

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUMMER:

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
in person and via Zoom
4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Sunday School:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Celebration and Citizenship

This month marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, certainly a cause for celebration! It is good to give thanks for the freedoms we have. We honor those who have gone before us who held up a vision for a country marked by those freedoms - not because they were perfect, but because they saw something bigger and beyond their time and place in history.

You may not be as aware of a few other approaching anniversary celebrations relevant to Bon Air Christian Church. August is the 125th anniversary of the Cane Ridge Revival, one of the key moments that led to formation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of which we are a part. And 2027 will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Bon Air. What began as a summer retreat is now the community in which our church seeks to live out God's mission.

All of these anniversaries and celebrations have me reflecting on the different communities we are part of and the legacies we inherit. What does it mean to be faithful followers of Jesus within the context of the many communities and identities in which we find our belonging?

Many centuries ago, an early follower of Jesus wrote a letter to a church to urge them to reflect on that very question. Paul's letter to the church in Philippi is often known as the most joyful of his epistles, which is certainly true. But it's also a letter to a church made up of Roman citizens who were learning what it meant to be "citizens of heaven" - followers of Jesus and inhabitants of a different type of kingdom.

Throughout July we'll be exploring Paul's message to them, and seeing how it's also a message for us. This letter helps us think differently about such things as citizenship, freedom, prosperity, and belonging, with what Paul calls "the mind of Christ." I hope you'll follow along as the Apostle urges us to always be re-thinking and re-joining!

Grace + Peace,

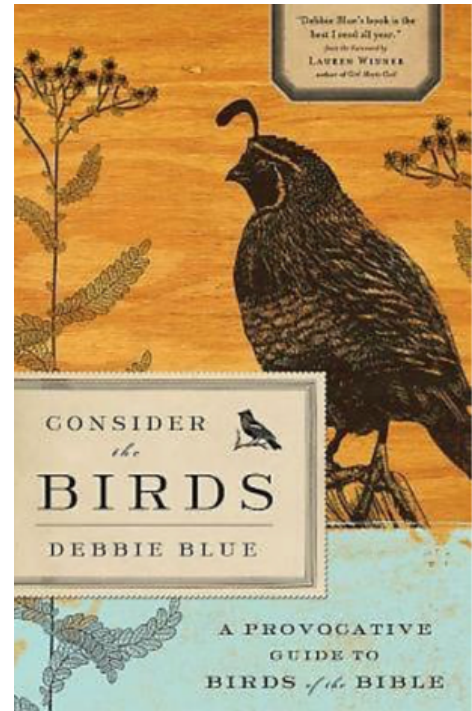
David

What's Happening

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Consider the Birds is a reflective and beautifully written spiritual book inspired by Jesus' words about the birds of the air. Angie Branyon and Gina McKenney will lead this book study beginning in July. Books are available in the church office.

There will be an online study Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. (before Prayer & Fellowship) and an in-person study Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.



Virginia
Disciples
Women
Regional Retreat

September
18 - 20,
2026

"Sprouting Our Faith"
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Erin Reibel

"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as the garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"
Isaiah 61:11 ESV

Dr. Reibel is a dynamic, thoughtful and inspirational speaker who has served in multiple church settings.

The VDWDM Retreat means fellowship with old and new friends, learning and growing our faith through worship and study, and having fun together. Bedrooms are single to triple, twin or full beds, with a private bathroom.

The retreat is Friday dinner through Sunday morning worship.

LOCATION:
W.E. Skelton 4-H Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake, Wirtz, VA

Registration opens May 1st, 2026 and closes Aug. 15, 2026
Please see registration form for cost details.
To register, use the QR code or link below:
<https://bit.ly/48hQ3Pe>

Questions? Email ccinvaoffice@gmail.com or call the
Regional Office 434-846-3400

VA DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT

The Virginia Disciples Women Regional Retreat is open to all women, of all ages! The retreat is a time of study, reflection, fun and relaxation in a casual and welcoming environment. If you are interested or have questions, contact Cathy Law.

There are funds available to help with registration costs if needed.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
2 Corinthians 13:14

What's Happening

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHOIR

During the summer, we will have Children's Sunday School & CHOIR on the following days:

- July 5th & 19th
- August 2nd & 16th

We will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

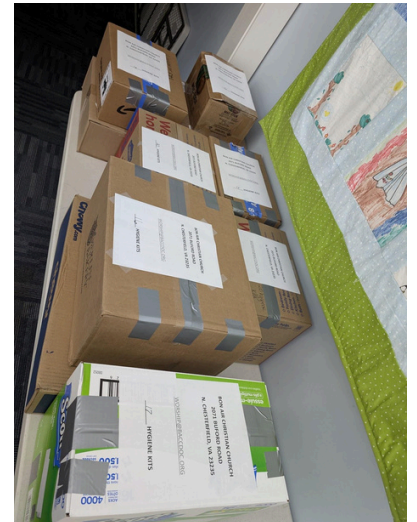
Pastor David will be reading a short story and Jane Finnegan and Vickie Brooks will help the children with music! It's going to be GREAT & we hope you can join us! Please contact Diane Clark if you would like more information or if you have questions.

CWS HYGIENE KITS

Our goal was 150 kits, and we collected exactly that number, to help those in disasters. ***Thank you for all you did to make this happen.*** Thanks also to Rose McCaferty, Althea Genadopoulas and Claire Deitch for sorting and packing the kits. Church World Services picked them up on June 9. Other churches brought an additional 135 kits, for CWS.

For more info on the work of CWS, here's the website:

www.cwsglobal.org



GLOBAL MINISTRIES - CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

It's been 30 years since the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) joined with the United Church of Christ in a commitment to do something entirely unique in the ecumenical world, by coming together in a shared global ministry. Together, the two faith traditions are working with 250 partners in nearly 90 countries for projects such as:

- providing a healthy and safe environment for children and elders in a once impoverished community in India
- supply drinking water to more than 630 families in a Mozambique agricultural community
- help folks in Honduras affected by natural disasters with food security projects and grass roots economic opportunities

For more information, go to www.globalministries.org



"You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter"
Psalm 74:17

Fun and Fellowship

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

We have started a co-ed softball league that plays on Wednesday evenings at Harry G. Daniel Park at Ironbridge. This is through FXA Sports and registration is required through their app, here's the link to join our team: [From Evan](#). Registration is free if the address you put is in Chesterfield, \$15 otherwise.

Our games are at 6:15 pm and 7:05 pm. We have a team color of Royal Blue (any color blue is fine) and we are working on getting team shirts/jerseys. Please let me know if you have any questions and we would love to have you join us!

Thanks!
Evan Gross



Registration is open!

BACC VBS

AUGUST 3RD - 7TH
9:00 A.M. - NOON

PRE-SCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

ART, SNACKS, SCIENCE, STORIES, RECREATION

REGISTER AT: [BIT.LY/BACCVBS2026](https://bit.ly/BACCVBS2026)
OR SCAN QR BELOW

Cokesbury Kids

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

A cartoon illustration of a grey wolf character wearing a red jacket, a green hat, and a green scarf. The wolf is holding a microphone and standing next to a QR code. The background features snow-covered trees and a blue sky.

Nursery available
only for children of
BACC volunteers.

There will be a cap
on the # of children
that can attend.



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.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP RECAP

The Regional Mission trip to Black Mountain/ Christmount NC was a huge success. We worked on 14 different worksites and completed several decks, revitalized an RV for a family of five, cleaned creek beds, worked in food pantries, clothes closets, stained bridges at Christmount, grounds work and built a shed for Christmount. The shed project was led by Bernie! We also completed the walls for a home in Transylvania, NC through Help Build Hope. The largest contributor for the build was BACC! It was a wonderful experience and we had 83 participants from Virginia, 7 from BACC!



Thank you for your support,
Diane Clark
Suzanne Dale



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Opportunities for July 2026.

Men's Golf Event. July date will be announced by EMAIL and the Church Bulletin. Captain's Choice format.

Wednesday – July 1st - 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Reserved seating. Contact Tom Snodgras to reserve your set at the table.

Wednesday – July 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Open seating.

Thursday – July 16th – 6:00 PM - Men's Dinner at Kickback Jack's 10330 Midlothian Tpke, North Chesterfield, VA 23235. Reserved seating.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF doesn't meet over the summer, but we are still active. Potential summer activities will be announced by email. If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please send me an email (newmac13433@gmail.com) and I will add you to the list.

The Day CWF met on June 9th at Karen Basalay's home for a cook-out. We had great attendance and the food was delicious. We'll meet in July & August on the second Tuesday for lunch. Location will come by email.

The next Chili Cook-off will be November 14th, 2026 after the Saturday Worship Service.
~ Jamie McDonald

*"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord."
1 Corinthians 1:9*

What's Happening

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Youth & Community Engagement Director

The Youth & Community Engagement Director develops and leads programs that support the spiritual, moral, and personal development of youth and young adults within the church and broader community, and serves as a primary contact with community groups and needs both inside and outside the walls of the church building.

Key Responsibilities:

Program Development & Leadership

- Design and implement youth programs (middle school through college-age) that integrate faith, leadership, and community engagement
- Lead service-learning initiatives that connect youth with local community needs
- Deepen partnerships with local schools, nonprofits, and community organizations
- Create opportunities within the church for intergenerational connection, spiritual growth, and engagement with issues impacting the surrounding community

Community Engagement

- Partner with local organizations, schools, and nonprofits to expand programming and service opportunities
- Organize community events, forums, or dialogues on relevant issues
- Encourage youth participation in community leadership and volunteerism

Program Administration

- Manage program calendars, contacts, building logistics
- Serve as the first point of contact with Bon Air Christian Church
- Coordinate and communicate with the variety of community organizations who use space in the church building
- Build social media presence

We are seeking a thoughtful, compassionate, and intellectually curious leader to walk alongside our youth and young adults as they grow in faith, purpose, and leadership. This role is ideal for someone who cares deeply about the intersection of faith, community, and public life—and who is excited to help young people explore those connections in meaningful ways.

Please reach out to Pastor David if you or someone you know may be interested.

*“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”
Romans 12:13*

Thank You!

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude! Thank you so very much for all of the kind words and the generosity you showered on us for the 5th anniversary of David's ministry with you. We give thanks to God for you, for our sharing in ministry, and for all the love and care you show to us, especially to Laila and Jude. We are grateful to be part of this loving and generous church family, and look forward to many more years to come! You are always in our prayers.

Yours in Christ, The Finnegan-Hosey Family

An excerpt from the letter we received: We are glad to have you and the church as partners in the mental health healing ministry.

With deep gratitude,

~ Douglas Thorpe, Executive Director, VIP Care

You can find the complete letter and report in the church office.

Dear Bon Air Christian Church,

We would like to thank you for your generous donation for the Craig Springs Kitchen Renovation project. With your part of the donation, we have been able to move closer to our 2027 start date. Yes, that is later than we had previously planned but we are committed to this project.

First, let me announce clearly that we plan to begin the renovation process following the 2027 camping season with the hopes that it will be completed by the 2028 season. In order to ensure that we can get started and be good stewards, we are dividing the project into two phases: 1. The demolition and renovation of the kitchen itself. 2. The addition of public bathrooms next to the dining hall.

Improvements to other camp facilities have helped as welcome additional outside groups, whose support strengthens and sustains our primary ministry of providing transformative faith and life experiences for youth and adults. In the same way, the kitchen renovation is essential to preserving this ministry for future generations of campers, while also making Craig Springs more attractive to church is another retreat groups. You can follow our progress and updates on our website under Craig Springs Renovation Project. You can further support the kitchen renovation project by volunteering for one of our storytelling and fundraising teams that visit churches and other organizations.

You can also help by inviting three individuals or churches that have experienced the life-changing impact of Craig Springs to support this project.

Thank you for your continued support support!

Sincerely,

~ Bill Spangler-Dunning, Regional Minister

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
John 15:12*

Church Family Updates

BLESSING & DEDICATION

On Sunday, June 14th, family and friends gathered in worship to celebrate the baby dedication of Mara Wells. The special service was a meaningful moment for her parents to publicly commit to raising Mara in faith, surrounded by the love, prayers, and support of their church family. We rejoice in this blessing and look forward to watching Mara grow in God's grace and purpose.



blessed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for: Vickie Brooks' mother, who was recently hospitalized; Linda VerHuel's brother, Max, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer; Jasmine Morse's niece, Eva, who had another seizure; the Lenhart's neighbor, Connie, who is battling cancer; the Deihl's friends, Brit & Linda, whose daughter recently passed away; Faye Lester's brother-in-law, Bill Moss, who is going through a difficult time; Lisa McColm's cousin, Duane, who is recovering from back and neck surgery.

Continued prayers for: Traci Eagle; Tery Sarver; Tom Martin; The McKenney family; Shea Hollifield & family; Conner & Estee Williams; Laura Hollis and family; Karen and Steve Kline; Natalie Trimmer and family; Ethelene Slayton; Gerry Roppé; Harold Campbell; Kelsey Creech Sheraz and baby Herak; Debbie Inlow and family; Taylor Brooks; Steve Goff; Sylvia Montgomery; The Trezza family; Darlene Hicks; Paul Stairs; Diane Clark's aunt, Louise; Patty & Danny Simmons; Diane & Phil Harris; Todd Westveld; Vitalii and Kate Mazur; Jasmine Morse's Mother-in-law; Marion and Gary Hosey; the Meerchuck family; Emily Bagwell; Gary Giffel; Dana Hatton's mother; Zachary Moon; Randy Slayton; Bob Basalay; Beverly and Tom Anderson; Rick Reid; Danny Ekstorm; Faye Lester, her niece, Debbie and her sister, Ann; Shea Hollifield's sister-in-law, Kathy, and brother-in-law, Mike; Brian Muncee; Tonda Bynum; PVT Ryan Morton; Larry & Teresa Lafoon; the Etz Family; Mary Garrison; the Nunnally Family; Ann Thomas; Kim Handy; Greg Morrison; Skip Logan; Deb Shiro; Andrew Crank; Pat Cosby; Gail Macfadden; Jake & Mazie McCann; Melanie Baribeault; Denise Oswald; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Anna Claire Jurman; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cathy Wheless; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Stephanie Schneider; Helen Liscio Deitz; Angie Branyon's brother, Berkley; the family of Kathy Morton; Susan Stouffer; Vickie Shannon's mother; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice, and brother, Danny; Nancy Wyman's brother, David; Laurie Querbo; Debbie Blackburn; Janet Lenhart's sister Phyllis, and brother Bill; Cassie Price's sister, Liz; Jeff and Angie Branyon's friend, Adrianna; 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; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Devon Forehand; Betty Jurman; Eric Moorehouse; Bill Mahoney; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; 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; friend of the Baum's, Gail Cox; Connie Graves; Janice Hoover.