

June 21, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am
Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25

Singer and Songwriter

Kate Campbell

“Stories of Welcome”

Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, July 2

“Stories of Grace”

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Courtney Allen

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 including some pre-service music at 10:50 am. 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 Zoetl, 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.

Our next newsletter will be published June 28th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, June 27th

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Meetings

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 25-30 Passport Youth!	9:45 am Sunday School	Pauline Brooks 6
June 25 Children and Families Cookout 4:30pm – 6:30pm	11:00 am Worship	Rosa Ford 7
Grace on Tap 6:00pm at Ardent		Barbara Sadtler 7
June 26 CARITAS Meal St. Thomas Episcopal Church 5:30pm		Carlos Cavet 9
<u>July 2017</u>		Alana Boykin-Carter 10
Family Meet-up at Crump Park Tuesday, July 4 Red, White and Lights		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 Kay Lam-Kent 29
		Madison Ramsey 29
		Barbara Scott 30

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 team-work 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

Why I'm excited about going to Passport Camp

PASSPORT is an amazing camp that I have attended since 2013, when I was 11 years old. I fell in love with the camp from the first day and continued to love it as we moved from PASSPORT Kids to PASSPORT Missions and now this year, we will have a new experience at PASSPORT Choices. At each camp, we have an opportunity to make new friends, bond as a youth group, and grow in our faith through group activities, worship, and everyone's favorite part, Morning Celebration. One of the things I loved was getting to know new people who were in my bible study group and I still keep in touch with some people I've met.

Going to PASSPORT has become something that I do every summer and I can't imagine not going. PASSPORT has taught me to follow the road, start a revolution through faithful action, and live this wild life. Each of these lessons has been a theme for a certain year that we explore and discuss throughout our week at camp and continue to remember as we return home and share our experiences. PASSPORT is a truly amazing experience that I hope all the children and youth at Grace will have a chance to attend at some point in their lives.

This summer, I hope to learn how I can do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God, as that is this year's theme. I feel like this theme fits perfectly with all the craziness going on in the world today. I can't wait to go to PASSPORT Choices with our younger youth and participate in a new type of PASSPORT camp.

~ Alyssa Dickerson

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 partner in this significant ministry! 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 W. Leigh St.
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.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Carole Jones

(804) 516-8556

**EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Lois France

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CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday June 21, 2017

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

We pray for those away this week at Passport Kids! Braeden, Milagros, Pheonix, Ezri, Noell and Donna.

Bill Berry, will have surgery for prostate cancer on June 27th
1403 Bellevue Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

Martha Hagy recovering at home 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. Linda received good news that no further treatments will be needed.
207 N. Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Betty Pugh Mills has finished her sixth and final round of chemo and continues to heal from the cumulative effects of treatment.

934 Willbrook Road Newport News, VA 23602

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

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 25

Acolyte: Cooper Paxton

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Ellen Jewell

Worship: Jennifer Miller

Chimer: Alison Jewell

Deacon of the Week: Carole Jones

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:

David Boykin, Bernie Henderson

Money Counters:

Chad Hudson, Cheryl Crawford

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

Sunday, July 2

Acolyte: Makayla Levison

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Marie Henderson

Worship: Jennifer Miller

Chimer: Kellan Miles

Deacon of the Week: Sandy Morrison

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:

Bob and Karen Hamlet

Lisa and Tina Webb

Money Counters:

Sharon Whitlock, Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Sound System: Brian Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$191,468.81

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$215,430.62

June 11

Gifts given: \$4905.00

Other Income: \$735.88

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (June)
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- 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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