

January 31, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, February 4

Deacon Ordination
and
Installation

Sunday, February 11
Transfiguration Sunday

"The Road Beckons"
Mark 9:2-9
Rev. Courtney Allen

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm

*Our next newsletter will be
published February 7th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, February 5th*

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

Bible Brunch Buddies

Begins February 7th

12:00 pm

Bring a lunch and join us for Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall!

This spring we are going back to the basics! Each week we will approach one of the week's [Revised Common Lectionary](#) passages. Walter Ong, a Jesuit professor at St. Louis University, suggests that the proper question is not "*What does the text mean*" but rather "*How is this text an event in my life?*"

Reading between the lines notes;

““Meaning” questions go right to the head and encourage abstractions, theologizing and endless debate. When one discovers how the story is happening around and between and inside oneself, the world tilts and life can be reinvented. Our exploration with the text will begin “out there and back then” and then will move to “inside and all around us” with three framing questions for each scripture.”

The three simple questions are:

- **What is happening in the text?** Who are the characters? What can we know or suppose about them? What is going on between them? How do they reflect the religious, political, social and even economic struggles of that day?
- **How is the story or text happening around us?** How is it happening in world or nation, office, school, church, neighborhood, day care center, around the corner or over the dining room table? Where do you find it on the front page of your newspaper or on the evening TV? How are the figures familiar and the tensions alive?
- **How is this story your story?** What do you know of the story happening between you and people who matter to you? How is the story a drama going on within you where you meet the same characters engaged in similar life and death struggles?

Please join us as we discover the connections between the scriptures, our stories, and God's ongoing story. During Lent, our conversations will also connect to elements of "Being Mortal: Living the Questions."

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Meetings:

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.

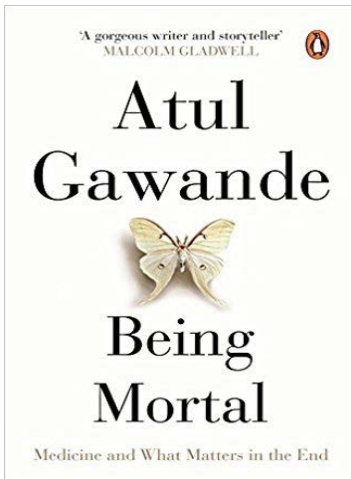
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<u>February</u> Ash Wednesday Service February 14 7:00 pm Puerto Rico Mission Trip February 15-19 Space For Grace February 18 4:00 PM	<u>Wednesdays</u> 12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies Resumes February 7 th 4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm The Welcome Table 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal																																									

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 31 5:45 PM <i>Quarterly Business Meeting</i>	February 7 5:45 PM Sgt. Pepper's Pizza	February 14 5:45PM Baked Potato Bar
Spicy Vegetable Soup Mixed Green Salad Sandwiches Raw Apple Cake		

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.

Youth Schedule

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
2/11	Grace Family Fun Night!	4-7 pm
2/13	Middle School Small Group	6:30 - 7:30 pm
2/18	Space for Grace	5 - 6 pm



Grace on Tap

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

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

February 25 Isley Brewing Company
1715 Summit Ave, Richmond 23230

Grace Family Fun Night!

On February 11th from 4-7pm we will have our first installment of Grace Family Fun Nights. Families are invited to meet at The Circuit in [Scotts Addition \(3121 W Leigh Street\)](#). [The Circuit](#) is a 1980s style arcade filled with pinball, air hockey, skee ball, and classic arcade games. Students come ready to play. Parents come ready to play as well or enjoy the fellowship while your students play the classic games of the past and present. You can even stay for the last hour for Grace on Tap and engage in conversation about faith and life. We hope to see you on February 11th!

Oregon Hill Laundry Ministry – POD Sunday



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.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Barbara Smith
804-832-6198

EXTENSION MEMBER

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave.
Apartment 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, January 31, 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

Welcome new members **Aris Hudgins** and **Trey Woolfolk!**
3800 Tomacee Road, Richmond, 23221

Congratulation to Kayla Bayles Lennon on being hired as Family Support Coordinator at LifeNet Health!

Congratulations to **Sarah Paxton** who won 1st place in the Superfit Games 2018 Championship in Richmond last weekend!

Congratulations to **Sharon Whitlock** on her retirement from VCU in December 2017!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

OB Kelley, neighbor of **Barbara and Randy Scott**, is having open heart surgery on February 6th for Aortic valve repair and 3 bypasses. Later on, after he improves, he will Mitral valve repair. *OB and Bev Kelley, 3313 Manor Grove Circle, Glen Allen, VA 23059*

Wade McGinley, continues to recover from infection and recent hospitalization. *1816 Robindale Road, Richmond, 23235*

Mary LaMoyne, transitioned from healthcare at Lakewood to her apartment 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*

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.

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Joe Banks, grandson of **Susanne Freeman**, has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C.
- ❖ Kathryn Beaver, niece of **Crystal Bayles Lennon**, has been diagnosed with stage III thyroid cancer.
- ❖ 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.

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**

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

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: Bryan Jewell

Sunday, February 11

Acolyte: Camryn Dickerson
 Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Karen Hamlett
 Worship: Cindy Blakley
 Chimer: Wesley Wagg
Deacon of the Week:
 Extension Member: Catherine Carter
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Susanne Freeman
 Jenny Griffin
 Joe Griffin
 Money Counters:
 Jenny Griffin
 Joe Griffin
 Marilyn Hunter
 Opener/Closer: Bryce Williams
 Sound System: Chad Hudson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 31,258.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$381,558.00

January 28

Gifts given:	\$5,233.00
Other Income:	\$ 697.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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