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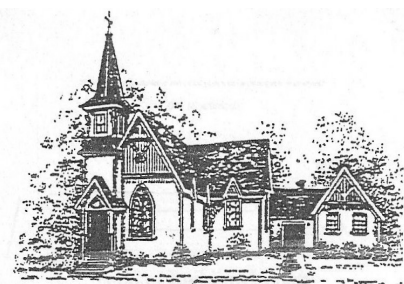
Worship Service
8:45 & 11:00
Sunday School 10:00

Casual Service
Saturday 5:00

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Bon Air Christian Church Newsletter



JANUARY 2017 Edition

BRIGHT STAR



My dear friends:

You are incredible. My family and I could not ask for more loving friends. There are no words for us to adequately express our gratitude to you in this difficult time.

I miss Micah. The incredible hurt in my heart is a testimony to having loved so completely. I have been blessed beyond measure to have three amazing, compassionate and loving children. I am proud of my kids.

I remember when the congregation had a baby; that's what it was like when he was born. And throughout the past 26 years you helped him to grow in his faith and to know God. He loved you all. He prayed for you and he appreciated all the

things you did for him. I remember Frank taking him Christmas shopping so he could buy me a present, Bud patiently helping him with science projects and oh so many other acts of kindness you extended to him throughout his life. When he graduated from High School you gave him a cross, which he wore and always cherished.

Micah always believed. He believed in Jesus and this Christmas he is with Jesus. Micah had his share of faults and foibles like the rest of us but he was always pure of heart. He loved completely and fully and he was loved completely and fully. He's with his dad and his heavenly father and it is wondrous and beautiful and better than anything any of us can ask or imagine.

So here is my Christmas message, this baby born into the world came to save us. He saved my son by taking him into his arms and cradling

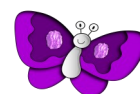
him with perfect love, as it says in *Away in a Manger*, "fitted him for heaven." This is the good news—there is more. Because of the birth of a tiny child in a manger under the light of a star, there is hope. There is hope that can never be taken from us. There is light that cannot be snuffed out.

Believe. Believe the best is yet to come. Fly high, my boy.

Love you all and praying that you may know peace and joy at Christmas and always.

Shalom,

Cindy



p.s. Unbeknownst to me when I wrote this article Dan registered a star, "Micah Tyler Dutrow". There is a site and also a memorial page for Micah's star. If you would like to visit it and leave a message the link is:

<https://stars.osr.org/LCK242070#.WGKRtYwCFPZ>

MALAWI SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We continue to collect school supplies to support the schools in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. Shea Hollifield's daughter, Claire Kenney, will travel to Malawi in the summer of 2017 as part of support team from UNC-Wilmington where she is working on a Masters in Elementary Education. A

list of needed supplies is on the bulletin board outside the office and there is a bin for donations. Woven plastic pet food/bird seed/kitty litter bags are needed as well. These are washed and sewn into book bags for the kids to use, especially in the rainy season. Old towels are also needed. Thank you for supporting educa-

tion in this poor and under-developed country.

Shea Hollifield



PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for:

Bob McGowan who had knee replacement surgery and who is on the transplant list awaiting a liver transplant.

Cathy Wheless who had gallbladder surgery.

Shirley Acree and Chris Bates who are receiving chemotherapy.

" Maddie Smith; Gerry Roppe'; Shirley Heath who is at home; Dot Bennett and Jane Washington who are at the Laurels of Bon Air.

" Becky Harvell's mother; Lewis Bell as he has recurrent cancer; Robin Lorraine who has a brain tumor.

" Philip Burkhalter is at home; Carnell Teachey is at the Crossings. Iva has also moved to the Crossings.

" Arlene Blythe's cousin, Terry Tynan and her friend, Donna Leake,

" Leigh Anne Phan's friend, Ron Evans

" Steve Kline's friend, Ed Winfield

" Rhonda Ringel's friends, Hailey Lane & Harrison Zierenberg

" The Landergan's friend, Dan Bickett

" Steve Goff's friend, Beth Ann Molter

" Tom Mayfield's friend, Mickey Denke

" Shea Hollifield's friend, Denise Ambrose

" Dawn Mooney's sister, Debbie Roben

" Pete Landergan's friend, Meredith Britton

" Guy Barker's brother in law

" Steve Blythe's cousin, Brandon Clements

" Carol Thacher Umphress' husband, Tom Umphress

" Susan Baum's friend, Geri

" Duke Dale's sister, Leslie - the Ver Beek family friends, Joyce Alley & Sue

Nagy, who are both battling cancer.

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to Cindy and her family upon the loss of her son, Micah Tyler Dutrow.

Our sympathy is also extended to the McDonald family upon the passing of Bernie's nephew, Mike McDonald; the Campbell family upon the passing of Gail's father, Victor Grettum; the Davidson family upon the passing of Carolyn's mother, Louise "Weezie" Yuntz.



If you would like someone added to our prayer list please contact Kelly at 272-6228 or email her at baccdoc@verizon.net

THANK YOU'S

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My dear friends;

George, Robin, Chad and our whole family know that you are praying for us. We are heartbroken at the loss of Micah. We do not know why he passed, he had just gotten off work and collapsed in his room. All we do know is that he is in God's loving hands. Our faith and your love will sustain us.

Cindy and family

Dear BACC;

The Memorial Service for Micah was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful young man, a witness to the life he led. The outpouring of love for Micah, his mother and his family, who have touched the lives of all of us for so many years and been there for us during our times of need, was tremendous. You

came forward and said, "What can I do, I want to help" and you did. Thank you.

Thanks to all the people who helped Kelly throughout that week in the office, who assisted with planning for the service and who helped to make the service and time of visitation run so smoothly. We cannot begin to name everyone that took part, but your time, energy, and talents were so greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank Sam Herring for his tireless organizing of parking and shuttling guest to and from satellite lots and for obtaining police officers to maintain safety. Thanks also to the 15 men who gave of their time to implement Sam's plans. Thanks to Diane Clark and her many workers who

provided a beautiful reception and smooth transition from service to reception for approximately 400 people and to the many people who provided food. Thanks to Laura Hollis and Arlene Giffel for organized and directing the ushers, to Kevin and Anne Health for obtaining the projection system for the Fellowship Hall and multipurpose rooms, to Vicki and the choir for so willingly participating, to Best Images for providing the bulletins, to all of you. This was a whole church effort.... Thank You.

Susan Baum

Thanks to Diane Clark and the Worship Committee for the delicious breads that appeared in our room Christmas Eve! How thoughtful of you.

The BACC Choir

Refugee Family Update

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed have had a pretty eventful month. Sitina continues to participate in a job training program which helps with her English proficiency and other related skills. Abdi has started a weekend job at the International Market on Midlothian Turnpike. This store features groceries and other items from a variety of countries, including Halal meats. The family has shopped here regularly since moving to Sunrise Apartments (many thanks to Cassie Price for introducing us all to this resource). The proprietor had talked with Abdi on many occasions and offered him part-time work on the weekend. Sitina will also start a part-time job in January as a nursery at-

tendant in the BACC nursery on Sundays! She will fill a void once our beloved Shirley Acree retires.

Ahmed and Abdi have enjoyed playing soccer with FC Richmond. They both LOVE soccer and FC Richmond has been amazing in providing uniforms, transportation and support for both of these guys. Their coaches have taken a personal interest in them and serve as very positive male role models for them both.

Ahmed and Abdi have also been participating in another, perhaps less exciting, American experience - dental care. None of the family had experienced dental care in Ethiopia or Kenya. Both boys have had

several fillings. Ahmed has had a root canal which will be followed up with a cap. Abdi is scheduled to have his wisdom teeth extracted in late December. This has been a very new, and not always pleasant experience, for them. They have persevered and hopefully major dental work will soon be behind them.

Sitina, Abdi and Ahmed continue to be very grateful to BACC and all that we do for them. Financial assistance, transportation, tutoring, guidance - and most importantly, our love and friendship - mean so very much to them. They call us their church family and we are all truly family in Christ.

Shea Hollifield

A ROOM AT THE INN

BACC Christmas Pageant December 11, 2016



FOOD COLLECTION

The holiday season is gone and we look forward to happiness and rejoicing in the new year. Our friends who depend on Bainbridge Community Ministry for part of their food don't have much to be happy and rejoicing about when their food sup-

plies run low.

Lets not forget these folks this holiday season, and lets keep the Bainbridge boxes filled with non perishable items, such as canned goods, jars and boxes of food.

Thanks,
Charles Stevens



Feeding the Community

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Thank you, thank you, thank you to each of you who contributed gifts for our holiday families! We assisted 7 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, which included 14 children who attend five different area schools! Gifts for the children included clothes, coats and hats, books, toys, games, crafts supplies and holiday

treats. Your generosity has brightened the holidays for these families and extended the love of God to them.

Church and Community Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 1st—
Happy New Year!



January 5th —
CWF Night Group at 7:00

January 6th—7th
Cabinet Meeting

January 8th—
• Board Meeting
• Deacon Installation Ceremony

January 10th—
CWF Group at 10:30

January 11th—
CWF Salad Group at 6:30

January 14th—
Outdoor Ministry Committee Meeting 8:00 — 2:00

January 15th—
♦ Shirley Acree Retirement Party
♦ Congregational Meeting

January 16th—
Martin Luther King Day

January 17th—
JOY Group at 1:00

January 21st—
Clark/Sweeney Bridal Shower at 12:00

RETIREMENT PARTY

Save the date January 15

Our dear and much loved Shirley is retiring! The amazing lady who has loved all of our children and cared for them in the nursery is retiring in January. We will have a party for her on

January 15th. Diane Clark and Susan Baum are organizing our efforts to say thank you to a woman who will always have a very special place in our hearts.



JOY GROUP

JOY will meet on January 17, 2017, at the church, 10:30 AM. Our own Janet Lenhart will share with us her adventures in Genealogy and help us learn how to work with Ancestry.com. Please bring your

own lunch. Dessert, coffee, and water will be provided.

Thank you,
Laura Hollis



CWF GROUP

The CWF group will meet on January 5th at 7:00 at Andee Kirk's home.

Jamie McDonald



CABINET PLANNING RETREAT Jan 6th-7th

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Many thanks to those who have agreed to lead our congregation in 2017. Our prayers, our support and our encouragement will be with you. The church's cabinet is:

- ♦ Coordinator—Shea Hollifield
- ♦ Christian Education—Pete Landergan and Gina McKenney
- ♦ Worship—Diane Clark
- ♦ Church in Community—Shea Hollifield
- ♦ Property and Grounds—Doug Collins
- ♦ Stewardship—
- ♦ World Outreach—Nancy Maiden
- ♦ Evangelism—Sam and Carol Herrin
- ♦ Membership—Paul and Martha Seemiller
- ♦ Personnel Committee—
- ♦ Long Range Planning—Doug White
- ♦ Chairman—Sandy Collins

BOARD MEETING Jan 8th

Our gratitude goes out to those who have agreed to serve our congregation. Our first board meeting is January 8th. We do need a quorum to conduct church business. The

Associate Minister Search Committee will bring their recommendation to the board meeting. Please contact the office at 804.272.6228 or baccdoc@verizon.com with

your attendance. Your presence is needed.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Jan 15th

Notice of Congregational Meeting on January 15, 2017

Dear Congregation,
In accordance with our Church's Constitution and By-Laws, we will hold a congregational meeting on January 15, 2017 immediately following the 11 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to address our Associate Minister position. After a diligent two year search, the Search Committee unanimously has recommended to the Church Board that Jerusha Moses be hired to fill this position. The Board will consider the motion to hire Jerusha at Board Meeting on January 8, 2017. We

will report on the Board's recommendation and take any further action needed at the Congregational Meeting on January 15, 2017. Jerusha's resume is available for your review in the Church office. If you have any question about Jerusha please feel free to contact any of the members of the Search Committee, who are listed below:

- Diane Clark and Joe Bancroft - co-chairs
- Allison Landergan
- Pete Landergan
- Kendra Ver Beek
- Doug and Polly White
- Shea Hollifield
- Steve Craft

- Russ Johnson
- Sandy Collins
- Cindy Stratton

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on January 15, 2017.

In Christ's Love,



Sandy Collins
President of the
Congregation



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Kelly Edwards

Nursery Attendants:
Shirley Acree
Alice Stitzer

In Loving Memory of Micah Tyler Dutrow



FOOTPRINTS

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking along the
beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of
footprints in the sand; one belonging to
him, and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of his life flashed
before him, he looked back at the
footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the
path of his life there was only one set
of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the
very lowest and saddest times in his life.
This really bothered him and he questioned
the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow
you, you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life there is only
one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed
you most you would leave me."
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering, when
you see only one set of footprints in the sand
it was then that I carried you."

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2017

JAN 1, 2016

Elders: Joan Mielke, Tom Snodgrass
Deacons: 8:45 (P) George Smith, Joe Smith
11:00 (P) Jerrell Todd, Laura Hollis, Ellen Moon, Cathy Law
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Janet Lenhart 11:00 Cathy Law
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Bob Lenhart 11:00 Jean Turlington
Offering: Rose McCaferty, Jim McCaferty

JAN 8, 2016

Elders: Dou White, Paul Seemiller
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Tammy Rucker, Sandy Collins
11:00 (P) Charles Stevens, Laura Hollis, Zachary Moon, Madison Arthur
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Kitten Whitlow
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00 Audrey Kate and Arya Duke
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Stephen and Karen Kline 11:00 Tom Neumayer
Offering: Arlene Giffell, Laura Hollis

JAN 15, 2016

Elders: Rick Bernard, Shea Hollifield
Deacons: 8:45 (P) George Smith, Claire Deitch
11:00 (P) Aidan Novak, Laura Hollis, Kris Shouldice, Karson Clark
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sam Herrin 11:00 Shea Hollifield
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Steve Scott 11:00 Jean Turlington
Offering: Jean Dowdy, Jean Turlington

JAN 22, 2016

Elders: Paula Craft, Steve Goff
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Tammy Rucker, Caitlynn Collins
11:00 (P) Zachary Moon, Jake Ver Beek, George Smith, Emily Rush Moore
Worship Leaders: 8:45 Sara Reese 11:00 Doug White
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 11:00 The Clarks
Offering: Barbara Bancroft, Kris Shouldice

JAN 29, 2016

Elders: Joe Bancroft, Doug White
Deacons: 8:45 (P) Madison Arthur, Cecilia Bingenheimer
11:00 (P) Cathy Law, Aidan Novak, Joe Smith, Jerrell Todd
Worship Leaders: 8:45 11:00 Jean Turlington
Acolyte: 8:45 11:00
Worship & Wonder Storyteller:
Worship & Wonder Helper: 8:45 11:00
Ushers/Greeters: 8:45 Cassie Price 11:00 Jean Turlington
Offering: Angie Goff, Steve Goff





JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	2	3	4	5 7:00 CWF Night Group (Andee Kirk's home)	6 Cabinet Planning Weekend	7 5:00 Worship Service Flock Feeds Men's Shelter
8 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services - Board & Elders Meeting - A Service of Installation	9	10 10:30 CWF Group 7:00 Choir Practice	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA 6:15 CWF Salad Group	12	13	14 5:00 Worship Service
15 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services Shirley Acree Retirement Party	16 Martin Luther King Day	17 10:30 Joy Group 7:00 Choir Practice	18 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	19	20	21 5:00 Worship Service
22 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	23	24 7:00 Choir Practice	25 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 AA, ACA	26	27	28 5:00 Worship Service
29 8:45 & 11:00 Worship Services	30	31 7:00 Choir Practice				