Thank You!

Dear friends at Bon Air Christian Church,
When disasters strike, we want to do something. We see the pictures and listen to the tragic stories, and we want to find a way to make a difference. One of the partners of Week of Compassion is Children's Disaster Services, a ministry of Church of the Brethren. I have been blessed to be a part of a team of trained volunteers who come, pulling a giant suitcase filled with childrens activities. We find a space, perhaps in a shelter. or resource center, and invite the children to come and play - to just be kids. Their parents know that their children are safe with us and can tend to the business of recovery.
Teams are called to respond after domestic disasters: fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and refugee crises. Travel, food, and lodging expenses are covered.

There will be two training opportunities in Virginia and I encourage you to consider becoming a part of this ministry. Training lasts 25 hours and involves an overnight stay similar to a shelter-type setting. Visit the CDS website for more information. My life has been enriched by working with amazing people who are making a difference. Not to mention improving my skills at UNO! Play can help both children and adults heal. Come & Play!
Blessings,
Judi Frost

A heartfelt thank you to Emily Rucker, Lilly Ver Beek, and Sarah Boger for choosing to spend part of their Fall break from college serving at the Craig Springs Fall Work Weekend.
There is something truly special about giving your time and energy to a place that holds a special place in your heart. Your willingness to return to the camp you love and help care for it is a beautiful reflection of your love for Jesus, Craig Springs, and the community it represents.



"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name."
Psalm 100:4



Dear David,
Thank you for Bon Air Christian Church's recent gift of $950.00 to Richmond Metro Habitat for Humanity, received on August 31, 2026.

Your support enables families like Tishara's to provide a safe and healthy home for their children. Tishara is the mother of three daughters and one son. She works for a dedicated freight solutions company.

Tishara learned about Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership Program from friends who purchased Habitat homes. She applied, was accepted, and is now working to complete 10 financial and homeownership education classes and monthly one-on-one budgeting sessions to make sure she has the information she needs to be a successful homeowner. She is also working to complete 350 hours of volunteer timehelping to build her own home, other Habitat homes, or by working at our ReStore.

After she completes these program requirements, Tishara will purchase a safe, secure, energy-efficient home and pay an affordable mortgage, making her dream of homeownership a reality. The affordable mortgage will ensure that Tishara's housing expenses do not exceed 25% of her income.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter in the Metro Richmond Area. Many thanks for your faithful giving.
With Gratitude,
Jennifer O'Rourke, VP of Resource Development

My Sincere Love & Graitude.
So far I have felt the love of our Collective body of Christ and am immensely simultaneously surrounded by that huge blessing. I actually feel it without thought and able to go through it all with an internal warm comfort and even joy.
THANK YOU ALL AND OUR CREATOR FOR THIS.
~ Michael McCall

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34



Thank You for Making the 24th Annual Bagpipe Concert a Success!

On October 10, 2026, Bon Air Christian Church (BACC) hosted its 24th Annual Bagpipe Concert, featuring the wonderful musical talents of Bud Deihl and Chance Bell. The evening's performance was followed by our legendary "groaning board" feast, a tradition that never disappoints!
As always, the church was filled to capacity, with guests filling the sanctuary, choir loft, and every available chair. We were delighted to welcome community members and friends from other states for an evening of music, fellowship, and good food. The concert provides a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of bagpipe music while introducing many guests to Bon Air Christian Church and the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Although the concert and reception are free to all, donations are accepted to support disaster relief through Week of Compassion. We are pleased to announce that this year's generous donors contributed $1,472 to help those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

The Bagpipe Concert is one of the largest community events hosted at BACC, and making it happen requires considerable planning, preparation, teamwork, and cleanup. As the saying goes, "It takes a village!" We are deeply grateful to BACC for hosting this special event and extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We also appreciate St. Michael's Episcopal Church for generously allowing us to use their parking lot, making it possible to accommodate our large audience.

Once again, when we called for volunteers, members of the BACC community and our many friends responded in extraordinary ways. At last count, more than 30 volunteers had pitched in, and we know many others contributed behind the scenes. From setting up and working in the kitchen to adding special dishes to the feast, greeting guests, photography, cleaning up, and packing everything away at the end of the evening, your time and generosity made all the difference. We were especially touched that three people even followed us home to help unload the van!

To each of you who gave your time, shared your talents, prepared food, welcomed our guests, or offered support behind the scenes, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness and willingness to help are what make this event so special year after year.

We are already looking forward to celebrating the 25th Annual Bagpipe Concert in October 2027! We hope you will join us for this milestone celebration as we continue this wonderful tradition of music, fellowship, and community outreach.

~ Bud and Susan Deihl

Thank You

24TH ANNUAL BAGPIPE CONCERT







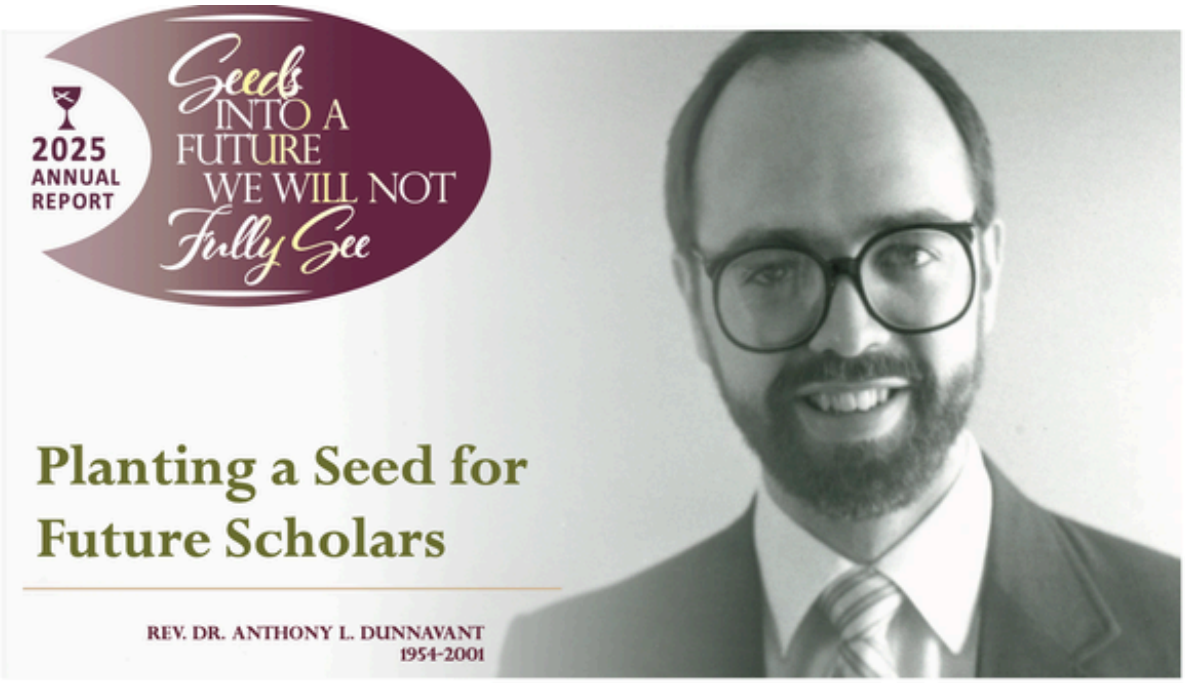






Church Family Updates

This article from the Christian Church Foundation is about a newly established fund in honor of BACC member Nell Durham's brother:



As the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) L. Dunnavant's passing approached, his siblings Nellie Durham, Terry Dunnavant, and Kay Slonaker wanted to honor his life "in a way that was more permanent than our individual gifts," explains Kay.

Growing up a preacher's kid offered Tony a front seat to the challenges and blessings of congregational pastoring, which combined with his love of history resulted in the rare blend of scholarly insight and pastoral warmth.

As an undergraduate, he studied history and sociology at Fairmont State College and earned a master's degree in sociology at West Virginia University. His focus turned toward church history, particularly the Stone-Campbell movement and the polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as he completed his M.Div. and Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University. While earning his degrees, Tony gained practical pastoral experience while serving congregations in Mannington, West Virginia, Core, West Virginia, and Guthrie, Kentucky.

In 1987, Tony joined the Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS) faculty, teaching church history with a blend of intellectual rigor and accessible storytelling. Colleagues and students recognized his ability to connect theological tradition to contemporary challenges in ministry. In 1998, he was appointed Dean of LTS, a role in which he served until his untimely death on February 8, 2001. LTS President Richard L. Harrison, Jr., spoke for many when he remembered Tony as "an outstanding teacher and historian of Christianity ... a lover of the church ... profoundly committed to ministry."

How then could three siblings honor their brother, the respected minister, educator, and scholar?

"Choosing the beneficiaries was the easy part," said Kay. The family worked with the Foundation to create one permanent fund that would support three institutions that were central to Tony's love of the church – LTS, Disciples of Christ Historical Society (DCHS), and Cane Ridge.

The support for LTS honors Tony's vocation as an educator who believed that history is essential to the formation of ministers. His teaching materials—syllabi, examinations, reading lists,

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DUNNAVANT SIBLINGS:
Nellie Durham
Terry Dunnavant
Kay Slonaker

lecture outlines—reflect a pedagogy that balanced historical breadth with focused theological inquiry. His teaching challenged students and others to consider how the Restoration Movement shaped congregational and denominational life.

DCHS now houses Tony's personal papers—correspondence; drafts of academic work; teaching materials, essays, lectures, syllabi, exams; and research notes—materials that illuminate a scholar at work and a teacher forming others for ministry. According to DCHS, "The collection provides an excellent look into Dunnavant's life and work. It also gives a sense of the time and place in which he was writing and teaching. During his tenure as a historian and professor, the Church faced many questions regarding its role in the world, not unlike today. Dunnavant's tenure as a historian and teacher was significant because he inspired his students to care deeply about the movement's history at a time when it was of particular importance."

Few places better capture Tony's sense of Christian history as a living inheritance than Cane Ridge, the Kentucky meetinghouse associated with the famed 1801 revival and the Stone Campbell Movement's early momentum. Tony was deeply involved in the stewardship of this site and was a trustee of the Cane Ridge Preservation Project. In the months before his death, Tony was enthusiastically preparing for "The Great Gathering," planned for August 2001 to commemorate the revival's bicentennial.

When the congregation at Cane Ridge closed in 1921, burials in the congregation's cemetery, which had received many early leaders of the Stone-Campbell Movement, including Barton Stone, also closed. Poignantly, eighty years later, the cemetery received the historian and Stone-Campbell scholar when Tony became the final person to be buried at Cane Ridge.

"Our hope is that through this fund we will honor Tony by supporting the preservation, study, and teaching of the history that so captured his own imagination. We hope that others might be inspired to add their own contributions to this fund," said his siblings.

By creating the Anthony L. Dunnavant Memorial Fund, Nellie, Terry, and Kay are nurturing the ministries dear to Tony, inspiring future church leaders and historians to shape and lead the church in a future we will not fully see.



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WELCOME PEGGY PERRY!

We welcome Peggy Perry to our church family. She is one of 11 children and grew up on Cedar Grove Dairy Farm in Amelia, Virginia. She and her daughter live together in the Brookwood Subdivision off Huguenot Road. She also has a son who lives in the Midlothian area, 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson, and 1 great grandson. She works from home in Marketing and Advertising. She has 2 cats, “Dixie” and “Pixie”. Her family’s history goes back to the American Revolution.

Peggy’s address:
2630 Brookwood Road
Midlothian, VA 23235

WELCOME CALVIN CURRY!

We welcome the Reverend Calvin Curry, who is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and previously served as the Minister of Fayette Street Christian Church in Martinstville as well as serving with Dr. William Lee at Loudon Avenue Christian Church. Calvin currently serves at Cosby High School, and is embarking on a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. As part of this training to become a certified chaplain, Calvin will be assisting with ministries of visitation and pastoral care here at BACC for the next six months. Calvin and his wife Lesper recently relocated to Richmond from Roanoke in order to be closer to their son Winston, daughter-in-law Caroline, and two grandchildren - Langston and Harrison. They also have a son, Ashton, who lives in Nashville. We are blessed to have Calvin sharing his gifts with us!

Calvin’s address:
6000 Barnwood Drive
N. Chesterfield, VA
23234

STEVE GOFF, ELDER EMERITUS

We were thrilled to present Steve Goff with the honor of the title Elder Emeritus, on Sunday, October 25th, in recognition of his faithful service, dedicated leadership, and lasting contributions to Bon Air Christian Church. This honor acknowledges Steve’s commitment to our congregation and his example of Christian faith and service.

We are grateful for the time, care, and wisdom he has shared with our church family, and we celebrate this well-deserved recognition. Please join us in expressing our appreciation to Steve for his years of service and in congratulating him on this special honor.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for: Colleen Gill and her husband as they will be caring for their sisters; Michael McCall who was recently hospitalized; Jackie Nilles; Janet & Bob Lenhart as they travel, and prayers for Janet's brother and sister-in-law; TB Washington who is in the hospital; Karson & Maggie Clark's friends who are having difficult pregnancies; Cindy Stratton's friend, Jordan; the Spangenthal family; Tery Sarver who is having a difficult recovery from surgery.

Continued prayers for: Lynn Sarvis; Traci Eagle; Steve Goff; Betty Snead; Linda Verheul and family; Dave Caras and family; Gerry Roppé; Jim Lester and family; Tom Kazas and family; Angel Huff and family; Ethelene Slayton and family; Patty & Danny Simmons; Diane & Phil Harris; Chico; Rhonda Rost; Diane Clark's cousin, Ted; the Barton family; Mackenzie Betterton and family; Rose McCaferty and family; Katie Duke and family; Sylvia Montgomery; Carol Herrin and family; Cheryl Farrell; Cindy & Harold Cochran; Mary Garrison; Shepard Mooney; Jim Ryan; Lisa Muncee; Harold Campbell; Paul Stairs; Faye Lester's sister-in-law; Debra; Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; Connie Snard; Allison Mitchell; Todd Hatton's friend, Dave; The Teachey's friend, Bill; Nancy Taulbee; The McCaferty's niece, Jenny; Tom Martin; Conner & Estee Willams; Laura Hollis and family; Karen and Steve Kline; Natalie Trimmer and family; Vickie Brooks' mother; Britt & Linda Watwood; Gayle Alexander; Bill Moss; Cheryl Sawyer; The Trezza family; Darlene Hicks; Todd Westveld; Vitalii and Kate Mazur; Jasmine Morse's Mother-in-law and niece, Eva; Marion and Gary Hosey; the Meerchuck family; Gary Giffel; Zachary Moon; Beverly and Tom Anderson; Danny Ekstorm; Shea Hollifield's sister-in-law, Kathy, and brother-in-law, Mike; Tonda Bynum; PVT Ryan Morton; Larry & Teresa Lafoon; the Nunnally Family; Ann Thomas; Kim Handy; Greg Morrison; Deb Shiro; 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; 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 Verheul's 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.