

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## MAY 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:

5:00 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

#### **\*\*STARTING MAY 25TH:**

#### **10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

(one Sunday worship service)

#### Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

#### **\*\*STARTING MAY 25TH:**

#### **9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**All are welcome!**

### Praise, Y'all!

*"Hallelujah!"* This familiar sound of praise rings throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Also called Eastertide, this is the time from Easter Sunday until Pentecost when the Church throughout history has particularly rejoiced in the hope of the Resurrection.

*"Hallelujah!"* You've likely heard the word joyfully proclaimed and sung. It's a Hebrew word, which we usually translate "Praise the LORD!" To be exact, it could be translated as "Praise YHWH," or "Praise God's (Unpronounceable) Name."

But did you know that it's actually the second-person imperative plural form of the Hebrew verb? No? Ok, I'll be honest, I didn't either. *Definitely* had to look that one up.

Just to translate into everyday English: *"Hallelujah"* is a command, addressed directly to multiple people. In other words, it means something like "Y'all should praise God's Name!" So it's a phrase we say to each other, as a community, to encourage each other to sing out in praise and thanksgiving.

Of course, there's nothing to guarantee that the Fifty Days of Easter will be all happiness. Life continues, with ups and downs, sorrows and celebrations, grief and gratitude. Praise isn't, ultimately, about the state we're in or the mood we're in. It's about giving over to God the things that belong in God's hands, which one way or another, is everything. So *"Hallelujah!"* - praise, y'all!

After all, Christ is risen indeed - and the whole world is in God's hands.

Grace + Peace,

*David*



# Holy Week 2025

*Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith. Raise our voices in praise and lift our eyes to the hills of hope. Reveal to us your presence. Raise us up to new life, even as you were risen, that we may proclaim to the world: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"*

*Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Holy Week so special here at BACC! Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Baptisms, and an Egg Hunt – Blessing abound! Alleluia, Alleluia!



*Maundy Thursday hand washing*



*Bon Air Ministers for our Ecumenical Good Friday worship*



*Easter Morning Children's Message*



*Easter Morning Baptisms*

*"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."  
Matthew 28:6*



# Easter 2025



*Many thanks to Jon Ver Beek for the beautiful pictures*



# What's Happening

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Our Summer worship schedule begins on  
**May 25th.** Please mark your calendars:



**Saturday Casual Worship is now at 5:00 p.m.**



**Adult Sunday School will move to 9:00 a.m.  
(No Youth Sunday School in the summer)**

*All are welcome!*

**Sunday Worship Service will move to  
ONE SERVICE only at 10:00 a.m.**



## HELPING OUR FRIENDS AT CCHASM

**Chesterfield Colonial Heights  
Alliance for Social Ministry  
(CCHASM)**

**Community Care Event**

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

**6:00am - 8:00pm**

Come support CCHASM by  
eating at Chick-fil-A in Chester.  
10% of designated sales will be  
donated to the organization.

Use the code "fillbags" in your  
Chick-fil-A app or tell a team  
member you are there for the  
Community Care Event before  
submitting your order.



## VICTORIAN DAYS AT BACC

The annual Bon Air Victorian Days  
celebration is coming up on

**May 10th – 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Let us know if you are willing to help out  
at a table to welcome our neighbors!



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# What's Happening

## ASSOCIATE MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

At our called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, those present voted unanimously to call the Reverend Amy Oblinger as our new Associate Minister. Her role will focus on the intergenerational ministries of our church - from our youngest members to our oldest - including our youth group. Pastor Amy will begin serving with us toward the end of May, and her first Sunday in worship with us will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to bring her on board and know that everyone will extend her a warm BACC welcome! Please keep Amy and our congregation in your prayers as we make this exciting transition. Also, please take some time to thank the members of the search committee for all of their hard work, time, and prayer over these past two years: Diane Clark and Russ Johnson (co-chairs), Ruth Ann Bates, Karson Clark, Cindy Johnson, Emily Rucker, Tom Snodgrass, Andy Trezza, and Kendra Ver Beek.

## 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

Please contact Kim Teachey if you would like to attend.

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



## SOFTBALL UPDATE

The league has started but we ***still are in need of more people!*** Games will be on Tuesdays (18 game season), and we play at George Moody fields (7800 Woodman Rd, Henrico, VA 23228). We had a great 1<sup>st</sup> practice last week but didn't have enough people to play so had to forfeit the game. This week we borrowed players from another church so we could field a team ... we didn't come away with the win but it was tons of fun getting out there on the field – fellowship, fresh air and lots of encouragement! Consider trying something new and join us! No experience is needed, we promise :)

Please reach out to Evan Gross if you have any questions at all.

grossevan0@gmail.com





# What's Happening

## INTERFAITH TRIALOGUE

Please join over 12 Houses of worship in the Bon Air and Southside area including the Islamic Center of VA, for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Dialogue in 2025. This year dialogue will focus on the topic of: *"Navigating Fear and Hope in Challenging Times"*.

The aim of the dialogue is to deepen mutual understanding and appreciation between the three Abrahamic religious communities. All events are free and open to the public. The events start at 6:15 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Free Parking and refreshments will be available.

**1st session: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025** Bon Air Christian Church (2071 Buford Road)

**2nd session: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025** Islamic Center of VA (1241 Buford Road)

**3rd session: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** Congregation Or Ami (9400 W Huguenot Rd)

## GREEN CHALICE INTEREST MEETING

*God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."*

*God created human beings; created them godlike,  
Reflecting God's nature. God created them male and female.  
God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!  
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,  
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."*

*- Genesis 1:28, The Msg*



In the beginning, God gave us a mission: take care of the Earth and all that is within it. It is a sacred calling, an invitation into divine partnership, one that lays the foundation for the greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' (Matthew 22: 36-40). One of the ways our denomination has tried to do this is through the ministry of Green Chalice, which empowers and resources local congregations for the work of creation care. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Green Chalice congregation, join us for an interest meeting on **May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - Noon** in the Multi-purpose room (snacks will be provided!)

Peace,  
Leigh Finnegan-Hosey



# Youth



**Youth Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>.** The BACC Youth will lead all aspects of worship from greeting to delivering the Good News. It is always one of our favorite days of the year because it is a powerful reminder of God's love for and purpose for young people.

After the 11:00 a.m. worship, **we will have a potluck lunch and celebrate our BACC Graduates** – *all are welcome!* The church will provide fried chicken, drinks and a cake. Please plan to bring a dish to share!

**After lunch, then the youth are headed to Kings Dominion** for our year-end celebration! Please make sure to RSVP to the church so Kendra can purchase enough tickets for everyone. It is going to be a BUSY Sunday! We have so much to celebrate – praise God!

**Kings  
Dominion**

## 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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Registration IS OPEN!**

**2025 Craig Springs camp dates below.**

**Remember BACC pays**

**1/2 for every camper.**

**Register at**

**[www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry](http://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.



# 2025 BACC Graduates

## High School Grads

### ZAYDEN SNOOTS

Zayden is the grandson of Bob & Janet Lenhart. He is graduating from Brentsville High School, and will be attending Christopher Newport in the Fall. Proud parents are Terri & Darin Snoots. GO CAPTAINS!

### LILLY VER BEEK

Lilly is graduating with honors from James River High School, and will continue her education at Virginia Tech. She plans to study Biological Science. Lilly received a track & field athletic scholarship and will be competing in the long jump, pentathlon and heptathlon. Proud parents are Jon & Kendra Ver Beek, proud Grandma is Arlene Westveld and her biggest fans (her brothers) are Jake and Charlie. GO HOKIES!



## College Grads

### MEREDITH FLATTUM

Meredith is the granddaughter of Steve Craft. She is graduating from The University of Virginia.

### CHARLIE VER BEEK

Charlie is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Virginia Tech with a BS in Nano Science. Charlie plans to work for Fermi Energy, a company he interned with this summer. He will be focusing on developing and scaling up low-cost and sustainable cathodes for high-energy automobile batteries. Proud parents are Jon & Kendra Ver Beek, proud Grandma is Arlene Westveld and siblings are Jake and Lilly.





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BACC CMF hosted the Yard Sale on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>. This CMF fundraiser was completed after the April newsletter was published.

Frank Clark organized the yard sale. A team of more than a dozen CMF volunteers supported the sale from 6 AM until Noon. No prices were pre-labeled on the sale items. All buyers negotiated the sale price with a CMF representative. Unsold items were donated to Goodwill or the Chesterfield County Library. Unserviceable items were removed to the County landfill.

**Yard Sale proceeds totaled \$1,656.** The CMF members decided to combine this amount with some previous contributions and donate equal amounts to five charities: DOC Week of Compassion; Chesterfield Food Bank; The Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter (CARITAS), FeedMore Virginia and the Help Build Hope House to be built during the Regional DOC Multi-generational Mission Trip to North Carolina (June 15 - 20, 2025).

### Fellowship Opportunities for May 2025

- Men's Lunch. **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** (1<sup>st</sup> 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No assigned seating, no reservation required.
- Men's Dinner. **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** (*new time*). Latitude Seafood Co, 9216 Stony Point Pkwy, Unit 148, Richmond, VA 23235. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.
- Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game. **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. See separate write-up in this newsletter for details about timing and participant registration.

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





# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

April was a very busy month with Lent and Holy Week. We hosted SPA days. Two of our groups held retreats on the water. The Day group went to the Outer Banks and the Salad Group went to Lake Gaston. As usual, we all had a great time. The meeting at Andee Kirk's house (906 Buford Oaks Circle) will be on **Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m.** 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. The April meeting unfortunately ended up being cancelled.

The Day Group will meet in the Multi-purpose room on **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** The lesson will be on how we view Jesus. Background Scriptures are Matthew 15:21-28 and Luke 10:38-42. 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 P.F. Chang's. Hope to see you at the meeting. The Silent Retreat to Holy Cross Abbey is coming up June 6-8.

Salad Group has something special planned. They will be having a Kenyan dishes pot luck instead of the usual salad. Kenya was the focus country for this year's study. They will be gathering on **Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** to eat. Sounds delicious! The Zoom meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.. Don't forget your items for Safe Harbor.

Remember to turn in your Blessing Boxes. And each group needs to decide where to donate the Widow's Mite. 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 May!

~ Jamie McDonald

*I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name.*  
*3 John 1:14*



# Thank You

Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for the lovely Easter card. It really was a nice thing to do.

We are feeling much better now and we hope you all have a blessed Easter and stay healthy.

Love,

Norton and Betty Snead



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

I would like to thank the congregation for your prayers during my time of illness. Knowing that a loving and Christ-dedicated body had me in your prayers strengthens me and edified me throughout the medical procedure.

Thank you for all the well wishes and the CWF cards that I received during my recovery. Also, Pastor David was there for me – thank you! We are blessed to have such a dedicated pastor!

Love in Christ,

Bob Blumenstein



Dear BACC Family,

I wanted to thank our church for the prayers and really nice cards from different people and from different groups. I am constantly amazed at the church I've been a member of for over 35 years, still functions at a very high level. I'm just so proud to be a member this community.

Although my Sunday mornings are dependent on the internet, I am so grateful that we have that option. As for me, I'm feeling better. I had a bunch of radiation treatments that left me a little weak but nothing major. And any bit of cancer that was in my lung, is now gone, **Praise God!**

With much love,

Gerry Roppé



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Pentecost offering in 2024. We are so grateful for your support!

Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. The Pentecost offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Half of your offering stays with your region and the other half goes to the church-wide New Church Ministry movement.

New Church Ministry continues to innovate and inspire, thanks to your support! Thank you for making the Pentecost offering a priority in your congregation

Gratefully,

Rev. Dr. Jose R. Martinez, Minister of New Church Strategies



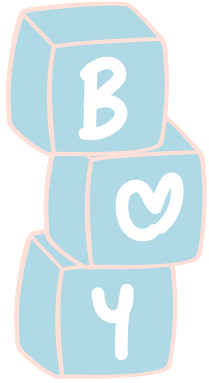
# Church Family Updates

## BABY JACK IS HERE!

Congratulations to Nicole and Josh Vaden upon the birth of their son, John Griffin (aka: Jack)! Jack was born Tuesday, April 22nd and weighed 7lbs. 5oz. Mom, Dad & Baby are doing great!

Grandparents – Cindy & Russ Johnson and Cathy & Tim Vaden are over the moon!

If you would like to provide a meal for Nicole and Josh during the first few weeks home, it would be greatly appreciated. Look for the meal train link in your church news email.



## WELCOME EMMA GRACE!

Congratulations to David & Kristin Skowron on the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace. Proud and happy grandparents are Becky & Bob Skowron.



## CONGRATS TO JUDE!

Congratulations to Jude Thomas for being dedicated and blessed by his Dada on March 30<sup>th</sup>. What a special day! BACC loves you, Jude!



## BAPTISMS

We give thanks to God for the baptisms and proclamations of faith of Clorie Metcalf and Maisie Lloyd! Baptism marks an acceptance of God's grace, a commitment to love and serve in Christ's name, and a joining of the global Body of Christ and this congregation.

We are so proud of Clorie & Maisie! A special thank you to their families for their love & support and to Angie Branyon and Cassie Price for serving as their mentors in Pastor's Class.



Blessed





# Church Family Updates

*Welcome*

We welcome **Charlie Young** to our church family. He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and his family all come from that area. He moved to West Virginia at age two. His home has been Virginia Beach for many years and he moved to Richmond in May of 2024. Prior to moving to Richmond he traveled around the southeast part of the country living and working out of his RV. He graduated from Fairmont University in West Virginia with a degree in safety engineering. He recently started a new job with Dominion Energy doing safety audits of solar fields. He has a sister who lives in Lexington, Kentucky and a son, age 27, and daughter, age 24, who both live in Virginia Beach.

***We are delighted to welcome Charlie to our BACC family!***

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*Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** Steve Goff as he prepares for more treatment and surgery for his cancer; Traci Eagle who was hospitalized last week for a blood clot and a virus; Paula Spencer and family upon the death of her father; Jodi White who is recovering from kidney stone surgery; Bernie McDonald's sister, Norma, who is recovering from cancer surgery; Debra Vaughan's brother, Danny, who is dealing with breathing issues.

**Continued prayers for:** Dan Emson; Martha Wright and family; Marion and Gary Hosey; Janet Lenhart's nephew, Steven Bruster; Bill Murray's sister, Margaret; Kris Foster's sister in law, Jane; Bud Deihl's mother; Taylor Brooks; Doug Collins, Sr.; The Fearnley family; Zachary Moon; Ethelene Slayton; Bob Blumenstein; Mary Kline; Jane Finnegan and family; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith; Gina McKenney's friend, Jimie Lee; Dana Hatton's friend, Tiffany; Lisa McColm's niece, Jordan; Debra Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Linda Verhuel's sister, Amy and friend, Judy; 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; 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 McCaferty'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.