

February 22, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, February 26**

Wonder and Worship:  
Exploring God Through  
the Eyes of a Child

Led by GBC Children and  
Families

**Sunday, March 5**  
LENT I

“Learning to Love:  
Confessing”  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Psalm 32

*Our next newsletter will be  
published March 1.  
The deadline for submissions is  
Monday, February 27. Visit us  
online at [www.gbconline.org](http://www.gbconline.org) or  
email us at  
[gbchurch@gbconline.org](mailto:gbchurch@gbconline.org)*

## *A word from the Pastor...*

This time next week, Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent will be upon us. The season of Lent is 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. It is a time of self-examination, reflection, and preparing for the coming of Easter. The early church used Lent as a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Next Wednesday evening, March 1, the Ash Wednesday service invites us to enter a time of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial, not for their own sake but for the sake of a lived discipleship.

There are many opportunities at Grace and in our community throughout the Lenten season (see page 3 for more details). In the foyer of the church, you may pick up a copy of the collection of Lenten reflections from our friends at Westminster Canterbury or join us on Wednesday nights at the Welcome Table to focus on spiritual practices and disciplines. My hope is that we will all find ways to intentionally make the Lenten journey. May our Lenten observances, disciplines, and worship challenge us to reclaim our baptismal identity and transform us anew for the sake of God's world.

Peace,

Courtney

### SAVE THE DATE!

**What: 2017 Adult Retreat**

**When: April 21-23, 2017**

**Where: Lost River Retreat Center,  
Lansdowne, West Virginia**

**More details to come!  
Mark your calendar and join us for this time  
of rest, rejuvenation, and fellowship!**

## Meetings

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**Sunday, March 5**  
 12:00 PM Outreach Commission

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting

*Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to [ann@gbconline.org](mailto:ann@gbconline.org)!*

<b><u>MARCH 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Sundays</u></b>	<b><u>February Birthdays</u></b>																																								
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 1</b>            Ash Wednesday Service            7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, March 3</b>            Youth Nerf Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 9</b>            Serving Breakfast            at Oregon Hill</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, March 17</b>            Youth Lockin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, March 19</b>            Grace on Tap            Buskey Cider            2910 Leigh Street            6:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:45 am Sunday School            11:00 am Worship            5:00 pm Christian Spirituality Group            2nd &amp; 4th Sundays            Contact Martha Hagy, 327-1632            or Carole Jones, 516-8556, for more            information.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Lois Millard</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">2</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Tina Webb</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">3</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Evette Caumont</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">4</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Brian Hill</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">6</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Ellen Jewell</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">7</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Bill Carter</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">9</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Sue Lewis</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">10</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Sam McNeil</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">11</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Lara Pugh</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">11</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Barbara Smith</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">11</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Susan Anderson</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">12</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Diane Hughes</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">13</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Spencer Anderson</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">15</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Roger Flora</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">15</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Margaret Jennings</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">21</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Susan Levison</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">23</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Mark Biddle</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">26</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Nelson Blakley</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">26</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Jackie Brooks</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">26</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">Margaret Sullivan</td><td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">26</td></tr> </table>	Lois Millard	2	Tina Webb	3	Evette Caumont	4	Brian Hill	6	Ellen Jewell	7	Bill Carter	9	Sue Lewis	10	Sam McNeil	11	Lara Pugh	11	Barbara Smith	11	Susan Anderson	12	Diane Hughes	13	Spencer Anderson	15	Roger Flora	15	Margaret Jennings	21	Susan Levison	23	Mark Biddle	26	Nelson Blakley	26	Jackie Brooks	26	Margaret Sullivan	26
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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)

**February 22**  
 5:15 PM  
 Hot Pasta Bar  
 Deadline for sign up: February 20

**March 1**  
 5:15 PM  
 Sam's Selections  
 Deadline for sign up: February 28

**March 8**  
 5:15 PM  
 Extra Billy's BBQ  
 Deadline for sign up: March 6



## **Lent and Easter Opportunities**

### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

March 1  
7:00 pm

### **Wednesday Nights at the Welcome Table: Spiritual Disciplines and Practices**

Dinner 5:45 pm  
Program 6:30 pm

#### **March 9**

Serving Breakfast at Oregon Hill  
We will serve breakfast to the food insecure in  
the neighborhood.  
9:00 am

#### **Palm Sunday**

April 9  
Pancake Breakfast and Parade  
9:30 am

### **HOLY WEEK**

CARITAS Week  
April 8-15

Grace will offer hospitality to families experi-  
encing homelessness.

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**

April 13  
7:00 pm

#### **Community Good Friday Worship Service**

April 14  
12:00 pm  
St. Johns United Church of Christ  
503 Stuart Circle

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 16  
Egg Hunt during Sunday School hour  
Morning Worship at 11:00 am



## Grace on Tap Spring 2017

6:00 PM

Join us for  
conversations on faith.

<b>March 19</b>	Buskey Cider 2910 Leigh Street
<b>April 30</b>	Triple Crossing Fulton 5203 Hatcher St

### Oregon Hill Center Homeless Breakfast March 9

On March 9, Grace Baptist Church will be partnering with Oregon Hill Baptist Center to provide and serve breakfast to 40-60 people as part of the Center's homeless ministry. Grace had this opportunity last October and it was a most rewarding experience. There is a signup sheet on the table outside the office to volunteer to provide food for the breakfast and/or serve the meal. In addition to the breakfast, Grace will be providing snack bags for the guests to take with them as they leave the Center. Please consider making a contribution by check or online (designate "Snack Bags") to help cover the cost of items for the bags. Your contributions of food, time and monetary gifts will be appreciated!

### Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission needs your help. In addition to our standing request that you look for and greet our visitors, we need you to give us suggestions of things we can be doing to attract visitors. Please don't reject a thought because you think we can't afford it. That is a separate consideration. Let your imagination run free. Maybe you are aware of successful approaches by other churches. Tell us about them.

Send your suggestions to Archie Yeatts [\(804\)288-1410](tel:8042881410) or [archeryeatts@gmail.com](mailto:archeryeatts@gmail.com).

## YOUTH SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Notes
March 3	5:00-8:00pm	Nerf Night	
March 5	12:00 pm	Spaghetti Lunch	Youth Fundraiser
March 17		Lock In	
April 8	10:00-1:00	Service Day	TBD
April 9	5:00 pm	Serving CARITAS meal	
June 4	12:00 pm	Cake Auction	Camp Fundraiser
June 25 - 30		Passport Camp	Greensboro NC

\*\*Wednesday Nights will proceed with the church scheduling



**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**Freida Woodson**  
741-0829

**EXTENSION MEMBER  
OF THE WEEK**

**Bill and Catherine Carter**

Dogwood Terrace Apt 213  
10300 Three Chopt Rd  
Richmond, VA 23233



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday February 22, 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

**MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

**Jim Rothrock**, having surgery on 2/22 and will be hospitalized at Retreat. 3504 Warsaw Terrace Richmond, VA 23060

**Mac Angell** is back home after hospitalization.  
818 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23225

**Baron Blakley**, recovering from total knee replacement on 2/1.  
4799 Darbytown Rd Richmond, VA 23231

**Sue Levison**, will begin radiation for stage 1 breast cancer.  
207 North Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075

**Brynna Boykin-Carter**, currently being hospitalized.  
Address for Brynna: Veritas Collaborative  
4024 Stirrup Creek Drive Durham, NC 27703

**Tina Webb**, recovering from hospitalization for pneumonia.  
2503 Llama Ln. Richmond, VA 23236

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

Helen Miller, almost 98 year old grandmother of **Lisa Webb**, is hospitalized following a stroke. Lisa travels to Kentucky this week for her final days.

Judy Diehl, mother-in-law of **Dara Fennell Baker's** best friend, Ashleigh, hospitalized following a fall outside her home Sunday evening.

Wesley Fishel, 16 year old nephew of **Marilyn Fishel**, in ICU at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem following a severe bull riding accident. Please keep Wesley and his parents, Neil and Karen, and his grandparents, Phil and Brenda Fishel, in your prayers  
6225 Reidsville Road; Kernersville, N.C. 27284.

**Betty Pugh Mills**, second round of chemo this week.  
934 Willbrook Road Newport News, VA 23602

John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, home after 41 day hospitalization  
3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE PRAYERS

**Reed Harrison**, is moving back home this week. 2301 Littlefox Dr. Richmond, VA 23233  
Michael Higgins, doctor of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, recently diagnosed with cancer.  
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](mailto: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

## RECENT VISITORS IN WORSHIP

### Jocelyn Brumbaugh

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[Kberry2@richmond.edu](mailto:Kberry2@richmond.edu)

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804-814-5754, [24nautical@gmail.com](mailto:24nautical@gmail.com)

### Debi Epps

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23228

[harobed101@aol.com](mailto:harobed101@aol.com)

### Sarah Florek

4740 Pompton Ln, Chester 23831; 804-

218-0629; [lovehischild@hotmail.com](mailto:lovehischild@hotmail.com)

### Sheryl and Eric Johnson

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[Sheryl.a.m.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Sheryl.a.m.johnson@gmail.com)

### Jennifer Walker

9421 Greenhill Ct. RVA 23294.

434-770-2700, [hokiebaby@verizon.net](mailto:hokiebaby@verizon.net)

### Rob and Maggie Puckette

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[Robert.puckette@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.puckette@gmail.com)

**Please add / remove names by contacting the church office at 804-353-0134 or [gbchurch@gbconline.org](mailto:gbchurch@gbconline.org).**

## CURRENT GBC MISSIONS

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

# SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

## Sunday, February 26

**Acolyte:** Sierra Blakley

**Childcare Workers:**  
 Sunday School: Sallie Cross  
 Worship: Kathy Berry

**Chimer:** Alison Jewell

**Deacon of the Week:** Freida Woodson  
**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:** Miller

**Sound System:** Don Hill

## Sunday, March 5

**Acolyte:** Jesse Hudson

**Childcare Workers:**  
 Sunday School: Marie Henderson  
 Worship: **TBD**

**Chimer:** Zeke Hudson

**Deacon of the Week:** TBD  
**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:** Whitmore

**Sound System:** Brian Jewell

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2017:</b>	<b>\$406,899.43</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2017:</b>	<b>\$ 63,923.00</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$342,976.43</b>
<u>February 12</u>	
Gifts given	\$4,045.00
Other Income:	\$ 1,017.00

### PLEASE NOTE

- Outside the office you can find:
- Church Budget
  - Birthdays (February)
  - 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!