

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Worship With Us:

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPT 7th & 8th:

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)

Adult & Youth Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Sharing Stories

How do we learn to share? I've been thinking about this question quite a bit recently. If you know my family, you can figure out why! My daughter Laila had 3 years of "only childhood" before her younger brother Jude came along, and he's old enough now to want...well, mainly whatever Laila has. Teaching them both to share, and helping arbitrate what's fair, takes up an increasing amount of our time.

While it's easy to think of sharing as something children need to learn, if I'm being honest figuring it out as an adult can be harder than we like to admit. How do I share my resources, my gifts, my money, and my time in a way that is both generous and wise? When is it helpful for me to share something about myself with someone, and when do I need to just listen and let them do the sharing? How do we share our faith?

Starting in September, our worship services will focus on the theme of "Sharing Stories." We'll be reflecting on stories of sharing in the scriptures, particularly in the Book of Acts, and exploring how we share our stories of faith and love. This sermon series will also correspond with our annual stewardship campaign, which you can learn more about later in this newsletter. Stewardship season reminds us that all good gifts come from God, and are given to us to steward for God's mission and for the common good. So over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing stories, studying stories of sharing, and looking ahead to how we can share our gifts for God's mission and the ministry of Bon Air Christian Church.

How do we learn to share? How do you think about sharing? How do we make space for each other's sharing? By the grace of God, let's share our faith together.

Grace + Peace,

David

Worship With Us

We will return to our Fall Schedule on September 7th!

Saturday Casual Worship at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Early Worship at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Late Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Zoom services will continue at 11:00 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, Sept. 7th

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Kick-Off

At BACC, September 7th, Noon - 2:15 p.m.

3rd - 12th grade students are invited to come.

Lunch, Games, Fun & Fellowship!

****New this Fall****

Parent Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. While the kids are enjoying Sunday School, parents are invited to gather for Coffee Hour—a relaxed time of fellowship, conversation, and connection. It's a chance to meet other parents & share in community while the children learn and grow in faith.

*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
Colossians 3:2*

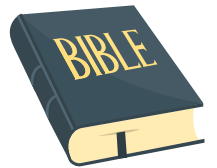
Sunday School

We are excited about kicking off our Sunday School program on Sunday, September 7th with Coffee & Donuts from 9:30-10:00 a.m., then heading to our Sunday School classes! Here are our available classes this year ~ something for everyone.

We hope you will join us in learning and in fellowship!

YOUTH CLASSES

- **PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3:** *Gina McKenney, Andee Kirk & Cindy Johnson*
- **GRADES 4-8:** *Robin Blanchard & Russ Johnson*
- **GRADES 9-12:** *Diane Clark & Cathy Vaden*



ADULT CLASSES

- **SOJOURNERS CLASS (Hybrid class with in-person and Zoom):** *Susan Deihl, Cathy Law, Sara Reese & Angie Branyon*

The Sojourners class explores a number of topics related to the Christian life. Their next project is diving into the life, story, and legacy of King David.

- **FELLOWSHIP CLASS:** *Kitten Whitlow*

The Fellowship Class uses quarterly church literature, and we have a "read and discuss" format when we meet.

- **PARLOR CLASS:** *Jamie McDonald & Danny Simmons*

The Parlor Class takes a book study format, focusing on books that take a deep dive into a book of the Bible or a Bible-focused topic. Their currently exploring options for their next book – Acts, Romans, and 1 Corinthians are in the running!

2025 VBS

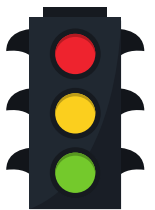


THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a success! We had 50+ kids registered, seven middle school and five high school /college volunteers, plus 27 amazing BACC volunteers! It takes a village! Everything ran smoothly and fun was had by all during our road trip journey.

VBS is such an important ministry here at the church and we could not do it without a fantastic & dedicated group of volunteers. We appreciate your time, patience and love.

Just look at these smiles!



Find lots more pictures on our FaceBook page!



Craig Springs

This summer, 15 children from Bon Air Christian Church attended camp at Craig Springs, between CAMMPD, Triple I and Triple II camps. Our campers enjoyed a week filled with fun, friendship, and faith—singing, swimming, hiking, worshiping, and learning more about God’s love. The theme this year was “*Another Way*,” there is always another way to share God’s light & love!

Camp is always a wonderful time for building new relationships, growing in confidence, and experiencing the beauty of God’s creation. We are so grateful for the ways our youth’s faith is nurtured and strengthened through this special ministry. We also appreciate all the BACC members (10 of them) that serve as counselors, nurses, directors, etc. You all make Craig Springs very special, in so many ways, for all the children that attend.

This year, one of the special memories from Triple II was Lilly Ver Beek’s senior speech. She did an acrostic poem on what Craig Springs means to her. With her permission, below is a quick recap to help our members understand what a special place Craig Springs is to our youth ❤️

C is for Christ
R is for Relationships
A is for Acceptance
I is for Inspiration
G is for Growth

S is for Stillness
P is for Purpose
R is for Renewal
I is for Identity
N is for Nature
G is for Grace
S is for Spirit



Fellowship & Service

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - REBUILD

On July 30th, six volunteers from BACC came together with other community members to serve with Habitat for Humanity on a local rebuild project. It was a day filled with hard work, and teamwork as they helped repair and restore a home for a family in need. From painting and hammering to encouraging one another along the way, the group lived out Christ's call to love our neighbors through hands-on service. We are grateful for these volunteers! And we are always thankful for the chance to be part of Habitat's mission of building hope and community. Stay tuned for another opportunity to serve!



Volunteers: Kim Teachey, Frank & Diane Clark, Vickie Brooks, Dave Caras, Jane Finnegan

PRAISE n PLAY - COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

Praise 'n' Play will begin on **Thursday, September 11, 2025**; at 9:15 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room. It's designed for infants – age 3, though older siblings are welcome. BACC's own, Jane Finnegan, will be teaching the class.

We all want to share our love of God with our children and music can be a fun and lasting way to share that gift! Families are an important part of God's plan to share the message of Good News. We hope you can join us!



What's Happening

FALL SOFTBALL

A group from church had a GREAT time, albeit a wet & unpredictable time, playing softball this spring. Fall softball is next! We will be playing games on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Glen Allen Complex.

The leagues will **start on Tuesday, September 2nd**. Everyone will be scheduled to play 10 games with a single elimination tournament playoff.

If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Evan Gross at Evan Gross at grossevan0@gmail.com

LIBERATION VETERANS SERVICE PROJECT

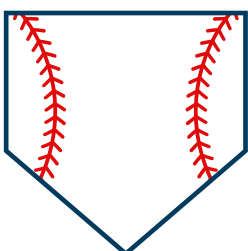
We will have a multi-generational opportunity to cook and serve dinner to homeless Veterans on **September 21st**. This will be the service project for the month for the Youth Group, and others are invited to join us for this meaningful service and fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Amy at amyoblinger@baccdoc.org



LIBERATION
VETERAN SERVICES

FLYING SQUIRRELS FAITH NIGHT

Despite a 99% chance of heavy rain – and maybe a thunderstorm – eighteen brave folks of all ages showed up for another Faith Night with the Richmond Flying Squirrels on Thursday, August 14th. We were rewarded with a rain-free evening of baseball, and even though the Squirrels lost, we enjoyed a fun evening together, as well as a splendid variety of ballpark delicacies (corn dogs, cotton candy, Doritos nachos, to name a few). Be on the lookout for more intergenerational fun and service opportunities – coming soon!



What's Happening

STEWARDSHIP 2026

What is Stewardship and How Do We Do It?

Stewardship in its simplest form is about managing resources wisely. In the context of our lives as Christians it is about using the gifts we have from God to help further His kingdom. These gifts take a variety of forms – God’s beautiful creation, our time, our talents, our resources. God has given us a wide range of gifts, and He calls us to use them wisely in His service.

In 1 Samuel 16:7 God tells Samuel that God does not look at things the way humankind does - at outward appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart. God knows the gifts we have and our abilities to use them. He knows we can use the blessings He has sent us to serve Him and our brothers and sisters.

Acts 4:32-37 describes how the early believers used their possessions to care for the needy and support the work of the Apostles.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 references gifts from both Macedonia and Corinth to help support Paul’s ministry.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12 Paul explains that there are many kinds of gifts, but all come from the same Spirit. We are all called to use our various gifts in God’s service. We have differing gifts that balance and amplify one another’s contributions.

While we do not find evidence of Stewardship Campaigns in the Bible, we do find much discussion of how to use God’s gifts to us in His service. Bon Air Christian Church begins our Stewardship Campaign each fall. Please prayerfully consider how you can use God’s gifts of time, talent and resources to support the mission and work of Bon Air Christian Church.

Committee chair input for budget: September 5

Proposed budget to BACC board: September 14

Final budget to BACC board: October 19

Final budget to Annual Congregational Meeting: November 2

If you should have any questions about our Stewardship campaign, please do not hesitate to reach out to Shea Hollifield and/or Jon Ver Beek.



What's Happening

HOME AGAIN SHELTER COLLECTION UPDATE:



Thank you

THANK YOU, BACC! The recent collection for HomeAgain, coordinated by our Elders, went well. Here's the total of our donations:

- Queen size air mattresses: 11
- Queen size sheet sets: 18
- Twin size sheet sets: 20
- Kitchen trash cans: 8
- Laundry baskets: 29
- Packs of toilet paper: 34
- Packs of paper towels: 13
- Plus over 80 personal care and household items

Your generosity will make a difference for families when they move from the shelter into permanent housing. HomeAgain just released their 2024 annual report. Last year, they worked with 1,064 people (double the number for 2023). Half of the people served were children, and one-third had disabilities; 79% of those served transitioned to permanent housing.

ANOTHER GREAT UPDATE:

A day long awaited for...closing and move-in day for Josh and Amber & family! Winter weather and rain has made work on the house go slowly; however, Josh and Amber have both worked very hard to get it completed and were extremely excited for the big day! They are extremely grateful and excited, and they loved the framed floor plan with all of the names.

Thank you to all of the folks who participated in the wall build for making something that to Josh and Amber seemed impossible (didn't think they could have a home of their own) possible. They and we at Fuller Center for Housing Greater Carroll County Area are grateful!

~ Oliver



What's Happening

CCHASM THANKSGIVING EVENT

Saturday, November 22nd

Our Thanksgiving meal bag event will be held on Saturday, November 22, at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds exhibition center. This year, our goal is to serve 3,500 families.

Provide a Thanksgiving Meal with a \$20 Grocery Gift Card

Each family served receives a grocery gift card to purchase a turkey or protein of their choice. We rely on your generous donations to make this possible. Please consider donating \$20 grocery store, gift cards (Walmart, Kroger, Food Lion, or other area stores). You can also donate funds directly to CCHASM for this purpose.

Pack a bag with non-perishable items*

Each Thanksgiving gift package includes non-perishable staples like canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. A full list is available at cchasm.org/pledge. Your donation of complete meal bags ensures families receive a thoughtful and filling holiday meal.

Help Us Plan for Demand: Return pledges by September 26

To help us plan and organize, we ask that all completed pledge forms be returned by September 26. Food and grocery gift card donations may be dropped off at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds November 17-19.

Your partnership extends beyond the holiday

Your efforts fuel our mission, extending support far beyond one holiday. In the past fiscal year, CCHASM *served over 26,510 individuals* through our network of 15 food pantries and emergency utility assistance programs.

*There will be some groups at BACC assembling bags. If you are interested in helping, contact Diane Clark. Thank you for your continued support!

CROP WALK

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 9th**. We will have a joint lunch before we head out for the walk. The host church this year will be St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Stayed tuned for details in your Wednesday Church News emails. We hope to have a record number of walkers this year, raise tons of money to help end hunger by providing life-saving support including emergency food and resources, and we hope to keep the GOLDEN SNEAKER at BACC! Everyone is welcome to join the team!



What's Happening

23rd Annual BACC Bagpipe Concert

October 11, 2025, 8:00 p.m.

Bud Deihl and Chance Bell invite you to join them for “EAT, PRAY, PIPE” — a continuation of our free, live bagpipe concert and feast.

EAT, PRAY, PIPE is a celebration. For the 23rd year, we will be sharing music of the pipe, great food, prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, and the opportunity to be together once again.

Music is a language that can bring us all together and sharing at the table is the core of community. We hope you will enjoy both at this 2025 “Gathering of the Clan” on Saturday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

All donations received at the concert are donated to the Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Volunteers Needed:

This is one of the largest events we offer and it continues to draw countless people from the public to Bon Air Christian Church (DOC).

Greeting and seating such a large crowd is challenging. Many of you have helped Susan in the kitchen and in setting up food for the feast, which follows the concert, and we are asking for that help again. One of the most important tasks is cleanup after the concert and packing dishes, loading the truck, etc.

Please contact Bud or Susan Deihl if you can help in any way. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present this concert as a gift to the church community and to the public.

We look forward to seeing you on October 11th as we greet new friends and EAT, PRAY, PIPE.

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EATPRAYPIPE
23rd Annual Bagpipe Concert

Saturday, October 11, 2025



What's Happening

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL WOMEN: Christian Women's Fellowship is starting up again for the new school year. Hope you're as excited as I am. If you have never been to a CWF meeting, I hope you will consider joining one of our groups. Of course if you can't decide, you can always attend all of them. Several people attend more than one group.

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **CHILI COOK-OFF** will be held on **November 15, 2025** after the Saturday Service. We are getting things ready for the Silent Auction! Most of the items we auction off are items members / friends have made or baked. Arlene Giffel is in charge of the auction this year. Please let her know if you have something to donate. (arlenegiffel74@yahoo.com)

The Night CWF Group that meets at Andee Kirk's home will not be meeting in September. Andee also would like to get names of women not currently attending CWF that might be interested in trying out a new group. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Andee (804) 929-2270.

If you are free during the day, come join the **Day CWF**. It meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Multi-purpose room. Our first meeting will be on September 9th. Kitten Whitlow leads the meetings and Angie Branyon will be our study leader. She will be leading lessons on Bad Girls of the Bible. Jean Turlington is in charge of our Sunshine ministry. We send cards to those who are ill and/or shut-ins and those who may need a little extra sunshine in their lives. Don't forget to bring your canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry and your gift cards for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. After the meeting, those who are interested go out to lunch.

The Salad Group is our night group which meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Education Wing. The first meeting will be on September 11th. The CWF Salad Group study this year is titled, "God's Promise: I Am With You", which will be a journey through scripture looking at God's articulation of God's promise. Study books are \$10 and will be available at our first meeting. Our country of study this year is Vietnam. For our service project this year, we will be joining with the Day Group to collect items for Redd Elementary, and other designated agencies. Our schedule and format remain the same: Gather at 5:45-6:00 pm for pot luck salad, program start at 7:00 PM for in-person and Zoom. If you have trouble attending in person, this is a great group to join. Let Cathy Law know you are interested and she'll send you the Zoom link. See you in September. ~ Jamie McDonald

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Lunch. Wednesday, September 3rd (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, September 10, 17, and 24 at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No reserved seating, no reservation required.

Men's Dinner. Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 PM. Four Seasons Restaurant, 14320 Winterview Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23113. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.



REDD Elementary



Supplies for Redd Elementary School:

Thanks so much for the support that Bon Air Christian Church gives to Redd Elementary School. Below is a list of supplies needed this year for school. Sometimes brand names are requested because teachers know that many things will be used in these bags from food in the plastic storage bags to crayons to notices home. All supplies can be brought to church on Sunday and given directly to Angie Branyon, or you may put them in the Sojourners Sunday School Class. Please label the bag if left. Thanks again for your generosity in helping these students be successful.

School Supplies

- Elmers glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Black and white composition books
- Colored pencils
- Spiral notebooks
- Rulers (inches and centimeters)
- Expo dry erase markers
- Plastic 2-pocket folders (green, yellow, blue, red, etc.)
- Pencil top erasers
- Colored highlighters
- Post-it notes
- Large pink erasers
- 3X5 index cards
- Blunt scissors
- Manilla Folders
- Colored divider tabs
- 1 ½ inch Binder
- Pencil box

Classroom Supplies

- Hand sanitizer (preferably the pump)
- Boxes of tissues
- Gallon size Ziploc Storage bags
- Quart size Ziploc storage bags
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting wipes
- Disinfecting Spray

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

Thank You

Dear David,

Thank you for Bon Air Christian Church's recent gift of \$900 to Richmond Metro Habitat for Humanity. Your support enables families like Yoqueta's to provide a safe and healthy home for their children. Yoqueta is a teacher at a private Christian school where her daughter and two sons are students. The family shares rental housing in a neighborhood that is unsafe and poorly maintained.

Owning her own home will mean "safety, security, quiet, rest, a future that is bright," Yoqueta told Richmond Habitat. "I am a humble person, not proud, but I am thankful that things are getting better for my family."

Yoqueta is working to complete 10 financial and home ownership education classes and monthly one-on-one budgeting sessions to make sure she has the tools she needs to be a successful homeowner. She's also working to complete 350 hours of volunteer time – helping to build her own home, other Habitat homes, or by working at our ReStore.

After she completes these program requirements, Yoqueta will purchase a safe, secure, energy-efficient home and pay an affordable mortgage, which will make her dream of home ownership a reality. This affordable mortgage will ensure that she pays no more than 25% of her income on housing.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter in the Metro Richmond Area.

With Gratitude,

Jennifer O'Rourke, CFRE, VP of Resource Development



Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for sending Youth Life Foundation of Richmond annual support. We are grateful for your faithful giving. We are about to start our **23rd year** of after-school programming on August 18th. We are fully staffed and ready for students to come. Please pray for hearts to know Jesus this school year!

Blessings,

Heather Goodlett

It is more blessed to give than to receive
Acts 20:35



Thank You

Dear David,

"Hope is leaving a counseling session and looking forward to the next day for the first time in many months." ~ VIPCare client

The Board of Supervisors, staff, and clients of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$350, showing your commitment to VIPCare's mission.

Your generous gift helps provide vital mental health counseling for those seeking healing and hope, but who otherwise could not afford the cost of their care. Your support over the years has changed lives. Thank you for partnering with VIPCare and helping to bring healing and hope to our community!

With deep gratitude,
Douglas M. Thorpe PhD, Executive Director
Julie Massiem Director of Development



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for supporting CARITAS. Your generous gift of \$975 helps us meet both the immediate and long-term needs of individuals working to find safe housing or overcome substance use disorder.

Your generosity fuels programs that give participants the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to build stable and fulfilling lives. Together, we create spaces where people can heal, rebuild, and take the next steps towards independence.

Because of your partnership, our participants are reminded that they are more than their current challenges. Your commitment helps them move forward with confidence, purpose, and hope. There is no greater gift than that.

With appreciation,
Clara Stokes, Chief Advancement Officer



*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus
Thessalonians 5:18*

Prayer Concerns

Our Prayers...

Please pray for: Gerry Roppé as a new PET scan showed a metabolically active cancer, and he will start a series of radiation treatments on 9/2; Sandy Logan's daughter, Kelly, who had an accident at the beach and broke her ankle; the Finnegan-Hosey family as they prepare to say good-bye to their dog, Penny Lane; Gina and Richard, friends of Jan Jones, who lost their home and 3 cats in a house fire this summer. If you would like to help this family out, let Jan know.

Continued prayers for: Mackenzie Mason; the family of Kathy Morton; Janet Lenhart's sister Phyllis; Sara Reese's sister, Janet Holder; Joan Mielke's brother, Jackie; Josh Moorefield, friend of Amy Walsh; the families of Wanda Russell and David Limbrick; Cathy Law; Randy Slayton; Maggie Clark's Mom, Kathy; Laura and Steve Stankiewicz; Deb Shiro; Mary Garrison; Taylor Brooks; Ollie White; Ethelene Slayton; Peg Eagle; Faye Lester; Andrew Crank; Steve Kline; Paul Stairs; 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; the family of Penny Pulley; the Osman family; Peggy Gross, and her brother, Calvin; Frank Wilson; Nick Miles; Paige Utz; Mary Key; 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.



*Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17*