

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP & GROW WITH US:

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH:

Sunday Worship:

8:45 a.m. Worship Service &

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(in person and via Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Casual Worship
Service

Adult & Youth Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Great is God's Faithfulness

"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To they great faithfulness, mercy and love"
- Thomas O. Chisholm

As the seasons begin to turn, the dog days of summer come to their end and our fall schedule picks up again, we are once again reminded of God's steadfast love and faithfulness. The weather changes. Our schedules change. We change. God's love remains.

I hope you'll take a moment to pause with me this week. Remember all the ways God has been faithful throughout your life, and throughout our life together as a church. Give thanks to God. And ask: this fall, how will I respond in faith to God's great faithfulness?

There are ministries that need volunteers and support. Opportunities to serve our neighbors. Times to pray together, sing together, take care of each other, and grow in faith together.

There is no shortage of ways God has been faithful to us. There is no shortage of ways to respond with our own acts of faith. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

I am grateful for you, I am praying for you, and I hope to see you soon.

Grace + Peace,

David

Worship With Us

We will begin our Fall Schedule on Sunday, September 13th!

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.

Casual Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, Sept. 13th

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

JOIN US

Youth Group Kick-Off

At BACC, September 13th, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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

Lunch, Games, Fun & Fellowship!

*"This is the day the Lord has made."
Psalm 118:24*

Youth Group

Mark Your Calendars:

Here are the dates we plan to meet in 2027 –
more information to come on spring service projects.
We are always looking for people to provide lunch for
our meetings as well, be on the look-out for a BACC YG
Lunch sign-up in our “Church News” emails!

Sunday, September 13th Meet at BACC

Lunch, Games, Fellowship
Pick up at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 4th Liberation Veteran Services, 4:00 p.m.

Attend 4:00 p.m. Casual Worship
Prepare and cook dinner at church / make cards
Deliver to LVS, and eat with Veterans
Pick up TBD

Sunday, November 1st All Saints Day, Visits to homebound members

Lunch at church
Visits
Pick up TBD

December Youth will be participating in the Hanging of the Greens worship service, practicing for the Christmas pageant, & caroling. No set YG meeting. Stay tuned for communication and times on above.

January No YG meeting

Sunday, February 7th Service Project

Sunday, March 7th Service Project

Sunday, April 4th Service Project

May - dates TBD Youth Sunday
Year-End celebration & outing / details TBD



VBS 2026



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a success! We had 48 kids registered, eight middle school and five high school /college volunteers, plus countless amazing BACC volunteers!

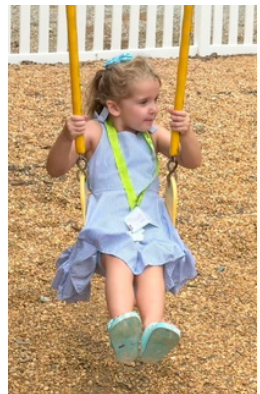
It takes a village!

Everything ran smoothly and fun was had by all at the SnowBall Mountain Challenge.

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!



*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13*

What's Happening

VA DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREAT

The Virginia Disciples Women Regional Retreat is **September 18th - 20th**, 2026, at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. **The registration deadline is August 15th**. It's for all women in the church, of all ages!

Come for a weekend of worship, renewal, rest and fun! So far, 5 BACC women are attending. Registration Link: [Retreats – Virginia Disciples Women](#)

If you are interested or have questions, contact Cathy Law. There are also funds available to help with registration costs if needed.



LIBERATION VETERAN SERVICES PROJECT

We will have a multi-generational opportunity to cook and serve dinner to homeless Veterans on **Sunday, October 4th**. 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 Jeff Branyon.



*"Shine your light before others."
Matthew 5:16*

What's Happening

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Campaign for the 2027 budget is gearing up. Committee chairs are now preparing their budget requests. The board will meet on September 20th to review the proposed budget. September 27th will be the campaign kick-off, and October 18th will be Commitment Sunday when pledges are due. The board will meet on October 25th to consider a final budget.

Pledge cards and the proposed budget will be mailed out the last week in September. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to support Bon Air Christian Church in 2027.



SERMON SERIES: "GOOD STEWARDS OF MANY GRACES"

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10

At BACC, you hear the word "stewardship" every fall, when it's time for us to consider budgets, pledges, and the support of our various ministries. This is important work to support the mission of the church, and I'm grateful to Shea Hollifield and Jon Ver Beek for leading these stewardship campaign efforts again this year.

The biblical concept of stewardship, however, is much broader and deeper than an annual budget. So this fall we'll also be exploring this concept, using this verse from 1 Peter as a guide. We're called to be good stewards of all of the multi-faceted gifts and graces of God. This certainly includes money and material possession. But it also includes how we are entrusted with the care of God's creation; how we learn to trust God for enough and even for abundance; how we are called to take care of our neighbor; and of course how we reflect on our use of time and talents. All of these are expressions of a deeper truth: that all good gifts come from God, and our meant to be cultivated, cared for, and shared for God's mission of healing and wholeness in the world God has made.

I hope you'll join us as we journey deeper into a word, and a concept, that we use often but which bears reflection and growth!

– Pastor David

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21*

Fun and Fellowship

FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

We finished the summer softball season with two wins in the playoffs to win the consolation bracket! We are now playing in FXA Sports' Fall League at Ironbridge and Matoaca Park. If you are interested in playing, please reach out to Evan Gross. Or come support us any Wednesday night ... cheerleaders are always welcome! GO TEAM!



BON AIR HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT BACC

There will be a BAHS Pot Luck Event hosted at BACC Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 27th**. This is a normal BAHS event that will discuss other business topics in addition to the subset on the BACC Windows Restoration topic.

Purpose of the Windows Restoration subset is to inform the community of the ongoing project and to host a fundraiser (soft fundraiser/pass the hat) for windows restoration donations.

Participants include BACC members, BAHS members and other history buffs who have an interest.

Before the meal, Sara Reese will present a 15-20 minute overview of the window history and symbolic significance.

A Trustee will include an update on the status of funding, schedule of restoration and what additional funding is needed. During the meal, the gift/funding is collected. Other BAHS topics will also be discussed as part of the normal meeting.

The basic windows information developed by Sara will be used as part of any other ongoing funding efforts by BACC, BAHS or others.

We hope you will consider joining us!



*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."
Psalm 24:1*



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday – September 2nd - 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Reserved seating. Contact Tom Snodgrass.

Wednesday – September 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Open seating.

Thursday – September 17th – 5:45 PM (*note time change*) - Men's Dinner at Granite Grill. Reserved seating.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The new 2026-2027 Christian Women's Fellowship season starts in September. We have 3 different CWF groups. 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.

The Day Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Kitten Whitlow leads the group and Angie Branyon leads the lesson. Jean Turlington is in charge of our Sunshine ministry. We send cards to those who are ill and/or shut-ins and those we feel might need a little extra sunshine in their lives. Don't forget our service projects: canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry and gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, etc.) for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. After the meeting, those who are interested go out to lunch (Candela's). Our 1st meeting will be on **September 8th**.

The CWF Salad Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting at 5:30 p.m. We will be using the Just Women Bible Study, "Living Abundant Life", published by the International Disciples Women's Ministry. First meeting is **September 10th**. New members are welcome! Let Cathy Law know you are interested and she'll send you the Zoom link.

Contact Andee Kirk (804) 929-2270 or (andeekirk1@outlook.com) if you are interested in the **Women's Study Group** which meets at Andee's house.

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on **November 14th, 2026**. So start getting things ready for the Silent Auction. Most of the items we auction off are items members or their 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)

MORE DATES:

- **Sept 18-20** will be the CWF Fall Retreat to Smith Mountain Lake. For more info contact Cathy Law.
- **Sept 25-27** will be the Holy Cross Abbey weekend retreat. For more info ask Kitten.
- **Oct 19-24** is our annual Fall Beach Trip to Nag's Head. Beds are still available. Contact Carol McGowan or Sara Reese for more info.

See you in September.

~Jamie McDonald

Bagpipe Concert

24th ANNUAL BACC BAGPIPE CONCERT

October 10, 2026, 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

Bud Deihl and Chance Bell invite you to join them for “Pipes on the Wind”—a continuation of our free, live bagpipe concert and feast. We hope our pipes will travel on the wind and bring joy to all those within hearing distance.

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. It's the communal effort that makes this evening a success.

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.

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 10th as we greet new friends and present "Pipes on the Wind."



Thank You!

Dear Karen (CWF),

Thank you for your generous in-kind contribution of gift cards to YWCA Richmond. Your thoughtful gift helps further our mission to empower individuals and families as they move towards safety, stability, and opportunity, and we are truly grateful for your support.

At YWCA Richmond, we believe in a future where every individual has the opportunity to live free from violence, discrimination, and inequity. Thanks to your kindness, we are making that vision a reality – one person, one family, and one community at a time.

Sincerely,

~Rupa Murthy, Chief Executive Officer



Dear Bon Air Christian Church members,

On behalf of the board, staff and girls we serve, **thank you** for your generous contribution! Because you care we are able to ensure that girls don't miss school because they lack access to period products. They are confident, focused, and able to learn without stress and stigma. Thank you!

~Sylvia's Sisters



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your recent gift to Week of Compassion! Your gift is a generous witness to the impact of this shared ministry. Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,

~ Rev. August Laperdre, Interim Development Coordinator



*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name."
Psalm 100:4*

Church Family Updates

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for: Steve Goff who is recovering from surgery; all students, teachers, staff and parents as children return to school and college this week. Congratulations and Blessings to Anna Leigh (Dale) & Owen Cmeyla on their wedding that took place this past weekend.

Continued prayers for: Ethelene Slayton and family; Michael McCall; Linda Verheul's brother, Matt; Mackenzie Betterton and family; Rose McCaferty and family; Dan Summerville and family; Katie Duke and family; Sylvia Montgomery; Carol Herrin and family; Faye Lester; Taylor Brooks; Traci Eagle; Cheryl Farrell; Cindy & Harold Cochran; Mary Garrison; Jackie Nilles; Shepard Mooney; Steve Goff and his cousins Robin & Cindy; Harold Campbell; Paul Stairs; Faye Lester's sister and brother-in-law; Angel Huff and family; Tery Sarver; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; June Barton; Todd Hatton's friend, Dave; The Teachey's friend, Bill; Nancy Taulbee; The McCaferty's niece, Jenny; Ken Berger's wife; Tom Martin; Conner & Estee Willams; Laura Hollis and family; Karen and Steve Kline; Natalie Trimmer and family; Ethelene Slayton; Gerry Roppé; Vickie Brooks' mother; Britt & Linda Watwood; Gayle Alexander; Bill Moss; Cheryl Sawyer; Kelsey Creech Sheraz and baby Herak; The Trezza family; Darlene Hicks; Patty & Danny Simmons; Diane & Phil Harris; Todd Westveld; Vitalii and Kate Mazur; Jasmine Morse's Mother-in-law and niece, Eva; 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; Danny Ekstorm; 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; 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; Bud Deihl's Mother; Cathy Law's friend, Carol; Bernie McDonald's sister, Norma; Cindy Stratton's nephew, Keith, and her friend, Vlad; Linda Verheul'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.

