

BON AIR CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP & GROW WITH US:

Sunday Worship:

8:45 a.m. Worship Service &

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(in person and via Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Casual Worship
Service

Adult & Youth Sunday School:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prayer and Fellowship:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

All are welcome!

Good Stewards of Countless Grace

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

At BACC, we hear the word “stewardship” every fall, when it’s time for us to consider budgets, pledges, and the support of our various ministries. This is important work to support the mission of the church, and I’m grateful to Shea Hollifield and Jon Ver Beek for leading these stewardship campaign efforts again this year.

The biblical concept of stewardship, however, is much broader and deeper than an annual budget. So this fall we are exploring what it means to be stewards of all the multi-faceted gifts and graces of God, using our scriptures as our guide.

This certainly includes money and material possession. But it also includes how we are entrusted with the care of God’s creation; how we learn to trust God for enough and even for abundance; how we are called to take care of our neighbor; and of course how we reflect on our use of time and talents.

All of these are expressions of a deeper truth: that all good gifts come from God, and our meant to be cultivated, cared for, and shared for God’s mission of healing and wholeness in the world God has made.

I hope you’ll join us as we journey deeper into a word, and a concept, that we use often but which bears reflection and growth!

Grace + Peace,

David



Pastor's Thoughts

Being Human is Necessary

"The earth is the LORD's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). God made the world. God made humans in God's image. God calls us good, even very good.

If you're like me, you've been hearing a lot lately about AI. Maybe those are exciting conversations for you; maybe they are anxiety provoking; perhaps both. I think it's worth having some time, wisdom, and discernment to understand more deeply the potential impacts of these technologies (and the demands and impacts of the large data centers they seem to require) before rushing ahead. I am absolutely *not* an expert on the topic, and there's not much space to write here, but I thought it was worthwhile being transparent with you about whether and how AI is being used by your church.

We've used AI tools in the office to design things like flyers and to draft up a design for a church t-shirt (which we'd like to have for CROP Walk this year!), something that before we would have used a different software to do. I know the Trustees also used AI tools when they were doing research about our windows. But I don't at all use AI tools, or chat bots, or LLMs to write sermons. In my opinion, there are just some things that are absolutely vital to come from a human being. It's exactly the imperfect, messy human voice that allows something like a sermon to be what it's supposed to be - a channel for God's grace.

Of course, where I'm drawing that line - of "imperfect, messy human voice" on one hand and technology on the other - is itself imperfect and messy. I use all sorts of technology to write my sermons - a laptop, word processing software, an internet connection. But there's something different, to me, about asking a computer model to write for me. I'm going to stick to that distinction.

I think conversation, presence, and listening are also things that require a human being. Imperfect as I am, that's still a major part of why I'm here as your pastor! So if you'd like to sit and talk with me, or have me come by to visit with you, please know I'd love to do so. You can call the office at (804) 272-6228 or email me davidfinneganhosey@baccdoc.org to set up a time to talk - human being to human being.

~David

*"We love because he first loved us."
1 John 4:19*

Youth Group

Mark Your Calendars:

Here are the dates the Youth Group plans to meet in 2027 – *more information to come on spring service projects.*

We are always looking for people to provide lunch for our meetings as well, be on the look-out for a BACC YG Lunch sign-up in our “Church News” emails!

Sunday, October 4th **Liberation Veteran Services, 4:00 p.m.**
Attend 4:00 p.m. Casual Worship
Prepare and cook dinner at church / make cards
Deliver to LVS, and eat with Veterans
Pick up TBD

Sunday, November 1st **All Saints Day, Visits to homebound members**
Lunch out with Diane Clark
Visits
Pick up TBD

December Youth will be participating in the Hanging of the Greens worship service (Sun, Dec 6, 4:00 p.m.), caroling (Sunday, Dec 13, 4:00 p.m.); & practicing for the Christmas pageant (practice during Sunday School, with the pageant itself Sun, Dec 20, at 11:00 a.m. service). No set YG meeting. Stay tuned for more communication on all of the above!

January No YG meeting

Sunday, February 7th Service Project

Sunday, March 7th Service Project

Sunday, April 4th Service Project

May - dates TBD Youth Sunday
Year-End celebration & outing / details TBD



Bagpipe Concert

24th ANNUAL BACC BAGPIPE CONCERT

October 10, 2026, 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

Bud Deihl and Chance Bell invite you to join them for “Pipes on the Wind”—a continuation of our free, live bagpipe concert and feast. We hope our pipes will travel on the wind and bring joy to all those within hearing distance.

Volunteers Needed:

This is one of the largest events we offer and it continues to draw countless people from the public to Bon Air Christian Church (DOC).

Greeting and seating such a large crowd is challenging. Many of you have helped Susan in the kitchen and in setting up food for the feast, which follows the concert, and we are asking for that help again. One of the most important tasks is cleanup after the concert and packing dishes, loading the truck, etc. It's the communal effort that makes this evening a success.

All donations received at the concert are donated to the Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Please contact Bud or Susan Deihl if you can help in any way. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present this concert as a gift to the church community and to the public.

We look forward to seeing you on October 10th as we greet new friends and present "Pipes on the Wind."



What's Happening

GREEN CHALICE

The Green Chalice group is creation care program of Disciples Home Missions within the Christian Church. The core mission links Christian spiritual practice, faith, and creation consciousness.

The group meets every 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the late worship service. Everyone is welcome to join!



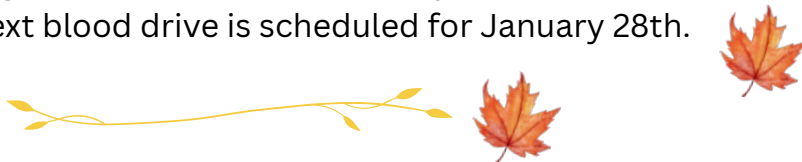
ARC BLOOD DRIVE

Our congregation's generosity and commitment to helping others made a meaningful impact on patients in need with our most recent blood drive at BACC.

We had a great day! We registered 27 people, collected 26 donations on a goal of 22! Those donations can save up to 78 lives.

The American Red Cross is grateful for our partnership and support. Together, we are helping save lives in our community.

The next blood drive is scheduled for January 28th.



LIBERATION VETERAN SERVICES PROJECT

We will have a multi-generational opportunity to cook and serve dinner to homeless Veterans on **Sunday, October 4th**. This will be the service project for the month for the Youth Group, and others are invited to join us for this meaningful service and fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Branyon.

Here is a list of needed supplies from the LVS website:

SMALL ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Pine-Sol
- Anti-Bacterial Wipes
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Hand Soap
- Shelf-stable Food and Snacks

MICROAPARTMENT ITEMS

- Sheet sets XL Twin bed – white
- Mattress Pads for XL Twin bed – white
- Small Bathroom Rugs – navy (with non-slip backing)
- Bed Pillows
- Shower curtains (navy blue) and liners (white or clear) with hooks

PERSONAL ITEMS

- New Socks/T-shirts/Undergarments
- Toiletries



What's Happening

CRAIG SPRINGS WORK WEEKEND - October 9th - 11th

Craig Springs sponsors two work weekends annually. The second is the Fall Work Weekend and is the weekend prior to Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day. Meals are served from supper on Friday through Lunch on Sunday. You are welcome to attend all or part of the weekend. [Click HERE for the online registration](#) and to view the task lists.

Come help finish some projects and prepare the camp for the winter. There is something for everyone to do!



TRUNK OR TREAT - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

One of our most popular community events is just around the corner, and it's never too early to start planning! Truck or Treat is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our neighbors, connect with families, and share some Halloween fun together. There are lots of ways to be part of the fun—host a trunk and decorate your car, help in the kitchen, or donate bags of candy to keep those treat buckets full!

Whether you can give your time, your creativity, or a little something sweet, we'd love to have you join us. Let's make this year's Truck or Treat at BACC one to remember! [SIGN UP HERE!](#)



CROP WALK - November 15th

It's almost time for BACC to defend our title for the "Golden Sneaker!" The annual CWS Crop Walk is a community-wide event that raises funds to end hunger and poverty locally and globally. It is an event where we join other Bon Air churches, walk, donate food and raise money for our brothers and sisters in need.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us for the walk this year. More information to come!



Fun and Fellowship

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday – October 7th - 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 – October 14th, 21st, & 28th - 9:15 AM – ROMEOs Breakfast at Joe's Inn Bon Air. Open seating.

Thursday – October 15th – 6 PM - Men's Dinner at Capital Ale House, 13831 Village Place Drive, Midlothian, VA 23114. Reserved seating.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join us in October for Christian Women's Fellowship:

The Day Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. So our next meeting will be **October 13th**. Don't forget our service projects: canned goods for the Bainbridge food pantry and gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, etc.) for the Women's Shelter of the Richmond YWCA. After the meeting, those who are interested go out to lunch.

October 19th-24th is our annual Fall Beach Trip to Nag's Head. Beds are still available. Contact Carol M or Sara R for more info.

The CWF Salad Group will meet on **October 8th**. They get together at 5:30 pm for a potluck salad. The meeting (and Zoom) start at 6:30 pm. They are using the Just Women Bible Study, "Living Abundant Life", published by the International Disciples Women's Ministry. Ethiopia is the country of study. New members are welcome! Contact Cathy Law if you need the Zoom link.

The Book Study Day Group will meet **at the church on Thursday, October 15th at 11:00 AM**.

They will meet in the library. The study will be Samson's Mother on page 154 in the book - BIBLE WOMEN All Their Words And Why They Matter by Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

This group will meet again on Thursday, November 19th at Andee Kirk's home and Thursday, December 17th at Andee Kirk's home.

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on **November 14th, 2026** at 5:00 pm. So get things ready for the Silent Auction. Most of the items we auction off are items members or their friends have made or baked. Arlene Giffel is in charge of the auction this year. Please let her know if you have something to donate. (arlenegiffel74@yahoo.com)

~Jamie McDonald



Thank You!

Dear friends at Bon Air Christian Church,
Your generosity and commitment to Week of Compassion has touched countless lives. I wanted to highlight this opportunity to touch some lives in person with our partner Children's Disaster Services. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I've got some great stories to share.

With thanks and blessings,
~ Judi, Week of Compassion



Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can say. So much for the prayers and kind words. I am doing OK and will soon be back in church.

~Betty Snead



Dear Bon Air Christian Church,
We can't thank you enough for your incredible support of the Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center. Your generous financial contribution of \$500 makes a meaningful and lasting impact in our community.

Because of you, we can better serve our neighbors in need and continue our mission with strength and hope. We truly appreciate all that you do!

~Pam Harmison, Donor Relations, Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center



Dear David,
The Board of Directors, staff, and clients of the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care would like to thank you for your congregation's generous gift of \$400, showing your commitment to VIPCare's mission.

Your gift helps provide vital mental health counseling for those seeking healing and hope, but who otherwise could not afford the cost of their care. Your support has changed lives. Thank you for partnering with VIPCare and helping to bring healing and hope to our community!

With deep gratitude,

~Douglas M. Thorpe, Ph.D., Executive Director

~Julie Massie, Director of Development

*"... giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20*

Church Family Updates

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for: Jim Lester and family; the family of Nikki Booth, Tom Kazas' sister, upon her death; Diane Clark's cousin, Ted, who has been diagnosed with cancer; the family of June Barton upon her death, especially her husband, Joe; Dylan Brooks during his travels. And Congratulations and Blessings to Kelly & Jason Lazos who were married Saturday, October 3rd.

Continued prayers for: Taylor Brooks; Linda Verheul; Dave Caras and family; Steve Goff; Traci Eagle; Gerry Roppé; Michael McCall; Betty Snead; Ethelene Slayton and family; Tery Sarver; 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; Jackie Nilles; Shepard Mooney; Lisa Muncee; Harold Campbell; Paul Stairs; Faye Lester's sister-in-law; Angel Huff and family; Debra & Lindley Vaughan's daughter in law, Janice; June Barton; Connie Snard; Allison Mitchell; Todd Hatton's friend, Dave; The Teachey's friend, Bill; Nancy Taulbee; The McCaferty's niece, Jenny; Ken Berger's wife; 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; 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; 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; Skip Logan; 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.

