

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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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!

Dear friends:

During Holy Week, we walk alongside Jesus through the lowest of lows and highest of highs. We come together to remember and to open our lives that God may continue to work miraculous love within us, so that we too may be born anew. We follow in the way of Jesus, even if it takes us to the Cross, in hope of the empty tomb beyond.

Come share with our community of faith as we sing hosanna, receive the bread of life, drink from the cup of salvation, and look upon the face of the One who has loved us to the end and who is our New Beginning. We invite you to journey with us through this holy time.

(Readers are needed for many of these special services - please check your Wednesday email or contact the church office to sign up! Services marked with an asterisk will also be available via Zoom)*

April 12 - 4:00 p.m. Palm/Passion Saturday Casual Service

April 13 - 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.* Palm/Passion Sunday
Palm Parade during opening hymn, we welcome all children to participate!

April 17 - 7:00 p.m.* Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 18 - 12:00 p.m. Ecumenical "Seven Last Words" Service

April 19 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Casual Worship Service

April 20 – EASTER: The Day of Resurrection
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.* Worship Services
Noon Easter Egg Hunt

We keep you in our prayers always. May the love, joy and peace of God's presence be yours.

Grace + Peace,
Your Minister and Elders of Bon Air Christian Church

Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

Timothy Woodruff – Given by Joan Mielke

Vic and Eleanor Foster – Given by Kris Foster

Dr. Richard Schwartz (3.11.51 - 1.11.25) – Given by Jan Jones

Randolph Slayton – Given by Ethelene, Carl & Carlton Slayton

Georgette and Hector Cote, and Marguerite and Mastin Goff –

Given by Steve and Angie Goff

Mother, Father, two sisters and brother – Given by Nancy

Roper and Betty Snead

Allen and Francis Pickels, Curt and Myra Branyon, and Jerry

Church – Given by Jeff and Angie Branyon

James and Lois Zarefoss – Given by Jan Zarefoss

Polly and Raymond Craft – Given by Paula and Steve Craft

My mother, father, and twin brother – Given by Nancy Wyman

My mom, sister, and brother – Given by Mary Ann Casdia

Lloyd and Barbara Thacher, and Steve Weishaar – Given by

Lynn Sarvis

Joe and Barbara Gilboy – Given by Kathy and Dean Madison

Lois Martin – Given by Jane Finnegan

Carol Geist and David McColm – Given by Lisa McColm

Charles and Lucille Haddleston – Given by Stephen and Karen

Kline

Albert & Elizabeth Dalton, and Elizabeth Vaughan – Given by

Debra and Lindley

Don and Micah – Given by Cindy Stratton

My parents, Linwood and Arlette Brown – Given by Rhonda

Ringel

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Mark 1:12-13

In Memory of:

Janice Rice Hedrick and Laura Rice Jenkins – Given by Laura & Scott Hollis

Leona and Andrew Lesyinski, Helen Basalay, and Sally and Joseph Basalay – Given by Karen and Bob Basalay

Our parents and grandparents – Given by Susan and Philip Baum

Dick and Nancie Price – Given by Cassie Price

My parents, Arlette and Linwood Brown – Given by Rhonda Ringel

My husband, Bill – Given by Martha Wright

Barbara Hollifield, my mother – Given by Shea Hollifield

Thelma Alverson – Given by Ignacio, Jenn, Cassidy and Clorie Metcalf

Mr./Mrs. Lester Alley, Mr./Mrs. George Garrison, Mr./Mrs. Ivey Rogers – Given by Mary Garrison

My husband, John Dowdy, My Mother, Margaret Thompson and My Sister, Carol Anderson – Given by Jean Dowdy

In Honor of:

Our grandchildren, Parker, Liam & Delilah – Given by Todd & Dana Hatton

Harry and Mary Kline – Given by Stephen and Karen Kline

Maisie Lloyd – Given by Lisa McColm

Karson, Maggie, Bode and Berkley Clark – Given by Kathy and Dean Madison

Our children and grandchildren – Given by Carol and Bob McGowan

Claire and Charlotte Marling – Given by Shea Hollifield

Hunter and Gwen Garrison – Given by Mary Garrison

Jean Beatley – Given by her family

Sylvia Montgomery – Given by Debbie and Brand Inlow

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.
John 16:33*

Special Offering

APRIL 13TH & 20TH

The Easter Offering, received on April 13th and 20th, 2025, provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generous gift strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Below is a list of the General Ministries that benefit from this offering. Your gift has the power to transform lives and extend the love of Christ around the world. You can give through the offering plate in worship or through Givelify. Thank you for making a difference!

General Ministries that receive support from the Easter Offering include (you can click on any one of them for more info):

- [Center for Faith and Giving](#)
- [Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries \(Obra Hispana\)](#)
- [Communication Ministries](#)
- [Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry](#)
- [Disciples of Christ Historical Society](#)
- [Disciples Home Missions](#)
- [Disciples Women](#)
- [Division of Overseas Ministries \(Global Ministries\)](#)
- [Higher Education and Leadership Ministries](#)
- [National Benevolent Association](#)
- [National Convocation](#)
- [New Church Ministry](#)
- [North American Pacific / Asian Disciples](#)
- [Office of the General Minister and President](#)
- [Treasury Services](#)



Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.
Daniel 9:3

What's Happening

ASSOCIATE MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

By now members of the congregation should have received a letter from Scott Graham, our Board Chair and President of the Congregation, informing you of a **called congregational meeting on Sunday, April 6th, following our 11:00 a.m. worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss, take questions, and finally to vote on calling the Reverend Amy Oblinger to serve as our Associate Minister for Intergenerational Ministries. We hope you were able to meet Amy and hear her preach here on February 15th and 16th; her sermon is available for you to view on our YouTube channel. We are excited to bring this recommendation to the congregation and look forward to hearing your questions and discussion!

BASEBALL SEASON IS HERE!

Come and join the fun!

The BACC CMF is organizing an outing on **Saturday May 17th** to the Richmond Flying Squirrels Faith Night. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Squirrels will be playing the Erie SeaWolves. Fireworks to follow the game.

We will be trying to sit together as a group.

Tickets are \$15.00 each. The game starts at 6:05 PM

We would like to get a **head count by April 19th.**

Please contact Kim Teachey if you would like to attend.

(804) 624-1815 or kimteachey@comcast.net



SEVENTH STREET TRANSITION

Seventh Street Christian Church invites the community to a heartfelt final worship service at its long-standing location of 4101 Grove Avenue on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM. This special gathering will highlight the church's rich history, acknowledge its current transformation, and celebrate the many memories created within its beloved walls.

SOFTBALL UPDATE

The league is looking to start the week of April 7th. It looks like games will be on Tuesdays (18 game season), and on Thursdays there is a short season (12 games) that doesn't start until May. Evan will keep everyone posted and if you have any questions, please reach out to him at grossevan0@gmail.com



You're Invited to a
Service of Gratitude and Transition

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Pre-Service Activities 2:30 PM

Service begins at 3:00 PM

Reception to follow



Rev. Terri Hord Owens, preacher
GMP of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

4101 Grove Ave.
Richmond, VA
23221



Join the Community Choir!
(please email if interested)

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This special gathering will highlight the church's rich history, acknowledge its current transformation, and celebrate the many memories created within its beloved walls.

To stay updated on the festivities visit:
www.seventhstreetchristianchurch.org

Youth



REMINDER: Youth Group meets the 1st Sunday of every month at BACC, unless otherwise communicated. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces :)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Registration IS OPEN!

2025 Craig Springs camp dates below. Remember BACC pays 1/2 for every camper.

Register at <https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN HOW YOU PAY: You will register for camp and not pay any thing at this time. You tell them what church you are with, and the region will charge the church. In turn, BACC will later reach out to collect the half you owe.



DO YOU HAVE A 2025 GRADUATE?

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college in the spring of 2025, 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.



Sharing God's Love

EARTH DAY 2025

With Earth Day this month, it's a time for each of us to renew our commitment to do what we can to take care of our planet Earth. Recycling is one way, and there are multiple ways to do that. In Virginia, each city and county is required to establish and maintain recycling programs. Most of us are familiar with how to recycle paper, glass and plastic, but there are also ways to recycle electronics (to keep them out of the dump, where hazardous metals may be released), old appliances and sheet metal. Here's a list of resources:

Computer/Electronics Recycling:

- [Computer & Electronics Recycling | Virginia DEQ](#) This site includes info on preparing your computer for recycling
- Many electronics can be recycled on the 1st Saturday of the Month: [First Saturday Electronics Recycling - CVWMA](#)
- Most computer companies are now required in Virginia to offer free recycling program. In addition, Best Buy and Staples also collect computers for recycling Cords can be recycled too.

Here is a website where you select your county/city, then what you want to recycle, including tires, batteries, paints/solvents, and it gives you the info: [Recycling Wizard - CVWMA](#)

[Home » Bee Green Recycling](#) - a recycling resource for scrap metal of virtually all kinds and appliances, including microwaves, and they pay you for what you bring to them.



*How many are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Psalm 104:24-25*

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Remembering March

Tuesday March 4th, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -- They came, they ate, they joined in fellowship and they donated.

Forty-five hungry people attended the pancake supper, enjoying the festive decorations and information on the history of Shrove Tuesday celebrations.

There was enough food for all. Pancakes & toppings, sausage, bacon, many beverages and Stovetop Applesauce Kielbasa were served.

The CMF and some ladies, joined in fellowship to prepare for this celebration. Twenty volunteers were counted. The kitchen was buzzing.

Donations totaled \$432.00

CMF will meet in April to discuss the distribution of these funds and the Yard Sale proceeds.



New for April

- Men's Lunch. Wednesday, April 2nd (1st Wednesday of each month). Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM).
- ROMEOs Breakfast. Wednesday, April 9th, 16th 23rd & 30th at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No assigned seating, no reservation required.
- Men's Dinner. There will be no Men's Dinner in April. Please attend the Maundy Thursday Services at Bon Air Christian Church on Thursday, April 17th.

Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.
John 13:20

Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Spring has sprung! Our first CWF meeting of the month meets at Andee Kirk's house (906 Buford Oaks Circle) on **Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm**. The priest of Midian's daughters will be the lesson focus. You will find their story in Exodus 2 and on page 109 in the lesson book. Everyone is invited.

The Day Group will meet at **10:30 am in the Multi-purpose room on Tuesday, April 8th**. The lesson is how the other Abrahamic Faiths view Jesus. Background Scriptures are Gen. 12:1-4; Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:6-7; 4:23-29. 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. Remember your Hygiene Kits for Redd Elementary. Sara R. is collecting empty egg cartons. Lunch for those interested will be at O'Tooles in Midlothian. Hope to see you at the meeting. Our spring Beach trip to Outer Banks is happening **April 23-26**.

The Salad Group meets on **Thursday, April 10th in the Education Wing**. Gather for Salad at 6:00 pm. The meeting starts at 7:00. You can join this meeting on Zoom. Cathy Law (catherinelaw804@gmail.com) can send you the link. A retreat is coming up in **April on the 11-13** at Lake Gaston.

Coming up is the Virginia Disciple Women mini-retreat on **Sat., April 5, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm** at Bon Air Christian Church. The theme is "The Power of Grace". Here is the registration link: [SPA DAYS – Virginia Disciples Women](#); Lunch is included in the program fee. SPA is an acronym for Self-care, Prayer, Action. It's a nice way to meet women from other Disciple churches in the area, in study, prayer and fellowship.

And it's never too early to mark your calendar for the 2025 Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction. The event will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025 after the Saturday evening service. Start working on your auction items.

See you in April. ~Jamie McDonald



CWF held a joint meeting on March 16th to vote on the distribution of the money (\$2,700.00) we raised at the Chili Cook-off. The results are as follows:

- Disciples Women's Ministries Spring Project \$1,000.00
- Local Project: Samaritan House, Inc. in Virginia Beach, VA (Helps people free themselves from domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking & homelessness)
- Global Project: Woman-to-Woman trip to Kenya
- Help Build Hope \$500.00
- This is a part of the Regional Mission Trip in June to N.C. -- They will be building walls for a house in N.C. to help hurricane victims (Like we did in Sept. in the parking lot).
- Craig Springs Camp Kitchen Fund \$500.00
- Week of Compassion \$350.00
- Disciples of Christ Disaster Relief Fund
- Tunnel to Towers \$350.00 (Provides aid to First Responders and Veterans)

Thank You



Wreaths are a symbol of celebration, remembrance and decorations. The circular shape represents eternity.

Wreaths have existence since ancient times, starting as pieces of jewelry and adornment and worn as ornamental head pieces.

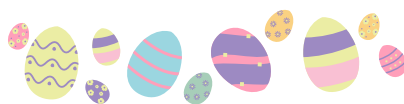
Decorative wreaths placed on your front door originated during Ancient Greece to promote healthy crops. A wreath would be made from the previous year's harvest such as wheat in the hope of a fruitful harvest in the coming year.

The Advent wreath was first made by Lutheran priest in the 16th century to educate children about the meaning and purpose of the advent season.

Today wreaths are used for a variety of reasons including in memorial to honor and show respect to fallen soldiers.

Wreaths have become a beloved tradition to embody the cycle of life, nature's resilience and a spirit of togetherness.

Our church is so fortunate to have Paula Craft who adorns our front doors throughout the year/s with her beautiful, welcoming wreaths. I am so thankful to Paula for sharing her creative and artistic talent. ~ Andee Kirk

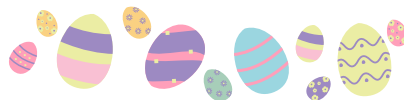


Thank you! Your thoughtfulness as a gift I will always treasure!

Just a note to say I appreciate your notes. I'm doing very well after last October's ablation and could be attending regular services except for the distance. Thank goodness for Zoom!

My best to all of you,

~Shirley Foutz



I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:16

Thank You



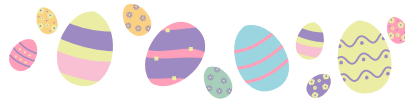
Dear BACC Family,

Thank you all so much for welcoming us into the church this past year! We are so blessed to know you all, and we cannot thank you enough for making us feel at home.

Thank you also for the many well wishes and congratulations on our wedding! We could not be happier to be members at BACC and it is all thanks to this wonderful community! Thank you again for everything!

Sincerely,

Ethan & Mackenzie



Dear Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

On behalf of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$500. This value represents your entire combined contributions to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation for 2024.

Our Foundation was started in memory of Firefighter Steven Siller, who sacrificed his life while saving others on September 11, 2001, after strapping 60 pounds of gear on his back and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

Since the founding of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, the Siller family has been inspired by good people like you who have joined us to show our heroes and the loved ones they have left behind that we will NEVER FORGET.

Because of you, our Foundation is able to continue our mission to "Do Good." Through your generosity, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted *smart homes* for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness, and helping America to NEVER FORGET 9/11.

On behalf of America's heroes, thank you so much for your support. Let Us Do Good!

Warmest regards,

The Siller Family & Tunnel to Towers Foundation

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Taylor Brooks who dealing with pain and mobility issues; Debbie Inlow who is recovering from surgery, and got great news on test results; Phil and Susan Baum upon the death of Phil's cousin; friends of the Ver Beek's, the Haemker family who unexpectedly lost their husband/father; Morgan Moore and his family upon the death of his aunt; Dana Hatton's client, Tiffany, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer; Gina McKenney's friend, Jimie Lee, as she enters hospice care; Linda Verhuel's friend, Judy, who has been diagnosed with cancer; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith, as he tries to get into the rehab he needs for his leg.

Continued prayers for: Doug Collins, Sr.; Gerry Roppé; Traci Eagle; The Fearnley family; Martha Wright; Zachary Moon; Ethelene Slayton; Bob Blumenstein; Carol McGowan; Mary Kline; Joe Charboneau and family; Jane Finnegan and family; Steve Goff; Lisa McColm's niece, Jordan; Sara Reese's niece, Skye; Debra Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Linda Verhuel's sister, Amy; Emilie Fuller; Marion and Gary Hosey; Natalie and Braden Trimmer; Anna Claire Jurman; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cathy Wheless; Richard Seeds; the family of Will Woolridge; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Diane and Phil Harris; Mary Garrison; Vickie Shannon's mother; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold and Gail Campbell; Evan Lenhart; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Angel Huff and family; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Mary Ann Casdia; Jake & Mazie McCann; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Alice Murray's sister, Ruth Ann Bates' friend, Linda; Devon Forehand; Denise Healy; Betty Jurman; Linda Lowers; Darlene Hicks; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Alice Murray's friend, Robin; Frances Gillman; Bill Mahoney; Cindy Cochran and family; JJ Blum; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Jim McCaferty's mother, Mary, and Rose's sisters, Barbara and Judy, and her niece and husband, and her nephew; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; Pat Cosby; Lanny Saylor; John Foster; Caroline Laughorn; Jerry Ayers; Claire Marling's student, Victoria; Kearny Kearny; Joann Ivey; John Strickland; Marvin Robins; Fred Turner; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Faye Ringel; Eric Morris; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Cindy Stratton's friend, Vlad; Connie Graves; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Janice Hoover; Nikki Todd; Judith Hazelo.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*