

July 5, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am
Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9

Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost
"Sowers and Seeds"
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, July 16

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

Updating Our Governing Documents

GBC Friends and Family,

Talking about revisions to our GBC Constitution and Bylaws is probably not the most exciting topic you may want to consider this summer, but I'll argue it's one of the more important ones for us as a community of Christ. And I, for one, am excited to begin this important dialogue.



Since last fall, a special task force appointed by the church has been meeting each month to review both documents and recommend updates to them. Our records indicate we last did such a major review and update like this around 10 years ago.

The report of this group's work is available, (outside the church office and sent by email), and we'd like to encourage in broad congregational discussion about the recommendations -- to hear your questions and feedback and respond before the church formally considers these proposals at our July business meeting.

What's in these documents represents the foundation of who we are and who we hope to be in the world, as well as attempting to enact structures and processes that help us manage the church ministries well and reflect the values we hold dear as a community.

I'm thankful for the work of this group, and I'm looking forward to the discussions ahead. Please see page three (3) for specific dates and times.

Task Force Members

Courtney Allen
Paul Brockwell
Deb Loftis
John Mizell
Royce Savelle
Richard Vinson
Tina Webb
Archie Yeatts

Peace,
Courtney

*Our next newsletter will be
published July 12th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, July 10th^h*

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Meetings

July 9, 2017, 9:30am
 Constitution & ByLaws Proposals
 Information Session
 Parlor

July 11 2017 6:00pm
 Deacons Meeting
 Fellowship Hall

July 11, 2017 7:00pm
 Personnel Commission
 Fellowship Hall

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

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

<p><u>July 2017</u></p> <p>July 26 Quarterly Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p>	<p><u>July Birthdays</u></p>																																					
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CONSTITUTION

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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 June & July at
6:00 pm

July 9 Isley Brewing
1715 Summit Ave.

July 23 Strangeways Brewery
2277A Dabney Rd.

CARITAS Shelter Meal

Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve a meal for the family shelter at St Thomas Episcopal. The emergency shelter meal was very well received by all. We fed about 40 people and had some food left over. Thanks to all the cooks, choppers, shoppers and bakers: Courtney Allen, Kathy Berry, Cindy and Madonna Byrkeland, Lynn Clayton, Cheryl Crawford, Carole Gaunce, Marilyn and Tracy Hunter, Jessie and Sue Kay Kent, Sue Lewis, Linda Savelle, Barbara and Randy Scott and Elaine and Archie Yeatts. Thank you for caring for those in need. There will be more opportunities like this in the future. Stay tuned.

Mission Commission

**Who is my Neighbor?
Church-wide Intergenerational Vacation Bible School
Offerings for Adults, Children and Youth
August 4, 5:30-7:30pm
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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
July 9	Middle School Small Group	12:30-1:30 pm
July 10	Kings Dominion	3:00-11:00 pm
July 11	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm

A Word of Thanks

I want to extend a heartfelt and sincere "Thank You" to my friends and church family at Grace for the beautiful cards, notes, phone calls, visits, lovely plant, delicious food, prayers and thoughts, help and support when I was laid up with a broken right ankle. It helped me so much to get through this awful ordeal! I appreciate everything more than words can ever say. In Christian Love, Lois Millard

DEACON OF THE WEEK:
Carole Jones

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday July 5, 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.

Don Hill was selected to serve as the Scoutmaster of Heart of Virginia Council Jamboree Troop 4414 and will lead a troop to the 2017 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia July 19th – 28th.

MEMBERS WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

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

Laura, Mark, Will, Ann, and Amelia Thomson and family, as they prepare to move to Florida this week.

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

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.
- ❖ **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 9</u>	<u>Sunday, July 16</u>
<p>Acolyte: Sierra Blakley</p> <p>Childcare Workers: Sunday School: RCS Walker Wood Worship: Camille Peebles</p> <p>Chimer: Alison Jewell</p> <p>Deacon of the Week: Carole Jones</p> <p>Extension Member: Shirley Lam</p> <p>Greeters/Ushers: Cheryl Crawford, Susanne Freeman Joe and Jenny Griffin</p> <p>Money Counters: Jackie Brooks Joe and Jenny Griffin</p> <p>Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin</p> <p>Sound System: Chad Hudson</p>	<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>

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:	
Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$406,899.43
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$202,018.81
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$204,880.62
<u>July 2</u>	
Gifts given:	\$6754.00
Other Income:	\$50.00

PLEASE NOTE
<p>Outside the office you can find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Budget • Birthdays (July) • 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.