

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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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

Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

For All These Gifts

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” - James 1:17

Dear Church,

At this time of year, before we jump into the looking forward, the visioning and resolving and goal-setting, I like to take a minute just to pause in gratitude.

I am giving thanks, today, for all of the care, ministry, service, and sharing that I have seen at Bon Air Christian Church this past year. And I am, as always, overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation, particularly over this past month. From gifts and cards left in staff offices to end-of-the-year giving; from Thanksgiving and Christmas Families to special mission offerings for higher education and regional ministries; from taking extra time for visits and caroling to moments of holiday joy; this season always reminds me of the many gifts we share with each other.

Thanks be to God, for all of these gifts. Thanks be to God for a community of faith, hope, and love, in which we can share them. And thanks be to God that we are called into God's mission, that many others may experience the gifts of God's grace.

I am grateful for you, Bon Air Christian Church. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Grace + Peace,

David

Worship With Us

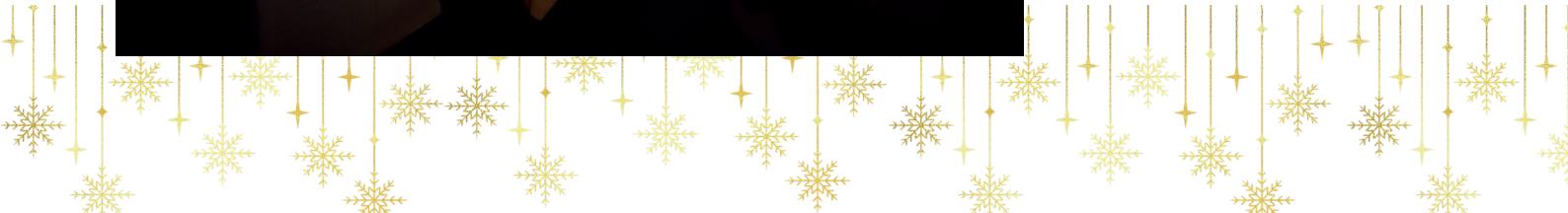
Hanging of the Greens, Blue Christmas and our Christmas Eve Worship Services are always such special worship services this time of year. We gathered to adorn, remember, and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the light He brought to our world.



*We
Remember...*



*For Christ is born,
Emmanuel – God with
us. And see, Christ is
with us always, even to
the end of the age.
Amen.*



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!



The Greatest Story (N)Ever Told

The reviews are in! Our intergenerational Christmas pageant was a SMASH HIT! Well... It was fun, at the very least. Once again, a big THANK YOU to everyone who shared their time and talents with us to tell this fun twist on the Christmas story! We truly did have actors from every generation in the mix, and each person added so much to this gift we shared with our church family. The youth and adults went above and beyond, learning their lines and blocking, and the little kids did an excellent job picking out their costumes and singing in front of all the people in "big church." If you see any of the participants around anytime soon, be sure to give them a high five for all their hard work. And if you have any ideas for what next year's pageant might look like, it's never too early to share those with Pastor Amy!

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 loving 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

William Woolridge, given by Lois Haines

Polly & Raymond Craft, given by Paula and Steve Craft

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

Atticus & Alistair Gill, given by Meemaw & Pawpaw

Barbara Hollifield, given by Shea Hollifield

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

Our parents Mary & Billy Graham and Remona & Louis Eubank, given by Brenda and Scott Graham

Carol, David & Mike McColm, given by Lisa McColm

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

Arlette & Linwood Brown, given by Rhonda Ringel, Natalie, Braden and Alia



In loving memory of...

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

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

Vic & Eleanor Foster, given by Kris Foster

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

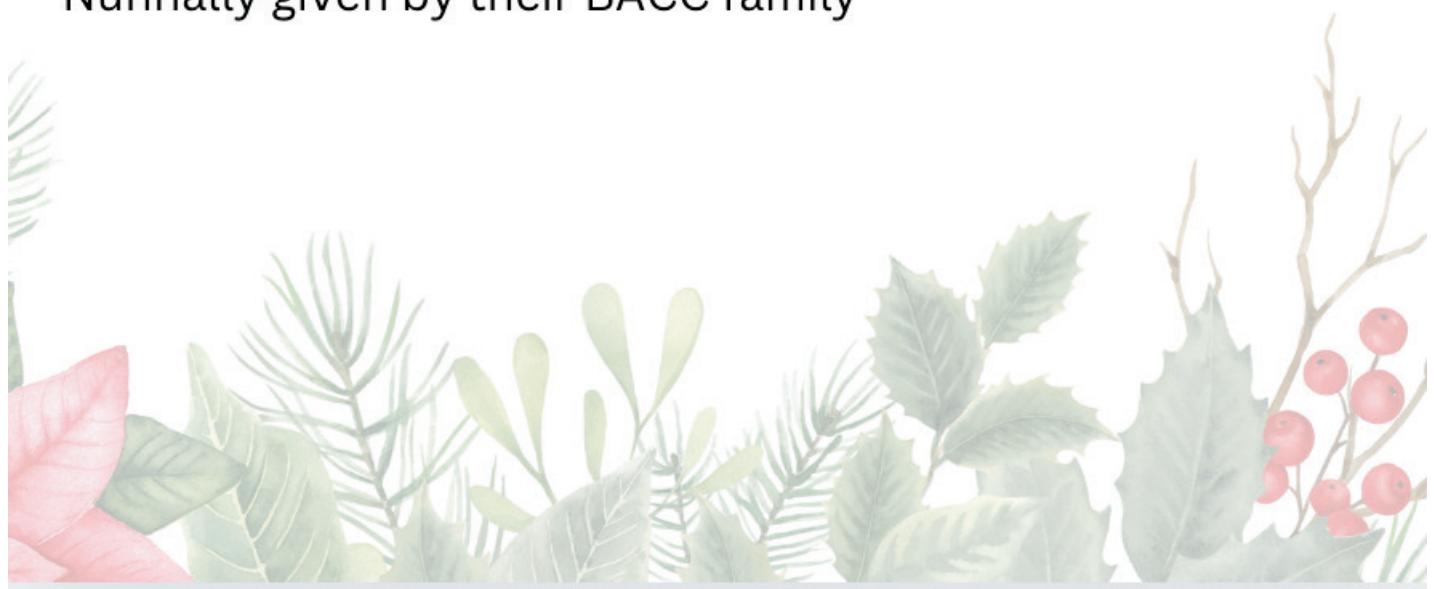
Randy Correll, given by Jan Jones

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

James & Lois Zarefoss, given by Jan Zarefoss

Amy Compton, given by Jan Jones

William Woolridge, Martha Wright, David Limbrick, Kathy Morton, Wanda Russell, Richard Seeds and Russell Nunnally given by their BACC family





In honor of...

Suzanne Dale and all my Craig Springs buddies, given by
Lois Haines

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

Claire and Charlie Marling, given by Shea Hollifield

Jane Finnegan, given by Rhonda Ringel, Natalie, Braden
and Alia

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

My grandchildren and my mother, Lois Martin, 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 2026.

- **January 10th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon** De-decorate the church
- **January 11th, 11:00 a.m.** - Installation of elders and deacons; first elders meeting to follow worship
- **January 18th, Noon** - First board meeting of the year
- **February 1st** - First youth group meeting of the year (No meeting in January)

ARC Blood Drive

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time to honor donors who selflessly give the gift of life and encourage people to donate blood or platelets for the first time.

**January 20th at BACC:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

- The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products. Severe winter weather can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. Be the lifesaving difference this January and make an appointment to give now.
- The Red Cross and the NFL are partnering for the seventh year and invite football fans and blood donors to join our lifesaving team and score big! All who come to give Jan. 1-25, 2026, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in California's San Francisco Bay Area. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for details.



**American
Red Cross**

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
— Isaiah 43:19

What's Happening

REGIONAL YOUTH LOCK-IN

Calling all middle and high schoolers!! Our regional Youth Council is hosting a lock-in later this month at Fairview Christian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia! It would be great to take a group and make a road trip out of it. So check your calendars, talk to your parents, and invite a friend or two! Then contact Pastor Amy for details about registration and travel plans: amyoblinger@baccdoc.org

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Youth Lock-In "Called by Name"

1/23/26



The Virginia Youth
Council invites middle
and high school youth to
join us at Fairview
Christian Church

8:30pm - 9am
bring overnight bag,
pillows and blankets

**Register @ ccinva.org/youthministries by
Jan. 9th**



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR one and all. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The next meeting of the CWF BOOK STUDY Group will be on **Thursday, January 15th at 11:00 am** at Andee Kirk's home.

The Day CWF will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 13th at 10:30 am**. 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. We plan on going to lunch at Napa Kitchen in Westchester. Ballet outing (Giselle) coming up February 15th. Beach trip will be March 13-15.

The CWF Salad Group will be having their next meeting on **January 8th**. They gather at 5:45-6:00 pm for fellowship and pot luck salad, and the program starts at 7:00 PM for in-person and those who attend on Zoom. If you can't attend in person, let Cathy Law know, and she'll send you the link. Coming up March 13-15 is the big, multi regional Disciples retreat at Christmount. Theme is "You Are Enough." Mark your calendars. More information on this will be available later.

~ Jamie McDonald

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Lunch. Wednesday, January 7th (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, January 14, 21 and 28** at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No reserved seating, no reservation required.

Men's Dinner. **Thursday, January 22nd at 5:00 PM.** Latitude Seafood (Hull Street), 14440 Hull Street Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table.

Also - Mark your calendar for our Ground Hog Day Penny-Ante Poker Night.

- **FEBRUARY 2nd (Monday) 6:00 PM.** Guaranteed you will be home by 9:30 PM unless you want to stay longer. 13351 Stoneway Drive, Chester, VA 23831
- This is a fun night of using 'no-longer in general circulation' historic US pennies to make wagers on your best hand, or bluff your way to winning the pot. Bring no money - we provide the pennies free of charge.
- Supper provided (Ground Hog Chili with corn bread and mac&cheese).
- Open to all male players aged (18 to 108). All skill levels are welcome. This is a FELLOWSHIP Opportunity.
- Contact Tom Snodgrass for more information.

Thank You

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FAMILIES!

Thanks to your generosity through your donations of gifts and money, BACC assisted 12 families during the holidays and facilitated support for two more families. The families were referred to us by nearby schools (Bon Air, Crestwood and Redd Elementary Schools) and community agencies such as CARITAS. The families received food for Thanksgiving, and for Christmas gifts of clothing, books and toys for 23 children and household supplies for the parents. The families also received gift cards to get food for holiday Christmas and holiday meals.

All the gifts have been delivered to the families, and we have already received expressions of gratitude from several families, for making a difference in their holidays.



A very big THANK YOU to all who helped decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season. Your time, and care transformed our worship space into a beautiful and welcoming reflection of the hope, peace, joy, and love we celebrate during this sacred season.

We are especially grateful to the children who participated in lighting the Advent wreath each Sunday. Their joyful presence reminded us of the wonder and promise of Christ's coming, and added a special meaning to our worship each week.



Thank you to everyone who shared their gifts and helped make this Advent season one of beauty, reverence, and joyful expectation for our church family.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you."
— Numbers 6:24-25*

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of \$117 this year. Because of you, girls across Central Virginia and beyond are staying in school. They're confident, cared for, and ready to learn! Your support helped make a huge impact!

The progress is good, but the need is still urgent. We have a waiting list for orders that represent over 17,000 girls! Right now, a girl is sitting in class worried about her next period. She's wondering if she'll have to stay home, use makeshift supplies, or risk the embarrassment of bleeding through her clothes. She's already thinking about missing school. She wants to learn, but doesn't have a box of pads.

That's the heart of our Keep Her Learning campaign: making sure every student can focus on learning, not on what she doesn't have. Every \$25 provides a month of period products for five students in need. Will you help us reach more girls in 2026?

With heartfelt gratitude,
Brittany Averette, Executive Director, Sylvia's Sisters



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Communities In Schools of Richmond. Because of partners like you over 20,000 students in 42 schools have access to a caring adult – every day, in big moments and tiny ones. Wishing you all a happy holiday season!

*As we celebrate 30 years of helping students succeed in Richmond, we are reminded how much we can do because of your continued support. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and all the best in the year ahead. **Next Starts Now – thanks to you.***



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you for your donation to CCHASM's Thanksgiving Program. Your support helps provide a nourishing meal to families in need. On behalf of the families we serve and the CCHASM team, we appreciate you.

Blessings,
Shelley

“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”
— Psalm 95:2

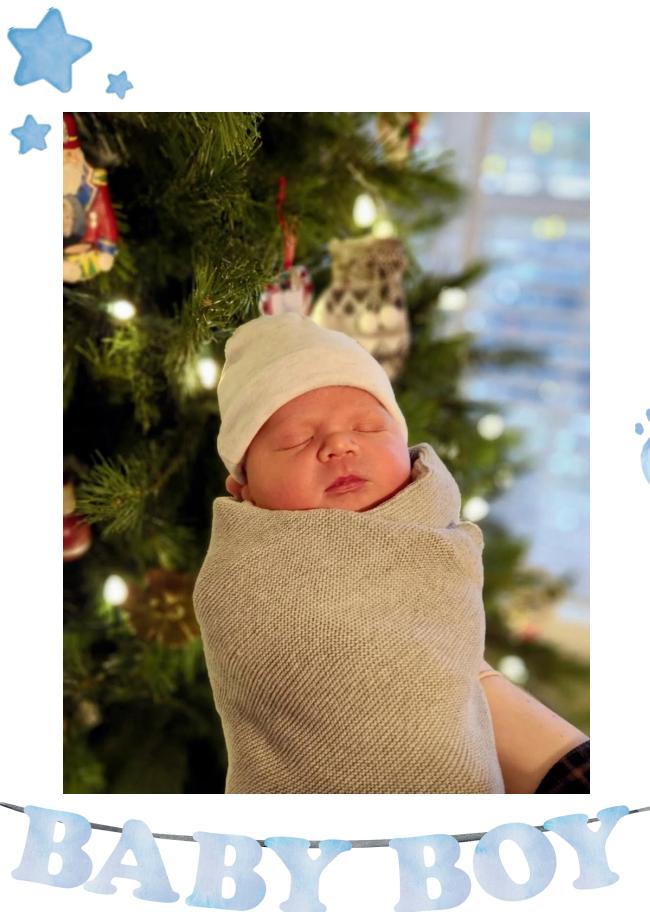
Church Family Updates

WELCOME, JULIAN!

We joyfully celebrate the arrival of Baby Julian Patrick, born on Christmas Eve –a truly special gift of the season. He weighed 8lbs. 10oz., and was 21" long.

Congratulations to proud parents Emily and Adam Darby, and to doting grandparents Jim and Gina McKenney.

We warmly welcome Julian into our church family and look forward to watching him grow, surrounded by faith, love, and community. May God's love and blessings be upon this sweet new life and his entire family. CONGRATS!



"You are fearfully and wonderfully made."
— Psalm 139:14

Church Family Updates

FROM THE FINNEGAN-HOSEY FAMILY

Here's what we've been up to in 2025!

In February, we took a leap of faith and (with a lot of support from family) purchased our first home! Brighton Green is a lovely neighborhood situated close to both our church and Laila's school. The community is active and close-knit. We love watching packs of kids roam the streets, playing, sledding, and enjoying the outdoors. Our neighbors, who have been exceptionally kind, encouraged us to join the pool because "everyone goes to the pool." The house itself is in great shape, especially the yard, which is full of native perennials that the previous owner meticulously curated. Did I mention we have chickens now? Four of them! They came with the house. Technically have their own address, so we'd like to get them an address plaque eventually. Thankfully, they require little work, and we enjoy the eggs.

On March 30, Jude turned one year old! We celebrated with family and homemade cake in our new house. Spring, Summer, and Fall brought their own milestones: David celebrated five years at Bon Air Christian Church and welcomed a new associate pastor, the Rev. Amy Oblinger. While he is not actively working on a new project, David continues to speak professionally and donate the proceeds from his books to RIP medical debt. Leigh continued in her role as the chaplain of Women's Health at VCU and was thrilled to be hired as a contract poet with *The Good Listening Project*, a non-profit dedicated to humanizing healthcare through the power of poetry and deep listening. Thanks to this collaboration Leigh has published two poems, performed in two poetry readings, and had one of her unpublished poems turned into a multi-media animation.

Leigh's mom, Jane, moved into a nearby apartment and continues to look after Jude during the day. When she's not wrangling our energetic children, she's busy leading a new children's music class called "Play and Praise." On November 9th Laila turned five years old! We can hardly believe it. Though it's hard to see her baby face transform into that of a big kid, it's exciting to watch her learn, grow, and make her first friends. She also continues to love dance and has performed in multiple showcases, including in her dance studios production of the Nutcracker this past Saturday.

Easily the hardest part of this year has been saying an unexpected goodbye to our beloved dog, Penny Lane. We brought Penny into our family shortly after we got married in February 2016. She lived with us at Georgetown University (much to the delight of students), then in Wilson, NC, and finally here in Richmond. She loved the new house and was surprisingly gentle with the chickens. Unfortunately, the neurological issue that worried us back in 2020 resurfaced, and this time we couldn't help her recover. Her last day was bright, calm, and filled with love. Though she was only nine years old, we cherish the full life she had with us. Even this past summer, she enjoyed traveling with us to the beach. Her loss feels like the end of a significant chapter in our family's story.

There is so much more we could share about this year—like Laila teaching herself to swim, Jude learning to walk and say his first words, the loss of Leigh's grandmother Lois, cherished visits with far-off family, and the welcoming of new friends into our lives. We kindly ask that you continue to pray for David's father, Gary, who is still struggling with mental health issues. If you like, please reply with your prayer requests, and we will do our best to keep you and yours in our thoughts.

We sincerely hope you have a joyous Christmas, and wish you a very blessed New Year!

Warmest regards,

The Finnegan-Hoseys

Church Family Updates

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Please pray for: Karen Basalay who will have hip replacement surgery on December 30th; Steve Goff; Duke Dale who will have surgery January 8th; friends of the Gilbert's, Baby Estelle, who was born early and has some health complications.

Praise and Blessings for Baby Julian Darby, who was born on Christmas Eve. Parents Emily & Adam are doing great, and grandparents Gina and Jim McKenney are over the moon!

Continued prayers for: Bob Basalay; Traci Eagle; Mary Garrison; Braden Trimmer; Lachlan Conley; Vickie Brooks' mother and Taylor Brooks; The Nunnally Family; Kim Handy; Greg Morrison; Rosario and Robie Hocog; Bernie McDonald; Jim McKenney's niece, Jimie and sister, Marion; Peg Eagle; Skip Logan; Tery Sarver; the McCaferty family; Gary Giffel; Dana Hatton's mother; Zachary Moon; Rob Morey; Deb Shiro; Ethelene Slayton; 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; Teresa & Larry Lafoon; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Diane & Phil Harris; Anna Claire Jurman; 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; Wayne Varnier; Randy Slayton, Laura Stankiewicz; Gerry Roppé; 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; the Basalay family; 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.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2*