

September 20, 2017

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 24

“Reimagining Our World:

Offensive Mercy”

Matthew 20: 1-16

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

“The Table that Stretches

Around the Globe”

Rev. Courtney Allen



A word from our pastor...

On Sunday, October 1 we will celebrate World Communion Day. During the Sunday School hour our adult classes will combine in the fellowship hall to hear from Stephen Allen, Site Manager with the [International Rescue Committee](#), who works with refugees resettlement in Richmond. Stephen will help us learn more about the needs of refugees in our city and what it might look like for a congregation to partner with a refugee family resettling in our area. In worship we will gather around the table and around the sanctuary to take, bless, break, and share communion, together with Christians around the globe. Following worship we will recess to the front steps of the sanctuary for our church picnic. The church will provide drinks, fried chicken, and invites you to bring a side or dessert to share. A refugee family, recently resettled in Richmond, will join us for lunch and games on the lawn. On World Communion Day, it is hard to think of anything more fitting for us to do together than to learn about the realities some of our neighbors experience, to worship and celebrate communion as a fellowship with followers of the Way around the globe, and to continue the feast in the neighborhood! Please join us for this special Sunday!

Peace,
Courtney

Our next newsletter will be published September 27th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 25th

Visit us online at www.gbconline.org or email us at office@gbconline.org

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Meetings

September 24
 Children's Commission Meeting
 Personnel Commission
 12:00 pm

September 25
 Stewardship Commission Meeting
 6:30 pm

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

<u>September 2017</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>September Birthdays</u>
September 24 Youth to Westminster Canterbury	9:45 am Sunday School	Richard Cross 1
Grace on Tap Legend Brewing 6:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Makayla Levison 2
<u>October 2017</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	Chip Hardy 7
October 1 Church Picnic	12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies	Luke Smith 9
October 8 The Blessing of the Animals On the Portico Bring your beloved pet for a liturgy of blessing upon all of God's creatures. 4:00 pm	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Karen Hudson 13
	5:45 pm Dinner	Christine Baker 13
	6:30 pm The Welcome Table	Forrest Anne Hill 15
	7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Virginia Hobson 15
		Ellen Broen 15
		Amelia Flora 17
		Jennifer Miller 18
		Royce Savelle 18
		Judd Paxton 20
		Jennifer Dickerson 21
		Sierra Blakley 26
		Marilyn Hunter 28
		Martha Hagy 28
		Sarah Grace 29
		Timberlake
		Cyndi Byrkeland 29

The Welcome Table Menu

Weekly Wednesday meals are scheduled from September to mid-June.
 Reservations are requested. Sign up on the hall table next to the Church Office
 or with our online form found on our Facebook page.
 The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 3-11).

September 20 5:45 PM Extra Billy's BBQ	September 27 5:45 PM Baked Potato Bar	October 4 5:45 PM Turkey Chili Corn Bread Salad
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The Welcome Table at Grace

Do you like to eat? Do you like to laugh? Do you enjoy taking an evening off from kitchen duty? Come and gather with us on Wednesday nights at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will gather around the table each Wednesday this fall to love and serve the Lord through our feasting and fellowship. Our overarching theme will include ways we will "take, bless, break, and give" as we share stories, sing songs, and practice spirituality. Children and youth will have times of togetherness, movement, and study alongside adults and as peer groups. We'll jazz our menu with new offerings from some favorite establishments in town. Be sure to [sign up for the weekly meal online](#) or outside the church office so you can enjoy the feasting and fellowship.

Welcome, Fall for Families 2017!

Whether you find yourself longing for the warmth of summer, September is here with the signs of fall. We're feeling the cooler temperature, seeing leaves beginning to change, and noticing even the smell in the air is different. With September comes the shift from summer into full-school mode for many, including our church family life. Fall sports and activities give us life and help us to experience delight. You may be sporting new backpacks or shoes and so you're feeling the excitement of a new academic year.

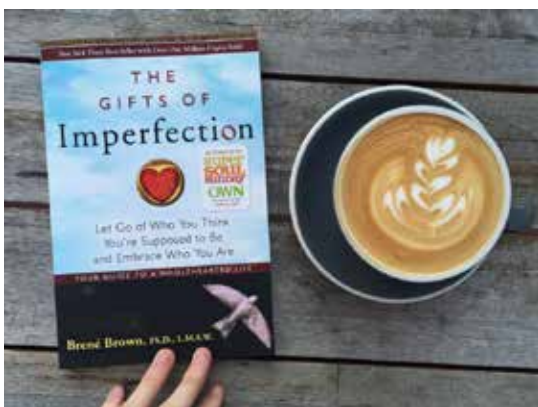
Fall for Families at Grace will be inviting us to engage our senses in and out of our church building. Each month we will offer a Family Fellowship Event aimed to create the time and space to be community together. In September, we will swim at the Cross's pool and play outdoor games. In October, we hope to visit Loving Acres farm. In November, we will play games and make and share meal together.

You will notice new Worship Bags featuring our church logo hanging near each entrance into worship. These will be filled with Worship Enrichment for children to use during our services. The aim of these is that they are returned at the end of each week to be used again and again. If you or your child wants your own bag to fill, we will be offering these for purchase.

Looking ahead, please know that there will be integrated approaches to our Welcome Table gatherings on Wednesday nights, music, art, and story filling our Sunday School hour for our PreK+Kindergarden Class and 2nd-5th grade Class. We hope to see everyone joining into the gatherings and fellowship activities we've planned. AND all are welcome. If you long to play like a child, come. If you want to explore the world through being present to our families, come.

While some of our faith traditions continue, new spaces to engage our hands in mission and ministry will begin to take shape. It's an exciting time for our Families and wider church Family at Grace Baptist Church. Let us love and serve the Lord as one.

peace. light.
Rev. Suzanne L. Vinson



New Sunday School Offering: The Gifts of Imperfection

Lisa Webb and Beverly Pugh will be co-leading a book discussion on Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday September 10th, for six Sundays. We will be reading and discussing "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown. Books are available in the church office for \$5.00. Come join us as we learn together about courage, compassion and connection!

Youth Schedule

9/24	Westminster Canterbury	12-3 pm
9/28	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
10/1	Church Picnic & Games	

Youth Fall Retreat

This October the youth will be traveling to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg VA for the CBFVA Fall Retreat! Our focus will be what it means to be a community. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives". We hope to better understand what the beloved community is. Our youth are excited and ready for this amazing retreat.

Notes of Thanks

Many thanks to everyone for all the concern, prayers, calls and offers of help during Carlos' illness and hospitalization. It was extremely rare to have improved as quickly as he did and I'm sure all the prayers on his behalf was the reason. He will be on two to three more weeks of I.V. antibiotics that I will give him at home. We hold our church family in our heart and feel blessed to be part of such a loving, caring community such as Grace.

Sincerely,

Terry, James, Carlos, and Milagros Cavet

The Family of Dee Marshall, friend of Susan Freeman and Phil Hale express their deep gratitude and appreciation for the prayers during their loved ones illness.

Mission Opportunities

October 5, Grace will provide brunch for the 50+ homeless at Oregon Hill Baptist Center.

If you would like to be a part of this important mission by providing a casserole or serving at the Center PLEASE contact Cheryl Crawford 804-272-4174 or Cac3289@gmail.com

October 22, 3rd Annual River City Faith Network meeting at St. Paul's Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Grace is allowed 5 messengers, if you would like to be one please contact Barbara Scott 804-262-3432 or rbrscott@gmail.com

New Pew Bibles

On Sunday, September 17, we dedicated New Revised Standard Version Pew Bibles, given in memory of Horace Hughes. The NIV Pew Bibles we have previously used are available in the fellowship hall if you would like one or would like to find one previously given in honor or memory of someone. They will be available for pickup for two weeks before they will be given to another River City Faith Network Church.



Choir News

The Chancel Choir has dived right into Christmas music this month, but it is not too late for you to join us if you would like to sing with the choir for our Dec.

17 Service of Lessons and Carols. The choir will also

have a singing part in our Dec. 10 presentation of "Brother Heinrich's Christmas" by John Rutter, and you are welcome to join us as we prepare for that, also. We rehearse at 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 pm
Grace Baptist Church

Calling all dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, turtles, and other beloved pets...



Grace on Tap Continues This Fall!

Join us for conversations on faith,
2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 pm

September 24 Legend Brewing
321 W. 7th St.

October 8 Ardent
3200 W. Leigh St.

October 22 Richmond Wine Station
2930 W. Broad St.



Windsor Farms Fall Festival

Sunday, September 24th at the Church Green

3:00 to 6:00 PM

Performance by Jonathan Austin at 4:30 PM

Food & Beverage Trucks

Cheezilla's Grilled Cheese

Kona Ice•Opa

Growlers To Go Tap Trailer

(MUST present a valid ID in order to purchase alcohol. All vendors accept cash, credit, and debit.)

Activities

Balloon Twisting

Face Painting

Bounce Houses•Petting Zoo

Visit with Richmond

Fire and Police Officers

What to Bring

Friends and Family• Games to Share• Lawn Chairs

QUESTIONS? Contact the Windsor Farms Office
at 353-4221, ext. 100 or office@windsorfarms.org





October 2 at 7:00 pm

Weinstein-Rosenthal Forum on Faith, Ethics, & Global Society

Alice Jepson Theater Modlin Center for the Arts

Renewing common life in a fractured and tender world.

Our young century is awash with urgent questions of survival, of meaning, of how we structure our common life, and who we are to each other. And yet it seems we are more divided than ever before — unable to listen and speak across the differences we must engage to create the world we want for ourselves and our children. Krista Tippett's public radio show and podcast, [On Being](#), brings a vast range of voices to the animating questions at the center of life: What does it mean to be human, and how do we want to live? Her [Civil Conversations Project](#) has focused these questions on public life, in practical terms, for communities from the deep south to Harvard Law School. She will speak with us about how we can all begin to create the conversations we want to be hearing where we live and how communities of faith bring important wisdom to this 21st century calling.

About Krista Tippett | Public Radio Show Host • Journalist • Author



Krista Tippett is a Peabody Award-winning broadcaster and *New York Times* best-selling author. She is creator and host of *On Being*, which airs on over 400 public radio stations and was named one of the 50 best podcasts of 2016 by The Atlantic. President Barack Obama awarded Krista with the National Humanities Metal in 2014 for “thoughtfully delving into the mysteries of human existence.”

Krista's books include *Speaking of Faith* (2007), *Einstein's God* (2010), and *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* (2016), which was deemed best nonfiction book of 2016 by *The Washington Post* and *The Library Journal*. Krista grew up in Oklahoma, the granddaughter of a Southern Baptist preacher. She was educated at Brown University (B.A.) and Yale Divinity School (M.Div.) and spent much of the 1980s in divided Germany where she was a stringer for *The New York Times* and a freelance correspondent for *Newsweek*, *The International Herald Tribune*, the BBC, and *Die Zeit*.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Jennifer Dickerson
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EXTENSION MEMBER

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CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, September 20, 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
Nell Hobson
Shirley Lam

Members with Continuing Needs

Mac Angell
Dara Fennell Baker
Brynna Boykin-Carter
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
Denyse Hunt
John Luck
Wade McGinley
Bevely Pugh
Jim Rothrock
Maurianne Roberson

JOYS AND PRAISES

Welcome **Bob and Sandy Wynne** who joined Grace on September 10 on transfer of letter.
9150 Gregory Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Lucinda Larson, recovering from hospitalization and infection.
5013 Devonshire Rd. Richmond, VA 23225

Tina Barden, friend and coworker of **Jennifer Miller**, beginning stem cell transplant protocol for myeloma and hospitalization beginning 9/6. *1826 Summer Wind Lane, Maidens, VA 23102*

Mavis Baldwin, mother of **Robin Baldwin**, in rehab and recovering from broken hip at Johnston Willis.
3512 King Farm Dr., Midlothian, VA 23113

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ✓ **Betty Pugh Mills**, pray for relief from neuropathy in feet and hands due to chemo.
- ✓ 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*
- ✓ Constance Shearin, cousin of **Mac Angell**, is recovering from a fall at The Laurels at Willow Oaks.
- ✓ Cori Ferguson, 19, Stage 3 (invasive ductal) cancer in both breasts. Scheduled for removal in a month
Parents Greg and Sandra Ferguson, 53, has Alzheimer's-Friends of **Susanne Freeman & Phil Hale**.
- ✓ Friend of **Susanne Freeman and Phil Hale**, Charles Warren is terminally ill with cancer.
- ✓ Nephew of **Susanne Freeman**, Kenneth Butler is terminally ill with cancer.
- ✓ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*
- ✓ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, 9 weeks of chemo followed by surgery has produced great results. After time to heal, 9 more weeks of chemo on schedule.
- ✓ 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 Tuberos Sclerosis.

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, September 24

Acolyte: Camryn Dickerson

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Nancy Whitmore
 Worship: Kathy Berry

Chimer: Luke Smith

Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Dickerson

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin
 David Boykin
 Bernie Henderson

Money Counters:
 Jenny Griffin
 Cheryl Crawford

Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin

Sound System: Don Hill

Sunday, October 1

Acolyte: Spencer Anderson

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship: Roger Pittard

Chimer: Gillian Anderson

Deacon of the Week: David Carter

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:
 Bob Hamlet
 Karen Hamlet
 Lisa Webb
 Tina Webb

Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks
 Sharon Whitlock
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin

Sound System: Brian Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2017:	\$406,899.43
Total Gifts Given 2017:	\$283,404.83
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$123,494.60

<u>September 17</u>	
Gifts given:	\$6135.23
Other Income:	\$885.00

PLEASE NOTE

- Outside the office you can find:
- Church Budget
 - Birthdays (September)
 - 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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