

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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#### VISIT US:

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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!**

### Compassion - More Than Just a Week

Each February, we take up a special offering for Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee, and development ministry of the Disciples of Christ. Week of Compassion began as a “Day of Compassion” mission offering to respond to humanitarian crises created by World War II. What started as a one-day offering expanded to a week-long fundraising effort. Now, despite the (at times slightly confusing) retention of its temporal name, the work of Week of Compassion takes place all year long.

True compassion, after all, isn’t the kind of thing that can be contained in a single day or a week.

Our congregation is a generous supporter of Week of Compassion. As you’ll read later in this newsletter, we donated more than \$13,000 over the course of last year. This genuine and commendable generosity has me reflecting on the ways I show compassion, or fail to, on a daily basis. What do we offer people who come to the church asking for help? How do I offer support while also caring for myself and my family? How often do I let busy-ness and distraction rule in my daily interactions?

A pastor friend of mine recently said to me, “Jesus says that we are to give to anyone who asks, and what I’ve had to realize is that I always have something to give, even if it’s just the time of day.” Compassion, after all, takes time. One week. One day. One moment at a time.

Grace + Peace,

*David*

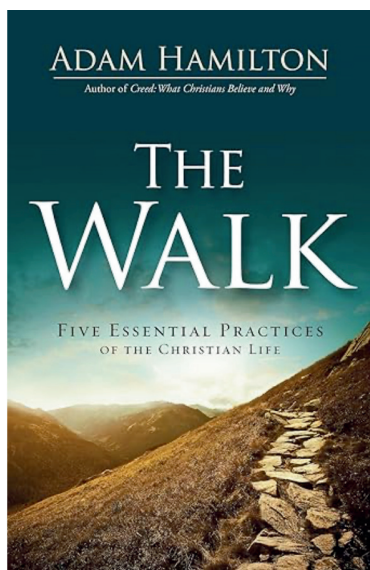
# Preparing for Lent



Lent begins next month. During this sacred season of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Holy Week and Easter, we have many different ways to grow in our faith:

Our Lent devotional will look a little different this year, but we will still be looking for people to write devotionals. Check your Wednesday email for the sign-up link or let the office know if you'd like to contribute.

Our 24-hour Ash Wednesday prayer vigil will begin at 6:00 a.m. on **March 5th**. Sign-up coming soon.



Throughout Lent, our worship focus will be “On the Way with Jesus,” with the weekly gospel lessons coming from Luke’s extended travel narrative as Jesus and the disciples journey from the Galilee to Jerusalem.

In keeping with that theme, our Lenten book study this year will be *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton. The study will begin on March 5th/6th, with a Wednesday Zoom session beginning at 7:05 p.m. or a Thursday in-person session at 10:30 a.m. Books will be available in the office soon.

*Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.  
Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.  
Psalm 33:20-21*



# What's Happening

## AED, CPR & LIFEVAC TRAINING

Hands On CPR, AED Training (not a certification course) and LifeVac training will be held at BACC on **Saturday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. & Sunday, February 9th at 12:00 p.m.** Members of BACC will facilitate. There will be food, and everyone is welcome to come.

This is open to the public as well so please invite friends and family that might be interested. Any questions, please contact Sandy Logan.



## JOY GROUP

We do not currently have plans for February JOY Group. If you would like to organize an outing or presentation for this group, or if you are interested in helping to lead JOY Group in the future, please contact Kendra in the church office.

## ASSOCIATE MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

The search committee is happy to share that on February 15th and 16th you will have an opportunity to meet a candidate for our Associate Minister for Intergenerational Ministries position. The Reverend Amy Oblinger will guest preach at all three services that weekend, and in between the 8:45 and 11:00 services, we will have a coffee-hour meet & greet. Amy currently serves as the Director of Contemporary Worship at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Midlothian.

*God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
1 Corinthians 1:9*

# What's Happening

## WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING February 16 & 23, 2025

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ***As for the things that you have earned and received and heard and seen in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.***

Philippians 4:8-9 (emphasis added)

Week of Compassion is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) program that responds to disasters (natural and man-made), for initial response and long-term recovery, in Ukraine, Sudan, North Carolina, Florida, California and many other places around the world. This special offering supports Week of Compassion's ongoing work around the world.

The BACC goal for this offering is \$2800.00

"The shared work of Week of Compassion matters – to people in crisis, and as people of faith. The gifts you give make an impact around the world, ensuring that the stories, needs, and celebrations of vulnerable communities are heard and seen – and that our whole church is equipped to respond."

-Rev. Vy Nguyen, Exec. Director, Week of Compassion





# What's Happening

## 2024 BACC Outreach Giving

(Outreach giving for various ministries, outside of budgeted donations)

**Thank you, BACC, for your generous donations, to share God's love and mercy.**

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN 2024:

**Week of Compassion** (disaster response, refugee and development)

- Annual Special Offering (Feb) \$ 2,271.66
- Hurricane Helene response \$ 11,530.17

**Easter** (General Ministries) \$ 2,789.71

**Pentecost** (New church formation; May) \$ 1,304.00

**Reconciliation** (Anti-racism; Sept) \$ 1,184.25

**Thanksgiving** (Higher education) \$ 1,966.08

**Christmas** (Regional ministries) \$ 4,265.31

Total: \$ 25,666.89

**CROP Walk** (local and global hunger) \$ 2,000.00

**House Framing** \$ 9,500.00

### **Thanksgiving/Christmas Families**

9 families supported, with presents for 24 children

Monetary donations: \$ 3,300.00

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2025:

+Continue supporting Special Offerings

+Bainbridge Ministries Food Pantry - especially jelly, rice, canned fruit, canned meat, canned chili

+Red Cross Blood Drives

+Redd Elementary: Read Across America Day - **March 7, 2025**

+Virginia Regional Mission Trip **June 15-20, 2025** -- to Christmount, for Helene recovery work.

Registration is open, please check your Wednesday "Church News" email.

+Support for the homeless-more info to come

*"Freely give what we have freely received."  
Matthew 10:8*

# What's Happening

## **HOUSE FRAMING UPDATE:**

The house for which we built the framing in September is nearly finished. The weather in Hillsville, VA has slowed the work to finish the house. The young family who will receive it just welcomed their second child.



## **BAINBRIDGE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:**

It's been a tough winter for a number of families, so the requests for assistance have increased at the Bainbridge Ministries Food Pantry. Foods they particularly need are: canned meat, canned fruit, canned chili, rice (bagged and side dishes), and jelly. Donation bins are located by the church office and Fellowship Hall.



*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*



# Youth Group

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

**Intergenerational Regional Mission Trip and 2025 Craig Springs camp dates below.**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Registration is open** -- <https://www.ccinva.org/missioncamp>

## VA CAMPING MINISTRY 2025

6.15-6.20	Intergenerational Mission Trip
6.21-6.28	TREC Camp
6.22-6.27	Nature Camp
6.29-7.4	Special Camp
7.6-7.11	Triple 1
7.20-7.24	New Covenant
7.21-7.26	CAMPDD
7.27-8.1	Triple 2
8.1-8.3	Family Camp
8.3-8.8	Adult Hiking Camp

## CRAIG SPRINGS

- Nature Camp
- Special Camp
- Triple 1 Camp
- New Covenant
- CAMPDD
- Triple 2
- Family

## ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

- Intergenerational Mission Trips
- TREC Camp
- Adult Hiking Camp

**Learn more about each camp and what it has to offer, and age ranges on the next page. If you have any questions about the Mission Trip or summer camp, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office. Also remember that BACC pays 1/2 for all campers to attend Craig Springs! We also have scholarships available if more help is needed.**

At Craig Springs, they are always in need of items big & small, new & used. Please Email [admin@craigsprings.org](mailto:admin@craigsprings.org) if you are interested in donating an item, or making a donation for the purchase of an item. Here is a current wish list of items needed:

**Hide-a-bed couch / Twin size, Trash cans with animal resistant lids, Books\*, Gator or other ATV, Mesh pool cover.**

*(\*Please note, either send a book list for us to select from or understand that donated un-needed duplicates and books in excess of our need will be passed along and not retained by the camp.)*

# Youth Group

Mission Camp - On our last mission trip to Charleston, South Carolina in June, 2024, the group built homes with Habitat for Humanity, and did home repair. This year we will be staying at Christmount and working on site and in areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. Ages 11 & up are welcome, there will be a variety of different work groups and skill levels.

New Covenant Camp - Caters to the younger campers. Open to those who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

Nature Camp - A camp experience for young campers who otherwise may not be able to attend camp.

Special Camp is dedicated to campers with physical and intellectual disabilities.

CAMPDD (Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama) Pronounced "Camped" is open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Triple 1 Camp offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Triple 2 Camp offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Family Camp is a weekend getaway open to all ages.

TREC Camp is an interesting Church camp that will offer you plenty of new challenges and fun. TREC camp involves campers ages 13 - 18 in high adventure activities each day of the week. In the past this has included hiking, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding, mountain boarding, repelling and climbing, zip line and caving. This is a camp for youth who enjoy new challenges and the fellowship of a small camp. Must be able to swim.





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- Feb 5th (Wednesday) 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Feb 12th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Feb 19th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air
- Feb 20th (Thursday) 5:30 PM – Men's Dinner @ Palermo Restaurant, Midlothian, VA
- Feb 26th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

If you have suggestions for CMF activities during 2025, contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279) or email [tesnodgras@aol.com](mailto:tesnodgras@aol.com).

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It's February, the shortest month of the year. Yet we have lots of activities packed into the month. The CWF group that meets at Andee Kirk's house (906 Buford Oaks Circle) is back to its regular meeting date (1st Thursday of the month) for February. Therefore the meeting will be on **Thursday, Feb. 6th at 6:30 pm**. The lesson will be Pharaoh's daughter in Exodus 2 and on page 99 in the lesson book. Everyone is invited.

The Day Group will meet at 10:30 am in the Multi-purpose room on **Tuesday, Feb. 11th**. The lesson will be looking at Jesus through the lens of the writer of the book of Hebrews. Background scriptures are Heb. 1-6; 12-13. 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. Sara R. is collecting empty egg cartons. Lunch for those interested will be at Napa Kitchen and Wine. Hope to see you at the meeting.

The Salad Group meets on **Thursday, Feb. 13th** in the Education Wing. Gather for Salad at 6:00 pm. Don't forget your donations for Safe Harbor (personal care items). The meeting starts at 7:00. Sara R. is the study chair and Claire D. will present a report on Kenya. A retreat is coming up in April. You can join this meeting on Zoom.

Cathy Law ([catherinelaw804@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelaw804@gmail.com)) can send you the link.

Mark your calendar for **March 16th, 2025**. After the 11:00 am service, we'll have a joint CWF meeting to discuss how to spend the money we have raised this year. Hope everyone can attend. ~Jamie McDonald

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

# Thank You

Thank you to our loving and supportive congregation for your generous staff gift! We are grateful and blessed to serve such a caring church. We're looking forward to another year of meaningful ministry at BACC.

In gratitude,  
~BACC Staff



We received the New Year card from the wonderful people of BACC. Thank you all so much. We miss you all so much and your prayers are appreciated and needed as we work to improve everyday.

~ Rick and Karen Lewis



Dear BACC family,

I'm sending my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your constant prayers, calls, cards, visits, and wonderful words of encouragement during all of my recent health issues. I am happy to let you know that I am doing so much better and look forward to being back at BACC very soon.

I am so very fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. Forever grateful for your love and support.

Love in Christ,  
~Jane Miller



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

We are so grateful for all of the contributions we received in 2024, including direct financial gifts like yours. Our records indicate that you personally contributed a total of \$1,200.00, which we greatly appreciate!

Many thanks!

~Shelly Marin, CEO CCHASM



Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Craig Springs of \$150.00 in memory of Will Woolridge.

Bless you,

~Sue Gordon, CCinVA



# Thank You

Many thanks from the family of William Woolridge.

Please accept this donation for any incidentals which may have incurred in preparing for the funeral service of my son. I am grateful for the hospitality of the Bon Air Christian Church congregation.

In Christ Love,

~Lois Haynes

*(This money was donated to Craig Springs in memory of Will)*



Ladies,

The family of William Woolridge cannot thank you enough for this kind expression of love.

At this busy time of year we are so grateful for your time to have a reception for us.

We are so very grateful.

Much love,

~Lois Haynes



Dear David & BACC,

Thank you for your generous gifts in 2024 to Richmond Habitat! It is only through the support of donors like you that we are able to pursue our mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Your support grants access to homeownership, a life-changing opportunity for local families. Through our program, hard-working individuals are empowered to build brighter futures for themselves and their children.

We are indebted to our generous donors. You make it all possible. Thank you again for your commitment to help further our mission of building homes, communities, and hope throughout the Metro Richmond area.

Wishing you a wonderful 2025,

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

Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity



# Welcome to BACC!

## WELCOME JAN JONES!

We welcome Jan Jones to our church family. She and her husband, Larry Newark, are both military brats, but both have lived in Richmond for over 20 years or so. She and Larry each have a son from previous marriages. Jan has 2 sisters and 1 brother and she is the youngest. She is a former RN and a graduate of VCU's Nursing program. She now works part-time as a Home Care Assistant. Larry is a retired Vice President of a bank and now volunteers at Crossover Clinic where he interprets Spanish for the staff and patients. He is fluent in Spanish having a degree in Spanish from VCU. He also has a degree in finance from Duke University. Jan's favorite thing is swimming and she enjoys reading, cooking, biking, walking, and nature. She and Larry have 3 cats. She is very comfortable with her decision to join BACC and delighted to be here.

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Birthday: July 13

Anniversary: May 4

## WELCOME BABY ALIA!

Alia Faye Trimmer was born January 13, 2025 at 5:43 pm in Midlothian, VA. Weighing 8 lbs 9 oz. She was 21 inches long. Parents are Natalie and Winston Trimmer of Prince George, VA -- and Braden is proud big brother! Everyone is doing great, despite recovering from Covid recently. Proud and excited grandparents are Rhonda & Mark Ringel. What a blessing!

*Congratulations*





# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Continued prayers for:** Natalie and Braden Trimmer; Emilie Fuller; Pasha and Brandon; Baby Isaac Menke; Kearny Kearny; Taylor Brooks; Traci Eagle and family; Anna Claire Jurman; Logan Blanchard; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cindy Stratton's niece and family; Joann Ivey; the family of Randy Boyd; Cathy Wheless; Richard Seeds; Steve Goff; Traci Eagle; Bud Deihl; Dana Hatton; the family and friends of Will Woolridge; Gary Hosey; Jane Finnegan and her mother, Lois; Chris Verheul; Steve and Karen Kline; Rick Lewis; Martha Wright; Gerry Roppé; Diane and Phil Harris; Mary Garrison; Debra Vaughan; Vickie Shannon's mother; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold and Gail Campbell; Evan Lenhart; Zachary Moon; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Donnie Etz's brother, Shawn; John Strickland; Angel Huff and family; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Claire Marling's student, Victoria; Mary Ann Casdia; Jake & Mazie McCann; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Debra Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Marvin Robins; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Alice Murray's sister, 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; Doug Collins, Sr.; 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; Karen Shelton Smith; Caroline Laughorn; Barbara Horton and family; Fred Turner; Phil Hepler; Diane Fearnley's friend, Nancy; Wilma Pruett; 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; Connie Graves; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Janice Hoover; Nikki Todd; Judith Hazelo.



*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Hebrews 4:16*