

January 11, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 15

Baptism of the
Lord Sunday

Matthew 3:13-17

“Remembering Our
Baptism”

Rev. Courtney Allen

Hymns:

“Baptized in Water”

“Wash, O God, Your Sons
and Daughters”

Sunday, January 22

Bryce Williams

*Our next newsletter will be
published January 18.
The deadline for submissions is
Monday, January 16. Visit us
online at www.gbconline.org or
email us at
gbchurch@gbconline.org*

A word from the Pastor...

The winter weather over the last week has forced us to slow down our regular pace of life. I hope you have had some opportunities to sit, reflect, rest, and perhaps even play in the snow a bit! I write to you from cold and windy, but not yet snowy Chicago, where I'm taking one of my Doctor of Ministry courses at Bexley Seabury Seminary on "Making Mission Possible in Tough Times." We are learning a lot about asset based community development, resilient theory, appreciative inquiry, entrepreneurial leadership, and how all of this connects to congregational life. This has been a great course so far, and I'm excited to share with you when I return.

I very much missed seeing all of you last Sunday, and am excited about gathering together this Sunday, January 18, when we will celebrate Baptism of the Lord. Sunday we will baptize a child of God and child of the church, Madi Ramsey, as well as remember our own baptisms and how we are to live in light of our baptism. Following worship, Bryce Williams will lead youth and families in the first of several spiritual formation lessons as well as lunch.

Grace Baptist Church takes seriously our role as a teaching church. In this role we cultivate spiritual formation, mentor seminarians, and also help people discern a call to ministry. Last fall Kayla Bayles Lennon wrote to the Diaconate to indicate her desire to seek ordination to Gospel ministry. Following our ordination process protocol, the Diaconate unanimously voted to affirm Kayla's request to begin the process of ordination. This Sunday after worship an ordination council will meet to hear more from Kayla, including her sense of call and spirituality, and more. The council will then make a decision about recommending Kayla as a candidate for ordination to the congregation at next week's business meeting.

With all of these exciting things happening at Grace Baptist Church, I am reminded of the dynamic nature of God's movements in our midst. From the waters of baptism, to going deeper with God, to helping a sister discern God's call, God is at work in our lives and in our congregation. For this and so many things, we say, "Thanks be to God!"

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Meetings

Sunday, January 15

12:00 PM Missions Commission

Monday, January 16

6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

6:00 PM Deacons Meeting (rescheduled)

6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 23

5:15 PM Outreach Commission at Lakewood Manor

Wednesday, January 25

6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting

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

<u>JANUARY 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>January Birthdays</u>
<p>Sunday, January 15 Youth Spiritual Formation 12:00 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, January 18 Baptism Party 6:30pm</p> <p>Sunday, January 22 Youth Spiritual Formation 12:00 Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Christian Spirituality Group 2nd & 4th Sundays Contact Martha Hagy, 327-1632 or Carole Jones, 516-8556, for more information.</p>	<p>Wesley Wagg 1 Cindy Blakley 3 Gay Bachtell 6 Judith Bailey 8 Randy Scott 9 Colin Hudson 15 Jane Rothrock 17 Timmy Miller 17 Temple Paxton 20 Carole Jones 22 Mac Angell 25 Susanne Freeman 26 Katelynn Rogers 27 Roger Pittard 31</p>

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)

January 18

5:15 PM

Baked Potato Bar

Deadline for sign up: January 16

January 25

5:15 PM

Quarterly Business Meeting

[Spicy Vegetable Soup, Assorted
 Sandwiches, Salad, and Dessert](#)

Deadline for sign up: January 23

February 1

5:15 PM

Sam's Selection

Deadline for sign up: January 30

Invitation from Chef Sallie Cross - January Business Meeting

Come one, come all to the January Business Meeting to vote on our lay leadership for 2017, review the financial results of 2016 and the goals for 2017. The meal will be one EVERYONE can enjoy. It will be a triple S menu - soup, sandwich and salad. The soup is vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, soy-free, grain-free, refined sugar-free, but NOT taste-free and there will be sandwich and salad choices to meet everyone's dietary preference.

As most of you know, I enjoy cooking and have been preparing a special meal each quarter for the business meeting. Your dinner payment covers all the costs of the food and supplies with any excess going back to the church's operating budget. So plan to join with your GBC family on Wednesday, January 25 and enjoy warm and meaningful fellowship!

Special Notes

Dear Grace Family:

As you have probably heard, Brynna has been admitted to a hospital that specializes in eating disorders. She will be a resident there for at least the next six weeks and possibly longer. Her release will depend greatly on how well she adapts to the programs that will be provided and how significant her health gains may be. During Brynna's time away, we (in varying combinations) will be traveling to Durham frequently to take part in family sessions and parenting groups. Needless to say, this is and will continue to be a very challenging and emotional time for our family. We absolutely covet your prayers, and we know that cards and notes of encouragement from her church family will mean a great deal to Brynna. (Her mailing address will be included in the weekly Church Family Matters.) We may not see much of you over the next couple of months, but our hearts will be with all of our dear friends at Grace.

With love,
David, Ron, and Alana

Dear GBC,

It was such a pleasure and so thoughtful of you to come to sing Christmas Carols to me! My neighbors are still talking about how lovely your voices are! Thank you for the delicious cookies. Hope you have a Happy New Year!

Blessings, Shirley Lam

Note from our Financial Secretary

Thank you to all who have turned in their commitment cards for the year ahead. Many of you have graciously increased your pledge for 2017, and we are grateful! We have also received a number of new commitment cards from those who have not pledged in years past! Please remember that if you are currently making your monthly contributions online and you increased your pledge for 2017 please remember that you must log into your account and increase your monthly deduction to your account. Also, if you have not turned in your pledge card it's not too late. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Tina Webb or Susan Hebel.

Thanks,
 Tina Webb, GBC Financial Secretary

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Notes
January 27		Winter Retreat	Cost has been reduced to \$50
March 3	5:00-8:00pm	Nerf Night	
March 17		Lock In	
April 8	10:00-1:00	Service Day	TBD
May	TBD	Cake Auction	
June 25 - 30		Passport Camp	Greensboro NC

**Wednesday Nights will proceed with the church scheduling



METROPOLITAN RICHMOND AT PRAYER

Since March 2006, more than 475 churches in Metropolitan Richmond have joined in a cooperative, covenanted effort to pray together weekly for the common concerns of the more than one million people who live in Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, and the surrounding counties and towns.

Week of January 8, 2017. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: For the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, transportation, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jennifer Dickerson

540-382-5388

**EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Shirley Lam

1600 Westwood Ave. Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday January 11, 2017

Extension Members

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

Bill and Catherine Carter
Lois France
Shirley Lam
Florine Somerfield

**Members with
Continuing Needs**

Mac Angell
Dara Fennell Baker
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
Denyse Hunt
John Luck
Wade McGinley
Beverly Pugh
Jim Rothrock
Maurianne Roberson

JOYS AND PRAISES

We welcome new member **Madison Ramsey** who will be baptized on January 15!

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Joe Furio, in the death of his mother, Maria Furio.
309 East Brookland Park Blvd. Richmond, 23222

Ann Luck is recovering from hospitalization for pneumonia.
14215 Foliage Court Midlothian, VA 23112

Bryнна Boykin-Carter, was recently admitted to an eating disorders clinic in Durham, NC for six weeks.
Address for Bryнна: Veritas Collaborative
4024 Stirrup Creek Drive Durham, NC 27703

Tina Webb, awaiting next steps following CT scan.
2503 Llama Ln. Richmond, VA 23236

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE
WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, will undergo surgery for a tumor on his colon. 3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Betty Rackley, sister of **David Bailey**, is on hospice care near Lynchburg. 1923 Flintwood Dr. Richmond, VA 23238

Betty Pugh Mills, recovering from surgery on 12/29.
934 Willbrook Road Newport News, VA 23602

Michael Higgins, doctor of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, recently diagnosed with cancer.

Mike Cooper, an employee of EMC who has been working on our HVAC improvements, in the death of his 18-year-old son.

Herbert Levison, father of **Linda Levison**, hospitalized following a fall. 93 Szostski Rd. Waymart, PA 18472

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE PRAYERS

Reed Harrison, has moved to Our Lady of Hope Nursing and Rehab. 2301 Littlefox Dr. Richmond, VA 23233
Lu Soukup, sister of **Mac Angell**, having back surgery on December 20th. Lu lives in Wilmington, Delaware.
Richard Pittman, cousin of **Mac Angell**, showing the first stages of Parkinsons.
Richard lives in Washington, D.C.

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

John Taylor, spread of esophageal cancer, resuming chemo.

Samzara, 23 Ommanney Street, Hamilton Hill WA 6163 jane_e_taylor@talk21.com

Earl Parrish, friend of **Linda and Sue Levison**, congestive heart failure.

Lori Fox, friend of **Linda and Sue Levison**, undergoing operation soon.

Stacie McClung, daughter of **Marilyn and Tracy Hunter**, having severe and ongoing back pain.

8141 Linden Drive King George, Va. 22485

Casey Rathbun, father of **Noell Rathbun**, ongoing health issues.

16 Bramlette Place, Longview, TX 75601

Elisabeth Lane, daughter of Amy Lane, friend of **Susanne Freeman**, born with hyperplastic left heart syndrome. Next open heart surgery is set for January, 2017.

Angela Hawkins, friend of **Linda Levison**, type 4 terminal cancer.

Sunshine Rae Hughes, infant daughter of Ricky Hughes, great-great niece of **Barbara Hughes and Jane Moody**, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Kim Jennings, daughter-in-law of **Margaret Jennings**, chemotherapy for breast cancer

Herbert and Lois Levison, parents of **Linda Levison**

Steve Lowry, brother-in-law of **Pam Geib**, polymyalgia rheumatica and multiple myeloma

Steve Ward, step-son-in-law of **Lynn Clayton**, ongoing cancer concerns

Rosie Smith, niece of **Sonja Hill**, relapsed in her drug addiction and living situation is now unknown.

Morton and Mavis Baldwin, parents of **Robin Baldwin**, struggling with multiple health issues and dementia.

Marcia Cole, sister of **Wade McGinley**; multiple health issues

Bobby Dean, brother-in-law of **Susan McGinley**; Parkinson's disease

Jim and Charlotte Dekrafft, friends of **Joe Furio** (Jim – leukemia)

Gino Furio, brother of **Joe Furio**; altercation and legal concerns

Chuck Holmes, prostate cancer; Sarah Holmes, wife of Chuck, sister of **Priscilla Biddle**; migraines

Sydney Hughes, granddaughter of **Barbara Hughes**; Tuberos Sclerosis

Laura Payne, friend of **Wade and Susan McGinley**; breast cancer

RECENT VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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CURRENT GBC MISSIONS

A Grace Place, CARITAS, Christian Education Center "Diamond," Poland, Grace Baptist Church Institute, Monrovia, Liberation Family Services, Liberia, Heifer International, The Shepherd Center

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, January 15

Acolyte: TBD

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Ginny Wagg

Worship: Donna Forester

Chimer: Wesley Wagg

Deacon of the Week: Roger Pittard

Extension Member: Florine Somerfield

Greeters/Ushers:

Chip Hardy

Youth

Jesse Kent

Sue Kay Lam-Kent

Money Counters: Chad Hudson and Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Recycling: Savelle

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

Sunday, January 22

Acolyte: TBD

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sallie Cross

Worship: Laura Thomson

Chimer: TBD

Deacon of the Week: Sandy Morrison

Extension Member: Bill and Catherine Carter

Greeters/Ushers:

Richard Cross

Sallie Cross

David Boykin

Bernie Henderson

Money Counters: Sharon Whitlock and Sallie Cross

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Recycling: Griffin

Sound System: Don Hill

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$ 7,600.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$

January 8

Gifts given \$ 7,600.00

Other Income: \$ 0.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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

Stewardship 2017

We continue to receive commitment cards for the 2017 mission and ministry of Grace Baptist Church. The response thus far has been very encouraging, and we are excited about the mission and ministry opportunities in the year ahead!

It's not too late to bring your commitment card by the church or drop it in the mail!