

September 6, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10

Recovenanting Sunday
Bible Dedication
"Reimagining Our World:
Beloved Community"
Matthew 18:15-20
Pot Luck Lunch following
Worship

Sunday, September 17

Reimagining Our World:
Lived Forgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35



faith. We will also be dedicating new pew Bibles in worship and placing these New Revised Standard Version Bibles in the pew racks so that they may be utilized by all who worship at Grace. And lastly, throughout the fall worship will focus on reimagining the world in which we live in light of the kingdom of God and what scripture teaches us about God's world. We will reimagine our world as beloved community, lived forgiveness, offensive mercy, nostalgia and God's future, generosity, living forward with love, and risking something big for something good. We are excited about what is ahead at Grace and look forward to joining with you in what God is doing at Grace and in the neighborhood!

Youth Fall Kick Off

It's that time again to fill up our backpacks and get ready for school to start this fall! Here at Grace we are excited for a new school year with many awesome youth activities. Our new small groups that formed this summer are planning to continue meeting throughout the year to provide a space of deep thinking for students. Our first retreat of the year is this October and so many more fun things in-between. To get the information for what is going on this year our Fall Kick off will be held September 10th during the Sunday School hour. Youth families clear your schedules for a time of information gathering, coffee and donuts, and exciting opportunities for the fall. Hope to see you all there!

Our next newsletter will be published September 13

The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 11th

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Meetings

September 11
 Stewardship Commission Meeting
 6:30 pm

 September 12
 Deacons Meeting
 6:00 pm

 September 17
 Outreach Commission Meeting
 12:15 pm

 September 19
 Trustees & Stewardship Meeting
 6:30 pm

Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to office@gbconline.org.

<p><u>September 2017</u></p> <p>September 10 Recovenanting Day Potluck Lunch following worship</p> <p>September 17 Children & Family Pool Party Youth to King's Dominion</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies 5:15 Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm The Welcome Table 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>September Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Richard Cross</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Makayla Levison</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Chip Hardy</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Luke Smith</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Hudson</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Christine Baker</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Forest Anne Hill</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Virginia Hobson</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Ellen Broen</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Amelia Flora</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Miller</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Royce Savelle</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Judd Paxton</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Dickerson</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Sierra Blakely</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Marilyn Hunter</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Martha Hagy</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Sarah Grace Timberlake</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>Cyndi Byrkeland</td><td>29</td></tr> </table>	Richard Cross	1	Makayla Levison	2	Chip Hardy	7	Luke Smith	9	Karen Hudson	13	Christine Baker	13	Forest Anne Hill	15	Virginia Hobson	15	Ellen Broen	15	Amelia Flora	17	Jennifer Miller	18	Royce Savelle	18	Judd Paxton	20	Jennifer Dickerson	21	Sierra Blakely	26	Marilyn Hunter	28	Martha Hagy	28	Sarah Grace Timberlake	29	Cyndi Byrkeland	29
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The Welcome Table Menu

Weekly Wednesday meals are scheduled from September to mid-June.
 Reservations are requested. Sign up on the hall table next to the Church Office
 or with our online form found on our Facebook page.
 The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 3-11).

<p>September 6 5:45 PM Lasagna, Salad, and Bread</p>	<p>September 13 5:45 PM Sticks Chicken/Beef Kebobs, Rice, Veggies, Flatbread, and Dips</p>	<p>September 20 5:45 PM Extra Billy's BBQ</p>
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The Welcome Table at Grace

Do you like to eat? Do you like to laugh? Do you enjoy taking an evening off from kitchen duty? Come and gather with us on Wednesday nights beginning September 6th at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will gather around the table each Wednesday this fall to love and serve the Lord through our feasting and fellowship. Our overarching theme will include ways we will "take, bless, break, and give" as we share stories, sing songs, and practice spirituality. Children and youth will have times of togetherness, movement, and study alongside adults and as peer groups. We'll jazz our menu with new offerings from some favorite establishments in town. Be sure to [sign up for the weekly meal online](#) or outside the church office so you can enjoy the feasting and fellowship.

Welcome, Fall for Families 2017!

Whether you find yourself longing for the warmth of summer, September is here with the signs of fall. We're feeling the cooler temperature, seeing leaves beginning to change, and noticing even the smell in the air is different. With September comes the shift from summer into full-school mode for many, including our church family life. Fall sports and activities give us life and help us to experience delight. You may be sporting new backpacks or shoes and so you're feeling the excitement of a new academic year.

Fall for Families at Grace will be inviting us to engage our senses in and out of our church building. Each month we will offer a Family Fellowship Event aimed to create the time and space to be community together. In September, we will swim at the Cross's pool and play outdoor games. In October, we hope to visit Loving Acres farm. In November, we will play games and make and share meal together.

You will notice new Worship Bags featuring our church logo hanging near each entrance into worship. These will be filled with Worship Enrichment for children to use during our services. The aim of these is that they are returned at the end of each week to be used again and again. If you or your child wants your own bag to fill, we will be offering these for purchase.

Looking ahead, please know that there will be integrated approaches to our Welcome Table gatherings on Wednesday nights, music, art, and story filling our Sunday School hour for our PreK+Kindergarden Class and 2nd-5th grade Class. We hope to see everyone joining into the gatherings and fellowship activities we've planned. AND all are welcome. If you long to play like a child, come. If you want to explore the world through being present to our families, come.

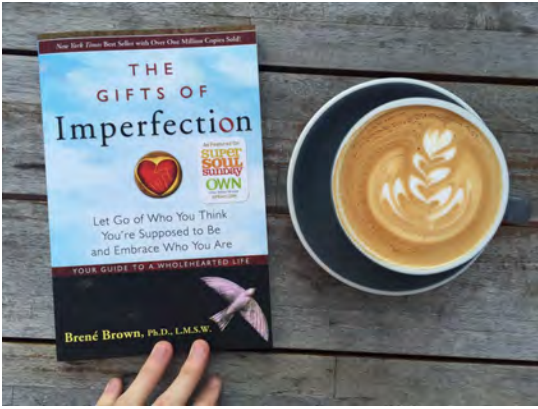
While some of our faith traditions continue, new spaces to engage our hands in mission and ministry will begin to take shape. It's an exciting time for our Families and wider church Family at Grace Baptist Church. Let us love and serve the Lord as one.

peace. light.

Rev. Suzanne L. Vinson

Outdoor + Pool Family Fellowship: Sunday, September 17th following Worship

Families are invited to the Cross's Home at 306 Hollyport Road for an Outdoor Fellowship with swimming, outdoor games, and food. Grilled chicken, drinks, and frozen treats will be provided. Families are asked to bring side dishes, veggies, and/or desserts for sharing. Please RSVP with Suzanne at family@gbconline.org by Friday, September 15th with the numbers and food contributions for your family.



New Sunday School Offering: The Gifts of Imperfection

Lisa Webb and Beverly Pugh will be co-leading a book discussion on Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday September 10th, for six Sundays. We will be reading and discussing "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown. Books are available in the church office for \$5.00. Come join us as we learn together about courage, compassion and connection!

Bible Brunch Buddies

Bible Brunch Buddies begins Wednesday, September 6 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will share stories about our summer and talk more about the fall study, *Practicing Our Faith*. Books are available in the church office for \$10.00.

Youth Schedule

9/10	Fall Kick Off	9:45-10:45am
9/14	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30
9/17	Kings Dominion	12-8pm
9/19	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30
9/24	Westminster	12-3pm
9/28	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30
10/1	World Communion Lunch	

Sing to the Lord a New Song with the Chancel Choir!



The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:15 after enjoying a hiatus during August. We have room for more singers in all sections: bass, tenor, alto, and soprano. If you would like to sing with the choir every Sunday, you are welcome to join us. If you would like to sing just for one or more Sundays of Advent, you are welcome to join us and head home after we practice the music for December. If you just want to come to rehearsals and see what choir practice is like, you are welcome to join us. Rev. Fennell will be happy to talk with you about singing in the choir. wanda@gbconline.org

Sabbatical Notes

Wanda will share more Sabbatical Experiences during the Sunday School hour on September 17, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall.

A Note of Thanks

Beloved Grace Community,

Thank you so much for the loving words, big hugs, beautiful painting and pottery and generous love gift. I'm so grateful for the time we spent together in ministry. I hold y'all in my heart and prayers and I love you.

With gratitude,

Noell

Looking forward to the Holidays

We have back to school, hurricane devastation, monuments, and all kinds of things on our minds, but my mind has also been on Christmas! Please mark your calendars for our GBC Christmas pageant, which will be Dec. 10 this year. We will offer to God John Rutter's musical fable, "Brother Heinrich's Christmas." Some of you will remember it from about twenty years ago! Brother Heinrich is a monk who leads the monastery choir, and things are in high gear because the Archbishop will be attending worship on Christmas Day. Brother Heinrich is asked to compose a new Christmas Carol, which he does - with a little help from his friend, Sigismund, the donkey. This will be a blend of a pre-prepared, rehearsed pageant (speaking parts that will need to be memorized) with an impromptu Nativity scene, allowing anyone to have an unrehearsed non-speaking part as a shepherd, angel, stable animal, etc. All ages are welcome to participate! More details to follow. For now, just reserve this date during December, and while you are at it, mark Dec. 17 as Lessons and Carols led by the Chancel Choir. December is full of musical promise!



Grace on Tap Continues This Fall!

Join us for conversations on faith,
2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 pm

September 10 Triple Crossing-Fulton
5203 Hatcher St.

September 24 Legend Brewing
321 W. 7th St.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Sandy Morrison
(804) 285-1438

EXTENSION MEMBER

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave.
Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Extension Members

(Please send a note or make a phone call to these members. Contact information is in the church directory.)

Catherine Carter
Lois France
Shirley Lam

Members with Continuing Needs

Mac Angell
Dara Fennell Baker
Brynna Boykin-Carter
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
Denyse Hunt
Joh Luck
Wade McGinley
Bevely Pugh
Jim Rothrock
Maurianne Roberson

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Sandy Morrison, will begin chemo and radiation treatments on 9/11 for colon cancer. 1900 Lauderdale, Apt. A319, Richmond, VA 23238

Carlos Cavet, is recovering at home. 1902 Barrabee Lane, Richmond, VA 23229-3802

Christian Sympathy is extended to **Lynn Clayton**, in the death of her son in law, Steve Ward, after a nine year battle with colon cancer. 3416 Rivanna Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

Mac Angell is recovering at home. 818 West 46th Street, Richmond, VA 23225

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE OUR PRAYERS

Tina Barden, friend and coworker of Jennifer Miller, beginning stem cell transplant protocol for myeloma and hospitalization beginning 9/6. 1826 Summer Wind Lane, Maidens, VA 23102

Camdyn Russell, 8 year old recovering from being hit by car. 3328 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA 23221

- ❖ **Betty Pugh Mills**, pray for relief from neuropathy in feet and hands due to chemo.
- ❖ Casey Rathbun, father of **Noell Rathbun**, ongoing health issues and Sally Rathbun, mother of Noell, who is awaiting scan results for hardened, swollen lymph nodes. *16 Bramlette Place, Longview, TX 75601*
- ❖ *Constance Shearin, cousin of **Mac Angell***, is recovering from a fall at Parham Doctor's Hospital.
- ❖ Cori Ferguson, 19, Stage 3 (invasive ductal) cancer in both breasts. Scheduled for removal in a month Parents Greg and Sandra Ferguson, 53, has Alzheimer's-Friends of **Susanne & Phil Hale**.
- ❖ Friends of **Susanne and Phil Hale**, Dee Marshall and Charles Warren both diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ **Sam and Jane McNeil**, in the death of their lifelong friend, Manfred "Vati" Schmidt.
- ❖ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, is nearing. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*
- ❖ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, 9 weeks of chemo followed by surgery has produced great results. After time to heal, 9 more weeks of chemo on schedule.
- ❖ Richard Pittman, cousin of **Mac Angell**, showing the first stages of Parkinson's.
- ❖ Suzanne Belongia, mother of **Lisa Webb**, has been approved for a kidney transplant and is now on officially on the waiting list. Home address: *7700 Lazy Creek Court, Prospect, KY 40059*
- ❖ Earl Parrish, friend of **Linda and Sue Levison** has congestive heart failure.
- ❖ Angela Hawkins, friend of **Linda Levison** has type 4 terminal cancer.
- ❖ Sunshine Rae Hughes, infant daughter of Ricky Hughes, great-great niece of **Barbara Hughes** and **Jane Moody** has hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
- ❖ Kim Jennings, daughter-in-law of **Margaret Jennings** is having chemotherapy for breast cancer.
- ❖ Lois Levison, having health issues. Mother of **Linda Levison**.
- ❖ Steve Lowry, brother-in-law of **Pam Geib**, has polymyalgia rheumatica and multiple myeloma.
- ❖ Rosie Smith, niece of **Sonja Hill** is in rehab for drug addiction.
- ❖ Morton and Mavis Baldwin, parents of **Robin Baldwin** are struggling with health issues and dementia.
- ❖ Marcia Cole, sister of **Wade McGinley** is experiencing multiple health issues.
- ❖ Bobby Dean, brother-in-law of **Susan McGinley** has Parkinson's disease.
- ❖ Jim and Charlotte Dekrafft, friends of **Joe Furio**, Jim has leukemia.
- ❖ Gino Furio, brother of **Joe Furio**; altercation and legal concerns.
- ❖ Chuck Holmes, prostate cancer; Sarah Holmes, wife of Chuck, sister of **Priscilla Biddle** has migraines.
- ❖ Sydney Hughes, granddaughter of **Barbara Hughes** has Tuberos Sclerosis.

RECENT VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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Please add / remove names by contacting the church office at 804-353-0134 or gbchurch@gbconline.org.

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, September 10

Acolyte: Sam Timberlake

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School:

Worship:

Chimer: Wesley Wagg

Deacon of the Week: Sandy Morrison

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:

Cheryl Crawford

Susanne Freeman

Joe Griffin

Jenny Griffin

Money Counters:

Jenny Griffin

Joe Griffin

Marilyn Hunter

Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson

Sound System: Chad Hudson

Sunday, September 17

Acolyte:

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School:

Worship:

Chimer:

Deacon of the Week: Cindy Byrkeland

Extension Member: Catherine Carter

Greeters/Ushers:

Jenny Griffin

Joe Griffin

Marilyn Hunter

Money Counters:

Susan Hebel

Chad Hudson

Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$269,218.60

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$137,680.83

August 27

Gifts given: \$2,930.00

Other Income: \$2,595.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (September)
- Church Directory
- Church Newsletter (Weekly)
- SIGN UP SHEETS

Stewardship 2017

Thank you for your continued commitment to the ministries and mission of Grace Baptist Church. Our first and second quarter giving has been consistent and is up from previous years! We are grateful for this good news on the financial front and continue to give thanks for the many ways you share of your life, your love, and your resources for the work of love in our world!

Current GBC Missions

Camp Alkulana, CARITAS, Children Incorporated, Christian Education Center "Diamond" Poland, Hands Up Ministries, Hope Tree, Oregon Hill Baptist Center (RCFN), Grace Baptist Church Institute, Monrovia- Liberia, Liberation Veteran Services, Heifer International, The Shepherd Center.

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