

# BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

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### VISIT US:

<http://www.baccdoc.org>



### WORSHIP WITH US:

Saturday Evening Worship:  
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service

### Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
in person and via Zoom

### Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**\*\*Summer Worship begins\*\***

**5/23 & 5/24**

**No Saturday worship**

**Sunday worship @ 10a and 4p  
(see Page 2 for details)**

**All are welcome!**

### Things Change. God's Love Remains.

The month of May at Bon Air Christian Church always has me thinking about transitions. Students are preparing for graduation. Summer is coming, with the changes in our usual programming that happen each year. This year, we are also going through a staffing transition, as we have said good-bye after too brief a time to our Associate Minister, Rev. Amy Oblinger. In the midst of lots of change, it's often helpful to remember that God's love remains steadfast and constant through it all. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).

Many of you have asked me for more information about some of these changes, so let me share a few details.

Beginning Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will try out a new summer worship schedule, with a 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, 10:00 a.m. worship service (including Zoom), and a 4:00 p.m. Sunday casual worship service. During the summer, there will not be a worship service on Saturday. The elders and I will assess how this new Sunday afternoon worship time works as we look forward to returning to our two morning services in the fall.

We are still discerning what's next in terms of staffing. If you have feedback about what needs you'd like to see being met by a staffing plan, I would love to hear about it; we will also have opportunities for congregational feedback, including a survey, coming over the summer months.

I often think of these kinds of questions - worship service times, what programs we offer, what balance of staff and volunteers we need - as experiments in our mission. Our mission remains, as it is founded in the love God has for us and for God's world. What changes is how we seek to adapt, live out, and grow within God's mission. But we need not fear - God journeys with us, and "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Grace + Peace,

*David*

# Summer Worship

Worship & Grow With Us:  
**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

Sunday School – all ages

**10:00 a.m.**

Traditional Worship with Zoom

**4:00 p.m.**

Casual Worship

[baccdoc.org](http://baccdoc.org)

hello  
**SUMMER**

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - No Saturday Casual Worship service**  
**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> begins summer schedule above.**

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

While most Sunday School classes will be taking a break over the summer, the Fellowship Sunday School class, taught by Kitten Whitlow, will continue meeting. **ALL ages are welcome!**

The class will be studying bible-based church literature and will meet at 9:00 a.m. Please let Kitten or the church office know if you have any questions.

We hope to see you there!



*I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.*  
~ Psalm 34:1

# BACC Graduates

## High School Grads

### **REESE BLANCHARD**

Reese Monroe Blanchard will graduate from Trinity Episcopal High School and start in the fall at East Carolina University in the Nursing program. Go Pirates!

### **DYLAN BROOKS**

Dylan Franklin Brooks will graduate from Mechanicsville High School and plans to build his own business, taking a deliberate and strategic approach to the next steps. Best of Luck, Dylan!

### **CAROLINE WERDESHEIM**

Caroline is the granddaughter of Joe & Barbara Bancrot and is graduating from Westminster High School in Atlanta. She will be attending the University of Virginia in the Fall. Go Hoos!



## College Grads

### **MADDIE BOGER**

Maddy Boger is graduating from the University of Virginia with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has accepted a job as a Registered Nurse in the Pediatric ICU at Bon Secours St. Mary's after graduation.

### **CASSIE COLLINS**

Cassie Collins is graduating Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. She is the recipient of the Ut Prosim Service Award through the BSPH program. The Award is presented to individuals who exemplify the values of Virginia Tech's motto, "That I May Serve." It recognizes outstanding service to the University, community, and beyond. In the Fall, Cassie will attend Virginia Commonwealth University where she will pursue a Master's in Health Administration. She's looking forward to returning to Richmond and spending lots of time with her dog, Gryff. Proud parents and Doug & Sandy Collins.

### **MADLINE RUCKER**

Madeline Rucker will be graduating May 17, 2026 from St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. She is planning to start her career as Dr. Rucker, DVM in the Manhattan, Kansas area.

*We are so proud of you!*



# Fun and Fellowship

## VICTORIAN DAY AT BACC

Spring is here, and that means it is time to welcome our neighbors by participating in the Bon Air Victorian Day festival.

This year, Victorian Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9, 2026**. There will be music, food and vendors hosted in our church parking lot, and of course participation is encouraged!

To volunteer to help with this event, either by contributing baked goods or assisting with setup or cleanup, please [click the Sign-Up Genius HERE](#).

Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you.  
~ Claire Deitch

## Victorian Day AT BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### Schedule of events:

10:00 A.M. SARA REESE,  
HISTORICAL PRESENTATION AND TOUR  
(SANCTUARY)

12:15 P.M. JONATHAN THE JUGGLER  
(OUTSIDE)

10:20 A.M. JULIAN FLORES,  
HARP PERFORMANCE  
(SANCTUARY)

1:00 P.M. SARA REESE,  
HISTORICAL PRESENTATION AND TOUR  
(SANCTUARY)

11:00 A.M. PARADE

1:20 P.M. BUD DEIHL,  
BAGPIPE PERFORMANCE  
(SANCTUARY)

12:00 P.M. RIVER CITY DANCE STUDIO  
(OUTSIDE)

1:45 P.M. SILENT AUCTION ENDS

## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY ~ POSTPONED

Our May 2<sup>nd</sup> date is POSTPONED due to a memorial service happening at the church. Stay tuned for a new date & time.

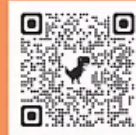
*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.  
~ Philippians 2:4*

# Fun and Fellowship

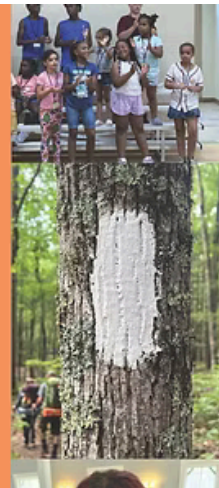
## CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP 2026



VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY - 2026  
Held at Craig Springs Camp



6/20 - 6/26: Nature Camp  
6/28 - 7/3: Special Camp  
7/5 - 7/10: Triple 1 Camp  
7/12 - 7/16: New Covenant Camp  
7/13 - 7/18: CAMPDD  
7/19 - 7/24: Triple 2 Camp  
7/24 - 7/26: Family Camp



Summer camp is the perfect place to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and make unforgettable memories—so don't come alone, invite a friend to share the experience with you! **BACC covers half the cost for everyone!**

Bring a friend along for an incredible week together.

*Register  
Now*

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball team is having Faith Night at CarMax Park behind the old Diamond on **Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:05 PM**

The Bon Air Christian Church Choir will be performing "God Bless America"

The ballpark gates open at 5:30 p.m. with first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

Come early for music and pre-game Player testimonials  
Memories made in Funnville!

The BACC Men's Group is coordinating this event but everyone is invited to come! Please see Kim Teachey if you would like to buy tickets. We will try to get a block of seats together. Kim's contact is [kimteachey@comcast.net](mailto:kimteachey@comcast.net) or (804)624-1815.

It should be a wonderful springtime outing!



Tickets are \$20.00 each

Please let Kim know if you plan to attend ASAP as we want to secure a block of seats together.

# Fun and Fellowship

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Men's Lunch.** Wednesday, May 6th (First Wednesday of each month). Joe's Inn Bon Air (11:30 AM). Contact Tom Snodgrass to reserve your seat at the table (804-370-5279 or [tesnodgras@aol.com](mailto:tesnodgras@aol.com)).

**ROMEO\*s Breakfast.** Wednesday, May 13, 20 and 27 at Joe's Inn Bon Air (9:15 AM). No reserved seating, no reservation required.

Instead of dining at a local restaurant on **May 21st** (third Thursday in May), join CMF for an evening of Squirrel's Baseball at CarMax Park. The Flying Squirrels will play against the Binghamton (NY) Rumble Ponies.



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

May is when the CWF turn in their Blessing Boxes. The money goes to support International and Regional Women's Disciples ministries. Each group will also decide where to send the "Widow's Mite" which we've been collecting all year.

The next meeting of the CWF Book Study Group will be on **Thursday, May 21 at 11:00 am** at Andee Kirk's home. The study will be Jephthah's daughter on page 148.

The Day CWF next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 12th at 10:30 am** with lunch at Two Compadres. Don't forget to bring your canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry and your gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, etc.) for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. We collected \$160.00 for the Redd Elementary Book Fair.

The Salad Group's next meeting will be on **May 14th**. They gather at 5:45-6:00 pm for potluck salad, and the program starts at 7:00 PM for in-person and Zoom. The group will be having a pot luck of Vietnamese food, to wrap up their year long study of Vietnam.

The next Chili Cook-off will be November 14th, 2026 after the Saturday Worship Service. Mark your calendars.

~ Jamie McDonald

*Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but  
encouraging one another.  
~ Hebrews 10:25*

# What's Happening

## **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING - May 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

On Pentecost, the Spirit did not stay in one place. It moved outward – across languages, cultures, and every barrier people believed separated them. In that moment, a new kind of community was born, shaped by courage, generosity, and love.

***That same Spirit is still moving today.***

In a world where many people feel uncertain, divided, or disconnected from one another, the Church is called to be a different kind of presence – one that reflects Christ's compassion, humility, and grace.

The Prophet Micah reminds us what God asks of us:

***“To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.”*** – Micah 6:8

Not just believe.

Not just gather.

But to live in ways that bring healing and hope.

Because faith without justice is empty – and justice, at its heart, is love in action.

The Pentecost Offering helps support New Church Ministry and your Region to nurture emerging and affiliating faith communities. Through these ministries, new spaces are created where people can encounter God, build meaningful relationships, and serve their neighbors with compassion. Your gift helps these communities grow in neighborhoods seeking connection and hope.

Thank you for giving, praying, and helping the Spirit continue its work among us.

***For Times Such as These.***



# What's Happening

## **INTERFAITH TRIALOGUE - May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Join over 12 Houses of worship in the Bon Air and Southside area for their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Dialogue in 2026. This year dialogue will focus on the topic of:

“Celebrating 240 Years of Religious Freedom: An Interfaith Dialogue”.

Date and place of the Trialogue:

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. At St. Luke Lutheran Church - 7757 Chippenham Parkway, Richmond, VA 23225.

The aim of the dialogue is to deepen mutual understanding and appreciation between the three Abrahamic religious communities. All events are free and open to the public. The events start at 6:15 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Free Parking will be available.

Food, desert and tea/coffee will be available. Please bring a dish to share.



## **REDD ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY**

Volunteers needed for Redd Elementary Field Day!

If you have a couple hours on **Friday, May 22nd**, Redd Elementary could use some volunteers at their Field Day. Grades 3-5 are 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. , and Kindergarten-2nd grade are 12:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. The sign up link, which is with Communities in Schools (CIS), is below. If you have not volunteered before through CIS, you will need to create an account (link is at the top of the page).

If you have questions, contact Cathy Law.

[Redd Elementary Field Day](#)

*Serve one another humbly in love.  
~ Galatians 5:13*

# What's Happening

BACC will once again be a Kit Depot location where other churches and organizations will drop collections off for pick up in June.

This year, our church will specifically be focusing on the UPDATED Hygiene Kits. CWS has issued a call for these kits, as their supplies are low. These kits provide hope and dignity to someone in need. Putting together kits is a great activity to do with friends, family or other groups you may be involved with.

Here's what you'll need:

- One 1-gallon resealable plastic bag (for packing)
- One new washcloth
- One toothbrush (keep in original packaging)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (remove packaging)
- One bath-size bar of soap (keep in original packaging)
- One travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz or less, non-aerosol)
- One travel-size lotion (3.4 oz or less, fragrance-free, new only)
- One travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz or less, new only)
- One travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz or less, with at least 1-year expiration)
- One sturdy, wide-tooth comb (minimum 6 inches; remove packaging)
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All items must fit inside the 1-gallon resealable bag. Remove excess air and seal tightly before boxing. Shipping and processing is \$2.00 per kit. Monetary donations are welcome too— designate on the memo line “CWS KITS”. There will be collection boxes May 2- June 7 outside the church office and outside Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to collect 150 hygiene kits.

Please see Cathy Law or Jeff Branyon if you have any questions.



*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

# Church Family Updates



**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**



This spring, our church family has the rare and joyful privilege of celebrating not one, but two remarkable milestones!

**Sylvia Montgomery**, will turn 100 years old on May 29th! ...and...

**Ray Beasley** turned 103 on April 22nd!

Becoming a centenarian is an extraordinary achievement, and it offers us a meaningful opportunity to reflect on lives filled with faith, perseverance, and love.

For a full century, these friends have witnessed history unfold, experienced seasons of challenge and blessing, and remained steadfast in their commitment to God. Their presence among us is more than inspiring—it is a living testimony to endurance, grace, and the power of a life rooted in faith.

As we honor these incredible lives, we invite everyone to join in celebrating them in a personal and heartfelt way. A simple card, a kind note, or a brief phone call can bring immense joy and remind them how deeply they are loved. These small gestures are powerful expressions of gratitude for the wisdom they've shared and the legacy they leave at BACC.

Let us celebrate Sylvia and Ray —not only for reaching 100 years, but for the countless ways they have enriched our church family along the way. May their lives encourage us, their faith inspire us, and their love remind us of the beauty of a long and faithful journey.

If you would like to send a card or make a call, please contact the church office or use the on-line directory.

*Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.  
~ Leviticus 19:32*

# Church Family Updates

## THANK YOU!

Dear Bon Air Family,

I want to thank you so much for all you did for the Celebration of Life for my Mom, Jean Beatley. My heart was so overwhelmed with all the cards, food and friends that came to the service.

Thank you again,

~ Debbie Inlow and Family



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Please pray for:** Joan Mielke's sister Ann and brother-in-law Finis, who are going through a difficult time.

**Continued prayers for:** Harold Campbell; Emily Atherton; Debbie Inlow and family; Sandy Collins' mom, Sue Lee; Traci Eagle; Laura Hollis and family; Taylor Brooks; Brenda Graham; Rose McCaferty; Steve Goff; The Trezza family; Diane Clark's aunt, Louise; Patty & Danny Simmons; Diane & Phil Harris; Jim & Gina McKenney's niece, Jimie; Randy Slayton; Bob Basalay; Natalie Trimmer and family; Frances Whitlow; Ethelene Slayton; Faye Lester's niece, Debbie and sister, Ann; Shea Hollifield's sister-in-law, Kathy, and brother-in-law, Mike; Brian Muncee; Tonda Bynum; Marty Butz; PVT Ryan Morton; Tery Sarver; Jeff and Angie Branyon; Mark Oblinger; Gerry Roppé; the family of Peg Eagle; Larry & Teresa Lafoon; the Etz Family; Michael McCall and family; Baby Estelle; Mary Garrison; the Nunnally Family; Joe Bancroft's sister, Ann Thomas; Kim Handy; Greg Morrison; Rosario and Robie Hocog; Jim McKenney's sister, Marion; Skip Logan; the McCaferty family; Gary Giffel; Dana Hatton's mother; Zachary Moon; Rob Morey; Deb Shiro; Faye Lester; Andrew Crank; Steve Kline; Paul Stairs; Paula Spencer; Pat Cosby; Marion and Gary Hosey; Sylvia Montgomery; Gail Macfadden; Jake & Mazie McCann; Melanie Baribeault; Denise Oswald; Chris Verheul; Rick Lewis; Anna Claire Jurman; Maria & Claude Baker; Judy Ringold; Diane Fearnley's sister and brother-in-law; Shirley Gibson's son, Drew; Cathy Wheless; Ada Slayton; Scott McCann; Stephanie Schneider; Helen Liscio Deitz; Angie Branyon's brother, Berkley; Sandy Collins' cousin, Susan Stouffer; Laura Stankiewicz; the family of Kathy Morton; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice, and brother, Danny; Nancy Wyman's brother, David; Arlene Giffel's niece, Laurie Querbo; Debbie Blackburn; Janet Lenhart's sister Phyllis, and brother Bill; Cassie Price's sister, Liz; Julian Flores' grandfather, Anthony; Jeff and Angie Branyon's friend, Adrianna; Troy Plummer; Angel Huff and family; 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; Vickie Shannon's mother; Tery Sarver's brother, Butch; Tammy Rucker's Mom, Pat; Devon Forehand; Betty Jurman; Eric Moorehouse; Bill Mahoney; Nancy Rucker; Teresa McLaughlan; Jim & Rose McCaferty's family; 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; Gail Cox, friend of the Baum's; Connie Graves; Janice Hoover.