

October 4, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8

“Reimagining Our World:
Nostalgia and God’s
Future”

Exodus 17:1-17

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15

“God’s Invitation”

Matthew 22:1-14

Baptism of Timmy Miller

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 pm

Grace Baptist Church

Calling all dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, turtles, and other beloved pets...

Church Work Day

October 22

Stay for lunch, new mulch on playground,
and cleanout of children’s Sunday school
classrooms.

There is much happening in our world these days, and it is difficult to know how to respond to continuing senseless violence, devastating natural disasters, and all of the other things we see daily in our news feeds. I’ve heard the terms “compassion fatigue” and “crisis fatigue” several times this week. A dear friend said, “I am praying, “How long, O Lord?” and hearing among the answers, “How long, O People?” He went on to quote the words of William Sloane Coffin, former pastor of The Riverside Church in New York City, “God doesn’t go around this world with a finger on triggers...God is dead set against all unnatural deaths...and God’s heart was the first of all of our hearts to break.” As followers of Christ we hold all that happens in our lives, community, country, and world up to the light of God, believing in the possibility of redemption, proclaiming the promise of resurrection, praying with our feet and with action, and by seeking justice and peace in our own hearts and world.

Peace,
Courtney

*Our next newsletter will be
published October 11th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, October 9th*

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Meetings

October 15
 12pm
 Missions Commission

October 17
 6:30pm
 Church Council Meeting

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

<u>October 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>October Birthdays</u>																																						
<p>October 8 The Blessing of the Animals On the Portico Bring your beloved pet for a liturgy of blessing upon all of God's creatures. 4:00 pm</p> <p>October 22 Church Work Day 12:30 pm</p> <p>October 25 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies</p> <p>4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm The Welcome Table</p> <p>7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Joe Furio</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Courtney Allen</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Kris Glidden</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>David Sullivan</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Eileen Bedell</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Richard Vinson</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Lisa Webb</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Stewart Smith</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Jesse Kent</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>Ally Hughes</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim Rothrock</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Charlotte Fennell</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Zeke Hudson</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Marie Henderson</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Kinleigh Bujtas</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Lucas Mizell</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Chad Hudson</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Hamlett</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>Jenny Griffin</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	Joe Furio	4	Courtney Allen	6	Kris Glidden	6	David Sullivan	6	Eileen Bedell	8	Richard Vinson	8	Lisa Webb	9	Stewart Smith	11	Jesse Kent	12	Ally Hughes	14	Jim Rothrock	14	Charlotte Fennell	21	Zeke Hudson	21	Marie Henderson	23	Kinleigh Bujtas	26	Lucas Mizell	27	Chad Hudson	28	Karen Hamlett	29	Jenny Griffin	30
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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>October 4 5:45 PM Turkey Chili Corn Bread Salad</p>	<p>October 11 5:45 PM Jason's Deli Hot Pasta Bar Salad</p>	<p>October 18 5:45 PM Sgt. Peppers Pizza</p>
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Special Guest Speaker at Bible Brunch Buddies

The Rev. Dr. Pam Durso, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry
Wednesday, October 18th 12:00 pm

"The Silenced and Muffled Voices of the Reformation"

The voices of Martin Luther and John Calvin were loud and bold as they called for reform in the sixteenth century. There are familiar and well-known voices, but the words of women and laymen who spoke out, participated, and work for reform during those same years have too long been silenced or muffled. Join us in a discussion of the writings, contributions, and leadership of these lesser-known reformers, who helped reshape the Christian world.



Pam Durso is executive director of Baptist Women in Ministry, where she is an advocate and a resource for women serving in all areas of Christian ministry. She assumed the role of executive director on July 1, 2009, after serving as a volunteer on the BWIM's Leadership Team for four years. Previously, Pam worked as associate executive director-treasurer of the Baptist History and Heritage Society and served on the faculty of Campbell University Divinity School as assistant professor of church history and Baptist heritage. She currently serves as adjunct faculty at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta.

Since receiving her Ph.D. in church history from Baylor University in 1992, Pam has been a strong supporter of clergywomen and has written and edited numerous articles and books on women. She co-edited with LeAnn Gunter Johns, *The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis* (2014). She also edited and contributed to *This Is What A Preacher Looks Like: Sermons by Baptist Women in Ministry* (2010), wrote five State of Women in Baptist Life reports (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2015). Her other books include *On Mission with God: Free and Faithful Baptists in the Twenty-*

First Century (2011), *The Story of Baptists in the United States* (2006), which she co-wrote with her husband, Keith Durso, and *Courage and Hope: The Stories of Ten Baptist Women Ministers* (2005), which she and Keith co-edited. Her most recent book is *We Proceed On: The History of Pintlala Baptist Church* (2016). Her first book was based on her dissertation, *The Power of Women: The Life and Writings of Sarah Moore Grimke* (2004). Keith and Pam have two college-age children, Michael, and Alexandra.

New Grace Baptist Church Canvas Bags

You may have noticed the canvas worship bags hanging outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Our children (and some adults!) are using the contents of the bags to connect with the story of God found in the scriptures we read each week. We've ordered some additional bags which are available for purchase for \$15/bag. They're available in the fellowship hall or in the office!



Keep Awake: Advent 2017

This year our Advent Booklet is inspired by the following prayer from the Iona Community. We will focus on waiting, looking, loving, and wondering and seek your contributions and responses to these themes.

Are you willing to ponder and prepare a response from our Advent Booklet? Sign up by writing your name under the section you'd like to present a story, meditation, poem, art form, or photography. You can let us know what form(s) you'll be contributing if you're able. ***These are due by October 31, 2017.***

A prayer from the Iona Community, Scotland

You keep us waiting.
You the God of all time,
want us to wait for the right time in which to discover
who we are, where we must go,
who will be with us, and what we must do.
So thank you . . . for the waiting time.

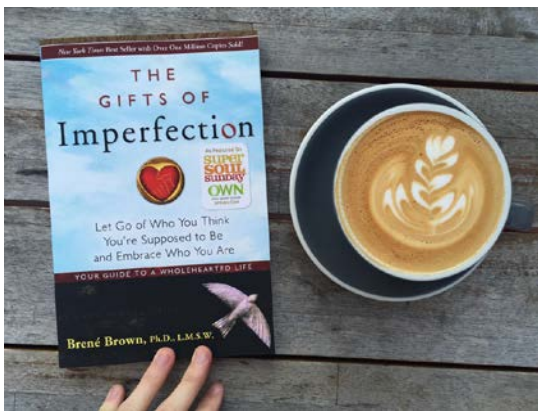
You keep us looking.
You, the God of all space,
want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope,
for people who are hopeless,
for visions of a better world that will appear
among the disappointments of the world we know.
So thank you . . . for the looking time.

You keep us loving,
You, the God whose name is love,
want us to be like you--
to love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable;
to love without jealousy or design or threat;
and most difficult of all, to love ourselves.
So thank you . . . for the loving time.

And in all this, you keep us,
through hard questions with no easy answers;
through failing where we hoped to succeed
and making an impact when we felt we were useless;
through the patience and the dreams and the love of others;
and through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.
So thank you . . . for the keeping time,
and for now, and forever. Amen.

VOLUNTEER HANDBELL POLISHERS NEEDED

Our three octaves of handbells have not been polished in a while. If you have ever polished silver, you already know how to polish handbells. If you have never polished silver, we can teach you to polish handbells. All you have to do is volunteer! One person can do all forty-one bells, but it goes much faster if there are several polishers; so perhaps you can recruit some friends to work on this project with you. Please contact Wanda Sauley Fennell if you would be willing to give of your time and energy to make the handbells ready to shine when our Handbell Ensemble and Handbell Choir ring them for worship in October.



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!

Youth Schedule

10/6-10/8	Youth Fall Retreat	Eagle Eyrie
10/8	NO ACTIVITIES AFTERNOON	Return from Retreat
10/12	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
10/15	Westminster	12-3 pm
10/17	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
10/22	Story Series Part 1	12-3 pm

Youth Fall Retreat

This October the youth will be traveling to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg VA for the CBFVA Fall Retreat! Our focus will be what it means to be a community. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives". We hope to better understand what the beloved community is. Our youth are excited and ready for this amazing retreat.

Mission Opportunities

October 22, 3rd Annual River City Faith Network meeting at St. Paul's Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Grace is allowed 5 messengers, if you would like to be one please contact Barbara Scott 804-262-3432 or fbrscott@gmail.com

Choir News

The Chancel Choir has dived right into Christmas music this month, but it is not too late for you to join us if you would like to sing with the choir for our Dec. 17 Service of Lessons and Carols. The choir will also have a singing part in our Dec. 10 presentation of "Brother Heinrich's Christmas" by John Rutter, and you are welcome to join us as we prepare for that, also. We rehearse at 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Grace on Tap Continues This Fall!

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

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| Oct 8 | Ardent
<i>3200 W. Leigh St.</i> |
| Oct 22 | Richmond Wine Station
<i>2930 W. Broad St</i> |
| Nov 12 | The Answer BrewPub
<i>6008 W. Broad St</i> |

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Matt Anderson
(804) 627-0248

EXTENSION MEMBER

Nell Hobson
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CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, October 4, 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
Nell Hobson
Shirley Lam

Members with Continuing Needs

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

JOYS AND PRAISES

Welcome **Bob and Sandy Wynne** who joined Grace on September 10 on transfer of letter.
9150 Gregory Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

David Burhans, hip replacement surgery scheduled for October 9
208 College Road Richmond, VA 23229

Mary Rounds - 2 year old daughter of friend of the **Fennells**, will be going to *Children's Hospital in Philadelphia* with lifelong unexplained problems that prevent weight gain.

Andrew Stein, son of **Karen Stein**, diagnosed Type 1 Diabetes.

Christian sympathy is extended to...

Mac Angell, in the death of Constance Shearin, cousin, on October 3rd.
818 W 46th St Richmond, VA 23225

Judy and David Bailey and family, in the death of Judy's sister-in-law, Anne Bledsoe in Knoxville, Tennessee on October 2nd.
1923 Flintwood Drive Richmond, VA 23238

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value 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*
- ❖ **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*
- ❖ 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 Freeman & Phil Hale**.
- ❖ Friend of **Susanne Freeman and Phil Hale**, Charles Warren is terminally ill with cancer.
- ❖ Nephew of **Susanne Freeman**, Kenneth Butler is terminally ill with cancer.
- ❖ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**. *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

<u>Sunday, October 8</u>	<u>Sunday, October 15</u>
Acolyte: Austin Blakely Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship: Chimer: Cooper Paxton Deacon of the Week: Matt Anderson Extension Member: Nell Hobson Greeters/Ushers: Cheryl Crawford Susanne Freeman Joe Griffin Jenny Griffin Money Counters: Jenny Griffin Joe Griffin Marilyn Hunter Opener/Closer: Bryce Williams Sound System: Chad Hudson	Acolyte: Braeden Forester Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Nancy Whitmore Worship: Kathy Berry Chimer: Judd Paxton Deacon of the Week: Barbara Smith Extension Member: Catherine Carter Greeters/Ushers: Chip Hordy Jesse Kent Sue Kay Lam-Kent Money Counters: Susan Hebel Chad Hudson Jesse Kent Opener/Closer: Phil Hale Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$406,899.43
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$295,030.83
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$111,868.60
<u>October 1</u>	
Gifts given:	\$5897.00
Other Income:	\$853.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (October)
- 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.