

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

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#### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



### 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!**

### “Wisdom goes here ...”

First, a bit of church office backstory: each month, Kendra puts together a draft of this newsletter for the church, leaving an open space for your Minister to write an opening message to you. Occasionally, she will put some text in as a placeholder for the title. This month, when I opened the file up to write my piece, I saw that she had labeled the opening letter “Wisdom goes here.” Talk about a high bar.

I don’t know if I have much wisdom to share this month, but luckily, to quote LeVar Burton on *Reading Rainbow*, you don’t have to take my word for it. In the Book of Proverbs, we meet Lady Wisdom, a personification of God’s Spirit and Word. Proverbs 8 tells us that “On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out.”

Where does Wisdom go? She is portrayed as going to the places where people gather for conversation, discernment, and communal exchange. In a way, Wisdom goes everywhere there is life. There, she takes a stand and speaks up for those in need. She offers discernment and guidance. She brings creative power and life to the people who choose to listen to her.

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, it’s worth remembering that Wisdom is one image for the Spirit of God that is poured out to call the Church into existence - the Church that is still sent out in mission to seek the places where Wisdom can be found.

I don’t know if I have any wisdom to offer. But God offers us wisdom, and sends us out to the same places Lady Wisdom goes - all the places where people are in need of life, of consolation, and of community. Wisdom “goes there.” And so shall we!

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# Youth Group

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the youth led every aspect of worship for **Youth Sunday** and did an outstanding job! They made us so proud ... displaying confidence, maturity, and a deep sense of faith beyond their years. From the readings and prayers to the powerful message, and beautiful music, each part of the service reflected their dedication and love for God. The congregation was encouraged and uplifted by their leadership. Their authenticity and joyful spirit remind us all of the important role young people play in the life of the church.

We are so proud of our BACC youth and excited for the future they represent! Thank you to all who participated.

After worship the youth headed to Kings Dominion for their year-end celebration. It was quite an exciting day!



*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



# Summer Camp



**BACC pays ½ for every camper, and any friends!**  
**We are looking forward to sending another group of youth to the mountain!**



## **VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY**

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

**6/22– 6/27 Nature Camp**

**6/15 – 6/20 Intergenerational Mission Trip**

**6/29 – 7/4 Special Camp**

**7/6 – 7/11 Triple 1 Camp**

**7/20 – 7/24 – New Covenant**

**7/21 – 7/26 – CAMPDD**

**7/27 – 8/1 – Triple 2 Camp**

**8/1 – 8/3 – Family Camp**

**8/3 – 8/8 – Adult Hiking Camp**



**6/21 – 6/28 TREC Camp**





# What's Happening

## FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for some ICE CREAM! We will have an ice cream social in the fellowship hall following worship service on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** (also known as Father's Day). We hope you can join us for a sweet treat and fellowship! If you can help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Sandy Logan. See you there!



## CWS KIT PICK UP

CWS Kits have been refreshed and updated to better meet the needs of those we serve. You can make a difference this year! Explore the new and improved kits by visiting <https://cwskits.org>. New kits include: Hygiene Kits, Period Packs, Kids Kits (formerly school kits), and Clean Up Buckets. All information and details can be found on the website.

BACC also still serves as a Kit Drop-Off & Pick-Up location and kits will be picked up on **Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Thanks for helping to make a difference to our brothers and sisters in need.

## HOME AGAIN SHELTER

In previous years, each of BACC's nine Flocks have provided a meal for the HomeAgain Men's Shelter throughout the year. That shelter closed at the end of last year, but there are still opportunities to support the ministry of HomeAgain. This month, you will receive communication from your Elder about a HomeAgain donation drive. Items we collect will be used to make Move-In kits for those transitioning from homelessness into a new home. Stay tuned for more information soon, and we hope everyone will take this opportunity to participate in the outreach ministries of our church!

*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*  
*Galatians 6:9*

# What's Happening

## PASTOR'S CLASS FOR ADULTS



June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.  
June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.

***"Pastor's Class for Adults (kids also welcome)!"*** is for newcomers and oldtimers alike, this is an opportunity to learn more about our Disciples of Christ baptism tradition, the scriptural story of God's great love we are immersed in as disciples, and the ministry of Bon Air Christian Church.

Contact Pastor David if you are interested.  
All are welcome!

**\*\*Wear RED for Pentecost June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>\*\***

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



**June 1 & 8, 2025**

Half of the gifts made to the Pentecost special offering will remain here in Virginia to support new churches in our region. The other half goes to support the efforts of New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, and assists emerging and affiliating communities of faith and their leaders across the U.S. and Canada so that they can become movement initiators. Make a gift on June 1 and June 8 to ensure that new places of worship are created, and God's word is spread far and wide. Be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

# What's Happening

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

If you enjoy construction or just want to help out you are welcome to join the CMF and Church in Community as we contribute our time and talents to the Richmond Habitat for Humanity. We would love your participation. Please see the details below.

- Project:** Richmond Habitat for Humanity  
**Location:** 8761 Sheldeb Dr. Richmond, VA  
(the last house on the left before going under the Powhite Pkwy.)  
**Date:** Thursday July 31st, 2025  
**Time:** 8:00 AM until as late as 3:00 PM but could finish earlier  
Safety briefing begins at 8:00 AM  
**Needed:** Various Skill Sets including limited skill sets  
**Team:** Needed maximum of 8 workers  
**Provisions:** Water will be provided. Bring your own bagged lunch.

Please fill out the volunteer profile at [www.richmondhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.richmondhabitat.org/volunteer)

If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Kim Teachey at (804) 624-1815 or [kimteachey@comcast.net](mailto:kimteachey@comcast.net)

## COMING SOON ...

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** — Mark your calendars. BACC VBS will be **August 4th - 8th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**. We will need LOTS of volunteers to live up to “the best VBS in town!” Please let Cindy Johnson, Joan Mielke or Kendra Ver Beek know if you would like to help! You can also spread the word & register your child / children at <https://bit.ly/BACCVBS2025> or scan the QR Code below. We can’t wait for another successful & fun VBS!





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All the CWFs met for the last time before the summer break in May. The Thursday evening group met at Andee Kirk's house on May 1st. The lesson was on the priest of Midian's daughters. The group will resume meetings in September, using the same lesson book. The Day Group met on Tuesday, May 13th. Angie led the lesson on how our own perspectives influence how we view Jesus. We sent cards to those who are ill or grieving. A small group went to lunch at P.F. Chang's afterwards. We will meet over the summer for lunch on the second Tuesday of the month (no meeting). We will continue to collect gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, etc.) for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. The Silent Retreat to Holy Cross Abbey is coming up June 6-8. Meetings will resume in September on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am.

Salad Group met on May 15th for a meeting and a Kenyan pot luck instead of the usual salad. Kenya was the focus country for this year's study. Meetings will resume in September on the second Thursday.

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. We already have several quilts to raffle off. See you in September.

~Jamie McDonald



## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BACC was well-represented at Faith Night at the Diamond. Eleven church members enjoyed watching the Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Team play against the Erie PA Seawolves on Saturday evening May 17th. The Seawolves brought their 'A-Game', scoring 8 runs against the Squirrels and denying our Squirrels a single run. The next Faith Night is in August. Fellowship Opportunities for June 2025.

Men's Lunch. **Wednesday, June 4th.** (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](mailto:tesnodgras@aol.com)).

ROMEOs Breakfast. **Wednesday, June 11, 18, and 25** at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No assigned seating, no reservation required.

Men's Dinner. Thursday, June 19, (June 19th). at 6:00 PM (new time). The location will be announced later. Watch the Wednesday Church email for updates. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.

# Thank You

Dear David,

I would like to express again how much Bon Air Christian Church has meant to our family over the years. It was the childhood church of my brother and I, and the experiences we had there in Sunday School, Shirley Foutz's children's choir, youth group, and worship shaped the faith that we carry as men. We will never forget the kindness that the BACC community showed us during my father's last illness, and after my mother's death. Her family and her church were the twin centers of mom's world, and her memorial service was exactly the kind of leave-taking she would have wished.

Seth and I will continue to pray for God's blessing on what will always be, for us, our family's church.

Yours in Christ,

~Tom Spivey



## 2025 Trialogue

On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, BACC hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> of three Trialogue gatherings for the community. There was great discussion about navigating fear and hope in challenging times.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and also to those who brought refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

It was a wonderful way to be part of a larger discussion with other faith leaders and congregants.



*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.  
Psalm 100:4*



# Church Family Updates

## *Welcome Amy!*

Rev. Amy Oblinger is a native of Southwestern Virginia, raised on camping trips, Wonder Bread, and Baptist hymns. She attended college at King University of Bristol, TN, where she studied performing arts, then received her Master's in Musicology from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Amy spent time living and working with the Iona Community (also in Scotland) before settling back into Southwest Virginia to begin a 15-year stint as a career musician, wandering her way through church choirs and praise bands in Presbyterian, Episcopal, and United Methodist churches. (There may also have been some musical theater gigs and a few fun side hustles, like nanny, donut-maker, and wine shop attendant.)



She graduated from Union Presbyterian with her MDiv last year, where she interned with Seventh Street Christian Church, and was ordained as a Disciples minister shortly afterwards. Amy is the founder of Richmond Beer & Hymns and the local women's singing group Mosaic, and she currently resides in Church Hill with her husband and their five cats.

**We are so happy you are here, Amy! Welcome to the BACC Family!**

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

# Church Family Updates

## *Our Prayers...*

**Please pray for:** Dana and Todd Hatton's friend, Jeff Swanson, as he begins chemo; Joan Mielke's sister-in-law, Doris, who was recently in a car accident; Cathy Law's friend, Carol.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Rose and Jim McCaferly's grandson, Kaladin, is home from the hospital and doing well. Prayers and birthday wishes to Sylvia Montgomery who celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday last week!

**Continued prayers for:** Kathy Morton; Faye Lester; Dan Emson; Paul Stairs; Mary Garrison; the Wright family; Bud Deihl's Mother; Traci Eagle; Steve Kline; Steve Goff; Paula Spencer; Marion and Gary Hosey; Bernie McDonald's sister, Norma; Debra Vaughan's brother, Danny; Janet Lenhart's nephew, Steven Bruster; Bill Murray's sister, Margaret; Kris Foster's sister in law, Jane; Taylor Brooks; Doug Collins, Sr.; The Fearnley family; Zachary Moon; Ethelene Slayton; Bob Blumenstein; Jane Finnegan and family; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith; Gina McKenney's friend, Jimie Lee; Linda Verhuel's friend, Judy; Dana Hatton's friend, Tiffany; Lisa McCole's niece, Jordan; Debra Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Linda Verhuel's sister, Amy; 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; Vickie Shannon's mother; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold and Gail Campbell; Wanda Russell; Gail Macfadden; Angel Huff and family; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Jake & Mazie McCann; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Alice Murray's sister and friend; Devon Forehand; Denise Healy; Betty Jurman; Linda Lowers; Darlene Hicks; Eric Moorehouse; Joel Blackwell; Jane Shuler; Bill Mahoney; JJ Blum; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Jim & Rose McCaferly's family; Will Monger; Peg Eagle; Pat Cosby; Lanny Saylor; John Foster; Caroline Laughorn; Jerry Ayers; Claire Marling's student, Victoria; Kearny Kearny; Joann Ivey; 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.

***If you would like to add or update a prayer, please email [worship@baccdoc.org](mailto:worship@baccdoc.org).***

***If you would like a visit from Pastor David, please email [davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org](mailto:davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org) or call the church office at 804.272.6228.***

*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*  
*Ephesians 6:18*