

May 10, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14

1 Peter 2:2-10

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, May 21

John 14:15-21

1 Peter 3:13-22

Rev. Kayla Bayles Lennon

Sunday, May 28

Praises on the Portico

Outdoor Worship

A Wider Net: Beyond Our Walls and the Possibilities Which Lie Before Us

What beckons congregations to take on significant relationships with those beyond their walls?

How are those involved shaped and molded by such relationships?

What might we learn from them?

The next two Wednesday evenings, you are invited learn about one congregation's story of discerning a call to inner-city community ministry and the transformative theological understandings that have emerged for many involved in this initiative. Also presented will be best practices, transferrable elements, and challenges of such an inner city ministry and relationship.

Our pastor wrote her master's thesis on this topic and will share her learnings over two Wednesday nights, May 10 and May 17. If you're not able to make Wednesday night, the presentation will be shared during Sunday School, May 14th. The hope is that we might learn from how one congregation went about engaging the community beyond their walls and the transformation that occurred for all involved as a result!

Our next newsletter will be published May 17th.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 15. Visit us online at www.gbconline.org or email us at office@gbconline.org

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Meetings

Sunday, May 21
 Children's Commission Meeting

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

<u>MAY 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>May Birthdays</u>
May 21 Grace Café Coffee and Cookies Following worship	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	Archer Yeatts 1 Beverly Pugh 8 Angela Jones 14 Maurianne Roberson 16 Wayne Schneider 20 Nancye Rhodenhiser 22 John Mizelle 28 Matthew Paxton 28
May 28 Praises on the Portico Outdoor Worship		
<u>June 2017</u> June 4 Youth and Children's Cake Auction Fundraiser		
June 7 Variety Show at 6:00 pm		

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)

May 17 5:45 PM Extra Billy's BBQ	May 24 5:45 PM Baked Potato Bar	May 31 5:45 PM Hot Pasta Bar
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A note from the Bible Brunch Buddies

From noon to 1 pm each Wednesday in May, Bible Brunch Buddies will be taking a tandem look at Jewish and Christian scriptures (passages from the Old and New Testament). The group will be led this month by Jane McNeil using her writing titled 'The Bible in 36 Words' as the outline for the sessions.

The tandem look at the scriptures is organized in the order of the Jewish TANAKH with Christian scripture aligned, as appropriate, beside the books of the TANAKH. A one-word summary is presented for each pair of books or for each book when there is no parallel Christian writing. The discussion includes a selected verse for each book of scripture and some commentary. This tandem look at the scriptures provides an overview of the Bible as a whole as well as providing an enhanced and enriched understanding of Judaism and Christianity.

All are invited to join the Bible Brunch Buddies group. We meet at NOON every Wednesday. Hope to have you join us!

May 17 **Third Session: Prophets and Epistles**

The Twelve

- Hosea/Philippians *Love*
- Joel/Colossians *Spirit*
- Amos/I Thessalonians *Justice*
- Obadiah/II Thessalonians *Pride*
- Jonah/I & II Timothy *Mission*
- Micah/Titus *Humble*
- Nahum/Philemon *Vengeance*
- Habakkuk/Hebrews *Faith*
- Zephaniah/James *Protect*
- Haggai/I & II Peter *Consider*
- Zechariah/ I, II & III John *Return*
- Malachi/Jude *Healing*

May 24 **Third Session: Prophets and Epistles**

Writings/Revelation

- Psalms *Voice*
- Proverbs *Wisdom*
- Job *Trust*
- Song of Songs *Human*
- Ruth *Devotion*
- Lamentations *Provide*
- Ecclesiastes *Contentment*
- Esther *Loyalty*
- Daniel/Revelation *Vision*
- Ezra *Obstinate*
- Nehemiah *Competence*
- Chronicles *Revival*

It's a Cake Auction!
Join us for this Children and
Youth Fundraiser

Bake a cake! Buy a Cake!
Bring your specialty
whatever it may be.

Sunday, June 4
Sign up outside of the
Church Office.



Benevolence Fund

After my mother, Ann Webb, passed away in November 2015, Lisa and I spent time thinking about ways that we could honor her memory. My mother was always committed to helping others who were going through difficult times. In her earlier years she volunteered with local organizations, and when she couldn't volunteer anymore, she knitted hats, scarves and blankets for many local organizations in Richmond. She was appreciative of the many ways in which Grace Baptist Church members cared for her, and welcomed her as an extension member. She was especially grateful for her visits with our pastor, Courtney. Mom felt strongly that pastors should have the ability to confidentially assist others with financial needs from time to time. For this reason, Lisa and I decided to initiate benevolence fund at Grace Baptist Church. We spoke with Courtney about it at length, to ensure that the fund was set up in a way that could be transparent with regard to managing the funds, but at the same time allow the pastor to confidentially and with discretion disburse those funds. We asked that it be named the Ann B. Webb Benevolence Fund, to honor mom's commitment to helping others. We have committed to regularly contributing to this fund, over and above our pledge. There are many ways to give and support others through our church. We hope that you will consider this option as well.

With gratitude,
Tina and Lisa Webb

Mission Opportunity!



GBC continues to partner with The Oregon Hill Baptist Center to minister to the needs of inner-city Richmond's homeless community. Please help us respond to the following current local need:

WHAT IS NEEDED?

- **New men's size medium and/or large boxer shorts**, waist sizes 32"-38", (no small or extra-large size, please)
- **New men's white crew socks or over-the-ankle socks**, (no "no-show" socks, please)
- **No time to shop?** Cash/check contributions will be accepted – please designate "OHBC Underwear & Socks"

WHEN? All donations requested by **May 28**

WHERE? Designated collection bin outside the church office

Thank you!
- Missions Commission

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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 May 14, 2017 We pray for Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but many. (1 Corinthians 12: 12-14)

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You can help us create our next worship arts installation!

Think about the gifts God has given you to share with the world and the ways you see God's Spirit at work in the world. Then stop by the center table in the main hallway and create a feather or flame to be incorporated into a Pentecost banner.



Camp Alkulana Save the Date

Saturday, May 20 and June 3 are Workdays at the Camp

Youth Spring Schedule

DATE	EVENT	TIME
May 14	No activities (Mother's Day)	
May 21	Dinner and Conversation	5:30-7:00
May 28	Ice Cream	5:30-7:00
June 4	Cake Auction	Following worship
June 11	Parent's Meeting	12-2 (lunch provided)
June 18	Summer Program Begins	

Baptist Virginia Historical Society

Annual Meeting

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16

River Road Church corner of River and Ridge Roads

Religious Liberty and the role played by Virginia Baptists past and present is the emphasis of annual meeting on May 16th. Dr. Amanda Tyler, the new executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty headquartered in Washington, DC will be the featured speaker.

Fred Anderson, executive director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society and the Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies, will tell the story of the struggle in Virginia for religious liberty in the 1700s. The surviving Virginia Baptist churches from the 18th century will be recognized. Also Fred Anderson will be recognized as he retires after 38 years. The transition in leadership will occur with the presentation of the new executive director.

The program is free and open to the public.



Performers Wanted!
Join us for this year's Variety Show

June 7, at 6:00 p.m.

*We know you all have great talent, so
come share it with us!*
Sign up outside of the Church Office.



DEACON OF THE WEEK
Chris Baker

**EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave
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Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday May 10, 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
Florine Somerfield

Members with Continuing Needs

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

JOYS AND PRAISES

Lynn Clayton has a new grand baby! Eliza Lynne Paxton was born Friday night, 4 weeks early, to Ernest, Kathryn and Charlotte Paxton.

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Pauline Brooks, was hospitalized at Chippenham with concerns of heart and gallbladder issues. She had surgery on May 9 to have her gallbladder removed and is recovering at home. *7521 Rockfalls Drive Richmond, VA 23225*

Maurianne Roberson, is now home after being hospitalized at St. Mary's for an infection. *1726 Pulliam Street Richmond, VA 23235*

Linda Welch at Johnson-Willis rehab after breaking her femur last week. *1609 Sandgate Road, Midlothian, VA 23113*

Sue Levison has completed radiation treatments for stage 1 breast cancer, *207 North Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075*

Jim Rothrock continues to heal at home after an extended hospital stay. *3504 Warsaw Terrace Richmond, VA 23060*

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Harriet Sanford**, former member of GBC and sister of the late Isabel Rankin.*

Judy Diehl, mother-in-law of **Dara Fennell Baker's** best friend, Ashleigh has been moved to rehab following a fall.

Betty Pugh Mills is having her fourth round of chemo. *934 Willbrook Road Newport News, VA 23602*

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE PRAYERS

- ❖ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, began chemo recently. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*
- ❖ **Reed Harrison**, is back home. *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 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*
- ❖ **John Taylor's** esophageal cancer has spread and he is 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.
- ❖ 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. She had another heart surgery in January 2017.
- ❖ 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, 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 multiple 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 Tuberous Sclerosis.
- ❖ **Brynna Boykin-Carter**, continued prayers for healing. *2208 Ridgefield Green Way Henrico, VA 23233*

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

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, May 14

Acolyte: Ann Thomson

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Karen Hamlett
Worship: Karen Hamlett

Chimer: Andrew Sullivan

Deacon of the Week: Barbara Smith

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:

Cheryl Crawford
Susanne Freeman
Joe Griffin and Jenny Griffin

Money Counters:

Susan Hebel, Joe and Jenny Griffin

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Recycling: Fennell

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

Sunday, May 21

Acolyte: Alana Boykin-Carter

Childcare Workers:

Nursery: Melissa Cowan
Sunday School: Sandy Morrison
Worship: Cindy Blakley

Chimer: Spencer Anderson

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Fischel

Extension Member: Florine Somerfield

Greeters/Ushers:

Chip Hardy
Jesse Kent
Sue Kay Lam-Kent

Money Counters:

Chad Hudson and Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Recycling: Miller

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$144,875.31

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$262,024.12

May 7

Gifts given: \$8594.00

Other Income: \$1190.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (April)
- 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!**

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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