

June 7, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am
Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11

Teacher Appreciation
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
“The Beginning
of the Story of God”

Sunday, June 18

Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:24-29
“Telling Our Stories in the Light”

Sunday, June 25

Singer/songwriter Kate Campbell
joins us in leading worship.
Matthew 10:40-42
“Stories of Welcome”

Sunday, June 25

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Psalm 145:8-15/Romans 7:15-25a
“Stories of Grace”

*Our next newsletter will be
published June 14th.*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, June 12th.*

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or email us at office@gbconline.org

A note from our pastor:

As the school year comes to a close and we take a break from our regular Wednesday programming, we will move into new rhythms of summer. Over the next four Sundays, we will begin a sermon series on the power of stories, “God’s Story, Our Stories.” In many ways what we do each week in worship is telling the Story of God: in confession and assurance, in the sermon and at the table, in the Lord’s Prayer and the benediction, the whole of the Story of God is told. At its best worship re-stories us and re-forms our hearts and lives in the Story of God.

Earlier this spring our Adult Retreat spent a weekend focusing on our stories and God’s story. We shared stories of the world that formed us and stories about the Gospel. There are all sorts of reasons that we tell stories about our own lives. Stories help us get to know one another. We tell stories because it feels good to laugh. But we also tell stories because ultimately, isn’t every story a God story? God is in our ordinary, everyday lives. And telling true stories from our own lives helps us to see the holy in the midst of the mundane, even if we may have missed it the first time through.

Frederick Buchner writes, “...the storyteller’s claim, I believe, is that life has meaning...the power of stories is that they are telling us that life adds up somehow, that life itself is like a story. And this grips us and fascinates us because of the feeling it gives us that if there is meaning in any life...then there is meaning also in our lives. And if this is true, it is of enormous significance in itself, and it makes us listen to the storyteller with great intensity because in this way all his stories are about us and because it is always possible that he may give us some clue as to what the meaning of our lives is.”

Peace, Courtney

thank you!

We are so grateful to everyone who baked and bid on cakes last weekend to help support GBC’s children and youth. This event raised over \$2500 and will help send 14 campers to Passport Camps this summer. We look forward to sharing what we learn at camp in worship with you on July 16. As always, we give thanks for the many ways you love and support our children and youth!

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Meetings

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

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 7 Variety Show at 6:00 pm	9:45 am Sunday School	Pauline Brooks 6 Rosa Ford 7
June 11 Grace on Tap at 6:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Barbara Sadtler 7 Carlos Cavet 9
June 20-23 Passport Kids!		Alana Boykin-Carter 10 Kaya Forester 10
June 25-30 Passport Youth!		Lisa Forester 13 Kayla Bayles Lennon 15
June 25 Grace on Tap at 6:00		David Hebel 15 Wanda Sauley Fennell 21
<u>July 2017</u>		Betty Downs 22 Anne Reagan Hardy 26
July 4 Family Meet-up at Crump Park Red, White and Lights 4:00 pm		Donna Forester 28 Barbara Hughes 29
July 5 Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Game starts at 6:30		Sue Kay Lam-Kent 29 Madison Ramsey 29 Barbara Scott 30

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 11	Blue Bee Cidery 1320 Summit Ave.
June 25	location TBD
July 9	location TBD
July 23	location TBD

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.

Youth Summer Schedule

DATE	EVENT	TIME
June 11	Parent-Student Meeting	12-2 pm (lunch provided)
June 18	Summer Program Begins No Activities	
June 20	High School Small Groups	6:30-7:30 pm
June 25-30	Passport Camp	
July 2-8	No activities	
July 9	Middle School Small Group	12:30-1:30 pm
July 10	Trip to Brown's Island	10:00-2:00 pm
July 11	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
July 16	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
July 17	Escape Room	6:30-8:30 pm (\$25 needed)
July 18	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
July 24	Messy Games	6:30-8:00 pm
July 25	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
July 30	Middle School Group	12:30-1:30 pm
July 31	Kings Dominion	10:00 am – 4:00 pm Money for ticket (or pass) and lunch money
August 1	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 6-12	No Activities	
August 13	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 14	Putt Putt	Money needed
August 15	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 20	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 21	Laser Tag	Money needed
August 22	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 27	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
August 28	End of Summer Event	

DEACON OF THE WEEK
Marilyn Fischel

**EXTENSION MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave.
Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday June 7, 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

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

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 25th. Baby Catherine is home and doing great.

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

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

Christian sympathy is extended to **Frieda Woodson, Kris Glidden**, Katelynn and Victoria Rogers. Please continue to remember Frieda, Kris and family in your thoughts and prayers Frieda: *10102 Deepwood Circle, Henrico 23238*; Kris: *2304 Pathfinder Court, Richmond, VA 23294*

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*

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

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 takethemameal.com - enter her last name and the code: 2211. *207 N. Juniper Ave. Henrico, VA 23075*

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.
- ❖ 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 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 Ridgefield 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.

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

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
Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks, Susan Hebel, Chad Hudson
Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson
Sound System: Chad Hudson

Sunday, June 18

Acolyte: Carlos Cavet
Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Marie Henderson
 Worship: Kathy Berry
Chimer: Austin Blakely
Deacon of the Week: TBD
Extension Member: Catherine Carter
Greeters/Ushers:
 Chip Hardy, Jesse and Sue-Kay Kent
Money Counters:
 Susan Hebel, Chad Hudson, Jesse Kent
Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson
Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$406,899.43
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$165,662.36
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$254,971.07

June 4

Gifts given:	\$4,275.05
Other Income:	\$19,936.55

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.