

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

## **June 2010 Newsletter**

### **Our family story, the mother ship**

Let's face it. The church is filled with some funny people. Some of the folks at church we would never be our bff (best friend forever). There are those who we might think are rather eccentric. There are people who are our polar opposite politically, socially and emotionally, which of course as Disciples of Christ we think that's a good thing.

for all her frailties the church is still our mother ship. She is the vessel that carries us to our mission. Here we hear God's Holy Word spoken. There is something important about gathering together and hearing the scriptures read. Those words are our life's story. They tell us who we are. They tell us about our depth, our hope, our strength. And they are meant to be heard by the community. God's word is spoken to the community. It is God's Holy Spirit that binds us together. We are God's family.

We learn here about loving. Loving one another are words made flesh in the church. Jesus' ministry is always in the context of the community. The church is God's gift to us. Here with these people we are challenged. We are comforted, we are renewed.

I come to be fed spiritually and also to be a nurturer to others. I think of Ruth Roach, my Sunday school teacher who could have spent her time hobnobbing with the upper crust but chose to come Sunday after Sunday to touch the lives of a group of teenagers. I will always feel indebted to those who have given so much and I want to be part of passing it on—paying it forward.

I believe God calls me here. I believe God calls us here—he has birthed this community. We are his. This is God's community. Certainly God can be found in many places. I have felt the fullness of God's grace here with you.

In this moment in time, in this holy place, with these people –God's own people, Bon Air Christian, we are seeking to listen to God. We are seeking to reach out and be God's hands. We are seeking to worship—to draw near to the holy one.

I am so grateful for the privilege of being the church with you. May we find "Pentecost" birth of spirit, the fire of God's will, the wind of God's power right here, right now.

Shalom, Cindy



### **Church Picnic At Huguenot Park, shelter 1**

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> is the church picnic. The picnic will be immediately following the 10:45 worship service. The membership committee will host the annual event at shelter #1 at the Huguenot Park, 10901 Robious Road. The park has a playground for the children and a walking trail for the adults. The membership committee will provide the chicken and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

## **Please make the following changes to your church directory:**

Sara Reese  
275-1199

Polly Craft  
901 Madrona Street #329  
Midlothian, VA 23114  
379-8605

Sarah & Phillip Trezza  
521 Wharton Circle Apt. 103  
Winchester, VA 22601

Jerrell Todd  
275-0801

Jacob & Jennifer Dillon [jbdillon@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jbdillon@henrico.k12.va.us)  
690-5577

## **Special Needs Children Seminar**

This summer Bon Air Christian Church in Richmond will be hosting a three-part seminar focusing on Special Needs Children. The sessions will be 3:30pm to 4:30pm on June 20, July 18, & August 15.

The purpose of the seminar will be to help educate people on the diagnoses, challenges, therapies, and general assistance needed by children with special needs. As a church we want to respond to both the children and their parents, but often find ourselves not understanding their challenges or how we can respond. While we will include an array of special needs information, special attention will be given to autism, adhd, and other neurological & developmental disorders.

Session 1 will focus on types of developmental disabilities, diagnosis, and overview of early childhood intervention/private treatment options presented by Suzanne Saltisiak, LCSW. Session 2 will look at public school treatment options presented by Cathy Law and Occupational Therapy by Frances Atherton. Session 3 will be a panel discussion of how the public and specifically the church can respond to the needs of these children while integrating them into the church in a positive way.

Please contact the secretary at Bon Air Christian Church if you would like to attend or if you would be interested in volunteering for the panel (804) 272-6228. Please leave your name, phone number, and if you will need childcare.

## **BACC has received the following thank you notes:**

Dear Friends of Bon Air,

I have never experienced such love as I was shown on Sunday.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Montgomery

Dear Cynthia,

On behalf of the Virginia Council of churches, please express my deep appreciation to the members of Bon Air Christian Church for your gift of \$225.00.

Your contribution....is vital to the continuation and strengthening of the Council's ecumenical mission.

The work of the council depends on Covenant Churches like yours and I want to again express my deep appreciation for your continued support and understanding of our ministries.

Blessings,

The Rev. Jonathan M. Barton

General Minister

Dear Friends of LTS at Bon Air Christian Church:

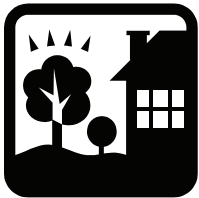
On behalf of our President, Jim Johnson and our entire Seminary community, I send our thanks for your good gift of \$1,100.00. Our students and faculty are blessed by your generosity and kindness. We are all grateful for your valuing the mission of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

2010 will certainly bring new opportunities and challenges for Lexington Theological Seminary as we prepare to launch our new program in the fall. We are confident that with the ongoing support of LTS alumni and alumnae, Seminary Friends, and congregations, the Seminary will continue to provide ministerial education opportunities to those who would otherwise have little access to a seminary degree. Thanks again for your supportive partnership with us.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Wray, Jr.

Vice President for Advancement



## **Habitat Chandler House – June 19**

Construction on the Chandler house has begun. So far, volunteers have installed the drain tile, leveled and sanded the crawl space, installed the insulation on the foundation walls, moved dirt up against the foundation, installed the floor joists and half of the sub-floor. The next phase is to finish the sub-floor and start the outside walls.

Bon Air Christian Church will be participating in the Habitat building in Powhatan on June 19. Work begins at 9:00 a.m. at Deborah Lane (Chandler house). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Directions to the house: left off of 60 west at Holly Hills Road, right on Oak, a right on Teresa and a left on Deborah.

Many of you helped last fall on the Howell house also on Deborah Lane. The Howell Home Dedication will be dedicated on June 6. All are invited to the dedication.

*Check out the new website: [www.habitatpowhatan.org](http://www.habitatpowhatan.org).*

## **Week of Compassion – Nashville Update**

People from across the Nashville metro area and Middle Tennessee have been greatly impacted by the devastating floods a few weeks ago. Disciples congregations were not spared, as you know. The Christian Church in Tennessee office was ruined, several Disciples churches experienced severe flooding, and every single one of our churches has had members affected.

But while everywhere we turned there was incredible damage, there was also amazing work being done by our Disciples congregations. Disciples-led grassroots feeding programs are ensuring

that people who lost their homes can count on a decent meal. Alameda Christian Church, New Covenant Christian Church, Woodmont Christian Church, and Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos de Cristo have reached out to meet the needs of their communities. Eastwood Christian Church kept the doors of its daycare center open longer, and employed additional caregivers, so that parents could join in the immediate relief efforts.

Vine Street Christian Church and the Disciples Divinity House of Vanderbilt University have also been hard at work-- gutting flood-damaged homes and cleaning out the ravaged regional office.

## **Thank You!**

A big thank you goes to Gail Macfadden and Cindy Cochran for the beautiful Mother's Day cards presented to our mom's on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you also to Kendra and Jon Ver Beek for the lovely lettered expressions which now adorn the entrance to the education building and the extended session room. They read, "Through Christ all things are possible" and "have Faith".

We thank Anne Purser for redoing our sign and adding a chalice.

And we also thank Clay Boyd from Colonial Heights Christian for helping us with our computer issues.

We give thanks for all of our Sunday School teachers and thank you for sharing your time and talent with us and helping us to grow in our faith:

Toddler - Kendra Verbeek and Robin Blanchard  
Pre-K - Andee Kirk and Ellen Moon  
Grades 1-3 - Shea Hollifield and Gina McKenney  
Grades 4-5 - Sylvia Montgomery and Debby West  
Middle School - Eric Thomas, Russ and Cindy Johnson  
High School - Bernie McDonald  
Music - Catherine Tejnecky  
Sojourners - Cathy Law, Sara Reese and Susan Deihl  
Fellowship - Kitten Whitlow  
Parlor - Steve Craft, John Crank and Danny Simmons

## **BACC Continues Food Drive**

BACC continues to collect food for the Bainbridge Community Center. The need for food is greater than it's ever been. The church has collection boxes in the hallway outside the fellowship hall as well as outside the church office. Food is picked up once a month by volunteers of the Bainbridge Community Center.

## **The JOY Group**

Judy and John Crank have graciously invited us to their river home for a covered dish picnic on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The JOY Group provides fried chicken, bring something yummy to share!! Let's meet at the church to carpool at 9:30 AM. Please call Laura Hollis by JUNE 6th if you plan on attending and I also need drivers (320-3466). Riders please be prepared to give the driver some gas money.



## **GALACTIC BLAST – Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed**

Help is still needed to take our children on an out-of-this-world adventure on August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm till 7:45 pm! The VBS committee held a meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to get the plans together for another successful Vacation Bible School. But it takes lots of volunteers to make VBS successful. We are still looking for additional help. Please look over the list below and prayerfully consider how you can support VBS this summer. Contact the folks below if you are would like to help:

<u>Teachers</u>	- Ellen Moon 378-7483
<u>Storytellers</u>	- Cindy Landergan 320-0895
<u>Games/Science</u>	- Sandy Collins 323-3816
<u>Kitchen Help</u>	- Cindy Cochran 560-7901 - Katie Smith 323-9295
<u>Decorations</u>	- Andee Kirk 330-9275 - Cindy & Jim Lehan 745-3531 - Kendra Ver Beek 594-0128

Help where ever needed - Andee Kirk 330-9275

Nursery is provided for volunteer helpers. Also, there will be a light dinner for all the children, parents and volunteers every evening at 5:30 pm.

## **Special Sunday School – Teachers Recognized**

Flowers and big hugs of thanks were given by our youth to Sylvia Montgomery, one of our most beloved Sunday School teachers during the late service on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is one special teacher.

Another way Sylvia Montgomery can to honor is to give to the Children's Worship and Wonder fundraiser. We are asking anyone that has had Sylvia Montgomery as their Sunday School teacher to consider making a small donation.

## **GET YOUR SUMMER READING!**

Donate your gently used books to help fund the Library Makeover. The books will be on sale for you to pick up your summer reading.

Prices will be as follows:

Paperbacks \$1

Hardbacks \$2

Please bring your books anytime from Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> till Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and put them on the tables in the mezzanine hallway. There will be 3 tables set up. One table for Adult Fiction, another for Adult Nonfiction and the third table for Young Adult/Children.

Help support the Library Makeover and pick up something new for your summer vacation reading pleasure!

If you have any questions get in touch with Laura Hollis, Andee Kirk or Jean Turlington.

## **The Help by Kathryn Stockett – June’s Book Club Choice**

**The Help** has already been read by many church members and friends. This book is the selection for this month’s book club meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church.

If you have read the book and never been to one of our meetings, you are missing out on a fun evening. You do not have to be a scholar to attend. We have a friendly discussion of questions already written for books clubs to use. It is interesting to hear the perspectives that others bring.

Stockett’s novel is optimistic and uplifting. It is set during the civil rights movement in Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college in 1962 and anxious to become a writer. She is advised to hone her chops by writing about what disturbs her. Eugenia begins to collect the intriguing stories of the black women on whom the country club sets its eyes and mistrusts. Skeeter enlists the help of Aibileen, a maid who’s raised 17 children.

Full of heart and history this novel is a book that you will want to put on your reading list for this summer. If you enjoy reading and the fellowship of other church members and friends, please consider joining us for our lively discussion of **The Help** on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Congregational Meeting – June 27**

We will have a congregational meeting on June 27 following the 10:45 worship service to consider the following resolution. This resolution is being forwarded to the congregation from the official board.

The board offers this motion that the position of Elder Emeritus be created by Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as an honorary position to recognize individuals who have provided long-term, exemplary service and dedication to God and our congregation, to include service as an elder for at least one term and leadership to the congregation through other areas of service, and who have generally retired from active leadership in the church. Nominations for the position would come from the Elders to the church board for approval by the congregation, and would be made as appropriate, when nominations are made for other offices of the congregation, rather than on an annual basis. Those elected as elder Emeritus would be recognized in worship and his/her name placed on a plaque in the church.

It is suggested that when the congregation’s Constitution and By-Laws are revised, this position be included in the updated version.

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion The elders are requesting a special election for the initial nominations of Elder Emeritus and a special congregational meeting for this initial election.

## **We welcome our new members who were baptized on Easter Sunday**

**Madison Arthur** is the daughter of Lena and Richard Neal and Steve Arthur. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Crestwood Elementary. Her birthday is November 17<sup>th</sup> and she will be 11 years old. She has a sister, Kelsey, who is a senior at James River High School and graduating in a few weeks. Madison’s favorite movie is “King Kong”. She enjoys country music, the song, “Whiskey Lullaby”, and listening to Taylor Swift. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is ravioli. She likes swimming and basketball and takes dance lessons. The family has 2 dogs, a Chihuahua, “Pepper”, and a German Shepherd and Chow Mix, “Charlie”.

**Kyla Brooks** is the daughter of Vickie (our incredibly talented organist) and Chucky Brooks. She turned 10 years old on her birthday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. She has a sister, Taylor who is 6 \_ and a brother, Dylan who is 2 \_. Kyla attends Cold Harbor Elementary School in Mechanicsville where she is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Her favorite subject is Social Studies. Her favorite movie is “Ice Princess” and she likes the song “Just Another Picture to Burn”. Hannah Montana is her favorite singer. Her favorite foods

are pasta, spinach, and cheese. She enjoys basketball, baseball, and tag football. The family has a cat, "Missy".

**Gracie Dillon** is the daughter of Jennifer and Jacob Dillon. She has 2 sisters, Maddy and Hannah. Gracie just turned 13 on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Robious Middle School. Her favorite subject is English. She likes pop music and the artist, Taylor Swift. Her favorite movie is "The Princess Bride". Her favorite food is spaghetti and she likes the color purple. She enjoys cheerleading and swimming. She also enjoys art and singing. The family has one cat, "Tiger, two dogs, "Napoleon" and "Josie", a hedgehog, "Polly", and a lizard, "Liz".

**Lauren Johnson** is the daughter of Cindy and Russ Johnson and the granddaughter of Molly and Russell Johnson. She has a sister, Nicole who will be 15 in a few weeks. Lauren is 10 and her birthday is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. She attends Washington Henry Elementary School in Mechanicsville and is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Her favorite subject is Math. She plays the piano and she likes the singer, Miley Cyrus, and the song "One Time". On t.v. she enjoys watching "Sponge Bob". Her favorite movie is "Avatar". She likes the color purple. Her favorite food is baked ziti. Lauren enjoys soccer, reading, and playing the Wii game system. The family has one dog, "Riley".

### **Attention Any Scrapbookers!**

Help is needed to put old scrapbooks found in the library into archival safe protectors with acid free glue. Many of these scrapbooks are turning yellow and they will not be in good condition for our church members to enjoy in the years to come. Also, there is a large box of photographs that need to be sorted and stored in proper boxes. If anyone is interested in this project please call Andee Kirk at 330-9275 or 929-2270.

### **Worship and Wonder – Fundraising Update**

Children's Worship and Wonder will become a reality thanks to the generous donations from our Church family and friends. We have collected \$ 1,257. This is over half of the funds needed. Thank you!

If you have not donated yet, please consider donating to honor or remember a special person in your life. We will be making a plaque for the Children's Worship and Wonder room which will be in gratitude to those who have given. The name of the one who is memorialized through this gift will be on the plaque and the name of the givers. It is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone by providing our children with an opportunity to learn and grow in God's word.

### **Many thanks to our youth group sponsors for another fun year!**

We are blessed to have great youth and are so thankful for those who give their time and talent to lead our youth group. This has been a year filled with lots of activities. A big thank you to Mary Ann Casdia, Becky Skowron, Frank and Diane Clark.



## **Calling All Storytellers!**

If you love to tell stories and like being with the children of our Church then we need your help. We are looking for folks that would be willing to share this talent. When Children's Worship and Wonder starts in September 2010 a Storyteller will be needed each Sunday. According to folks at other churches that already have this program it is much easier to be the Storyteller than the Helper/Greeter. The Stories you will need to learn are outlined in a book.

If you are interested in learning about the role of the Storyteller or already know you want to be one then contact Cindy Stratton, Sandy Collins or Andee Kirk. There will training sessions later this summer.



## **Christian Women's Fellowship JOINT MEETING**

### **Sunday, June 13 following the 10:45 service – Pot Luck Lunch**

*Guest Speakers:* Women from Seventh St. Christian Church will share with us their trip in Feb., 2010 to visit our mission partners, Jon and Dawn Barnes. They are excited about their trip and the work our mission partners have been doing in South Africa. All women of the church are welcome to come!

## **Parents Morning Out - Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers may drop off their children Wednesday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the church nursery. Please let Shirley or the church office know you will be coming. The cost is \$10.00 and parents can pay Shirley when picking up their children.

## **Collins' Flock Gathering**

The Collins' Flock will meet on June 13, 2010 after the late service for a picnic at Sandy and Doug's home. The address is 8200 Spring Meadow Road. The phone number is 323-3816. Grilled chicken and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and let us know if you can attend.

## **Thank you for the Nature Camp supplies**

The church would like to thank Steve Craft, Brenda Kidd, Laura Hollis, Kitten Whitlow and other givers for the generous donations of underwear, tee shirts, and socks and craft supplies for the underprivileged inner-city campers who will attend Nature Camp in July.



## **Family Concerns:**

At long last it is really wonderful to be able to say, "Cecelia and Stephen are home!"

Mallory Smith had an emergency appendectomy surgery this past month.

Our sympathy is extended to Eddie Cross upon the death of his father. Our sympathy is extended to Alice and Ray Beasley upon the death of Alice's sister, Doris Foos. Our sympathy is also extended to Polly and Doug White upon the death of Polly's stepfather, Karl Klawiter. Our sympathy is extended to Jeanne Brock upon the death of her stepmother, Rubye Webb. Our sympathy is extended to Margaret Battle upon the death of her stepdaughter.

Bruce Miller is recuperating at home and receiving physical therapy at Sheltering Arms.

Lynn Sarvis had surgery this past month. Gina McKenney had gallbladder surgery this past month. Bill Dunston was hospitalized during this past month. Ollie White had surgery for a blocked artery and is recuperating at Bob Barden's home.

We continue to pray for: Russ Johnson's mother, Molly, who has cancer and Kevin Heath's cousin Jennifer Blackwell who has cancer. We pray for Joe Smith's mother, Glenda; Frank Clark's friend, Dave Crumpler and Abby Loya who have cancer. We continue to pray for Gerry Roppe', Ron Hill, Tray Isley; Kevin Stargell; Bria Pendergast; Mary Ann Casdia's granddaughter, Daisy Hansen; Susie Smith; Arlene Blythe's mother, Margie Best, who has leukemia; Stacey Price; Debbie New's friend, Rick Kline who has lung cancer and a brain tumor, Brand and Debbie Inlow's friends, Tom Harris and George Coleman who have cancer and Cathy Law's friend, Milo Marr.

## **Congratulations to our high school and college graduates for 2010.**

### **High School:**

**Kelsey Arthur**, daughter of Steve Arthur and Lena & Richard Neal will graduate from James River High School. She will attend University of Mary Washington in the fall.

**Kristopher Clark**, son of Diane and Frank Clark will graduate from Cosby High School. He will attend John Tyler Community College in the fall.

**Kyle King**, son of Cassie Price and Buzz King will graduate from James River High School. He will attend Roanoke College in the fall and study environmental science and pre-engineering.

**Gina Mattes** daughter of Deb Romig, will be graduating from Manchester High School. She will attend Cedarville University in Ohio in the fall for prepharmacy.

**Joel McCaferty**, son of Rose and Jim McCaferty will graduate from Clover Hill High School and will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

**Josh Vaden**, son of Cathy and Tim Vaden will graduate from Powhatan High School. He will attend John Tyler Community College in the fall.

### **College:**

**Rob Atherton**, son of Frances and Joe Atherton, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Leadership from Virginia Tech on May 15th. He has been in the Corps of Cadets and in Navy ROTC all four years at Tech. In addition to earning his BA degree, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy on May 14th. After graduation he will be stationed in San Diego, California.

**David Baum**, son of Philip and Susan Baum graduated from Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics.

**Erin Crowley**, daughter of John and Jenny Crowley, graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies with a concentration in public relations and a minor in Human Resource development.

**Ryland Sweeney**, son of Chris Sweeney graduated from Hampton Sydney with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a minor in Rhetoric.

**Amy Turlington** daughter of Jean Turlington graduated from University of Connecticut with a Ph.D in math.

**J.P. Verheul**, son of Linda Verheul and John Verheul graduated in December from William and Mary with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Russian and Chemistry.

**Lisey Verheul** daughter of Linda Verheul and John Verheul graduated from John Tyler Community College with an associate degree. She will transfer to James Madison University in the fall.

## **SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2010**

### **June 6**

Elders: Bill Heath, Lloyd Thacher

Deacons: 9:15 Casey Kirk (P), Andee Kirk

10:45 Kitten Whitlow (P), Jason Whitlow, Lena Neal, Susan Teachey

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Debbie New 10:45 Paula Craft

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Madison Arthur Nursery Helper:

Extended Session: 9:15 Sandy Collins 10:45 Catherine Tejnecky

### **June 13**

Elders: Joe Bancroft, Barbara Bancroft

Deacons: 9:15 Chris Bates (P), Jasmine Heath

10:45 Andee Kirk (P), Casey Kirk, Russ Johnson, Josh Vaden

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Joe Bancroft 10:45 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Jefferson & Josh Huddle Nursery Helper:

Extended Session: 9:15 Joe and Katie Smith 10:45 Anna Huddle

### **June 20**

Elders: Steve Craft, Sandy Collins

Deacons: 9:15 Steve Blythe (P), Arlene Blythe

10:45 Josh Vaden (P), Joe Love, Polly White, Doug White

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Sandy Collins 10:45 Anne Heath

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Nursery Helper:

Extended Session: 9:15 Doug Collins 10:45

### **June 27**

Elders: Steve Goff, Bob McGowan

Deacons: 9:15 Guy Barker (P), Cindy Cochran

10:45 Tim Johnson (P), Bob Skowron, Jasmine Heath, Kristopher Clark

Worship Leaders: 9:15 Gerry Roppe\_ 10:45 Gina McKenney

Acolyte: 9:15 10:45 Nursery Helper:

Extended Session: 9:15 Lena Neal 10:45

Offering: Brenda Kidd and Sara Reese

Ushers/Greeters: 9:15 Dee Drezek 10:45 Steve and Robin Blanchard

(P) denotes communion preparation