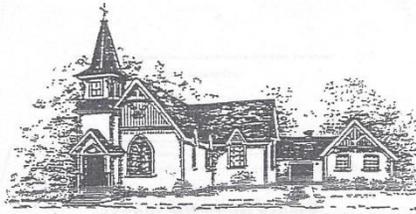


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Congratulations to Emily Rush and Morgan Moore who will be married on November 28. We wish them every happiness and God's blessings!

Creating A Thankful Place To Welcome Jesus

As I walked through the fellowship hall and saw the mattresses on the floor, next to one of them was a Little Golden Book titled "Prayers for Children". It touched my heart. This mother prays for her child and longs for her child to grow up and know God just as we hope the same for our children.

I have seen how illness can destroy a person's life. I have seen how loss can devastate a family. I love the quote "Welcome Jesus, welcome the homeless, feed the hungry."

I was so proud of our youth group as they prepared and served our Caritas guests dinner. I am deeply thankful for all the generosity you showered upon those who struggle with having the basic necessities in life. You unselfishly shared your time and your resources.

This year Advent comes on the heels of Thanksgiving. It is fitting to gather around and sing our praises of Thanksgiving and to bow our heads and ask God to prepare our lives for the wonder of Jesus' birth. Gratitude for all we have and are makes our lives rich and full.

Now as we enter this holy season we give thanks for God's blessings. We lift our hearts to God and pray that the beauty of Christ's coming will break through the darkness of our lives and shine. We pray that this Christmas when we are missing loved ones and struggling with our own challenges that we will indeed hear God's message of comfort and hope.

We may not be up to singing fa la la la la, but perhaps we can find ways to open our hearts and allow the peace of Christ to blanket our lives. The babe was born into a world fraught with pain and brokenness. The babe comes into our lives bringing healing and hope. The healing and hope we find is in knowing him. No matter what our life circumstances, he has come, he is coming now and he will come again. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. The prince of peace, the giver of all love, is coming to us. Make ready. Make room for Jesus.

Shalom, *Cindy* 

Family Concerns:

Our sympathy is extended to Tim Skeens upon the death of his wife, Jan.

Our prayers are with Angie Goff, who underwent surgery for a brain tumor. We are praying for Steve Craft as he undergoes chemotherapy for lymphoma and we also pray for Alice and Ray Beasley's son, Doug, who was hospitalized this past month.

Our prayers are with: Arlene Blythe's cousin, Terry Tynan; Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton Guy Barker's brother-in-law "Chico" Alfred Dyett who has Multiple Sclerosis; Steve Kline's niece, Suzy Street who has a neurological disease; Harriet Griggs; Bob McGowan; Shirley Acree; Helen Macklin's daughter, Cindy; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; Joe Bancroft's friend, Johnny Williams who has cancer; Gerry Roppe's Uncle Jack; Shirley Burkhalter's nephew, Kevin McGuire; Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose who is being treated for leukemia; Tom Mayfield's friend Mickey Denke; Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans; Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield; Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter; Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane and Harrison Zierenberg; Peggy Hill; the Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett; Stacy Price; Arlene Blythe's friend, Donna Leake; Hannah Bryant who has leukemia and the Macfaddens friends, Barbara and Lewis Bell.

A note from the staff at CARITAS:

Thank you so much for graciously hosting our families in our shelter program! The love and attention you've shown us here at CARITAS is a true testament of God's word! We wish you a happy Thanksgiving! God Bless.



11/29 The first Sunday of Advent
Advent begins

12/6 The Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 – Holiday Market

4:30 Market Closes

5:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Dinner - hosted by our youth

6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Worship Service

A traditional service in which we hear the Christmas story portrayed in scripture and in music. It is a time to tune our hearts to that which is truly important.

12/13 The Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant

5:00 p.m. - Christmas caroling

Bring some Christmas cheer to our homebound friends and then join us after caroling for a party at Cindy, George and Micah's home.

12/19 – Blue Christmas Worship Service

5:00 – A worship service of wholeness and healing for those who suffer and feel sorrow during this holy season.

12/20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/24 Christmas Eve

5:30 and 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship Services

Share the bread of life and the cup of salvation as we celebrate God's greatest gift.

12/25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas! May the warmth of our Savior's love and the good news of his birth and life surround you and your loved ones on this holy and wondrous day.



Join us for Christmas Caroling & Party

December 13, 5:00 p.m.

It is a joy to bring Christmas cheer to others! We hope you will be able to sing along with us as we brighten the day of some of our homebound friends.

It's okay if you can't carry a tune in a bucket. We welcome everyone and then afterwards come to Cindy, George and Micah's home for a Christmas party. Come hungry!

Blue Christmas

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

For these reasons, Bon Air Christian Church offers a special Blue Christmas service on **December 19 at 5:00**. Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.



December 6th
Dinner 5:00

Worship Service at 6:00

We hope you will come and bring your friends and family members to our Hanging of the Greens service. It is a lovely service in which we talk about the meaning of the signs and symbols of Advent and Christmas.

We will have dinner at 5:00 pm. Our youth will sponsor the dinner.

This year our Youth Group will be hosting their first Hand-made Holiday Market and Auction before the Hanging of the Greens dinner and service. The holiday market is also going to be before and after services on Sunday morning as well.

The service will begin at 6:00 pm. It is a wonderful time for us to tune into what Christmas really does mean; as we are reminded of God's greatest gift to us, Christ the Lord.

Please make the following update to your church directory:

Bill and Peggye Alcoke
balcoke@verizon.net



JOY Christmas Luncheon

The Seniors group (Just Older Youth) will have their luncheon on December 15, at Anna's Italian Restaurant, Victorian Square, 11027 Hull Street Road, at 1:00 PM. We will order off the dinner menu so plan your appetite accordingly!! Please RSVP by December 11 to Laura Hollis at 320-3466 or Lollihollis@verizon.net.

Thank you CARITAS Volunteers!

November 7 -14 was a busy week at Bon Air Christian Church. We hosted 13 families - 27 people, including three infants. We provided three meals per day, showers, laundry service and a safe, warm place to sleep. And then there was set-up and take-down/clean-up! Dozens of people within BACC worked together to make this all possible. Stopping by church each day to see how things were going was truly a lesson in Christian service. I was deeply touched to see how many people helped out, reached out, filled in and provided Christ's love to our sisters and brothers in need. From a warm meal to a warm conversation, you all fulfilled Christ's teaching to love our neighbors.

Our guests left thank-you notes on the refrigerator in the kitchen. They appreciated the service and love shared by BACC.

I am humbled and grateful to be a part of BACC - you are warm, caring people who shared love, hard work and good cheer all week. Thank you for all your efforts, your warm hearts and Christian commitment. It made a difference.

Shalom,
Shea Hollifield
Chair, Church in Community

2015 Christmas Offering



The Invitation at Christmas is to BELIEVE AGAIN.

The Word from the church is to Believe in a Deeper Hope that moves beyond the “wrappings” of Christmas around us. We proclaim a Hope that brings Good News, Joy and Compassion for all of God’s people. THIS DEEPER HOPE IS MADE REAL IN ALL OF OUR REGIONS AS WE:

- Assist congregations and leaders in claiming their unique mission and ministry, and provide resources and support.
- Call, commission and ordain new pastors, and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.
- Revitalize existing congregations and plan for new congregations.
- Connect Regional Disciples to give witness to ministries of justice, hope and compassion.
- Provide camps, conferences and retreats where children and youth find hope and Christ’s love and a community of faith that embraces “everyone.”
- Make visible the care for all of God’s family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.
- Call and equip passionate leaders for today’s church.
- Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our Region. Your generous gifts make a difference in our shared ministries in the Region. The Christmas Special Day offering will be received December 13th and 20th.

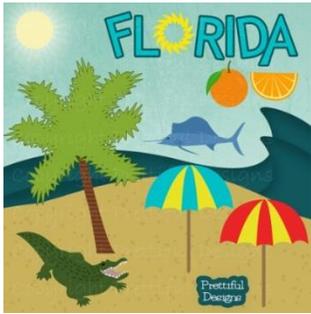
As 2015 comes to a close, please remember to express your thanks to our choir and other musicians for the inspiration and beauty they share with us week after week. This year their room was renovated to better serve their needs and 12 folding chairs were donated by a member for the new room. Because the group is growing the Worship Committee donated 6 more chairs to express our appreciation.

BACC has received the following thank you note:

Dear members of Bon Air Christian Church,

Thank you so much for all of the cards and phone calls while I was recovering from pneumonia. It feels good to be back at providing the music for Casual Service on Saturday and then seeing everyone on Sunday. I am so blessed to be able to call BACC my home and all of you my sisters and brothers in Christ. Much love!

Jackie Nilles



*A postcard from Gerry Roppe´
Hello Everybody,
I'm settled in and so far so good. To my
surprise, my sister lives literally less than a
5 minute walk from me. I'm in a retirement
community that sits on the Manatee River
and only 20 minutes from the Gulf of
Mexico. I love you and miss you.*

Food for Bainbridge

An ongoing ministry of BACC is the collection of non-perishable food for the Bainbridge ministry. Suggested food donations for December is peanut butter but all non-perishable food are needed. During school holidays, low income families have more meals to prepare at home for their children which places more strain on an already tight budget. Collection bins are located by the church office and the Fellowship Hallway. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Women's Fellowship

There are three groups and we would love to see you at any or all of them.

The morning group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30. The next meeting will be December 8th. The group will have their Christmas luncheon. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share. The main dish and dessert will be provided by Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis.

There are two evening groups.

The Salad Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the church. One person in the group will bring the salad greens and everyone else brings things to add to the salad. The group meets, eats and shares in a time of study and reflection. Their next meeting is December 9th.

The other evening group meets the first Tuesday (December 1st) of every month in a member's home at 7:00. December's meeting will be at Sara Reese's.

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2015

December 6

Elders: Bud Deihl, Janet Lenhart

Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Daniel Whitlow

11:00 Joan Mielke (P), Connor Kirk, Paul Seemiller, Rick Bernard

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Susan Baum

Acolyte: Audrey Duke

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Hannah Moon Worship & Wonder Helper: Zachary Moon

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Sandy Logan and Madison Whitney 11:00 Emily Rush and Barbara Bancroft

December 13

Elders: Frank Clark, Bill Sydnor

Deacons: 8:45 Joe Smith, (P), Tom Mayfield

11:00 Daniel Whitlow (P), Jerrell Todd, Whitney Graham, Jamie McDonald

Worship Leader: Madelyn Smith

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Marie Boger Worship & Wonder Helper: Maddy Boger

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Sam and Carol Herrin 11:00 Youth Group

December 20

Elders: Steve Kline, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 8:45 Sandy Collins (P), George Smith

11:00 Arlene Giffel (P), Stephen Blanchard, Laura Hollis, Clairee Cochran

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Shea Hollifield 11:00 Kitten Whitlow

Acolyte: 8:45 Sloane Hylton

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Madelyn Smith

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Mallory Smith 11:00

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 The Collins Family 11:00

December 27

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Carol McGowan (P), Jeanne Brock

11:00 Polly White (P), Collin Thomas, Doug White, Lauren Johnson

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Suzanne Dale 11:00 Doug White

Acolyte:

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Allison Landergan

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 Annie and Maddie Rucker 11:00 Maddy Boger

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 11:00

Offering: Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington

(P) denotes communion preparation