

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

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#### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



#### 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!**

### A Tough Christmas

To be honest, my family had a pretty tough Christmas this year. We all got quite sick. Grief and loss came at us in ways both expected and completely unexpected. Trips had to be cancelled or rescheduled. There were, of course, moments of beauty and joy in the midst of it all. But all in all I wouldn't exactly call it the *most* wonderful time of the year.

But of course, what we set aside the Christmas season to remember as a church is that God takes on flesh, joining with humanity in our struggles and sorrows, our sicknesses and frailties, as much as in our joy and celebrations. Jesus gets born into all the dirt and muck of the world. That's kind of the point of the story. Hallmark has cards for the Christmas we think we should have; Jesus comes for the lives we are in fact living, at this time of year and every time of year.

We are turning now to the season of Epiphany, which begins January 6th (still a few more days left of the 12 days of Christmas, y'all!). In this season, we celebrate and seek out all the ways God's light is shared with the world. That illumination shows us both the world as it really is and the world as God dreams that it could be - a world of healing and wholeness, of sorrows comforted, broken-down things made new.

So today, I give thanks to the God who comes to be with us, not in the lives we think we should have, but in the lives we are actually living. O Christ, You meet us here. And then you call us onward, to live into Your dream. Praise be to God. Amen.

Grace + Peace,

*David*

# Worship With Us

Hanging of the Greens, Blue Christmas and our Christmas Eve Worship Services are always such special worship services this time of year. We gathered to adorn, remember, and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the light He brought to our world.



*We Remember...*



# Bringing Joy!

## Christmas Caroling

Thanks to all who helped bring the Christmas spirit and joy to six members of BACC who can no longer get to church regularly. It was a great evening full of joyful noise and lots of smiles of gratitude & love. It means so much to those who we visit!



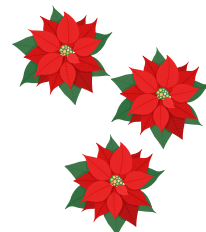
## Christmas Eve at Angel School

The pageant was precious this year! A perfect morning to get us in the Christmas spirit!



## Poinsettias

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettias to honor or remember their loved ones. The poinsettias adorned our sanctuary and made it beautiful for all to enjoy. We thank you and remember these dear loved ones during the Christmas season. Flowers can now be taken home with you.





# *Christmas Poinsettias*

## ***In memory of...***

Don Dutrow and Micah Dutrow, given by Cindy Stratton

W.A. Turlington, given by Jean Turlington and Amy Walsh

Our parents, J.T. and Polly Lenhart and Ralph and Edna Penley, given by Bob and Janet Lenhart

Thomas Finnegan, given by the Finnegan-Hosey family

Polly & Raymond Craft, given by Paula and Steve Craft

Bill & Peggye Alcoke and Carnell & Iva Teachey, given by Susan & Kim Teachey

Dick & Nancy Price, given by Cassie Price

Barbara Hollifield, given by Shea Hollifield

John Dowdy, Carol Anderson, and Margaret Thompson, given by Jean Dowdy

Janice Rice Hedrick & Laura Rice Jenkins, given by Laura & Scott Hollis

Juanita & Linwood Coleman, given by Joy Black

Our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, given by Susan & Philip Baum

My mother Edna, and my nephew Brendan, given by Sandy Logan

Myrna & Bill Law, given by Cathy Law



## ***In memory of...***

Jim Henderson, Jr. and James A. & Belle D. Henderson,  
given by Phyllis Henderson

Ted & Cynthia Majewski, and Molly Johnson, given by  
Russ & Cindy Johnson

Leona & Andrew Lesyinski, Sally & Joseph Basalay, and  
Helen Basalay, given by Karen & Bob Basalay

Mother, father, brother, and two sisters, given by  
Nancy Roper & Betty Snead

Vic & Eleanor Foster, given by Kris Foster

Joe and Barbara Gilboy, given by Kathy and Dean Madison

Hector & Georgette Coté and Marguerite & Mastin Goff,  
given by Steve & Angie Goff

Ed Garrison, given by Mary Garrison

Sarah Zierer (mother), Gerald Zierer (father), and Richard  
Zierer (twin brother), given by Nancy Wyman

Our dear parents and grandparents Jack and Jeter Bourne,  
given by David, Gaye, Sarah Blevins and Michael Bourne.

Jim Henderson, Lois Zarefoss, and Will Woolridge, given by  
their BACC family.



***In honor of...***

Maggie, Karson, Bode and Berkley Clark, given by  
Kathy & Dean Madison

Kama, Dave, Mary, Greg, Hunter, and Gwen, given by  
Mary Garrison

Jake, Charlie and Lilly Ver Beek, given by Jon & Kendra  
Ver Beek

Claire and Charlotte Marling, given by Shea Hollifield

Ellen Moon, given by Rhonda Ringel

Jane Finnegan and Lois Martin, given by the Finnegan-  
Hosey family

Our grandchildren: Savannah and Miles Wilkinson,  
Max and Felix Klein, given by Bob & Carol McGowan

Tom Kazas, given by Cassie Price

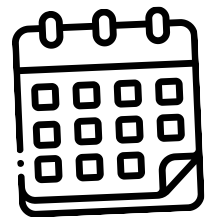
Tom & Lois Martin, and Gary & Marion Hosey, given by  
Jane Finnegan

# What's Happening

## Important Dates

As we get back into the swing of things after the holidays, we wanted to remind you of a few important dates coming up. The new year is upon us and meetings are fast approaching. The Spirit is moving at BACC and there is a lot of exciting and important work to be done in 2025.

- January 11th - Help take down Christmas decorations
- January 12th - Installation of elders and deacons; first elders meeting
- January 19th - First board meeting of the year
- February 2nd - First youth group meeting of the year



## ARC Blood Drive

It's National Blood Donor Month, a time to honor donors like you who give the gift of life.

- JAN. 1-26: Those who come to give Jan. 1-26, 2025, will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. For package experience details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl](https://RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl).
- Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.
- Eligibility questions? Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org).
- FOR DRIVES WHERE POWER REDS WILL BE COLLECTED: Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation at this blood drive.

**January 22nd at BACC:  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



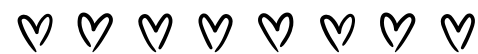
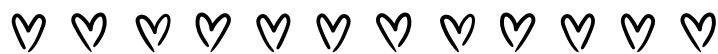
*Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.*

*2 Timothy 1:14*

# What's Happening

## HOLOCAUST MUSEUM OUTING

It was a very touching and meaningful outing to the Holocaust Museum on December 12th to see Halina Zimm's story of survival. It was extra special to have Halina join us in person! Thanks to everyone who came out, it was a moving experience we will not soon forget.



## REGIONAL YOUTH LOCK-IN

The Virginia Youth Council is planning a **regional lock-in for Jan. 24th at Fairview Christian Church in Lynchburg, VA** for the middle and high school youth. The theme for this lock-in is ***"Be Blessed Not Stressed."***

The Youth Council is excited to host an event where we can fellowship, have fun, and plan for the future TOGETHER.

That means a chance to see all your camp buddies! There will be games, food, and plenty of time to hang out with and catch up with your friends.

Start time is Friday, January 24th 8:30pm and end time is Saturday, January 25th at 9am. Registration fee is \$10. Use this link to register: <https://www.ccinva.org/youthministries>

If you have any questions, please call Kendra at the church office. We hope you can join the fun!





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope Christmas was fantastic. Hard to believe it's 2025. Due to the holidays the CWF group that meets at Andee Kirk's house (906 Buford Oaks Circle) will have their next meeting on the second Thursday of the month, **January 9th**. The lesson will be Pharaoh's daughter in Exodus 2 and on page 99 in the lesson book. We need a name for this group. Please join us.

The Day Group will meet at 10:30 am in the Multi-purpose room on **Tuesday, January 14th**. The lesson will be looking at Jesus through the lens of Paul. Background scriptures are I Cor. 2:1-2; II Cor. 5:17-20; Phil. 2:1-4; and Acts 18. 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. Hope to see you at the meeting.

The Salad Group meets on the second Thursday in the Education Wing. So that means the January meeting will be on **January 9th**. Come at 6:00 p.m. to share a meal. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. You can join this meeting on Zoom. Cathy Law can send you the link.

I hope you will start the New Year with CWF!

~ Jamie McDonald

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

January Fellowship Events.

Jan 8th (Wednesday) 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

Jan 15th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

Jan 22nd (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

Jan 29th (Wednesday) 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast @ Joe's Inn Bon Air

CANCELLED. There will not be a Men's Dinner in January and no ROMEOs breakfast on January 1st.

If you have suggestions for CMF activities during 2025, contact Tom Snodgrass (804-370-5279) or email [tesnodgras@aol.com](mailto:tesnodgras@aol.com). Already on the short list: Penney Ante Poker Game (date TBD).



# Serving Together

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
TO OUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FAMILIES!**

## **Christmas Families update:**

Thanks to your generosity, BACC supported 9 families for the holidays. Food and gift cards were given for Thanksgiving. For Christmas, we provided gifts for 24 children, as well as paper and cleaning products for the families and a gift card for a Christmas meal. There were many “Thank you’s” from the schools, when the gifts were delivered. BACC’s generous and giving spirit makes a difference in people’s lives.

## **New Church in Richmond!**

A new Disciples congregation has started in Church Hill, called The Ministry Church. Several of you met their minister, Laticia Lee, at the house framing in September. Watch for more news about The Ministry Church in 2025!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the memorial service for William Woolridge on Friday, December 27th. It was powerful to witness the impact that Will had on so many people, and we were so grateful to be able to provide the space for this meaningful remembrance. Please continue to keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

*Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
Psalm 106:1*

# Thank You

David,

We hope that your family and your congregation will have a peaceful and blessed Christmas. We are so grateful that you have allowed us to be part of your ministry.

~ Katherine and Lee, NAMI Bon Air Family Support Group



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,000 received in November 2024 to the Fuller Center for Housing Greater Carroll County Area. Without donations from individuals like you who have a heart for making the lives of families in our community better, it would be very difficult to undertake projects that address the many housing needs that exist in our area.

The Fuller Center for Housing was begun in the spring of 2005 as a ministry whose goal is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. As a local Covenant Partner with the Fuller Center for Housing as of May 2010, we hope to provide the structure, guidance, and support that the Greater Carroll County Area needs to build and repair homes for impoverished families locally.

Donations of time, talents, money, and service are critical to accomplishing the work that we hope to do in our area. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for joining with us in this important ministry to our community.

~ Michelle Tompkins, Treasurer



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the University of Lynchburg and your contribution of \$275 to the Lynchburg Fund.

Contributions to the Lynchburg Fund are critical to our success and help to create undeniably life-changing experiences for our students through scholarship support, programming, and more. Your support also enables us to capitalize on unexpected opportunities and address immediate needs. When we work together, anything is possible.

With gratitude,

~Shawn P. Wood, Associate VP of Advancement



*"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever."*

*Psalm 86:12*

# Thank You

BACC,  
Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, e-mails, texts and rides during my treatment and recovery for the bleeding vein in my retina. I appreciate the love and caring of my church family.

~ Brenda Kidd



Dear Dear friends of LTS at Bon Air Christian Church,  
The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS; words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$1,650.

Sincerely yours,

~ Mark V. Blankenship, VP of Advancement

*We are humbled by Bon Air Christian Church's generosity and belief in LTS.*

*With Gratitude,*

*Mark*



BACC Women's Group,

May your heart and home be filled with the hope Christmas brings. Have a beautiful holiday season and happy new year. Thank you for your continued support and cards of hope.

Bless you all,

~Janice Hoover



# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** Cathy Wheless who was recently hospitalized, and has COVID; Richard Seeds who is under hospice care; Rose McCaferty's nephew, Matthew, who fell and has a brain bleed; Rhonda Ringel's daughter, Natalie Trimmer, who is pregnant and recently caught a stomach bug and had to be hospitalized to control her blood sugar; family and friends of Leigh Finnegan-Hosey's friend, Louise, who died unexpectedly; Lisa McColm's friend in MI who is having valve replacement surgery.

Prayers of Thanksgiving – Bud Deihl's feeding tube has been removed and recovery continues to go well; Traci Eagle got MRI results back and there is NO CANCER in the brain or spine. She meets with her doctor next week to plan pain management for some protrusion/bulging in discs caused by radiation.

**Continued prayers for:** Dana Hatton; Steve Goff; Jane Miller; the family and friends of Will Woolridge; Gary Hosey; Jane Finnegan's mother, Lois; Bob McGowan; Nancy Roper; Paul Stairs; Terri Rudolph; Chris Verheul; Steve and Karen Kline; Claire Marling; Rick Lewis; Martha Wright; Gerry Roppé; Bud and Susan Deihl; Diane and Phil Harris; Mary Garrison; Debra Vaughan; Vickie Shannon's mother; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold and Gail Campbell; Taylor Brooks; 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; Natalie Trimmer; Darlene Hicks; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Alice Murray's friend, Robin; Frances Gillman; Bill Mahoney; Richard Seeds; 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; 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; 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; Connie Graves; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Janice Hoover; Mary Ellen Cummins; Nikki Todd; Traci Eagle's cousin, Cindy; Judith Hazelo.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

*Colossians 4:2*