

January 24, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28

“Broken People”

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, February 4

Deacon Ordination
and
Installation

A Word from our Pastor....

As we come to the end of the first month of 2018, I'm grateful for all that is happening in our community of faith. Last night our Puerto Rico team had a conference call with other Cooperative Baptist Fellowship team members including a BTSR student and others from Atlanta, Knoxville, and Florida. Jesus Garcia, pastor of the Baptist Church of Metropolis in San Juan, said that some of their church members are still without power and some remain without water. Power has been restored to about 70% of the island. Our team learned more about what to expect and the schedule for our time there February 15-19.

This weekend our youth will be on their Winter Retreat at Massanutten where they will fellowship, play, and reflect on loving and honoring one another.

The This is Grace Task Force will meet Sunday afternoon to wrestle with significant questions about Grace's identity, mission, and calling, and we covet your prayers.

Next Monday afternoon Grace will serve and share a meal with veterans at Liberation Veterans' Services.

And on Wednesday evening, January 31st, Grace will gather for a meal and our Quarterly Business Meeting to make important decisions about the life of our church and our partnership with God's work in the world.

These are exciting times, and it is a joy to be in ministry with you in this place!

Peace,

Courtney

Wednesday, February 7th

Hymn Sing with HopeTree Family Services

At the Welcome Table on Wednesday evening, February 7th, we will host adults with developmental disabilities from HopeTree Family Services homes in the Richmond area. Our HopeTree friends will join us for dinner (5:45 pm) and singing (6:30 pm), and we hope you'll come be a part of this evening to share, sing, and fellowship.

Our next newsletter will be published January 31st

The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 29th

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Meetings:

January 30
 Properties Commission Meeting
 Room 4
 5:30 – 5:30 pm

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

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

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

<u>January</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>January Birthdays</u>
January 26-28 Youth Winter Retreat	9:45 am Sunday School	Wesley Wagg 1
January 28 Grace on Tap Richmond Wine Station 6:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Cindy Blakley 3
January 29 Serving a Meal at Liberation Veteran Services 5:30 pm	<u>Wednesdays</u>	Gay Bachtell 6
January 31 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 pm	12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies Resumes February 7th	Judith Bailey 8
	4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Randy Scott 9
	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Colin Hudson 15
	5:45 pm Dinner	Jane Rothrock 17
	6:30 pm The Welcome Table	Timmy Miller 17
	7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Ellen Burhans 18
		Temple Paxton 20
		Carole Jones 22
		Mac Angell 25
		Susanne Freeman 26
		Katelynn Rogers 27
		Roger Pittard 31

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).

January 24 5:45 PM Sticks Kabob	January 31 5:45 PM Quarterly Business Meeting	February 7 5:45 PM Sgt. Pepper's Pizza
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The Welcome Table - Wednesday, January 31st
Quarterly Business Meeting
Menu: Catered by Sallie Cross

Spicy Vegetable Soup Mixed Green Salad Sandwiches Raw Apple Cake

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

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

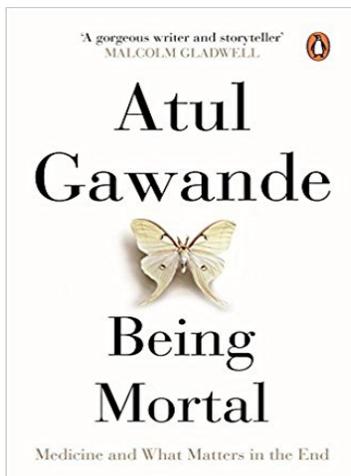
Former members of the special task force established to review our constitution and bylaws remain so fulfilled from their past work that they could not refrain from the ongoing process of review and improvements to our governing documents. Accordingly, Archie Yeatts and Paul Brockwell propose an amendment 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.

Lent 2018



Because Lent is a season in which we remember “that we are dust and to dust we shall return,” this Lent we will be reading *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. In riveting and honest ways, the book discusses the inescapably realities of aging and death. Dr. Gawande describes how the medical field often neglects finding out what desires people have beyond mere survival. Starting February 18 each Sunday during Lent, we will have a Sunday School class focused on questions such as these: When should medicine try to fix and when should it not? How can we be authors of the life we live? How can we enable wellbeing in the end stages of life? Our Wednesday evening programming will also focus on these important questions so stay tuned for more information on specific sessions. You can purchase *Being Mortal* in the office for \$8.

Theresa Steward to Present at Yale Symposium

We all know that our organist/pianist Theresa Steward makes wonderful musical contributions to worship at GBC regularly, but you may not know about her scholarly activities away from the church. Recently she was invited to be a part of a symposium titled, "Popular Music & Society in Iran: New Directions," sponsored by the Yale University MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, through the Program in Iranian Studies. Theresa's presentation at the symposium is titled, "We Rap for Persia: The Cultural Revolution of *Rap-e Farsi* (Iranian hip-hop)." Here is a link to the website for the event: <https://iranianstudies.macmillan.yale.edu/popular-music-and-society-iran-new-directions>

Youth Schedule

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
2/8	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
2/9	Lock In	8 pm – 8 am



Grace on Tap

Join us for conversations on faith the 2nd and 4th 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

Oregon Hill Laundry Ministry – POD Sunday



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Oregon Hill Baptist Center is in need of donations for their laundry ministry to the homeless. The detergent PODS are preferred. The collection tub will be across from the office on **February 4th and 11th**. Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

Exploring Refugee Ministry Opportunities

Recent conversations about the plight of refugees have prompted the Mission Commission to initiate the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore the relationship of Grace and the International Rescue Committee refugee program in 2018.

Some options for involvement include:

- A. Collections: To collect needed household items, electronic devices, televisions, furniture, vehicles and clothing. Also consider providing gift cards for shopping.
- B. Driver/Mentors: Train 5-10 volunteer drivers to transport refugee family members to social service agencies, doctors, schools, job interviews, banks, shopping locations and other places.
- C. English as a Second Language (ESL): To train volunteers to teach English to refugee family members (often the mother). 10 to 15 volunteers. We will need to find a person who has some experience with ESL as our instructor.
- D. Employment Mentors: To recruit volunteers to search for jobs for refugee adults, write or refine resumes, make employment contacts and perhaps develop a job bank. These persons will seek to find resources such as the Virginia Employment Commission, job training sites and driver's licenses. They will need to seek jobs which best match the refugee's skills and interests.
- E. Youth Initiative: Youth might sponsor a covered dish recreational event for refugee families. They might take refugee youth for such things as shopping, pizza, sporting activities, ice cream, McDonalds, movies, bowling, etc.
- F. Attend training events being offered by IRC, First Baptist, Tabernacle Baptist or other interested parties.
- G. To alert our legislators about state legislation concerning immigration and refugees.

If you are interested in helping shape this ministry and in being actively involved, please contact Judy Bailey - Judith@bledsoebailey.com or 804-740-4037. We will get together immediately after the business meeting on January 31 in order to set a time for our first meeting.

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Margaret Fishel
804.543.6970

EXTENSION MEMBER

Margaret Jennings
Brookdale Gayton Terrace
12401 Gayton Rd,
Richmond, VA 23238
804.741.1011



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, January 24, 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

"I felt embraced by love from my church family and church friends during my recent surgery, recovery and my return back to church. I am truly grateful. Thank you" **Amy Flora**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Mary LaMoyné, 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 Shalom for rehab and continues to be grateful for our prayers, visits, and cards.
1600 John Rolfe Pkwy., Henrico, VA 23238

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

Becky M. Dale, sister in law of **Terry Cavet**, (married to Terry's brother, Mike Dale, a former member of GBC), is in process of chemotherapy for Multiple Myeloma stage 1-2 and squamous cell skin cancer on nose. Surgery is Jan. 24th.

Christian sympathy is extended to **Ann Howe** in the death of her grandson, Adam Moser, on Jan. 21st. *5100 Monument Ave., Apt. 506, Richmond, VA 23230*

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Tyler Etchison, nephew of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, in treatment for several health problems.
- ❖ Nancy Wretschko, cousin of **Mac Angell**, of Toledo, OH, is undergoing radiation treatments
- ❖ John Taylor, friend of GBC and **Wanda Sauley Fennell** from Dorridge Methodist in England, has begun a third round of chemo following spread of a tumor.
- ❖ 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 12th. *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.
- ❖ Greg and Sandra Ferguson, friends of **Susanne Freeman & Phil Hale**. Sandra, 53, continues decline from Alzheimer's.
- ❖ 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.

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 28

Acolyte: Joseph Vinson

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sallie Cross

Worship:

Chimer: Sarah Grace Timberlake

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Fishel

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

Sunday, February 4

Acolyte: Braeden Forester

Childcare Workers:

Sunday School: Sallie Cross

Worship:

Chimer: Cooper Paxton

Deacon of the Week: Barbara Smith

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:

Bob Hamlet

Karen Hamlet

Lisa Webb

Tina Webb

Money Counters:

Jackie Brooks

Cheryl Crawford

Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin

Sound System: Brian Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 26,025.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$386,791.00

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Gifts given:	\$7,338.00
Other Income:	\$ 458.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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