

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUMMER:

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
in person and via Zoom
4:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

Sunday School:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Sacred Scripture Summer

August starts loud here at Bon Air Christian Church! Our annual Vacation Bible School will once again fill our halls with the sounds of 50 children, learning the love of God and experiencing the warmth of this special community.

Each day at Vacation Bible School, the children explore a story from our scriptures. This year, they'll interpret dreams with Joseph; stand up for what's right with Esther; learn generosity from a widow; pray in the garden with Jesus; and experience healing with Peter and John in the Temple.

I wonder how long it's been since you've explored some of these stories for yourself? In the weeks following VBS, our worship services will be a kind of "VBS for Adults," with each Sunday focusing on one of the stories the children learned together. We'll dive a little deeper into how Joseph listens for God when God's voice isn't always obvious; how Esther's courage echoes a biblical tradition of speaking up for truth and justice; what scripture stories of healing can teach us in the midst of our own messy lives; and how Jesus gifts us with the prayer of his own heart.

Our scriptures are amazing. They contain stories so profound that our 4- and 5-year olds can hear the message contained within, and so layered that years of study still yield new depths of wisdom and understanding. The Bible can be summarized by Jesus so simply: "Love God with your whole self, and love your neighbor as yourself." But it's the work of a lifetime to learn to lead lives with that kind of love. It's always a joy to introduce our young folks to the riches of our sacred stories, and I look forward to delving deeper with all of you!

Grace + Peace,

David

What's Happening

2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY



On July 10-11, Disciples of Christ from all across the United States and Canada gathered for our first online General Assembly. Our theme for this year was “Love Surpassing,” based on Ephesians 3:20-21: “Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Together, we explored how Love Surpassing makes itself known in our congregation and our wider church; prayed, worshiped God, and heard powerful sermons; and reflected on how to have faithful, difficult conversations to model being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. We also had time to consider the concrete needs Christ calls us to meet in our community and world.

Each congregation sends 3 voting lay delegates to General Assembly in addition to clergy; BACC was represented this year by Scott Graham, Cathy Law, and Jasmine Morse, in addition to Pastor David. BACC also served as a host site where people could gather together to participate, and we were also joined by Pat Mays from our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church. During the time set aside for discussing the needs of our community, our group highlighted utilities, housing, and healthcare, including mental healthcare. We had the chance to share some of the ways our congregations strive to meet these needs in faithful and creative ways.

Next year we will gather online again, and in 2028 we'll have an in-person Assembly in Chicago. Each church sends 3 voting delegates, but anyone can attend. All are welcome to experience the joy of being part of our wider movement for wholeness in a fragmented world!

*"His mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23*

What's Happening

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund.

BACC will collect the Reconciliation Special offering on August 16th & 23rd, or you can give through the Givelify link.



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.



"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"
Psalm 27:1

Fun and Fellowship

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

We had an awesome season of playing in the Co-ed Summer Softball League at Harry Daniel Park at Ironbridge! Although we only won 2 games (shoutout to Tucker Gross's baserunning and Madison Whitney and Mitchell Flattum's frequent inside-the-park home runs), we had lots of fun!

We had on average 10-11 players per week. We will be playing in a playoff game to keep the season going – *stay tuned for updates*. Thank you to all for their support of the team!



COMING SOON

BACC VBS
AUGUST 3RD - 7TH
9:00 A.M. - NOON

PRE-SCHOOL - 5TH GRADE
ART, SNACKS, SCIENCE, STORIES, RECREATION

REGISTER AT: [BIT.LY/BACCVBS2026](https://bit.ly/BACCVBS2026)
OR SCAN QR BELOW

Cokesbury Kids
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

Nursery available
only for children of
BACC volunteers.

There will be a cap
on the # of children
that can attend.



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Opportunities for August 2026.



Wednesday – August 5th - 11:30 AM – Men's Lunch at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Reserved seating. Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table. tesnodgras@aol.com or call/text 804-370-5279.

Wednesday – August 12th, 19th & 26th - 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Open seating.

Thursday – August 20th – 6:00 PM - Men's Dinner at Extra Billy's Brewery & Smokehouse 1110 Alverser Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113. Reserved seating.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We hope everyone is having a great summer!



BACC PLAYGROUND

We hope you'll take a moment to visit the playground and enjoy the beautiful new brightly colored swings, generously purchased through the Kathy Morton Memorial Fund. Kathy had a special love for flowers, children, and vibrant colors, making these joyful additions a fitting tribute to her memory here at BACC.

You'll also notice the new rocking chairs on the deck, with garden furniture coming soon. All of the new outdoor furniture is made of durable Polywood, ensuring they will withstand the elements and provide a welcoming place for fellowship and relaxation for years to come.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to enhance this space into a beautiful gathering place where children, families, and friends of all ages can come together to enjoy God's creation and each other's company.





What's Happening

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Youth & Community Engagement Director

The Youth & Community Engagement Director develops and leads programs that support the spiritual, moral, and personal development of youth and young adults within the church and broader community, and serves as a primary contact with community groups and needs both inside and outside the walls of the church building.

Key Responsibilities:

Program Development & Leadership

- Design and implement youth programs (middle school through college-age) that integrate faith, leadership, and community engagement
- Lead service-learning initiatives that connect youth with local community needs
- Deepen partnerships with local schools, nonprofits, and community organizations
- Create opportunities within the church for intergenerational connection, spiritual growth, and engagement with issues impacting the surrounding community

Community Engagement

- Partner with local organizations, schools, and nonprofits to expand programming and service opportunities
- Organize community events, forums, or dialogues on relevant issues
- Encourage youth participation in community leadership and volunteerism

Program Administration

- Manage program calendars, contacts, building logistics
- Serve as the first point of contact with Bon Air Christian Church
- Coordinate and communicate with the variety of community organizations who use space in the church building
- Build social media presence

We are seeking a thoughtful, compassionate, and intellectually curious leader to walk alongside our youth and young adults as they grow in faith, purpose, and leadership. This role is ideal for someone who cares deeply about the intersection of faith, community, and public life—and who is excited to help young people explore those connections in meaningful ways.

Please reach out to Pastor David if you or someone you know may be interested.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12*



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A NOTE FROM THE BACC TRUSTEES

Restoring the Sanctuary Windows

At the June 28, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting, the Trustees were granted authorization to contract for the restoration of the three colored glass windows in the sanctuary and the smaller window in the vestibule. The purpose of the restoration is to return them to a stable condition by replacing all the lead glazing which has held the window panes in place for 138 years. Metal fatigue has caused the lead glazing to fail. Glass panes are buckling and windows could collapse, endangering worshipers and causing additional damage to the window frames and the remaining intact panes.

All windows are in a state of disrepair that was recognized in 2017, but not resolved. The Trustees goal for this restoration is to honor the historical significance of the windows, preserve them as stable features of the sanctuary and repair damaged panes where possible.

During the period July 2024 – July 2026, Trustees contacted glass experts trained in historical preservation to provide proposals for restoration. Several assessments by glass experts confirm the windows are in danger of collapse, the most degraded is the wing window facing South toward the Church Office doorway. Two companies submitted bids that were updated over time to capture the changing scope of work needed for restoration.

The Trustees voted unanimously on July 14 to accept the bid from Willet Stained Glass Studios, a leader in this field. Willet was chosen based on an impressive list of preservation work already accomplished in America, ability to accomplish the tasks without interrupting worship activities and the resources available at four US-based Willet Studios to handle any preservation task. The accepted bid was \$93,854.00.

Work is to begin in Fall 2026 with a completion date within one year. During this time, all colored-glass windows will be removed from the frames, shipped to the appropriate Willet Studio selected for restoration and returned to our home church after Easter 2027. While the windows are restored, Willet will replace them with a weather-proof transparent panel that duplicates the image of one of the removed windows.

Managing Expectations: As an historic preservation project, the windows we receive back will be stable with all new lead glazing. They will contain as much of the original glass that we see today as can be saved. Cracked glass will be repaired and a new breathable exterior frame will protect the windows from future deterioration. Some of the fine drawings (stenciling fired into the original glass) that has faded or is missing from the panes may be replaced. However, we will not receive a product that fully replicates the original windows installed in ~ 1888. The restored windows will include many visual anomalies we see today, including the lighter blue 'Joe Bancroft' pane in the West-facing (Buford Road) window. To repair/replace every one of the anomalies would be costlier than the current bid is based upon. At that level of replacement, the windows would lose their historical importance. Rest assured, the Trustees will work with Willet managers to provide restored windows that could last for another century. If you want to know more about the window restoration project feel free to contact any Trustee. They are Donnie Etz, Suzanne Dale, Tom Snodgrass, Brand Inlow and Jamie McDonald. BACC has five Board Approved Trustees who each serve for seven years. Their terms are staggered to ensure a continuity of experience and perspective.

Thank You!

Our Sanctuary windows were installed in approximately 1888 when the chapel was owned by the Presbyterians. The chapel, then known as Union Chapel, was constructed as a non-denominational resort worship place for vacationing Richmond families.

Upon acquiring the chapel in 1884, and to meet rising demand for worship space, the Presbyterian Church of Bon Air added the bell tower, the Chancel area and two wings at the front of the church for additional seating. The original front/center entrance facing West (Buford Road) was replaced with the beautiful cathedral window of colored glass. Each wing included a colored glass window of similar size with a separate design from the Buford Road window.



Pastor David,

Thank you so much for your (and your wife's and your church's) incredible kindness and generosity. We are deeply grateful that you are willing to help to provide the funeral expenses for our baby daughter, Emilia, making it possible for us to get started on a gravestone that our beautiful baby deserves.

This has been the most heartbreaking time of our lives, and your willingness to help has lifted a tremendous burden from our family. Your compassion and support mean more to us than words can express. Knowing that Emilia's service will be surrounded by such love and care brings us great comfort.

We truly appreciate your prayers, your generosity, and your willingness to walk alongside us during this difficult time. May God bless each of you for the kindness you have shown our family. Please let me know if there is any other information you need from us or if there is anything else we can provide.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Emily & family



We have also received Thank You letters from CARITAS for BACC's generous gift of \$1,100 and Christmount for our gift of \$400. If you would like to read these letters in their entirety, they are in the church office.



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
Psalm 107:1*

Church Family Updates

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for: Sylvia Montgomery, for peace and assurance; Carol Herrin and family upon the death of her sister-in-law, Judy; Faye Lester; Taylor Brooks; the Summerville family; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice, who is awaiting test results; Todd Hatton's friend, Dave, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer; The Teachey's friend, Bill, who is recovering from a fall; Nancy Taulbee, who has been diagnosed with cancer; The McCaferty's niece, Jenny, who has stage 4 cancer; Ken Berger's wife who has been diagnosed with cancer.

And congratulations and blessings to The Etz's who welcomed their fourth grand-daughter, Myla Day Cooper to the world; Jaime and Greg Capehart who were married at BACC on July 25th; Ken Berger who was also recently married; and the successful and meaningful camp ministry that happened over this summer. Thanks to all the counselors, directors, volunteers and children who attend Craig Springs.

Continued prayers for: Traci Eagle; Cheryl Farrell; Cindy & Harold Cochran; 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; Tom Martin; Conner & Estee Willams; Laura Hollis and family; Karen and Steve Kline; Natalie Trimmer and family; Ethelene Slayton; Gerry Roppé; Vickie Brooks' mother; Linda Verheul's brother, Max; Britt & Linda Watwood; Gayle Alexander; Bill Moss; Cheryl Sawyer; Kelsey Creech Sheraz and baby Herak; The Trezza family; Darlene Hicks; Diane Clark's aunt, Louise; 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; Rick Reid; 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 Verhuel'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.

