

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

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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!

Good Questions!

For the past two months, we've been exploring questions asked by the youth as they prepared for baptism this spring. Perhaps some of these questions have been questions you've asked yourself, or have wanted to ask but felt shy about. If so, I hope this series has been a helpful way to engage with and deepen your faith.

Or perhaps these aren't the exact questions you've been asking, and we've gotten you thinking about different questions you have. If so - wonderful! I hope you'll share those with us. I hope you'll keep asking questions. I believe that asking questions of our church, of our faith, and of our sacred texts is one of the most faithful ways we show up in the world as Disciples of Christ.

Most importantly, please know that if you have thoughts or questions - about faith, about church, about life - that both Pastor Amy and I are here and would love to talk with you. We're happy to set up a time to sit-down and talk, whether at BACC, over coffee or tea, or at another spot that's convenient for you. Opportunities for conversations with you are the best part of ministry! If you've been thinking to yourself, "I really want to talk about this, but I know they're so busy...." - just know that speaking with you is the thing we'd love to be busy with, not the thing we're too busy for!

The youth had good questions - great questions - big questions. I'm guessing you do, too. Keep asking them! Keep talking about them. Keep showing up. Keep the faith.

Grace + Peace,

David

General Assembly 2025

What happened at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Memphis this past month?

Here are a few highlights:

- Dozens of folks from our Virginia Region, including four of us from BACC, shared in worship, prayer, discernment, and mission with hundreds of other Disciples from around the country and around the globe.
- We elected new leaders to our General Board, the deliberative body that helps our wider church coordinate its mission and ministry - including the Rev. Cindy Stratton!
- Jasmine Heath participated in the All-Assembly Choir, and also stood with fellow alumni and current members of the Disciples Peace Interns as we passed a resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of that program and affirming its continued ministry.
- Pastor David presented a workshop on preaching and mental health, along with Rev. Dr. Rich Voelz of Union Presbyterian Seminary.
- We heard reports from all of our General Ministries, including a report from the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) Leadership Fellows, which featured photos of our own Emily Rucker!
- We prayed, discussed, and discerned “Sense of the Assembly” resolutions relating to pressing economic and social justice issues, witnessing to our Church’s care for our neighbors, for the stranger, and for our world.
- And we passed amendments to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), aimed at offering more ways for local congregations to engage in discernment and discussion with the wider church. Stay tuned for more information on how Bon Air Christian Church can be part of this broader engagement!



Our Virginia Region Delegation to General Assembly

Youth & Children

TACOS WITH AMY O

We had a great time getting to know Amy O, with a yummy taco lunch on July 20th. We had eight youth and five parents join us and there was great discussion about what youth group looks like moving forward. We are excited about a new and upcoming season! If you were unable to attend lunch, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Amy at amyoblinder@baccdoc.org with suggestions and/or feedback.



The youth did a fun activity where they “built their taco” and showed what what they wanted Youth Group to look like in the coming year. “Toppings” included games, special events, mission work, etc.



Coming this Fall



**PLAY
&
PRAISE**



Music, Movement and Worship
for children 6 months - 3 years old
Thursday mornings

TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT PLAY & PRAISE AT BACC, PLEASE EMAIL
WORSHIP@BACCDORG

*"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."
Psalm 127:3*

What's Happening

FLYING SQUIRRELS FAITH NIGHT

The Richmond Flying Squirrels will host another Faith Night at The Diamond on **Thursday, August 14th**. The ballpark gates open at 5:30 p.m. with first pitch scheduled for 6:35 p.m. Be sure to come early to enjoy some live music, and stay later for fireworks after the game! Tickets are \$11/person for adults and \$5/person for anyone under 18. So go ahead and bring the whole family! To order tickets, please contact Rev. Amy Oblinger by calling the church office or emailing amyoblinger@baccdoc.org. Deadline **August 6th**.



RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

August 17 & 24, 2025

Our gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) strengthen our witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. Two examples of programs supported through the Reconciliation offering are Virginia's Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation workshops (offered multiple times during the year) and the Green Chalice ministry. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity. Gifts can be made through checks made out to BACC, with "Reconciliation" in the memo, and on Givelify.

REDD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BACC has supported Redd Elementary, a Richmond City School just off Jahnke Rd., in a variety of ways for several years, including volunteers. Volunteers are assigned to a student, or several students if interested, in grades K-5, as a reading buddy, tutor or mentor, for about a ½ hour per week. There is an application and orientation that all volunteers complete through the Richmond Communities in Schools program. The next orientation session (which is on Zoom) is **August 18th**.

Here is a link to sign up: [Volunteer | cisrva.org](https://volunteer.cisrva.org)

If you have questions or would like more info, contact Angie Branyon or Cathy Law.

What's Happening

HOME AGAIN SHELTER

We have two more Sundays to bring in items for the shelter, to support families and veterans when they secure housing and leave the shelter. Thanks to all who have given already!

We need all items from the HomeAgain list, but items that we need in particular are 13-gallon kitchen trash cans with lids, sturdy 2 bushel laundry baskets, paper towels and toilet paper.

All of these items we will be used to make Move-In kits for those transitioning from homelessness into a new home.

See the list here for other needed items.
Purchased items can be brought to the labeled boxes in the Fellowship Hall anytime before **August 12th**.

We are grateful for our generous and caring church! Please reach out to your Elder if you have any questions.



Items - Most wanted:

Air mattress with built in pump (Queen, 18")
Bed sheet sets (Queen)
Bed sheet sets (Twin)
Kitchen trash can (13 gallon with lid)
Plastic laundry basket (2 bushel)
Toilet paper (6-roll pkg)
Paper towel (8-roll pkg)

Additional Requested Items:

Personal care items:

Body wash,
Body lotion with Shea butter,
Shampoo and Conditioner,
Liquid hand soap

Household items:

Bathroom trashcan, 1.8 gallon
Non-scratch sponges,
Laundry Detergent,
Trash bags, 13 gallon

School supplies:

Transparent school bag,
School Supply kit from Amazon

*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and do good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some."
Hebrews 10:24-25*

What's Happening

BACC CABINET

The BACC Cabinet had a great planning meeting on July 18th & 19th. Members of the Cabinet serve as key advisors and collaborative leaders who help shape and steer the church's mission. The Cabinet works closely with the ministers and staff to strategize, plan, and steward our programs - and most importantly, to invite more people into the mission and ministry of our congregation!

Our staff and cabinet have identified four main "pillars" of our ministries, based in our mission statement, which each of our Program Committees fits within: Outreach, Worship, Nurture, and Grow. A recap of that is below, as are the names of each Committee Chair.

If you feel called to get involved in any area of the life of the church, please feel free to reach out! It is a powerful way to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and share your gifts. ***Together*** we strengthen the body of Christ and help our church thrive!

BACC Mission Statement: Bon Air Christian Church reaches out to proclaim the Gospel, Reaches up to worship God and Reaches in to nurture and grow in faith and love.

Pillars & Program Committees:

OUTREACH

- Evangelism (Claire Deitch)
- Church in Community (Cathy Law & Jeff Branyon)
- World Outreach (Cathy Law & Jeff Branyon)

WORSHIP

- Worship (Karen Basalay)

NURTURE

- Membership (Sandy Logan & Laura Hollis)
- Property (Doug Collins)

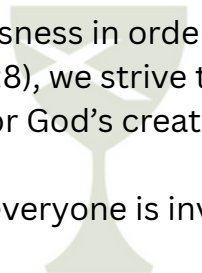
GROW

- Christian Ed (Cassie Price & Angie Branyon)
- Long Range Planning (Shea Hollifield)
- Stewardship (Shea Hollifield & Jon Ver Beek)

GREEN CHALICE UPDATE

Our mission is to connect Christian faith, spiritual practice and creation consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom. Out of our call to "do justice" (Micah 6:8), we strive to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom through living out our faith by caring for God's creation.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 17th immediately following worship and everyone is invited to attend.



What's Happening

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BACC VBS will be **August 4th - 8th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.** Please be in prayer for the children attending, and the volunteers who are giving their time to share God's light & love. May this week plant seeds of faith, build friendships, and reflect Jesus' love in all we do.



REMINDER!

A friendly reminder that our SUMMER schedule continues through Labor Day weekend

Mark Your Calendars!

Kick-Off Sunday will be Sunday, September 7th

8:45 a.m. Early worship service

10:00 a.m. Adult & Youth Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Late worship service

hello
FALL

On Sunday, September 7th we will also have a coffee and donuts hour to kick things off AND we will have our **1st Youth Group meeting** as well! Youth Group will immediately follow late worship, lunch will be provided & pick up is at 2:15 p.m.

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:

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



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF continues to be active over the summer, meeting for social events, lunches, as well as collecting for various women's charities. Check your emails for fellowship opportunities. The Day Group is already starting to work on our October beach trip. Regular meetings will begin in September. MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on **November 15, 2025** after the Saturday Service.

~ Jamie McDonald



Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry Regional Retreat

"PUTTING DOWN ROOTS"

Speakers: Windy Wilson, Pastor, Unity Christian Church, Radford VA
Laticia Lee, Pastor, The Ministry Church, Richmond, VA

Oct. 10-12, 2025

(Friday lunch - Sunday morning worship
Skelton 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake, VA
Registration forms available in the church office)

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Opportunities for August 2025:

Men's Lunch. Wednesday, August 6th (First Wednesday of each month). Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM). Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table (804-370-5279 or tesnodgras@aol.com).

ROMEO's Breakfast. Wednesday, August 13, 20, and 27 at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No assigned seating, no reservation required.

Men's Dinner. Thursday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. Brocks BAR-B-QUE, 11310 Iron Bridge Road, Chester, VA 23831. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.



BACC Men enjoying lunch at
Joe's Inn Bon Air on
Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025.

Thank You

"The kindness of others is a genuine reflection of the kindness of God."

All, Thank you for your support at Mother's funeral.

~Andy, Tim, Chris Wright



To the Membership,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and cards I received from you. It was your love and concern for me that has brought me this far. My recovery is about 55% and I could not have made it this far without all of you. Thanks again. I will always remember you with appreciation for your kindness and generosity. Prayers, cards, and support works wonders.

~Faye Lester



To my BACC Family,

I want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made my installation service and brunch such a special day. The food was delicious, the Fellowship Hall looked beautiful, and all my guests were so warmly welcomed. I am delighted that God has called me to serve this church, and I look forward to journeying with each of you through many more celebrations and milestones for all of us in the years to come!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Amy



*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17*

Thank You

Dear John and the Rotary Club of Richmond,

We are pleased to announce that The Rotary Club of Richmond blood drive held on June 26 at Bon Air Christian Church has been selected as an American Red Cross **Blood Drive of the Week**. This honor recognizes a group that exemplifies outstanding dedication to the community blood program.

Your drive was selected because it is a terrific example of the blueprint of what makes a drive successful. For starters, it takes a dedicated blood program leader like you. Our account manager, Sherry Driscoll, tells me that you partner with Bon Air Christian Church to help host blood drives, and it is a robust partnership! We love that you both promote blood drives to bring the community together and to help patients in need. The church does a wonderful job of preparing the space so that these events can occur. Overall, this drive collected 26 life-saving units on a goal of 24 with two power red donations.

On behalf of the hospitals we service, thank you for your contribution to the community blood supply and we acknowledge that such successes would not be possible without your support. We look forward to our continued collaboration in supporting the blood supply.

Thank you for being such a dedicated coordinator with American Red Cross.

Sincerely,

~Todd Cahill, Regional Donor services Executive



*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of
God that was given you in Christ Jesus.
1 Corinthians 1:4*

Church Family Updates

Our Prayers...

Please pray for: All the campers and counselors that have attended Craig Springs, we pray they have experienced the love of God, grown in faith and friendship, and felt His presence in every moment on the mountain; Maggie Clark's Mom, Kathy, who will have ankle surgery; Cathy Law who will have surgery the first week in August; Lynn Sarvis and the family of Kearny Kearny who passed away this week.

Continued prayers for: Laura and Steve Stankiewicz; Steve and Angie Goff; Deb Shiro; Mary Garrison; Taylor Brooks; Ollie White; Ethelene Slayton; Randy Slayton; David Limbrick; Peg Eagle; Faye Lester; Rev. Michael Weeks; Andrew Crank; the Archer family; Steve Kline; Paul Stairs; the family of Katie Smith; the families of Wanda Russell and Kathy Morton; Richard Law; Troy Plummer; the Wright family; Angel Huff and family; Bud Deihl's Mother; Traci Eagle; Paula Spencer; Pat Cosby; Marion and Gary Hosey; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold and Gail Campbell; Gerry Roppé; Gail Macfadden; Jake & Mazie McCann; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Diane & Phil Harris; Peggy Gross, and her brother, Calvin; Frank Wilson; Nick Miles; Paige Utz; Mary Key; Frank Wilson; John Rogers; Jeff Swanson; the family of Steven Bruster; Joan Mielke's sister-in-law, Doris; Cathy Law's friend, Carol; Bernie McDonald's sister, Norma; Debra Vaughan's brother, Danny and daughter in law, Janice; Bill Murray's sister, Margaret; Kris Foster's sister in law, Jane; Doug Collins, Sr.; Zachary Moon; Bob Blumenstein; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith, and her friend, Vlad; Gina McKenney's friend, Jimie Lee; Linda Verhuel's sister, Amy and her friend, Judy; Dana Hatton's friend, Tiffany; Anna Claire Jurman; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cathy Wheless; Richard Seeds; Vickie Shannon's mother; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Alice Murray's sister and friend; Devon Forehand; Denise Healy; Betty Jurman; Linda Lowers; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Bill Mahoney; JJ Blum; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Jim & Rose McCaferty's family; Will Monger; Lanny Saylor; John Foster; Caroline Laughorn; Jerry Ayers; Claire Marling's student, Victoria; Joann Ivey; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Faye Ringel; Eric Morris; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Connie Graves; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Janice Hoover; Nikki Todd; Judith Hazelo.



If you would like to add or update a prayer, please email worship@baccdoc.org.

If you would like a visit from Pastor David, please email davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org or call the church office at 804.272.6228.