

January 10, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

“Where We Are Going Not
Where We’ve Been”

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, January 21

“The Muscle Memory of
Discipleship”

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Courtney Allen

A Word from our Pastor....

What a joy it was to gather together for worship on Epiphany Sunday! I was amazed that almost a hundred of you braved the cold and made your way to Grace, and I was reminded of how deeply our souls long to gather, worship, sing, praise, and connect with God! In Sunday’s sermon I mentioned “design thinking,” as a concept from the Silicon Valley which relies on iterating multiple ideas through prototypes. Design thinking involves trying things out in reality and not just in theory, and learning from each prototype and redesigning as you go along.

Recognizing how integral worship is to our lives of faith, as a staff we’ve been developing an experiment, a prototype if you will, of an additional worship offering in early 2018—*Space for Grace*. *Space for Grace* will be at 4 pm on the third Sundays for the next several months. In our dreaming and imagining, we used the following words and phrases to describe the kind of worship space we hope to create: room to evolve, different styles, experiential, inviting, depth-filled, fresh, in the round, family and child friendly, fulfilling, calming, and tangible.

On Sunday, January 21 at 4 pm, we will gather on the chancel in the sanctuary for the first iteration of *Space for Grace* and will focus on “Being Here.” We imagine that the future iterations of *Space for Grace* will include a variety of music, liturgy, styles, and even locations! We look forward to gathering with you on the 3rd Sunday afternoons for *Space for Grace*.

With gratitude and hope,

Courtney



A word of gratitude from the GBC Staff....

We give great thanks for your generosity and expressions of love through the Christmas love offering! It is a joy and a privilege to serve as a staff member at Grace and to be in ministry with you in this place! We are grateful for your support and kindness during this season!

With gratitude,

Aly, Bryce, Courtney, Sam, Susan,
Suzanne, Theresa, Tina, and Wanda

*Our next newsletter will be
published January 17th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, January 15th*

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Meetings

January 14
 Missions Commission
 12:00 pm

January 16
 Deacons Meeting
 6:00 pm

January 23
 Church Council Meeting
 6:30 pm

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

January	Sundays	January Birthdays																														
<p>January 14 Grace on Tap Vasen Brewing 6:00 pm</p> <p>January 15 Church Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>January 21 Space for Grace: Being Here Worship 4:00 pm</p> <p>January 31 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>Wednesdays</p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies <i>Resumes February 7th</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm The Welcome Table</p> <p>7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr><td>Wesley Wagg</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Cindy Blakley</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Gay Bachtell</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Judith Bailey</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Randy Scott</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Colin Hudson</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane Rothrock</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Timmy Miller</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Ellen Burhans</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Temple Paxton</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Carole Jones</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>Mac Angell</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Susanne Freeman</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Katelynn Rogers</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Roger Pittard</td><td>31</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Wesley Wagg	1	Cindy Blakley	3	Gay Bachtell	6	Judith Bailey	8	Randy Scott	9	Colin Hudson	15	Jane Rothrock	17	Timmy Miller	17	Ellen Burhans	18	Temple Paxton	20	Carole Jones	22	Mac Angell	25	Susanne Freeman	26	Katelynn Rogers	27	Roger Pittard	31
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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).

<p>January 10 5:45 PM Jason's Deli Pasta Bar</p>	<p>January 17 5:45 PM Extra Billy's BBQ</p>	<p>January 24 5:45 PM Sticks Kabob</p>
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Grace on Tap

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

January 14 *Väsen Brewing Company*
 3331 Moore St. Richmond 23230

January 28 Richmond Wine Station
 2930 W. Broad St. Richmond 23230

Note of Thanks from Sandy Morrison

Thank you for the prayers and lovely cards during my treatments. I have been blessed to be a part of the GBC family.

GBC FAITH COMMUNITY DEFINES "AWESOME"

Casseroles and Carols -- have made a Christmas season the McNeils (and Spiridopoulos') will never forget! What a gift the casseroles were as we settled Sam into home care after his left hip replacement surgery on December 12. You can't imagine the relief after a day of very slow, tender, moving to realize there is a frozen dinner just waiting to be reheated--to say nothing of being delicious, too! Also, Sam has always particularly loved caroling during the Christmas season and this year the carolers came to him--another immeasurable gift of joy. Thank you everyone who provided food and who provided voices. Sam and Jane McNeil

GBC YOUTH SCHEDULE

1/11	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
1/14	Baptism: What is it and why do we do it?	12-3 pm
1/16	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
1/19	Baking Night	6-8 pm
1/21	Worship	5-6 pm
1/26-1/28	Youth Winter Retreat	Massanutten

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH

Area II A.F.C. Service

8:00-8:45 Registration & Continental Breakfast

**Theme: "Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing
Communities"**

Ephesians 4:11-13

COME JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION!!! Panel Topics

SEX TRAFFICKING

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HUMAN JUSTICE & INEQUALITY

**Host Church: Fifth Baptist Church
1415 W. Cary Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220**

**Speaker: Reverend Courtney Allen
Pastor, Grace Baptist CH
Richmond, VA**

**Time: 9:00 - 1:00
When: February 3, 2018**

ALL ARE INVITED! Men, Women, Youth, Ministers and Laity

**For more information contact: Dr. Ora M. Peterson
Southwest Cluster Coordinator
(804) 712-7547**

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Matt Anderson
804-627-0248

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

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
Margaret Jennings
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 **Tina Webb** on her new job as Assistant Director for Finance at VCU School of Dentistry.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Catherine Carter, hospitalized at St. Mary's. Later this week hopes to be released to Beth Shalom for rehabilitation.
10300 Three Chopt Rd., Apt. 213, Richmond, VA 23233

Mary LaMoyné, recovering from compression fracture in healthcare at Lakewood.
1900 Lauderdale Dr., Richmond, VA 23238

Ruthie Rothrock, mother of Jim Rothrock, continues to decline. Her family has gathered around.
3504 Warsaw Terrace, Glen Allen, VA 23060

David and Liz Anderson and baby, Harley Jarred Anderson, cousins of **Matt Anderson** in Savannah, Georgia is in NICU after being born at 25 weeks on December 24.
11411 Wood Brook Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23059

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Robin Baldwin in the death of her mother, Mavis Baldwin, on January 7th in Farmville.
3512 Kings Farm Dr., Midlothian, VA 23113

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ✓ **Sam McNeil**, recovering from hip replacement.
- ✓ Nancy Wretschko, cousin of **Mac Angell**, of Tolido, OH, is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ✓ **Amy Flora**, recovering from surgery for breast cancer on December 14. *4505 Shirley Rd., Richmond, VA 23225*
- ✓ **Sonja Hill**, recovering from shoulder surgery on November 22. *10267 Radford Mill Terr., Mechanicsville, VA 23116*
- ✓ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, has completed 18 weeks of chemo (combined with two surgeries). She will continue with many weeks more of an oral clinical trial.
- ✓ Mary Rounds - 2 year old daughter of friend of the **Fennells**, will be going to *Children's Hospital in Philadelphia* with lifelong unexplained problems that prevent weight gain.
- ✓ 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*
- ✓ **Betty Pugh Mills**, pray for relief from neuropathy in feet and hands due to chemo.
- ✓ Cori Ferguson, 19, has had breast removal and reconstruction surgery. Parents Greg and Sandra Ferguson, 53, has Alzheimer's-Friends of **Susanne Freeman & Phil Hale**.
- ✓ John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**. *3200 Woodland Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060*.
- ✓ 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*
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Chuck Holmes, prostate cancer; Sarah Holmes, wife of Chuck, sister of **Priscilla Biddle** has migraines.
- ✓ Sydney Hughes, granddaughter of **Barbara Hughes** has Tuberous Sclerosis.

RECENT VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Please pick up a copy of Church Family Matters outside the church office for more information on recent GBC visitors.

Please add / remove names by contacting the church office at 804-353-0134 or gbchurch@gbconline.org.

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.

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Sunday, January 14</u>	<u>Sunday, January 21</u>
Acolyte:	Acolyte:
Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Karen Hamlett Worship: Karen Hamlett	Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship:
Chimer:	Chimer:
Deacon of the Week: Matt Anderson	Deacon of the Week:
Extension Member: Lois France	Extension Member: Nell Hobson
Greeters/Ushers: Cheryl Crawford Susanne Freeman Joe Griffin Jenny Griffin	Greeters/Ushers: Chip Hardy Jesse Kent Sue Kay Lam-Kent
Money Counters: Jenny Griffin Joe Griffin Marilyn Hunter	Money Counters: Susan Hebel Chad Hudson Jesse Kent
Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson	Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent
Sound System: Chad Hudson	Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$ 412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 10,935.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$ 401,881.00
<u>January 7</u>	
Gifts given:	\$10,935.00
Other Income:	\$3295.38

PLEASE NOTE

- Outside the office you can find:
- Church Budget
 - Birthdays (January)
 - Church Directory
 - Church Newsletter (Weekly)
 - SIGN UP SHEETS