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Not my pew

May I offer one more Lenten discipline? During Lent we try to practice spiritual disciplines of praying, fasting and studying God's holy Word. Lent is a great time to invite someone to church. It is a time when we're all particularly focused on growing in our relationship with Christ. We are mindful of the great love God has showered upon us through the gift of his son. Our commission, our constant calling is to share the good news of Jesus with others. It is our first and most important job as Christians. How can we share the hope, love and amazing grace that we know through our faith?

So here is one suggestion. Move over. When a visitor comes make him or her feel welcome. A simple way to make others feel welcome is to scoot on down the pew and offer our visitors a seat. When someone visits your home do you say, "that is my chair you can't sit there." Of course not. We welcome our friends in and invite them to have a seat. I was shocked when someone told me he visited a church and after finding a place in the pew someone actually did say, "this is my pew." This is God's church. Everyone is welcome and we don't have assigned seats.

I invite you to go out of your way to bring the good news. Look around - do you see someone you don't know? Make sure you extend to him or her Christ's love by sharing a word of hospitality. "I don't think I've had the pleasure of meeting you before, my name is..." We all know that Bon Air Christian Church is a wonderful treasure. Here is a church that opens the doors wide and welcomes everyone. Members of this church step out the doors and minister to our brothers and sisters in need. As we prepare for Easter let us seek ways to share God's love and share the joy of our salvation. Of all the things we share with others there isn't anything more important than this.

Shalom, Cindy 

Prayer Concerns:

Nancy Maiden had surgery for rectal cancer this past month. Mary Ann Casdia had hip replacement this past month. Carnell Teachey and Philip Burkhalter are at the Laurels at Bon Air. Harriet Griggs is at home.

Donnie Etz and Norton Snead are recuperating from surgery.

Our prayers are with: Marjean Bernard's sister, Teresa; Doug Beasley; 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; Gerry Roppe; Marjean Bernard; Bob McGowan; Shirley Acree; Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben; Duke Dale's sister, Leslie Brinson; 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.



Sunday, March 13 begins day light savings time. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

† Thank you to Jake McCann for repairing our two sanctuary chairs and an office chair.



† Thank you to Doug Collins and Tom Mayfield for repairing the floor in the ladies bathroom.

† Thank you Jon Ver Beek who installed our new organ speakers.



Craig Springs CAMP Schedule 2016

Registration forms are available in the church office or from a youth group leader. The church will pay for half of the cost of camp. Registration must be postmarked no later than the deadline of May 15 to receive the early registration discount. Listed below are camp dates and the total cost of each camp:

	<u>Early</u>	<u>after May 15</u>
June 20-25 AMPDD	\$347.00	\$387.00
June 25 – July 1 Nature Camp	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 3-8 Special Camp	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 10-15 First Triple	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 17-22 Second Triple	\$347.00	\$387.00
July 24-29 New Covenant	\$347.00	\$387.00

July 29 – Aug 1 Family Retreat - \$75.00 per adult \$50.00 per child; free for children 5 and under.



The church is in need of a riding lawn mower that is in good working order. If you know someone who has a mower he or she would like to sell or give away, please contact the church office.

JOY Group March 15 at 10:30

March 15, 10:30 AM at the church, Mr. Bernie Henderson, president and funeral celebrant of Woody Funeral Home, will enlighten us about the deaths and funerals of seven U.S. presidents that were born in Virginia. Peggye Alcoke and Judy Crank will be our hostesses for a pot luck luncheon following his presentation.

Food Collection

BACC collects food to support the Bainbridge Ministry, which helps individuals and families in need. Collection bins for non-perishable foods are located by the church office and in the Fellowship Hallway.





photo by Traci Eagle

Dear friends:

Holy is the week. Come journey with Jesus through this holy time. Let us remember his love outpoured. Let us offer up our own lives to him for transformation. Let us celebrate God's gracious gift of new life.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 20– 8:45 and 11:00 Palm Sunday Worship Service

March 24 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service –

We commemorate the Lord's Last Supper.

March 25 – 12:30 p.m. The Good Friday Worship Service

March 26 – 5:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Casual Worship Service

March 27 – 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service

7:45 – Brunch – bring your favorite covered dish
and enjoy this time of fellowship

8:45 and 11:00 Easter Worship Services

12:15 – Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunrise Worship Service and Brunch

Please join us at 7:00 a.m. Easter morning for the Easter Sunrise Service. The service is held in the fellowship hall.

There will be an **Easter Potluck Brunch** following the Sunrise service. It is a lovely way for us to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and the new lives promised to us and also enjoy fellowship with one another.



Maundy Thursday Service March 24th at 7:00

On Maundy Thursday we remember the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples by sharing in Holy Communion. The service is also a Tenebrae service. The Tenebrae is the extinguishing of light as the scripture describing the passion of Christ's suffering and death is read.

We are reminded that the road to Easter always passes through Golgotha. Please plan to join us for this inspiring service.



Journey to Jerusalem again on Good Friday. Through scripture, reflection, prayer and silence, in our minds eye we'll walk along Jesus' final path to the cross, the famed Via Dolorosa. This is the final piece of the puzzle that began on Ash Wednesday, before the joy is revealed on Easter morning. So please join us for this poignant journey on Friday, March 25 at 12:30

Save these dates!



Vacation Bible School

Theme: Now and Forever Land

August 8 – 12

Women's Retreat

"Just Breathe"

July 15-17

All Women welcome!

Hosted by Cathy Law and Andee Kirk

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

We continue to stay in close touch with Church World Service. They have indicated that it may be two to three more months before a refugee family arrives for us. As soon as we get word on our family's arrival we will notify the congregation as quickly as possible. At that point we will know the family's composition and have more information about clothing and food needs. We have furnishings for a two-bedroom apartment, but should the family include a baby we will have additional needs to meet.

In the meantime, we still need donations of some basic household items: Floor and table lamps, vacuum cleaner, mop/bucket/broom, king size bedding. If you can provide any of these items, please contact Shea Hollifield (sheahollifield@comcast.net, 323-5991) or Cathy Law (cathylaw@verizon.net, 273-6370).

Thank you for your continued prayers as we prepare to serve a family as they start a new life in Richmond.

The Easter Special Offering: BACC 2016 Goal - \$3,000

The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the church. General Ministries serve across the U.S. and Canada and around the world. General Ministries are partners in ministry serving through far-reaching and unique organizations.

Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

Our goal for the Easter offering is \$3,000.00. Please give generously.

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship is open to all women of the congregation. There are three groups to choose from:

The **Day group** meets the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be March 8th. Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich to the meeting. Meeting starts at 10:30.

The **Evening group 1** meets the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 1st at 7:00 at the church. The hostess will be Diane Clark. Kitten Whitlow is the group leader.

The **Evening group 2 (Salad Group)** meets once a month at 6:15 at the church. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th.

CARITAS 2016
May 28 to June 4

BACC will host the CARITAS single women's program from May 28 to June 4. During this time homeless women will spend the nights at Bon Air Christian Church. We will provide them with breakfast in the morning, dinner in the evening and a bag lunch to take on their way during the day. We will need a large number of committed volunteers to make this week successful. We will need people to provide food for breakfast, bag lunches and a hot dinner each night. We will need volunteers to spend the night at church to be on call as needed, a lead volunteer each night, folks to help with laundry and transport to showers. On-line sign-up can be accessed at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1swUlwZIRJY6TyhIBPkbyMJo3edphNi11Ei7hP9shfUk/edit#gid=0> and a sign-up poster is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please consider ways you can help the homeless

“...for I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the King will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.” Matthew 25:35-41

School Supplies for Children in Malawi

Malawi is a land-locked country located in southeast Africa and one of the smallest countries on that continent. It is one of the least developed countries in the world and one of the poorest.

Malawi is a democratic, pro-Western country with an economy largely based on agriculture. In recent years Malawi has been a haven for refugees from other African countries, putting an additional strain on its struggling economy.

They have a very high infant mortality rate, low life expectancy, a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS and high risks for infectious disease. Higher levels of education have been shown to help prevent HIV/AIDS so there is a strong effort to expand access to schools and keep children in school longer.

The School of Education at UNC-Wilmington, where Claire Marling Kenney is enrolled, works with missionaries and aid organizations. Each summer a team of educators travels to Malawi to help improve the educational opportunities there. They provide much needed supplies to help out the schools they work with there. Claire is helping this summer's team assemble school supplies to help the children of Malawi. Below are a few of the items they need. If you can donate some of these items, they will go directly to Malawi to help the children there. Please bring your donations to church and label them for Malawi. For a complete list of the needed donations please email Shea Hollifield (Claire's mom) at sheahollifield@comcast.net. Thank you for any items you can provide:

- Black ink pens
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Erasers (both pencil top and other)
- Child sized scissors
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Large buttons
- Girls cotton panties child sizes 10-14.

BACC has received the following thank you notes:

BACC Family,

Thank you for all the cards, visits and dinner and all that you have done for Philip and our family. Please continue to keep Philip in your prayers.

Shirley Burkhalter



Dear friends,

We would like to thank our Bon Air Christian Church family for all of the support you have given to us during this difficult time. We are grateful for your visits, cards, prayers and words of encouragement.

Carnell and Iva Teachey

Dear friends

Some of you know that Maddie has been struggling with severe anxiety and you have been supportive and caring. We have tried many different things, however we have reached a decision that Maddie needs more help and we have found a treatment program in Utah. We ask for your prayers and thank you for all the love and support you have offered to our family.

Joe and Katie Smith

BACC Family,

We would like to say thank you to everyone for all your thoughts, cards and your prayers. It was a great comfort to know you were there for us at this difficult time. God bless!

Thank you
Norton & Betty Snead

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2016

March 6

Elders: Bud Deihl, Paul Seemiller

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

11:00 Collin Thomas (P), Lauren Johnson, Whitney Graham, Madison Arthur

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sandy Collins 11:00

Acolyte: 11:00 Taylor and Catherine Trezza

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Madelyn Smith

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Laura Hollis

Offering: Rose and Jim McCaferty

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Jim and Faye Lester 11:00 Marie Boger

March 13 Youth Sunday

Elders: Youth

Deacons: 8:45 Youth

11:00 Youth

Worship Leaders: Youth

Acolyte: 11:00 Samantha Seemiller

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Cathy Law

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Martha Seemiller

Offering: Arlene Giffel and Laura Hollis

Ushers/Greeters: Youth

March 20

Elders: Rick Bernard, Shea Hollifield

Deacons: 8:45 Claire Deitch (P), Jeanne Brock

11:00 Clairee Cochran, Arlene Giffel, Jake Ver Beek Laura Hollis

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00

Acolyte: 11:00 Audrey Kate Duke

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: Hannah Moon

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Rose McCaferty

Offering: Jean Dowdy and Jean Turlington

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Carol and Sam Herrin 11:00 Martha Seemiller, Jean Dowdy

March 24, Maundy Thursday

Deacons: Laura Hollis (P), Jeanne Brock

Greeters: Cathy Law

March 27, Sunrise Service

Deacons: Doug White (P), Polly White

Greeters:

March 27

Elders: Barbara Bancroft, Duke Dale

Deacons: 8:45 Tom Snodgrass (P), Claire Deitch

11:00 Clairee Cochran (P), Lauren Johnson, Charles Stevens, Arlene Giffel

Worship Leaders: 8:45 Jean Dowdy 11:00 Doug White

Acolyte: 11:00 Jason Williams

Worship & Wonder Storyteller:

Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00 Jean Dowdy

Offering: Barbara Bancroft and Kris Shouldice

Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00

(P) denotes communion preparation