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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am  
Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

**WORSHIP**

**Sunday, June 4**  
Pentecost Sunday  
Wear Red!

John 20:19-23  
Acts 2:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**Sunday, June 11**  
Trinity Sunday  
"The Beginning of  
the Story of God"  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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.



*Our next newsletter will be  
published June 7th.*

*The deadline for submissions is  
Monday, June 5th.*

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or email us at [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org)

**A note from our pastor:**

What an incredible experience "Learning from London" has been! Over the last twenty years, the Diocese of London in the Church of England has grown by fifty percent. Our class of fifteen moved all over the city to hear from and talk with priests and church leaders in the Church of England. Some were in very traditional church settings, but doing innovative work, while others had no formal building, but were "fresh expressions" of church. We came across styles of church that were distinctly liberal, Anglo-Catholic, and evangelical, with each church pursuing its own sense of call and distinct vision for itself. In each of these communities of faith, they were intentional in how they went about mission and ministry, and demonstrated clarity about their unique identity.



After a jam-packed week of church in London, I ventured north to Lindisfarne on Holy Isle for a brief time of reflection and renewal. Saint Aiden came to the tidal island in 635 CE from Iona and established a monastery which Saint Cuthbert continued until the monastery was attacked by the Vikings in 793. Virtually everything on the island is contingent upon the tide schedule because one can only access the island at low tide. Before the causeway was built in 1954, most people accessed the island by walking the "pilgrims' way," where wooden poles marked the safest route between the mainland and the island.

There is so much that I look forward to sharing with you in the days ahead! I am excited about delving into deeper conversation with you about our own congregational identity, our hopes for how we "do church," and how we can extend the good news and live out the gospel in our community! I am deeply grateful for the opportunity "Learn from London" and to soak in the goodness of God at Holy Isle. Thank you for your support of my Doctor of Ministry coursework and for helping much of what I've studied come alive! I look forward to seeing you all Sunday for worship, lunch, and the cake auction!

Peace, Courtney

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**Meetings**

**Sunday, June 4, 9:00 am**  
 Bereavement Team Meeting  
 Parlor

**Sunday, June 11, 12:00- 1:00 pm**  
 Outreach Committee Meeting  
 Room 4

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

<u>June 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>June Birthdays</u>
June 4 Pentecost Lunch and Cake Auction for Children and Youth	9:45 am Sunday School	Pauline Brooks 6
June 7 Variety Show at 6:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Rosa Ford 7
		Barbara Sadtler 7
		Carlos Cavet 9
		Alana Boykin-Carter 10
		Kaya Forester 10
		Lisa Forester 13
		Kayla Bayles Lennon 15
		David Hebel 15
		Wanda Sauley Fennell 21
		Betty Downs 22
		Anne Reagan Hardy 26
		Donna Forester 28
		Barbara Hughes 29
		Sue Lam-Kent 29
		Madison Ramsey 29
		Barbara Scott 30



***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.*

## **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><b>May 31</b> 5:45 PM Hot Pasta Bar</p>	<p><b>June 7</b> 5:45 PM Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Slaw, Green Salad <b>LAST DINNER UNTIL SEPTEMBER</b></p>
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## **Pentecost Lunch and Cake Auction June 4, 12:00 - 2:00 pm**

Dessert always seems to be the favorite part of a meal. It is the sweet treat that we wait for through our time at the table. Our annual cake auction is a sweet treat that brings the community together to have fun and support our children and youth. But this auction is about more than cake. It is about giving our students a sweet treat in their spiritual lives. The money raised at the cake auction goes to sending our students to Passport camp. As former staff of Passport, I have seen students come into the week unsure about who they are and what their faith means to them. When they leave there is a renewed connection to what it means to be a Christ follower. Our students at Grace are given a chance to explore what it means to follow Christ. They look at missions and interacting with a community. They look at their inner self and reflect on the ways that they can make a difference in the world. This cake auction is more than sweet treats, it is about strengthening the body of Christ for future generations.

## **Joint Children's Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday school begins June 18. Preschool through 5th grade will spend the first part of the summer exploring and learning the Lord's Prayer. In the second half of the summer they'll have a series of lessons from the book of Acts. If you are able to teach or shepherd for one or more dates in the summer, please let Noell know.

## **Pizza in the Park and a Farewell Friday, June 9 ARC Park 5:00-7:00 pm**

Laura, Mark, Will, Anne, and Amelia Thomson are moving to Florida this summer. We thought it would be nice if our GBC family wished them farewell. Gather with us for pizza at the playground in the park so kids can play and parents can visit. If you'd like to eat pizza, please sign up outside the church office or email [Noell@gbconline.org](mailto:Noell@gbconline.org) with any questions.

**Children and Families Cookout**  
**Sunday, June 25, 4:30-6:30 pm**  
**12100 Bowerton Road, Henrico, VA 23233**

Join us for food and fellowship! Alisa and Stewart Smith are extending hospitality to children and their families for a potluck cookout. The church will provide burgers and hot dogs. Families are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Please sign up outside the church office so we can get an idea of how many people plan to come. Contact [Noell@gbconline.org](mailto:Noell@gbconline.org) with any questions.

**July Meet-up for Families**  
**Red, White and Lights at Crump Park**  
**Tuesday, July 4**

The children's commission continues to seek ways for families to enjoy fellowship and get to know one another better. July seems to be a hectic month for most so we don't have any formal events planned but thought encouraging a meet-up at a local event might be fun. Hope to see you there!

Here's a description of the event from Crump Park: "Join us for a spectacular evening celebrating independence and honoring America's veterans. Wear your red, white and blue and enjoy the holiday at the park with patriotic activities for the whole family, food trucks, and performance by the Richmond Symphony with a laser light show finale. Gates open at 4pm. Information: [gru16@henrico.us](mailto:gru16@henrico.us)"

**Who is my Neighbor?**  
**Church-wide Intergenerational Vacation Bible School**  
**August 4, 5:30-7:30**  
**August 5, 10-4**  
**August 6, 10-12**

Please mark your calendar for an intergenerational learning event geared toward the whole GBC community. We'll be exploring what it means to be a neighbor and to follow Jesus' commandment to love God and our neighbors as ourselves. Look for a sign-up later in the summer. Please contact [Noell@gbconline.org](mailto:Noell@gbconline.org) with any questions.

**Camp Alkulana: Save the Date**  
Saturday, June 3 is a workday at the Camp

**Youth Summer Schedule**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
June 4	Cake Auction	12-2 pm
June 11	Parent-Student Meeting: Summer 2017	12-2 pm (lunch provided)
June 18	Summer Program Begins	
June 20	High School Small Groups	6:30-7:30 pm
June 25-30	Passport Camp	



**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
**Ron Gotschalk**

**EXTENSION MEMBER  
OF THE WEEK**

**Lois France**  
Golden Living, Room B26  
3600 Mountain Rd  
Glen Allen, VA 23060



## **CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday May 31, 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  
Brynna Boykin-Carter  
Bill Ford  
Joe Furio  
Denyse Hunt  
John Luck  
Wade McGinley  
Beverly Pugh  
Jim Rothrock  
Maurianne Roberson

### **JOYS AND PRAISES**

We celebrate the birth of Catherine Marie Bachtell, daughter of Justin and Kelly Bachtell, granddaughter of **Gay and Jim Bachtell**, and great-granddaughter of **Lois France**, on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Baby Catherine remains in the NICU following delivery complications, but is showing progress.

### **MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

Christian sympathy is extended to **Freida Woodson, Kris Glidden**, Katelynn and Victoria Rogers, and Grace Glidden, in the death of Sonny Woodson.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 1, 2-4 and 6-8 pm, with a service Friday, June 2, at 12:00 pm at Woody's Parham Road. Frieda: 10102 Deepwood Circle, Henrico 23238; Kris: 2304 Pathfinder Court, Richmond, VA 23294

Christian sympathy is extended to **Bryce Williams** and family in the death of his grandmother. 2011 Idlewood Ave., Richmond, VA 23220

**Linda Levison** is hospitalized at St. Mary's, following surgery for endometrial cancer. 207 N. Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075

**Linda Welch** is transitioning home from rehab for a femur break. 1609 Sandgate Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

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

❖ **Betty Pugh Mills** has finished her sixth and final round of chemo. 934 Willbrook Road Newport News, VA 23602

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE PRAYERS

- ❖ 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*
- ❖ Judy Diehl, mother-in-law of **Dara Fennell Baker's** best friend, Ashleigh will be moving to a new facility with continued assessment and therapy for traumatic head injury and dementia.
- ❖ Calvin Baker, husband of **Dara Fennell** was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and is adjusting to insulin therapy.
- ❖ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, is nearing the end of his chemo and is hoping to return to work in June. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*
- ❖ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell** is beginning chemo. Pray that it will be effective.
- ❖ **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** most recent scan after treatment for esophageal cancer looked good. *P.O. Box 417, Toodyay, WA AUSTRALIA 6566 jane\_e\_taylor@talk21.com*
- ❖ 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, 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.
- ❖ **Brynna Boykin-Carter**, continued prayers for healing. *2208 Ridgfield Green Way Henrico, VA 23233*

### 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](mailto:gbchurch@gbconline.org).

# SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

## Sunday, June 4

**Acolyte:** Lloyd Jewell

**Childcare Workers:**  
 Sunday School: Marie Henderson  
 Worship: Roger Pittard

**Chimer:** Luke Smith

**Deacon of the Week:** Ron Gotschalk

**Extension Member:** Lois France

**Greeters/Ushers:**  
 Bob and Karen Hamlett  
 Lisa and Tina Webb

**Money Counters:**  
 Tina Webb, Susan Hebel, Cheryl Crawford

**Opener/Closer:** Joe Griffin

**Sound System:** Bryan Jewell

## Sunday, June 11

**Acolyte:** Brynna Boykin-Carter

**Childcare Workers:**  
 Sunday School: Karen Hamlett  
 Worship: Kathy Berry

**Chimer:** Cooper Paxton

**Deacon of the Week:** Marilyn Fishel

**Extension Member:** Shirley Lam

**Greeters/Ushers:**  
 Cheryl Crawford, Susanne Freeman,  
 Joe and Jenny Griffin

**Money Counters:**  
 Jackie Brooks, Jenny and Joe Griffin

**Opener/Closer:** Phil Hale

**Sound System:** Chad Hudson

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2017:</b>	<b>\$406,899.43</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2017:</b>	<b>\$161,387.31</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$259,246.12</b>

May 28

Gifts given:	\$3,284.00
Other Income:	\$10,352.00

### PLEASE NOTE

- Outside the office you can find:
- Church Budget
  - Birthdays (June)
  - 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.