

July 12, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16

Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost
Passport Youth and
Children Lead
Micah 6:8

Sunday, July 23

Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost
The Parable of the Wheat
and the Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Rev. Courtney Allen

A word from Noell...

This summer, rather than offering a traditional Vacation Bible School for children as we have done in the past, GBC's ministers and children's commission are seeking to explore a Summer Faith Experience (Summer FX) that is open to all of the people in our community, from the young, to the old, and everywhere in between. We value the intergenerational community that is nurtured at Grace, and are looking for new, intentional ways to continue to nourish relationships and learning across generations.

Over the weekend of August 4-6, Summer FX will focus on the neighborhood and how we follow Jesus in our neighborhoods and communities. The weekend will include times of community building and learning across generations, while also providing an opportunity for children, youth, and adults to break off into separate groups as well. We will sing, eat, wonder, explore the neighborhood, and play together; most importantly, we will grow in faith together as we learn more about God, one another, and what it means to be a neighbor in our community and the world. I hope you'll consider joining us for part or all of this event. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Noell or Courtney.

A word from our pastor...

Our Summer Faith Experience will allow us to both experience and reflect upon what it means to be a neighbor and how we might join in the work God is already up to in our neighborhoods and communities. I am very excited about this opportunity for fellowship, exploration, experimentation, and formation. The theme of neighborliness fits well with where we find ourselves as a congregation right now, seeking to clarify our sense of identity, mission, and vision.

Alan J. Roxburgh writes in *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World: The New shape of the Church in our Time*, "The church's vocation is known only as an answer to this question: What does it look like for us to go on a journey together in discerning what the Spirit is up to ahead of us in our neighborhoods?...The questions, "What is God doing?" and "Where is God doing it?" now have to form the practices of the church. The church cannot know how to embody the life of God unless it is alert to what God is already up to and participating with God in the specificity of its context. [The church's] life should be marked by listening, watching, entering, and participating in the life of the neighborhoods where God's people live in the ordinary and everyday, rather as Jesus did. "The Word came and dwelled (or 'pitched his tent') among us..." (John 1:14)"*continued on page 2.*

Our next newsletter will be
published July 19th

The deadline for submissions is
Monday, July 17th¹

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Meetings

July 18, 2017 6:30pm
 Church Council
 Fellowship Hall

<p><u>July 2017</u></p> <p>July 26 Quarterly Business Meeting Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>July Birthdays</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Cora Vinson</td><td style="text-align: center;">12</td></tr> <tr><td>Bryan Jewell</td><td style="text-align: center;">17</td></tr> <tr><td>Cheryl Crawford</td><td style="text-align: center;">20</td></tr> <tr><td>Bill Rodenhiser</td><td style="text-align: center;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>David Fauri</td><td style="text-align: center;">22</td></tr> <tr><td>Scudder Wagg</td><td style="text-align: center;">25</td></tr> <tr><td>Kristen Bailey-Hardy</td><td style="text-align: center;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Madonna Byrkeland</td><td style="text-align: center;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Bailey Hardy</td><td style="text-align: center;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Bill Ford</td><td style="text-align: center;">27</td></tr> <tr><td>Suzanne Vinson</td><td style="text-align: center;">27</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>July Birthdays</u>		Cora Vinson	12	Bryan Jewell	17	Cheryl Crawford	20	Bill Rodenhiser	21	David Fauri	22	Scudder Wagg	25	Kristen Bailey-Hardy	26	Madonna Byrkeland	26	Bailey Hardy	26	Bill Ford	27	Suzanne Vinson	27
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Following the Summer FX weekend (August 4-6), we will continue this theme during our combined August Sunday School. In partnership with the Adult Education Commission, the Sunday School hour will provide the opportunity to listen to our neighbors and to God, to experiment, and to reflect upon those experiences. Over the course of Sunday mornings in August, we will model some of the practices Roxburgh describes as we seek to participate in the life of our neighborhood.

On Sunday, August 13th, we will experiment by listening to our neighbors on the playground, in Carytown, and on the front page of the newspaper. August 20th will give us the opportunity to reflect on those experiences—what did we hear, notice, or see? What was the experience of listening to our neighbors and neighborhood like for us? On August 27th we will pull all the pieces back together and share the stories of what we are observing, discovering, and hearing in our communities. Our hope is that the ongoing process of listening, sharing stories, and reflecting will begin to shape an environment where we imagine new ways of traveling lightly as followers of Jesus into our neighborhoods. Stay tuned for more info next week on this exciting opportunity!

Grace and peace,

Courtney

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BYLAWS PROPOSALS

All are invited to review the report of and proposed amendments. An [online feedback form](#) is available for questions, concerns, and ideas. We also hope to see many members at one of the information sessions listed below. Thank you for your attention and engagement on this important initiative!

Information sessions:

- **Sun., July 9, 9:30 a.m. (Parlor)**
- **Sun., July 16, 9:30 a.m. (Parlor)**
- **Tues., July 18, 6:30 p.m. Church Council (Fellowship Hall)**
- **Sun., July 23, 9:30 a.m. (Parlor)**

Note: Strong coffee and a sense of humor is recommended.

Fishes & Loaves Brunch for Senior Adults

Are you 65+ years old? Have you wanted to participate in a Fishes & Loaves meal (formerly known as Breaking Bread) but have not been able to do so? Then this event is for YOU! Here are the details:

What: **Fishes & Loaves Brunch & Fun Event for Senior Adults**

When: **August 11 (Friday) from 11:30am-2:00pm**

Where: **Grace Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall**

Who: **Our 65+ years old "Seniors"**

Why: **Because we love you, want to share a meal, and have fellowship with you!**

Menu: Assorted homemade quiches from Sue Kay & Jesse Kent

Salad

Mixed Fruit

Assorted desserts

Please let us know if you need transportation - we will try to provide that for you.

We will need your **RSVP by August 1 (Tuesday) - remember to let us know if you transportation** - by:

- Signing-up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway outside the church office
- email Sue Kay at sklamkent@comcast.net
- call Sue Kay at [804-310-7308](tel:804-310-7308) (please leave a message if there is not answer)

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 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 July and August at
6:00 pm

- July 23 Strangeways Brewery
2277A Dabney Rd.

- August 13 Richmond Wine Station
2930 W Broad Street

- August 27 The HofGarden
The Hofhmeier Building
2818 W. Broad Street

**Who is my Neighbor?
Church-wide Intergenerational
Summer Faith Experience
Offerings for Adults, Children and Youth
August 4, 5:30pm-7:30pm
August 5, 10am-4pm
August 6, 10am-12pm**

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.

Youth Summer Schedule

July 13	Escape Room	6:00 - 8:00pm	\$25 needed
July 16	Middle School Small Group	12:30-1:30pm	
July 18	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30pm	
July 24	Messy Games	6:30- 8:00pm	
July 25	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30pm	
July 30	Middle School Small Group	12:30-1:30pm	
July 31	Brown's Island	4-8pm	Dinner at Brown's

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Elaine Yeatts

EXTENSION MEMBER

**Catherine Carter
10300 Three Chopt Rd
Apartment 213
Richmond, VA 23233**



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday July 12, 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
Brynna Boykin-Carter
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
Denyse Hunt
John Luck
Wade McGinley
Beverly Pugh
Jim Rothrock
Maurianne Roberson

JOYS AND PRAISES

Bernard L. Henderson Jr. was reappointed by the Governor to a second term on the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council. 10416 Huntsmoor Dr., Richmond, VA 2323

On July 2 **Timmy Miller** made a profession of faith and joined Grace Baptist Church! We celebrate this good news and give thanks for his commitment to follow in the way of Jesus. 7011 Bandy Rd., Richmond, VA 23229

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Christian sympathy is extended to...

Barbara Scott in the death of her cousin, Emma Crowe, who died July 4, following a brief battle with breast cancer. 3488 Manor Grove Cir., Glen Allen, VA 23059

Robin Baldwin in the death of her cousin, Justin Wilmer, on July 4 and in the death of her cousin, Darrel Baldwin, on July 11. 3512 Kings Farm Dr., Midlothian, VA 23113

Cindy Byrkeland is being admitted into VCU Hospital on July 27 for an embolization in preparation for surgery on July 28 to remove a tumor. Madonna will update with progress and advise when visitors are possible. They treasure our prayers. 1350 Westwood Avenue, Apt 306, Richmond, VA 23227

Bill Berry, is recovering from surgery for prostate cancer on June 27, and celebrating a good pathology report! 1403 Bellevue Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

Laura, Mark, Will, Ann, and Amelia Thomson and family, as they settle into new rhythms of life in Florida.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Christian sympathy is extended to...

Susan Coleman in the death of her husband, Ron Coleman, and to their children Allison and Mark. 3030 Summerhurst Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WHO VALUE OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ **Betty Pugh Mills**, continues to heal from chemo. She received a good report that she is cancer free!
- ❖ Ken Patton, lifelong friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, hospitalized and on ventilator due to interstitial lung disease.
- ❖ Emma Crowe, cousin of **Barbara Scott**, died July 4, following a brief battle with breast cancer.
- ❖ Cindy Byrkeland is being admitted into VCU Hospital on July 27 for an embolization in preparation for surgery on July 28 to remove a tumor. Madonna will update with progress and advise when visitors are possible. They treasure our 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*
- ❖ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, is nearing. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*
- ❖ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell** has completed 8 weeks of chemo for ovarian cancer. Good results! Will have a second surgery in late July, then 9 more weeks of chemo. She is also in a clinical trial that will be 30 weeks. Pray that all this will be effective.
- ❖ Michael Higgins, doctor of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, has finished chemo and is now receiving radiation treatment.
- ❖ 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*
- ❖ 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 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

<u>Sunday, July 16</u>	<u>Sunday, July 23</u>
<p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Childcare Workers: Sunday School: David Carter Worship: Jenny Griffin</p> <p>Chimer:</p> <p>Deacon of the Week:</p> <p>Extension Member: Catherine Carter</p> <p>Greeters/Ushers: Chip Hardy Jesse and Sue Kay Lam-Kent</p> <p>Money Counters: Susan Hebel Chad Hudson Jesse Kent</p> <p>Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson</p> <p>Sound System: Faith Dickerson</p>	<p>Acolyte: Ally Hughes</p> <p>Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship:</p> <p>Chimer: Wesley Wagg</p> <p>Deacon of the Week: Sharon Whitlock</p> <p>Extension Member: Lois France</p> <p>Greeters/Ushers: Richard and Sally Cross; David Boykin, Bernice Henderson</p> <p>Money Counters: Sally Cross Sharon Whitlock</p> <p>Opener/Closer: Phil Hale</p> <p>Sound System: Don Hill</p>

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:	
Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$406,899.43
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$207,198.81
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$199,700.62
<u>July 2</u>	
Gifts given:	\$5180.00
Other Income:	\$1750.00

PLEASE NOTE
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Stewardship 2017

Thank you for your continued commitment to the ministries and mission of Grace Baptist Church. Our first and second quarter giving has been consistent and is up from previous years! We are grateful for this good news on the financial front and continue to give thanks for the many ways you share of your life, your love, and your resources for the work of love in our world!

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.