle and Faith" in September, "How Identity Is Formed" in October and "Identity In Christ" in November. The lessons come from both New and Old Testament scriptures. Our class format is to read and discuss. All are welcome!

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

This will be a Bible based study, book has not been chosen yet.

2024 VBS

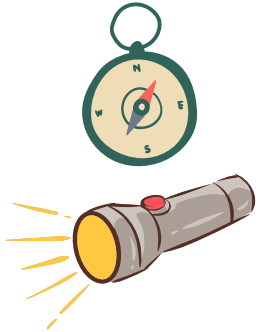


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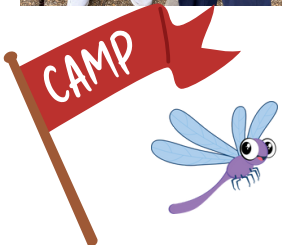
A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a success! With 50+ kids registered, a handful of middle school and high school volunteers, and our amazing BACC volunteers, it ran smoothly and everyone had a blast!

VBS is such an important ministry here at the church and we could not do it without a fantastic & dedicated group of volunteers, we appreciate your time, patience and love.

Just look at these smiles!



Whenever I'm afraid,
I put my
trust
in **YOU.**
Psalm 56:3



Fellowship & Service

HELP BUILD HOPE / CHURCH WIDE MISSION PROJECT

For those who have not registered yet, please do so, as required by Help Build Hope. You will receive a confirmation email from Help Build Hope when your registration is complete, and you will receive an email from Cathy Law with info for the day.

Use this link or the QR code to register:

[HBH 2024/Bon Air Christian Church \(breezechms.com\)](https://breezechms.com)



Scan to register!

SEPT 6 & 7

We need Team/Crew leaders for Friday evening, September 6, 5:30 to 8:30 PM (supper provided at 5:00 PM) to cut the wood and training by Help Build Hope for the framing on Saturday. The team leaders will need to read simple blueprints, handle a hammer and tape measure and give instructions to their crew of 5-8 people. Contact Cathy Law or Bernie McDonald if you can help Friday evening.

Info to know for Saturday, September 7

The framing will take place in our front parking lot. No parking there on Saturday.

- Arrive between 8:00 - 8:30 AM and check in.
 - Wear clothes for the weather and closed toe shoes. Bring your water bottle.
 - Bring safety glasses and work gloves, but we'll have some if you don't have them.
 - BACC folks: park at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2040 McCrae Rd
The back parking lot is for folks coming from other churches.
 - Snacks, drinks/water and lunch will be provided. Kitten Whitlow and Ruth Ann Bates are coordinating the food.
 - Child Care with Kyla Brooks will be provided till 1:00 PM. Let us know if you need childcare.
- We will also have a "Splinter Station."

If we have at least 80 people, we hope to finish the house framing by lunch time! What an amazing process this will be, as we work together to truly make a difference in a family's life. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this project.

JOIN US

Fellowship & Service



There are so many ways to get involved here at BACC, we welcome all to help where they are called. Here are a few of the many ways you can serve:

- Help in the office
- Write an Advent or Lent devotional
- Volunteer in the nursery
- Get involved with the Youth Group
- Participate in a book study
- Sign up to be a Greeter
- Sign up to be a Worship Leader
- Visit homebound members
- Write cards and letters
- Make a meal for the HomeAgain Men's shelter
- Be a Worship & Wonder storyteller or helper
- Volunteer to do yard work or clean parts of the church
- Help with Thanksgiving & Christmas families
- Attend a Sunday School class, a women's or men's fellowship group
- Write an Advent or Lent devotional



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!



What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL WOMEN: Christian Women's Fellowship is starting up again for the new school year. Hope you're as excited as I am. If you have never been to a CWF meeting, I hope you will consider joining one of our groups. Of course if you can't decide, you can always attend all of them. Several people attend more than one group. **ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on November 16, 2024** after the Saturday Service. Start getting things ready for the Silent Auction.

Our newest CWF group meets at Andee Kirk's home (906 Buford Oaks Circle, 23235) on the **first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm**. They will not be meeting in September. So the first meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2024. We're using Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter as our study guide. I believe we'll be starting with Tamar's midwife on page 85. You can find her story in Genesis 38:27-30. Everyone is welcome.

If you are free during the day, come join the Day CWF. It meets on the **second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am** in the Multi-purpose room. Our first meeting will be on September 10th. Angie Branyon will be our study leader this year and we will be using "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." The first lesson comes from the Gospel of Mark, chapters 1-8. 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 go out to lunch.

The Salad Group meets on the **second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm** in the Education Wing. Which means the first meeting will be on September 12th with gathering at 6:00 PM and Zoom at 7:00 pm. We'll talk at our first meeting about keeping this schedule or adapting it. Our study this year is "Come to the Waters". Here is a description of it: Come to the Waters by Judy Record Fletcher

Suggestions for Leaders by Larissa Kwong Abazia

Water plays a central role in the stories of creation, the delivery of God's people (through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River), judgment of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of the people of God through baptism. Sometimes there is too much water and sometimes there is too little water. Consider the waters of chaos in Genesis and the River of Life in the last chapter of Revelation, where chaos is no more. This study explores some of the Bible's 800 references to water.

This group takes turns leading the study and bringing the salad greens. Everyone else brings something to add to the salad. You may have figured out why it's called the Salad CWF. Come at 6:00 for salad and fellowship. If you have trouble attending in person, this is a great group to join. Let Cathy Law know you are interested and she'll send you the Zoom link. See you in September.

Jamie McDonald

What's Happening

CHRISTIAN MENS FELLOWSHIP

The BACC CMF welcomes men of all ages. If you have aged-out of Youth Group, we have many fellowship opportunities for you. These opportunities include feasting, fun events and service to the church and community. To add your name to the CMF email list, contact Tom Snodgrass (call/text 804-370-5279 or email tesnodgras@aol.com).

All men with handyman skills. The CMF Handyman Team is calling for volunteers who want to serve our church members. For many of our 1-day projects, no specialized skills are needed, just a willingness to show up and help others. Contact Tom Snodgrass to join the team.

CMF Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. If you have some items to contribute, we can begin accepting your donations on Wednesday, Oct 16th after 4 PM. This sale will not include furniture or appliances. More information to follow.

Mark your calendars for the September CMF Events.

- September 4th Wednesday - CMF Men's LUNCH at Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM)
- September 6th Friday - CMF SUPPORTS Help Build Hope Project Training & Cutting Session (5:00 PM)
- September 7th Saturday - CMF SUPPORTS Help Build Hope Project (8:30 AM) Make this a family memory.
- September 11th Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)
- September 18th Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)
- September 19th Thursday - Men's Gathering at Yen Ching Restaurant (Hull & Genito/Midlothian, VA) (6:00 PM)
- September 25th Wednesday - ROMEO's Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM)



*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.
Hebrews 10:24*

What's Happening

STEWARDSHIP 2025

We Gather at the Table

The 2024 stewardship campaign to support the 2025 budget is underway. The campaign theme is, “We Gather at the Table.” Committee chairs have provided information to help develop a proposed 2025 budget. This proposed budget will be presented to the board at its September 15 meeting. Information on the proposed budget and information on how to support the budget will go out to the congregation after the September meeting. **The board will act on a final budget on October 20.**

Please prayerfully consider how you can support Bon Air Christian Church’s mission with your time, talent, and financial resources. 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 also 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.

Let us gather at Christ’s table together.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

“The time is always ripe to do what is right.” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



A graphic for the Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering. It features a central image of hands tying a rope knot. The text reads: "RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING" in a circular arc above the image. Below the image, it says "Sunday, September 29" on the left and "Sunday, October 6" on the right. At the bottom, it says "REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH" in large letters, followed by the quote "You shall all be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to live in." Isaiah 58:12. Below that is the website "www.reconciliationministry.org" and a QR code.

CROP WALK

Mark your calendars for **October 20th!** The host church will be St. Michael’s Episcopal Church



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



Prayer Concerns

Our Prayers...

Bud Deihl; Angel Huff and family; Arlene Giffel; Sarah Trezza; Bob McGowan; Phil & Diane Harris; Jake & Mazie McCann; Tery Sarver; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Steve Goff; Sylvia Montgomery; Mary Ann Casdia's brother, Frank; Mackenzie Mason and family; Traci Eagle; Marion and Gary Hosey; the family of William McReynolds; Bon Lenhart's cousin, Marvin Robins; 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; Henry & Carrie Fitz; Natalie Trimmer; Nancy Roper; Karen Plummer; Mark Ringel; Darlene Hicks; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Diane Bean; David Boyd; Janet Holder; Karen Basalay's friend's, Barbara and Tom; 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; Patrick Sibold; Stacy Price; Jim Pannell.



*Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17*