

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

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#### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



#### 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

#### Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

#### Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**All are welcome!**

## Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week, we climb alongside Jesus through the lowest of lows and highest of highs. We come together to remember and to open our lives that God may continue to work miraculous love within us, so that we too may be born anew. We follow in the way of Jesus, even if it takes us to the Cross, in hope of the empty tomb beyond. Come share with our community of faith as we receive the bread of life, drink from the cup of salvation, and look upon the face of the One who has loved us to the end and who is our New Beginning. We invite you to journey with us through this holy time.

### Holy Week Schedule - Mark Your Calendars

#### April 2nd - 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service (Zoom available)  
We commemorate the Lord's Last Supper.

#### April 3rd - Noon

Good Friday Service  
"Seven Last Words" with Bon Air Ministers

#### April 4th - 5:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Casual Worship Service

#### April 5th - Easter

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service  
7:45 a.m. Brunch, bring a covered dish  
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
12:00 p.m. Easter egg hunt

**Childcare is available at all services.**

Grace + Peace,

*David*

*Thank you to all who purchased Easter flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, helping to beautifully prepare our sanctuary for our Easter worship services.*

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

Our parents, given by Scott & Brenda Graham

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

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

Joe & Barbara Gilboy, given by Kathy & Dean Madison

Lloyd & Barbara Thacher, and Steve Weishaar,  
given by Lynn Sarvis

Our parents and grandparents, given by Susan & Philip Baum

Dick & Nancie Price, given by Cassie Price

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

Our parents, Bill & Julie Burke and Chuck & Kay McGowan,  
given by Carol & Bob McGowan

Sally & Joe Basalay, Leona & Andy Lesyinski, Helen Basalay &  
Bradley Mueller, given by Karen & Bob Basalay

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The image features the title "Easter Flowers" in a large, elegant, purple cursive font. The background is a soft-focus landscape with a sky transitioning from light blue to a warm orange and yellow glow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. In the lower right corner, three wooden crosses of varying heights are silhouetted against the bright light.

# *Easter Flowers*

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

Linwood & Arlette Brown, given by Rhonda Ringel

Myrna & Bill Law, given by Cathy Law

Barbara Hollifield, my mother, given by Shea Hollifield

My mom, sister and brother, given by Mary Ann Casdia

Russell Nunnally, Peg Eagle and Jean Beatley,  
given by their church family

Gwen & Lester Alley, George & Edith Garrison, Iva & Jenny  
Rogers, and Ed Garrison, given by Mary Garrison

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

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

Cathy Law & Ellen Moon, given by Rhonda Ringel

Claire & Charlie Marling, given by Shea Hollifield

To the Glory of God, given by Brenda Kidd

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# Easter Giving & Earth Care

## EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

The Easter Offering, received at BACC on **March 29th and April 5th, 2026**, provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generous gift helps equip college students for leadership, strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, supports the formation of new congregations, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Your gift has the power to transform lives and extend the love of Christ around the world.

Thank you for making a difference!



## EARTH DAY & GREEN CHALICE

On April 22nd we pause to recognize God's extraordinary creation by celebrating Earth Day. It is a day:

- to give thanks and feel gratitude for this amazing planet and all the life it supports;
- to see the Body of Christ as encompassing all of the natural world, not just humans;
- to experience the interconnectedness between environments and those who live within them;
- to marvel at the uniqueness and intention of God's creative impulse.

BACC's Green Chalice group meets monthly with the express purpose of being formed into good stewards of God's creation. To do so, we believe, honors God's desires for humanity, shows humility by acknowledging that which is larger than ourselves, and engenders a sense of wonder that leads to praise.

We hope you will join us in recognizing Earth Day in any way that feels meaningful to you. And if you can, join us in the library on **April 26th** for our next Green Chalice meeting, where we will discuss how to experience God through celebrating the seasons.

*"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."  
Matthew 28:6*



# What's Happening

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

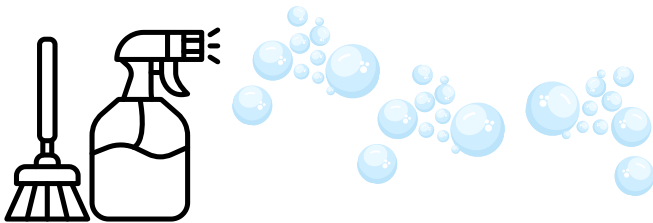
Spring is a wonderful time for fresh starts, and that includes our church building!

As the seasons change, it's the perfect opportunity for us to give some attention to areas around the church that could use a little cleaning, organizing, and decluttering.

We will be holding a **Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**, and everyone is welcome to help! Kendra will have a list of areas and tasks that need attention. You can simply show up, choose a job from the list, and work at your own pace. Whether it's tidying a classroom, organizing storage spaces, or tackling small projects around the building, every bit of help makes a difference.

When many hands come together, the work becomes lighter ... and even enjoyable! Taking care of the details around our church helps keep it a welcoming and comfortable home for everyone who gathers here.

We hope you'll consider joining us as we work together to refresh and care for our beautiful building that serves so many in our church family and community.



## **CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES ON YOUTH SUNDAY – MAY 3RD!**

Join us on Sunday, May 3rd for a joyful celebration of our graduates during Youth Sunday! This is a special day when we honor our seniors for their hard work and achievements, and look forward to hearing the Good News shared by our amazing youth.

***If you have a graduate in your family, please let the church office know*** so we can recognize every student. Let's come together as a church family to cheer, celebrate, and give thanks for the next chapter in our young disciple's lives!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



# Fun and Fellowship

## CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP 2026



**VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY - 2026**  
Held at Craig Springs Camp

6/20 - 6/26: Nature Camp  
6/28 - 7/3: Special Camp  
7/5 - 7/10: Triple 1 Camp  
7/12 - 7/16: New Covenant Camp  
7/13 - 7/18: CAMPDD  
7/19 - 7/24: Triple 2 Camp  
7/24 - 7/26: Family Camp



Summer camp is the perfect place to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and make unforgettable memories—so don't come alone, invite a friend to share the experience with you! **BACC covers half the cost for everyone!**

Bring a friend along for an incredible week together.

*Register  
Now*

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball team is having Faith Night at CarMax Park behind the old Diamond on **Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:05 PM**

The Bon Air Christian Church Choir will be performing "God Bless America"

The ballpark gates open at 5:30 p.m. with first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

Come early for music and pre-game Player testimonials  
Memories made in Funville!

The BACC Men's Group is coordinating this event but everyone is invited to come! Please see Kim Teachey if you would like to buy tickets. We will try to get a block of seats together. Kim's contact is [kimteachey@comcast.net](mailto:kimteachey@comcast.net) or (804)624-1815.

It should be a wonderful springtime outing!



Tickets are \$17.00 ea.

Please let Kim know if you plan to attend ASAP as we want to secure a block of seats together.

# Fun and Fellowship

## **CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The BACC Men Attend a Fellowship Event in Cartersville.

On Saturday, March 28th, a dozen BACC Men gathered at Tim & Cathy Vaden's farm in Cartersville, VA to practice pistol shooting. This was the first-ever event of this type.



### ***Men's Fellowship Opportunities for April 2026***

Men's Lunch. Wednesday, April 1st (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)).

ROMEO\*s Breakfast. Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No reserved seating, no reservation required.

Men's Dinner. Thursday, April 16th at 6:00 PM. Cracker Barrel Homestyle Restaurant 47720 Craig Rath Blvd, Midlothian, VA 23112. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.



Men's March Dinner at Charred



# Fun and Fellowship

## **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

March 1st, we had our CWF joint meeting. We decided to disperse the funds we raised at the Chili Cook-off as follows:

1. \$850.00 to Craig Springs Kitchen Fund
2. \$850.00 to Help Build Hope (Get lumber needed for house building project on our summer mission trip to N.C.)
3. \$300.00 to the Disciples Women Spring Project
4. \$300.00 to Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

The next Chili Cook-off will be November 14th, 2026 after the Saturday Worship Service. Mark your calendars.

The next meeting of the **CWF Book Study Group** will be on **Thursday, April 23rd at 11:00 am** at Andee Kirk's home. The study will be Jael on page 143.

The Day CWF had a great time at the beach last month and their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 14th at 10:30 am** with lunch at Napa Kitchen. 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. Last month we collected \$173 for new books for Redd Elementary. Coming up on **Wednesday, April 29th**, we'll once again be making cards of Encouragement for Bounty and Soul in Black Mountain, N.C. Anyone can join us.

The Salad Group's next meeting will be on **April 9th**. They gather at 5:45-6:00 pm for potluck salad, and the program starts at 7:00 PM for in-person and Zoom. Looking forward to May when the group will be having a pot luck of Vietnamese food, to wrap up their year long study of Vietnam.

~ Jamie McDonald

## **VICTORIAN DAY AT BACC**

Spring will be fast approaching, and that means it is time to start thinking about the different ways that we as a church welcome our neighbors is by participating in the Bon Air Victorian Days festival.

This year, Victorian Days is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9, 2026**. There will be music, food and vendors hosted in our church parking lot, and of course participation is encouraged!

To volunteer to help with this event, either by contributing baked goods or assisting with setup or cleanup, please [click the Sign-Up Genius HERE](#), and it is also in the "Church News" weekly email.

Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you.

~ Claire Deitch

# Thank You



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$500 throughout 2025.

We genuinely appreciate your contribution to making the dream of homeownership a reality for local families. The miracle of Habitat home isn't the structure itself, it is the change that it enables. The houses we build help families build new lives. They are key to success – offering safe, stable, healthy living environments and giving people the foundation to pursue opportunities for learning and work. Through our endeavors, we've also learned that when one family's hope is restored, the entire community benefits.

We look forward to a successful year in partnership, providing a head up to help transform Transylvania County families and our community.

Sincerely,

Angie Hunter, Executive Director / Habitat for Humanity



Prayer Blankets for MCV

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed or reached out about supporting our need for blankets here at MCV! Many people have inquired about the purpose and specifications for these blankets. Briefly, the purpose of prayer blankets is: (1) to make visible the love that covers our patients; (2) forge connections between faith communities and the ill; and, (3) to bring warmth into the clinical environment. We accept shawls, cascade throws, and whatever kind of blanket you can imagine.


Pediatrics usually has an oversupply, so adult sizes are appreciated! All donations must be BRAND NEW to reduce germ exposure, and can be either store bought or handmade. This is an ongoing need, so I will be accepting donations indefinitely. Please drop them by the office with the label "MCV."

I pray this opportunity will be as much of a blessing to you as it is our patients and their loved ones. For any questions/clarifications, please email [lfinneganhosey@gmail.com](mailto:lfinneganhosey@gmail.com)

Kind regards,  
Leigh FH

*"By his wounds we are healed."  
Isaiah 53:5*

# Faith & Farewell



Holy Week greetings, church family! While we continue our journey with Jesus through Jerusalem, pause by the wayside with me for a story:

About twelve years ago, Brandon and I traveled to a little village in Guatemala called San Marcos, on the shores of Lake Atitlán. Like many, we traveled there to check out a spot known as El Trampolín. It's a platform built into the side of a cliff, rising almost 40 feet above the water, and it's a popular place for cliff diving into Lake Atitlán. From everything I had read, the water is plenty deep for people to do this safely, and the risk of injury is quite low, as long as you use good technique. Still, when it was my turn to get a good running go and jump into the water, I was terrified. Surely, there was no way I could survive a jump from 40 feet into a lake!

I stepped aside. I took a deep breath. And I reminded myself of everything I'd learned about El Trampolín and the low occurrence of injury. I thought about my limited (but sufficient!) understanding how diving from certain heights into water is safe, if the water is deep enough. I recalled my own extensive life experience of jumping into deep water from high-up diving boards. I had to have faith, that a leap off this 40-foot platform would be okay. And you know what? It was! All the things I knew to be true continued to be true. It was safe. And it was fun!

I keep thinking about Lake Atitlán, as I prepare for this upcoming move. I keep thinking about things I know to be true: God doesn't call us somewhere and then abandon us on the journey. God will provide us with new friends, even when our hearts break at saying farewell to our established friends. God knows what lies at the end of the path, even if all that's been revealed to us is the next stepping stone. This knowledge of God's provenance and God's goodness is what gives me the courage to get a big running go... and jump!

This move from Richmond to Cincinnati is not something I saw coming, and I'm still not 100% sure what God is up to. But I know I can trust God to, eventually, show me what comes next. I also know my time here at Bon Air Christian Church – although it was shorter than I would have wanted or expected! – has been a true gift and a blessing. The welcome I received, the love I have felt, and the Spirit of God that flows through this church have made this an unforgettable first call in my life as a minister. Wherever God takes me next, just know that I'm only able to go there because of the time we have had together. Thank you.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Amy



# Did You Know?

## OUR CHURCH: A HOME FOR MANY MISSIONS

When we think about our church, it's easy to picture Sunday worship, fellowship meals, and familiar faces in the pews. But throughout the week, our building quietly becomes something even more ... a gathering place for many different groups and organizations that serve people across our community.

From recovery groups and support meetings to community organizations and outreach programs, our church opens its doors to a wide range of gatherings. Each of these groups comes with a purpose: to help people heal, grow, learn, and serve others. Some provide support for those walking through difficult seasons. Others focus on service projects, mentoring, education, or community care.

What they all share is a place to belong—and that place is BACC.

This means that the ministry of our church reaches far beyond Sunday mornings. In many ways, the work happening in our building during the week extends our mission into the wider community. Every meeting held here represents people being supported, communities being strengthened, and hope being shared.

Our church is not just a place we use—it is a place that blesses many. And through it, the reach of our ministry extends far beyond the walls of this building and into the lives of countless people in our community.

Some of the groups that share our space:

- AA
- American Red Cross
- Bon Air Artist Association
- Bon Air Historical Society
- DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)
- NA (Narcotics Anonymous)
- NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- James River Heritage Quilters
- The Seekers Group (Young Adult Philosophy Group)



*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
John 13:34*

# Did You Know?

## **SAFETY RESOURCES IN OUR CHURCH**

Did you know that our church is equipped with several life-saving safety devices? These include an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), an EpiPen, a LifeVac suction device for choking emergencies, and a fire blanket. All of these are located in the Fellowship Hall (see picture below).

These tools are here to help us respond quickly in the event of a medical or safety emergency while waiting for responders to arrive. Having them available helps make our church a safer place for everyone who gathers here.

We welcome anyone who would like to learn more about these devices and how they are used to reach out to Sandy Logan or Andy Trezza. These devices are located in the Fellowship Hall and understanding how they work can make a real difference in an emergency situation. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out! Being prepared is one more way we can care for one another as a church family.

Thank you Sandy and Andy for offering this to our church community.



*"The Lord is risen indeed!"  
Luke 24:34*

# Church Family Updates

## WELCOME BABY GUS!

We joyfully celebrate the arrival of a Baby Boy Gilbert into our church family! Please join us in welcoming him with love and prayers, giving thanks to God for this beautiful new life and blessing. Congratulations to Sara & Nick Gilbert upon the birth of their son, Augustus "Gus" David Gilbert who was born on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is happy and healthy!

Big sister Delilah is doing great and proud grandparents are Dana & Todd Hatton!



## GIVING THANKS FOR 10 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP!

In April, 2016, Sitina Yusuf and her teen-age boys, Abdi and Ahmed Nur, arrived in Richmond. They left Ethiopia years earlier, to escape tribal violence and conflicts, and lived in Nairobi, Kenya for several years. Once they received refugee status, they were approved to come to the United States, and BACC served as co-sponsors for them.

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed now live in the west end and are doing well. Abdi works as a service technician for ABB, and Ahmed works for a medical transport company, Royal Transport. Both enjoy their jobs. Abdi became a U.S. citizen, and Ahmed is preparing to become a citizen too. Sitina asks often about her church family, and they remain deeply grateful for the love and support of BACC.



April, 2016  
Arrival in Richmond



May, 2024  
Abdi's graduation from community college

*Blessed!*

# Church Family Updates

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

**Please pray for:** Brenda Kidd who is dealing with problems with her eye; Kyla Brooks who has not been feeling well; Traci Eagle who had to be hospitalized due to a high fever after surgery; Joe Bancroft's sister, Ann Thomas from Birmingham, AL, who had a heart attack; and blessings abound to Sara & Nick Gilbert upon the birth of their son, Augustus "Gus" David Gilbert, born on March 26<sup>th</sup> - everyone is happy and healthy!

**Continued prayers for:** The Trezza family; Dan Griggs; Brenda Graham; Rose McCaferty; Steve Goff; Laura & Scott Hollis; Diane Clark's aunt, Louise; Patty & Danny Simmons; Jim & Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie; Doug Collins; Randy Slayton; Debbie Inlow and family; Bob Basalay; Natalie Trimmer and family; Frances Whitlow; Ethelene Slayton; Tom Kazas; PVT Ryan Morton; Tery Sarver; Jeff and Angie Branyon; Mark Oblinger; Gerry Roppé; the family of Peg Eagle; Larry & Teresa Lafoon; the Etz Family; Michael McCall and family; Baby Estelle; Mary Garrison; Diane & Phil Harris; the Nunnally Family; Kim Handy; Greg Morrison; Rosario and Robie Hocog; Jim McKenney's sister, Marion; Skip Logan; the McCaferty family; Gary Giffel; Dana Hatton's mother; Zachary Moon; Rob Morey; Deb Shiro; Faye Lester; Andrew Crank; Steve Kline; Paul Stairs; Paula Spencer; Pat Cosby; Marion and Gary Hosey; Sylvia Montgomery; Harold & Gail Campbell; Gail Macfadden; Jake & Mazie McCann; Melanie Baribeault; Denise Oswald; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Anna Claire Jurman; Maria & Claude Baker; Judy Ringold; Diane Fearnley's sister and brother-in-law; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cathy Wheless; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Stephanie Schneider; Helen Liscio Deitz; Angie Branyon's brother, Berkley; Sandy Collins' cousin, Susan Stouffer; Laura Stankiewicz; the family of Kathy Morton; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice, and brother, Danny; Nancy Wyman's brother, David; Arlene Giffel's niece, Laurie Querbo; Debbie Blackburn; Janet Lenhart's sister Phyllis, and brother Bill; Cassie Price's sister, Liz; Julian Flores' grandfather, Anthony; Jeff and Angie Branyon's friend, Adrianna; Troy Plummer; Angel Huff and family; Bud Deihl's Mother; Cathy Law's friend, Carol; Bernie McDonald's sister, Norma; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith, and her friend, Vlad; Linda Verhuel's sister, Amy and her friend, Judy; Vickie Shannon's mother; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Devon Forehand; Betty Jurman; Eric Moorehouse; Bill Mahoney; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Jim & Rose McCaferty's family; Will Monger; Lanny Saylor; 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; Janice Hoover.

