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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am
Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 18

Second Sunday

After Pentecost

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10: 24-29

“Telling Our Stories in the Light”

Sunday, June 25

Third Sunday

After Pentecost

Singer and Songwriter

Kate Campbell

“Stories of Welcome”

Matthew 10:40-42

A note from our youth minister:

The summer for a student is a time of freedom from school and a new time of busy including camps, travel, and more! Here at Grace we hope to be a calming place among all the different directions that our students will go. One place that we will be going together as a youth group is Greensboro College for Passport Choices this year. We have spent the year learning and fundraising to make this trip possible and now that the time has come, we cannot be more excited! Passport Choices is a new style of camp that will allow students to do exactly what the title says, make Choices. Students have the choice to participate in missions if that is where their passion lies. They can enter into modes of worship through music, dance, drama, and more and be given the chance to share their worship with the rest of the camp. Students can explore culture around the world through food and games and realize that we are all blessed by God in our own way. Students even have the choice to spend some time looking inward to see what God is saying to them. They can discern where their life is heading and try to find new life in learning about themselves.

Our summer may start off with Passport Choices but stays constant with our small groups. Over the summer the middle school class and the high school class will each meet weekly to have a time of fellowship and talk about the devotional lessons that they have prepared for each week. Students have a chance to build community in new ways and dive deeper into the life of the church by deepening their relationship with each other. The church is about bringing God’s people together isn’t it? So we should be teaching community at all times shouldn’t we?

And of course we need to have some fun over the summer as well. We are planning to do everything from visiting Brown’s Island and having dinner to going to Kings Dominion and riding roller coasters. We even have the chance to go to an escape room and build teamwork in new ways. No matter what we do or where we go our students will be learning what it means to be a family under the love of God. Our summer is jam packed with amazing moments of fun and opportunities to grow closer together. We hope that you will join in and come be part of this special time.

Grace & Peace
Bryce Williams

Our next newsletter will be published June 21st

The deadline for submissions is Monday, June 19th

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Meetings

Monday, June 19, 6:30 pm
 Counters Meeting
 Room 4

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

<u>June 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>June Birthdays</u>
June 20-23 Passport Kids!	9:45 am Sunday School	Pauline Brooks 6 Rosa Ford 7
June 25-30 Passport Youth!	11:00 am Worship	Barbara Sadtler 7 Carlos Cavet 9
June 25 Children and Families Cookout 4:30pm – 6:30pm Grace on Tap at 6:00pm at Ardent		Alana Boykin-Carter 10 Kaya Forester 10 Lisa Forester 13 Kayla Bayles Lennon 15 David Hebel 15
<u>July 2017</u>		Wanda Sauley Fennell 21 Betty Downs 22 Anne Reagan Hardy 26 Donna Forester 28 Barbara Hughes 29 Sue Kay Lam-Kent 29 Madison Ramsey 29 Barbara Scott 30
Family Meet-up at Crump Park Red, White and Lights		

Kate Campbell in Worship

Sunday, June 25

We are excited to welcome Kate Campbell to Grace! She will share her gifts and lead us in worship on June 25. Kate Campbell is the kind of artist who steps to the beat of a different drummer. Over the course of 20+ years he has resisted the temptation to follow musical trends but instead chooses to set the pace for her unique musical journey.

Kate's endearing, clear-water vocal delivery and her eloquent gift for storytelling have drawn repeated comparisons to such bastions of the Southern literary tradition as **Flannery O'Connor**, **Eudora Welty**, and **William Faulkner**. Her easy command of a full range of American musical styles has earned Campbell recognition as a formidable talent by critics. Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell, Nanci Griffith, Guy Clark, Maura O'Connell, John Prine, Mac McAnally, Buddy Miller, Spooner Oldham just to name a few have all appeared as guest performers on her albums. Muscle Shoals classic soul and R&B hit-making machine are both admirers and collaborators in her distinctly literate musical vision.

Originally from the Mississippi Delta and the daughter of a Baptist preacher, Kate's formative years were spent in the very core of the **Civil Rights Movement** of the 1960's, and the indelible experiences of those years have shaped her heart and character as well as her songwriting. Her music and songs continue to inspire and excite a growing and engaged audience. She received the prestigious **Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters Award**. Two of Kate's songs ("Ave Maria Grotto" and "William's Vision") were recently featured in documentary films (*Brother Joseph and the Grotto* and *Chipping Away*) about Brother Joseph Zoettl, the tiny Bavarian hunchback monk who built Ave Maria Grotto, and William Edmondson who was the first African American to be awarded a solo show at New York's Museum of Modern Art.



Grace Baptist Church Variety Show Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Lynn Clayton hosted the GBC Variety show, in the absence of our Minister of Music, Rev. Fennel, who is on Sabbatical. The Chancel Choir started the evening by singing "Amen, So Be It", which kinda set the tone for the evening...so be it! Lynn directed the group.

The Richmond Cello Orchestra brought us some surprising musical offerings, such as Broadway's "Man of La Mancha", and the theme from TV's "Game of Thrones". This talented group is under the direction of Michael Knowles and practices in our facility as part of our space-sharing arrangement.



Our resident poet, Ms. Carole Jones, brought an original poem about a lone Finch that inspired her recently. Carole's quiet, soothing style is always welcome.

Kaya Forrester sang "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" as only she can do it; Kaya is an amazing singer with a voice that will hold you enthralled for hours. She sings with real conviction and compassion. Crystal Bayles Lennon accompanied her on piano.



The McNeil Clan taught us a whole new way to remember our numbers. Crystal Bayles Lennon then jammed a bit on the piano with an upbeat, jazzy style piece that had all of us tapping our toes to the beat.

Sammy the Clown graced us with his usual unduplicated, unhindered by mere logic, magic tricks and illusions. The kid in all of us laughed and enjoyed the show.



The headliner finally arrived...Ms. Patsy Cline sang and regaled us with some magic of her own, pulling records, pictures and a boa from her person as she sang. She dedicated her performance to Barbara Hughes, who finally figured out that it was actually Barbara Scott, portraying Patsy.

Serendipity and Greetings to All

Archie and Elaine Yeatts were in line to board a flight from Munich, Germany to Dulles May 31st when they heard behind them, "Archie Yeatts!" It was Gary and Karen Dalton returning from a trip to Italy. They asked to be remembered to everyone and to tell you that they used the church's gift for the trip. Gary believes his interim is nearing a close and we encouraged them to visit Grace when they could.

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.

A Message from the Children's Ministry

In her book *The Most Important Space in the Church: The Nursery*, Rita B. Hays says, when we make our "nursery a welcoming, hospitable environment, we bless children as Jesus did [and] invite them to experience God's love..."

You can help show God's love to the youngest people in our church community by volunteering to be present with them in the church nursery. Our volunteers sign up to help in the nursery during the Sunday school hour and worship. If you love rocking babies, reading to toddlers, or building train tracks with preschoolers, this might be the perfect service opportunity for you!

These are our upcoming needs:

- During Sunday school July 9, August 13 and 20.
- During worship on June 25, July 9 and 30, and August 13 and 20

Contact Noell for more details and to sign up. Thanks!



Grace on Tap is Back! Summer 2017

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

June 25	Ardent Craft Ales 3200 Scott's Addition
July 9	Isley Brewing 1715 Summit Ave.
July 23	Strangeways Brewery 2277A Dabney Rd.

Children and Families Cookout
Sunday, June 25, 4:30-6:30
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 with any questions.

Mission Opportunity
CARITAS Meal June 26, 2017

Grace is providing a meal for CARTIAS on Monday, June 26 at 5:30 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for 30 guest, 11-12 adults and the rest are children. A request was sent to Grace several months ago for assistance with meals for 3 weeks. At that time the Mission Commission volunteered to do one meal. The meal will be a Haystack (a glorified taco with 12 different ingredients). We severed this one time for one of the CARITAS meals and it was very well received. We will need: Cooks, choppers, buyers, servers, and drivers.

If you are willing help in anyway, please contact Barbara Scott rfbrscott@gmail.com, or 804-262-3432 Home or 703-909-5422 Cell.

The Mission Commission

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"

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 with any questions.

**EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Catherine Carter
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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

**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

CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday June 7, 2017

Joys and Praises:

Wesley Wagg received the Scholastic Student and Responsibility Awards at school.

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Martha Hagy hospitalized at MCV following TIA.
2956 Hathaway Road, Apt. 104, Richmond, VA 23225.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Florine Somerfeld**. Florine died June 2nd.

Pauline Brooks is recovering at home from surgery for a pacemaker. *7521 Rockfalls Dr. Richmond, VA 23225*

Lois Millard is recovering at home from a broken ankle.
9004 Mann Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Linda Levison is recovering at home following surgery for endometrial cancer following her surgery on May 31st. During her recovery Linda would be very appreciative of meals. If you are able to help, you can find a sign up and her information at takethenameal.com - enter her last name and the code: 2211. *207 N. Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075*

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.
- ❖ Michael Higgins, doctor of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, undergoing radiation.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Bryinna Boykin-Carter**, continued prayers for healing. *2208 Ridgefield Green Way Henrico, VA 23233*

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SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, June 18

Acolyte: Carlos Cavet

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Marie Henderson

Worship:

Chimer: Austin Blakely

DEACON OF THE WEEK: TBD

Extension Member: Catherine Carter

Greeters/Ushers:

Chip Hardy, Jesse and Sue Kay Lam- Kent

Money Counters:

Joe and Jenny Griffin, Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson

Sound System: Don Hill

Sunday, June 25

Acolyte: Cooper Paxton

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Ellen Jewell

Worship: Jennifer Miller

Chimer: TBD

DEACON OF THE WEEK: TBD

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:

Richard and Sally Cross, David Boykin, Bernie Henderson

Money Counters:

Sallie Cross, Cheryl Crawford

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$186,563.81

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$220,335.62

June 11

Gifts given: \$9515.00

Other Income: \$777.00

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.