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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



# GRACE

Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 21**

“The Muscle Memory of  
Discipleship”

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Courtney Allen

**Sunday, January 28**

“Broken People”

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Courtney Allen

### *A Word from our Pastor....*

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” and the spiritual practice of being present in our age of “continuous partial attention.” 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoons for *Space for Grace*.

In other exciting news at Grace, near the end of the year, the Missions Commission and pastor became aware of an opportunity for a team to do disaster response in Puerto Rico through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. With a quick turnaround on signups and airfare, we have a team of eight from Grace who have said yes to serving February 15-19 in Puerto Rico: Colin Bedell, Paul Brockwell, Faith Dickerson, Chad and Karen Hudson, Jesse Kent, Sue Lewis, and Courtney Allen.

Our hope is that this team will be just the beginning of more opportunities such as these to serve in our city and world. We will commission this team for service in worship on February 11, and hold them in our prayers as they travel, serve, and care. Team members are paying a portion of the cost and GBC mission funds will also assist. If you'd like to support the efforts of this team, please mark your contribution for “Puerto Rico Mission Team.”



*Our next newsletter will be  
published January 24th*

*The deadline for submissions is  
Monday, January 22nd*

Visit us online at [www.gbconline.org](http://www.gbconline.org)  
or email us at [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org)

With gratitude and hope,

Courtney

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**Meetings:**

January 21  
 Children's Commission Meeting  
 12:00 pm

January 23  
 Church Council Meeting  
 6:30 pm

February 4  
 Deacon's Retreat  
 12:00 – 4:00 pm

February 10  
 Church Council Retreat  
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).*

<p><b>January</b></p> <p>January 21                  Space for Grace: Being Here                  4:00 pm</p> <p>January 26-28                  Youth Winter Retreat</p> <p>January 28                  Grace on Tap                  Richmond Wine Station                  6:00 pm</p> <p>January 29                  Serving a Meal at                  Liberation Veteran Services                  5:30 pm</p> <p>January 31                  Quarterly Business Meeting                  6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Sundays</u></b></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p><b><u>Wednesdays</u></b></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies  <i>Resumes February 7<sup>th</sup></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>	<p><b><u>January Birthdays</u></b></p> <table border="1"> <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> </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><b>January 17</b>                  5:45 PM                  Extra Billy's BBQ  <b>CANCELLED</b></p>	<p><b>January 24</b>                  5:45 PM                  Sticks Kabob</p>	<p><b>January 31</b>                  5:45 PM                  Quarterly Business Meeting                  Catered by Sallie Cross</p>
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## The Welcome Table - Wednesday, January 24th



Grace welcomes **Casey Freeman**, ceramic artist and art instructor at Orchard House School, to our Wednesday night fellowship. Casey will lead us in creating "word rocks" that we will use in our Lenten Journey this year, and we will make enough for sharing.

Please RSVP for the Welcome Table for the 5:45 meal. You're invited to join us for the program from 6:30-7:15.

We're excited for this unique opportunity to use our hands, hearts, and minds in preparation for our Lenten Journey and appreciate Casey's leadership.

## Youth Schedule

1/19	Baking Night	6-8 pm
1/21	Space For Grace	4-5 pm
1/25	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
1/26-28	Youth Winter Retreat	Massanutten
1/30	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
2/4	Westminster	12-3 pm



## Grace on Tap

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

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

**February 11** The Circuit  
3121 W. Leigh St. Richmond 23230

## Word of Thanks from Ron Carter

Dear Friends at Grace, Children Incorporated received a check just this morning in the amount of \$1,555, funds donated to support our work through the GBC Mission Market in December. As I opened the envelope and saw that generous gift, I was filled with not only appreciation for the money, which we will use to feed and clothe needy children in Richmond and beyond, but also a deep sense of pride for my church. It means a great deal to me that Grace understands that our faith dictates that we share our wealth and blessings with others. Through the generosity and caring of Grace, Children Incorporated is but one of the many helping organizations that become, in essence, the hands of Jesus reaching out to make the burdens of others a bit lighter. Thank you, my church family, for following and for leading! – Ron

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

*Consideration will take place at our Jan. 31 Business Meeting.*

Former members of the special task force established to review our constitution and bylaws remain so fulfilled from their past work that they could not refrain from the ongoing process of review and improvements to our governing documents. Accordingly, Archie Yeatts and Paul Brockwell propose an amendment to Article V, Section C-3 to formally capture the approved practices of the church when it comes to commission chair and member term limits. While the congregation approved these practices several years ago, our task force's prior diligence failed to capture them in our bylaw amendments. The former task force members apologize for this oversight and are thankful that provisions for punishing members were removed from the bylaws many years ago. — Archie and Paul

***We propose the following: To amend and re-enact Article V, Section C-3, related to commission term limits to insert the underlined text as indicated below:***

### *3. Commissions*

*Members of church commissions shall be elected by the congregation for three-year terms and may be re-elected for a second consecutive term. A member must rotate off a year before being eligible for re-election for a third term to that commission. ~~Commission chairs may serve no more than three consecutive years.~~ Chairs of each commission shall be elected annually for a one-year term by the congregation and may serve no more than three consecutive years. Officers of the church cannot serve concurrently as chairs of a commission. Each commission shall consist of no fewer than six members.*

*The duties of each commission shall be established by the Church Council, and approved annually each fall by the congregation. The commissions are: Adult Education, Children, Fellowship, Missions, Outreach, Personnel, Properties, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth. In the event of a commission chair vacancy, the moderator, in consultation with commission members, shall appoint a new chair, to be confirmed by the congregation at the next regular business meeting. Commission vacancies that result in fewer than six members shall be filled by appointment from the moderator and must be confirmed by the congregation at the next regular business meeting. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of that term and any such service shall not be applicable to any term limit.*

### **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

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

Chris Baker  
804-564-5347

**EXTENSION MEMBER**

Nell Hobson  
9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive  
Apartment 341  
North Chesterfield, VA 23235



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, January 17, 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**

We celebrate with John Hill, father of **Sonja Hill**, on the report of a cancer free status!

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

**Mary LaMoyne**, remains in healthcare at Lakewood as she rebuilds strength and her back heals from the fracture.  
*1900 Lauderdale Dr., Richmond, VA 23238*

**Catherine Carter**, was admitted to Beth Sholom for rehab and continues to be grateful for our prayers, visits, and cards.  
*1600 John Rolfe Pkwy., Henrico, VA 23238*

Joe Banks, grandson of **Suzanne Freeman**, has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C.  
*3037 Waddington Dr., Richmond, VA 23224-5723*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to...*

**Jim Bachtell**, on the death of his father, Edward Bachtell, on Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, in Maryland.  
*1319 New York Ave., Glen Allen, VA 23060*

**Jim Rothrock**, on the death of his mother, Ruth Rothrock, on Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, in Martinsville, VA.  
*3504 Warsaw Terrace, Glen Allen, VA 23060*

**Brian Hill**, on the death of his maternal grandmother, Joyce Easter, on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, in England.  
*2317 Essex Rd., Richmond, VA 2322*

### Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ **Amy Flora**, recovering from surgery for breast cancer on December 14. *4505 Shirley Rd., Richmond, VA 23225*
- ❖ Nancy Wretschko, cousin of **Mac Angell**, of Toledo, OH, is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Sam McNeil** recovering from hip replacement on December 12<sup>th</sup>. *524 Williamsdale Dr., North Chesterfield, VA 23235*
- ❖ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, is undergoing more chemo for ovarian cancer after scan revealed new lesions as well as growth of old lesions. Please pray for relief from nausea and that chemo will be effective.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Betty Pugh Mills**, pray for relief from neuropathy in feet and hands due to chemo.
- ❖ Cori Ferguson, 19, has completed all treatments for breast cancer and is back at school full time! Parents Greg and Sandra Ferguson. Sandra, 53, continues decline from Alzheimer's-Friends of **Susanne Freeman & Phil Hale**.
- ❖ 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 Baldwin, father of **Robin Baldwin** is 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](mailto: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

## Sunday, January 21

Acolyte:  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School:  
   Worship:  
 Chimer:  
 Deacon of the Week: Chris Baker  
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
 Chip Hardy  
 Jesse Kent  
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent  
 Money Counters:  
 Susan Hebel  
 Chad Hudson  
 Jesse Kent  
 Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent  
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

## Sunday, January 28

Acolyte:  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School: Sallie Cross  
   Worship:  
 Chimer:  
 Deacon of the Week:  
 Extension Member: Margaret Jennings  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
 Richard Cross  
 Sallie Cross  
 David Boykin  
 Bernie Henderson  
 Money Counters:  
 Sallie Cross  
 Sharon Whitlock  
 Opener/Closer: Richard Cross  
 Sound System: Don Hill

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$ 18,687.00</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$394,129.00</b>

<u>January 14</u>	
Gifts given:	\$7,752.00
Other Income:	\$ 687.83

### PLEASE NOTE

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

