

August 9, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 13

“Take Risk.”

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, August 20

“Boundaries”

Matthew 15: 21-28

A word from our pastor...

Last weekend's Summer Faith Experience was a blast! We built a neighborhood, listened to the neighborhood around the church and the neighborhoods in which we live. We considered “Who is My Neighbor?” and what stories are we together a part of. People across generations and of all ages spent the weekend playing, praying, wondering, and creating together! Many thanks to Noell for her leadership and all who participating in making this experience life-giving and good!

Over the course of Sunday mornings in August, we will explore what the Spirit is up to in our neighborhoods and where there might be “space for grace!” On Sunday, August 13th, we will experiment by listening to our neighbors on the playground, at the Watermelon Festival in Carytown, and through the front page of the newspaper. We will have a booth at the Watermelon Festival, which will be set up as a “Story Station,” a space for stories to be told and shared. If you're interested in listening to our neighbors in Carytown in this way, you can sign up [here](#).

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.



Our next newsletter will be published August 16th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 14th

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<u>August 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>August Birthdays</u>
August 11 Senior Adult Brunch		Marilyn Fishel 4
August 13 Pool Party for Children and Families Grace on Tap	9:45 am Sunday School	Braeden Forester 4
August 20 Reception Honoring Noell Rathbun	11:00 am Worship	Carey Boehnlein 6
August 26 Youth End of Summer Pool Party Grace on Tap		Bernie Henderson 9
		Anna Marie Mizell 15
		Pippin Jakesch 16
		Pamela Geib 17
		Linda Welch 19
		Linda Savelle 25
		Betty Blackburn 31

Sabbatical Notes

Wanda will share more Sabbatical Experiences during the Sunday School hour on September 17, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Members of Grace,

Thank you seems so insufficient considering the care that has been bestowed on me since Sonny's passing. Thanks for the visits, cards, phone calls, emails and food. A special thanks to the Deacons and Courtney for coordinating the preparation and delivery of food for the gathering following the funeral. Your generosity and concern continues to be a blessing during this time of grief. You are a loving and supportive congregation and I am so blessed to be a part of this body of believers.

In Christian love, Freida Woodson

A Word from Noell...

Dear Friends,

Nearly seven years ago, with the guidance of God's Spirit, you called me to minister to your children and youth. It has been a privilege to wonder with and journey alongside your children through the many transitions of early childhood and adolescence. I have particularly valued the time our community has spent together building up the body of Christ through intergenerational relationships. As individuals, families, and a congregation we have experienced many significant transitions in the last seven years. During these years we have laughed, cried, served, played, worshiped, and learned together.

Now it is time for God to do a new thing. Over the last year, the Spirit has been stirring in my heart, calling me to begin a new vocational journey in nursing. My last day with you will be August 20th. I will finish the summer with you while taking time to plan the transition, to say goodbyes, and to celebrate all we have done together. I am able to answer this strange and wondrous calling from God because I have full faith that God is calling you to something new too. I pray our ears, eyes, and hearts will be open to God's Spirit at work within and around us.

This summer in worship we've heard how our stories shape our ministry. It has been a great joy for me to share in your story and to have you share in mine. I look forward to celebrating the ministry that we have experienced together in these final weeks with you. For now, I would like to say thank you for allowing me to journey with you over these years.

Grace and peace,

Noell Rathbun

Love Gift for Noell Rathbun

Out of gratitude for Noell Rathbun's seven years of ministry and service at Grace Baptist Church, we invite you to participate in a love offering. Please note "Noell Love Gift" in the memo line of your check.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Timmy Miller

By Mac Angell

On Sunday, July 2, Timmy Miller came forward to consecrate his life to the Lord and requested baptism. Congratulations, Timmy, on making such a mature and life-changing decision.

Timmy, 12, grew up in GBC and attends the New Community School where he is in the 7th grade. His favorite subject there is math, and he also participates in basketball, cross country, and golf as well as serving on the Student Advisory Board.

Timmy's immediate family includes his father, Greg; his mother, Jennifer; and his older brother, Ross. Greg works at the University of Richmond, where he is the network manager in the I.T. Department. Jennifer is an occupational therapist for Genesis Rehab and works at Westminster-Canterbury. Ross, an 11th grader at New Community, plays varsity basketball and AAU basketball in the summer. Timmy has a standard poodle

named Molly, and enjoys doing magic tricks. In the future he hopes to attend the University of Richmond and go into either math or medicine.

At Grace, Timmy is involved in Sunday School and the youth group. He has also helped with CARITAS and serving meals at the homeless shelter. When asked why he came forward when he did, Timmy said, "I came forward because it felt like the right time and I was ready. Baptism to me will mean being closer to God." Timmy, we applaud your decision and welcome you formally to our fellowship! We look forward to becoming your extended family and promise to help you grow in Christ.

Back to School Supplies for Oregon Hill Baptist Center

It's that time again to start thinking about the start of school. Listed below are all items requested.

The collection container will be in the hall across from the office between July 23 and August 13.

PLEASE, DO NOT PACK THE BACKPACKS.

The children/parents will pack them by their grade level lists. This will also allow them to fill their own backpacks.

ESSENTIAL NEEDS: For Backpacks and School Supplies

Backpack (*sturdy, large enough for notebooks and text-books.*)

1 three-ring binder and divider tabs

1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)

4 black-and-white composition books

2 one-subject notebooks

1 three- or five-subject spiral notebook

5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical)

5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)

A Christian bookmark or something similar appropriate for children.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (DO NOT PUT IN BACKPACKS)

pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors

Elmer's glue-4 oz.

rulers (12 inch/metric)

scissors (pointed or blunt, metal)

colored pencils

erasers, pencil top & block

tissues, large box & pocket size

glue sticks

crayons (pack of 16 or 24)

calculator, 4-function

highlighters

water-color paint kits

markers (washable, 8/10 pack, wide/thin)

pencil boxes

3 x 5 lined index cards & file box

zippered pencil pouches for 3 -ring binder

blank CDs

red pens

pencil sharpeners (small hand -held)

zip-lock bags (quart and gallon size)

protractors

clear hand sanitizer, regular size

Socks and Underwear for children, kindergarten through high school age.

(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)

Toiletries are always needed.



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

August 13 Richmond Wine Station
2930 W Broad Street

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

Youth Summer Schedule



Upcoming Pool Parties for Children &
Families

at Richard and Sallie Cross's Home
Children and Families

Sunday, August 13

12:30 pm- 4pm

Contact Noell or Bryce for more info!

Youth End of Summer Pool Party!

On August 26 from 2-5pm the youth will be having a pool party to celebrate the end of summer and get ready for a new year at school! The Cross' have graciously opened up their home to our youth.

We look forward to spending time together relaxing and having fun!

We will meet at the Cross house on August 26th! hope to see you all there!



You are invited to join us for a reception honoring Noell Rathbun on Sunday, August 20 in the fellowship hall following worship. Please bring your favorite finger foods to share.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

EXTENSION MEMBER

Lois France
Golden Living Room B26
3600 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, August 9, 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

Congratulations to **Maggie and Rob Puckette** on the birth of their son, Cabell Beaton Puckette, born on July 29th.
4637 Hanover Ave., Richmond, VA 23226

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

Cindy Byrkeland is recovering at home from head and neck surgery and spinal fluid leak.
1350 Westwood Avenue, Apt 306, Richmond, VA 23227

Shirley Lam is recovering from hospitalization this week.
1600 Westwood Ave., Unit 122, Richmond, VA 23277

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!
- ❖ 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*
- ❖ *Christian sympathy to Heather Caulehuff Mlot for the death of her mother. 472 Ada Ash lane, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103*
- ❖ Friends of **Susanne and Phil Hale**, Dee Marshall and Charles Warren both diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ **Sam and Jane McNeil**, in the death of their lifelong friend, Manferd "Vati" Schmidt.
- ❖ 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**, is doing well after chemo and radiation but is closing his practice permanently to concentrate on his health.
- ❖ 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, having health issues. 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.
- ❖ **Bryнна Boykin-Carter**, continued prayers for healing. *2208 Ridgefield Green Way Henrico, VA 23233*

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SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, August 13

Acolyte: Judd Paxton

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sallie Cross

Worship: Sallie Cross

Chimer: Wesley Wagg

Deacon of the Week:

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:

Cheryl Crawford

Susanne Freeman

Joe Griffin

Jenny Griffin

Money Counters:

Jenny Griffin

Joe Griffin

Jackie Brooks

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Sound System: Chad Hudson

Sunday, August 20

Acolyte: Reagan Hardy

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School:

Worship: Jennifer Dickerson

Chimer: Grace Timberlake

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Hunter

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:

Chip Hardy

Jesse Kent

Sue Kay Lam-Kent

Money Counters:

Susan Hebel

Chad Hudson

Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017: \$406,899.43

Total Gifts Given 2017: \$246,628.60

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$160,270.83

August 6

Gifts given: \$12,788.00

Other Income: \$2,655.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (August)
- Church Directory
- Church Newsletter (Weekly)
- SIGN UP SHEETS

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.

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