

January 18, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22

Acts 20:7-12
Bryce Williams

Sunday, January 29

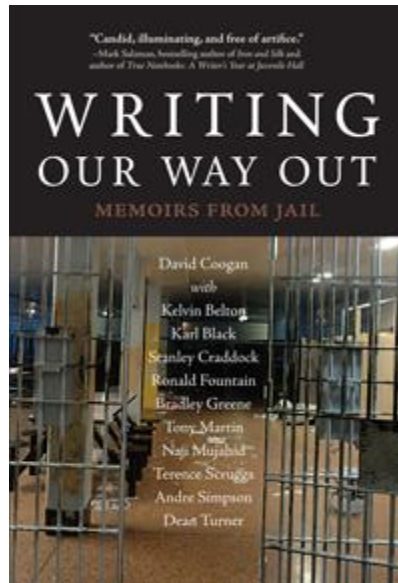
Matthew 5:1-12
Rev. Courtney Allen

“You’re in the Right Place”

News

At the January 25, 2017 Quarterly Business Meeting, there will be a proposal to amend the by-laws to add the Fellowship Commission, which will replace and expand the duties of the social committee.

Wednesday, February 1st
6:15 PM



We will be hosting a reading and discussion of the book, *Writing Our Way Out: Memoirs from Jail*, by David Coogan, an English professor at VCU and a parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. *Writing Our Way Out* is an inspiring story. It is Coogan's memoir of teaching ten men at the Richmond City Jail (now the Justice Center) to write their ways out of the cycle of crime.

David Coogan and his co-authors will join us for dinner, a reading, and conversation on February 1. Come hear their stories and learn more about our neighbors.

Our next newsletter will be published January 25. The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 23. Visit us online at www.gbconline.org or email us at gbchurch@gbconline.org

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Meetings

Monday, January 23
 5:15 PM Outreach Commission at Lakewood Manor

Wednesday, January 25
 6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting

Saturday, January 28
 9:00 AM Deacons Retreat at UR Wilton Center

Saturday, February 11
 9:00 AM Church Council Retreat

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

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| <p><u>JANUARY 2017</u></p> <p>Sunday, January 22 Youth Spiritual Formation 12:00 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Friday, January 27- Sunday, January 29 Youth Winter Retreat</p> <p>Sunday, January 29 Deacon Ordination</p> <p>Monday, January 30 Liberation Family Services 5:30 pm</p> | <p><u>Sundays</u></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><u>January Birthdays</u></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> |
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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)

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

February 8
 5:15 PM
 Extra Billy's BBQ
 Deadline for sign up: February 7

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

To our church family,

Family meant everything to Mom and Grace Baptist Church was her church family for over sixty years. She wasn't born in Grace; she attended many churches in her youngest years including Pine Street and Grove Avenue Baptist when it was located on Grove near Oregon Hill. She had her first camp experiences through Camp Alkulana. As a young mother with a preschooler and twin infant sons, she looked for a church within walking distance since Daddy had to work every other Sunday and, like most post war families, they had only one car. She found Grace in 1954 and it was her church home until the day she died. We were blessed to grow up in this community of love and faith. Words cannot express what you all meant to Mom throughout her life and to us - her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - as we move forward into the "life after" stage. Your hugs and words of encouragement, your cards and notes, the beautiful reception prepared after her burial by so many loving hands, Courtney's beautiful service and continuing support – all mean so much. "Thank you" seems inadequate but it is heartfelt!

The family of Myrtle Kemmerer Harris:

Forrest Anne and Donald Hill; Andy Hill; Ginny, Scudder and Wesley Wagg; Maggie, Sadler and Luke Meyers. Dale Harris, Dan and Sharon Harris; Jennifer Harris: Eleanor, Erica and Ellis Harris. Anna, Steve, James and Stephanie Hastings.

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

Fifth Sunday Offering Laundry Ministry at Oregon Hill

The Fifth Sunday offering will go to the Laundry Ministry. We will collect Tide Pods (request is for Tide brand only), dryer sheets and money. This is a much-needed ministry for the homeless of Oregon Hill.

The Laundry Ministry is run in partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (the only other church located in Oregon Hill). Participants are allowed to do 1 load of laundry every Wednesday (1:30-3:00 PM) at the BP Gas station Laundromat (Cary & Meadow Streets.) There is an average of between 15-20 people who use this ministry each Wednesday. Two or three regular volunteers from St. Andrews are present at the laundromat every week to assist and interact with the participants.

The participants are given enough change (approx. \$3.50 per person) to wash and dry one load along with one Tide Pod and a dryer sheet. If they want to do more than one load, he/she must pay, but they will be provided with another Pod and dryer sheet. The volunteers not only assist with the laundry, but also pray with folks, and have special services, such as anointing with oil, and offer ashes on Ash Wednesday, etc.

Participants in the Laundry Ministry must be active in the Homeless Ministry of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center (come to the Thursday morning breakfast, or have a locker at the center). Vouchers are distributed for the laundry on Thursday mornings at the Breakfast. They must have a voucher to do laundry the following Wednesday. After receiving their voucher and attending the Laundry Ministry one time, they no longer need a voucher. Their name is then on a list with the St. Andrew's volunteers and they may just go straight to the laundromat on Wednesdays at the appropriate time

In the beginning, this ministry was paid for out of a special ministry fund from St. Andrew's. Eventually the money ran out and the volunteers were paying much of the expenses out of pocket. When Jennifer Turner (Director of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center) became aware of this, she reached out to RCFN churches to help support this very important ministry. St. Andrew's is pledging a certain amount, as is the OHBC (out of budget as well as donations like GBC) for 2017.

Note from the Missions Commission

The Environmental Film Festival of Richmond, will begin Monday, February 6 at 6:30 PM. The films are FREE and open to the public at various venues. Multiple films are shown both Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12.

The web site for lists of films, times, and venues are at RVAEFF.org.

This is an opportunity for Earth Care Stewardship Learning, noted by your Missions Commission.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Roger Pittard

804-386-3668

EXTENSION MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Florine Somerfield

Windsor, Room 19B

3600 Grove Ave

Richmond, VA 23221



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday January 18, 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

An ordination council voted that Kayla Bayles Lennon be Ordained to gospel ministry.

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

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Brynna Boykin-Carter, was recently admitted to an eating disorders clinic in Durham, NC for six weeks. Address for Brynna: 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 22

Acolyte: Lloyd Jewell

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sallie Cross

Worship: Laura Thomson

Chimer: Milagros Cavet

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

Sunday, January 29

Acolyte: TBD

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sandy Morrison

Worship: Laura Thomson

Chimer: TBD

Deacon of the Week: Kathy Berry

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:

Bob Hamlett

Karen Hamlett

Lisa Webb

Tina Webb

Money Counters: Tina Webb and Cheryl Crawford

Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin

Recycling: Bailey

Sound System: David Hebel

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$ 406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$ 32,117.00

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$ 374,782.43

January 15

Gifts given \$ 24,517.00

Other Income: \$ 188.00

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!