

February 7, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, February 11
Transfiguration Sunday

“The Road Beckons”

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Courtney Allen

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Sunday, February 17

Lent I

Mark 1:9-15

Preacher Allie Osborne

*Our next newsletter will be
published February 14th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, February 12th*

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A Word from the Pastor

At last week’s Quarterly Business Meeting, the church approved a new slate of leaders for the year ahead. Just as some leaders begin new terms of service, we give thanks for all who are rotating off of commissions, the Diaconate, and other positions of leadership. For all the ways they have given of their time and energy, love and leadership to ministry and mission at Grace Baptist Church, I am grateful. Some days I am just amazed at all that happens in the life of the Church and in communities through people who voluntarily invest their lives and resources in what God is doing with and through a particular community of faith.

You may be thinking that I might be inherently biased about the impact and significance of the church in the world, but there’s even data on this! You’ve probably heard non-profits quote the value of volunteer time. In 2016, volunteer time in Virginia came in at a rate of \$26.96 per hour! But, there’s something even more interesting than just the value of volunteer hours, which is the broader community impact of all who dedicate time, energy, and resources to communities of faith.

A 2015 study called [“The Halo Project”](#) looked at the qualitative contributions congregations make to the cultural, spiritual, and social well-being of the community, and assessed these contributions in quantitative monetary terms. The project determined that for every dollar a congregation spends on its programs, a city gets an estimated \$4.77 of common good services. The common good value congregations create, their “halo effect” if you will, comes through weddings, artistic performances, suicide prevention, ending substance abuse, housing initiatives, job training and a whole host of other things that make communities better places to live. Honestly, I didn’t need a study to know that communities of faith have tremendous value and make significant impact, but I am grateful for the reminder that what we do at Grace Baptist Church is always bigger than we can imagine and that God uses what may seem small at first glance in mighty ways.

Thank you to all who have served and all who continue to serve in various capacities at Grace, both formally and informally!

With gratitude,

Courtney

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Meetings:

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.

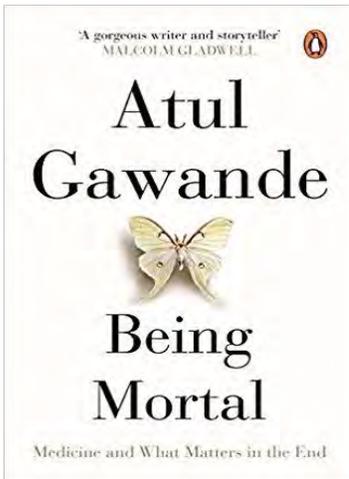
<u>February</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>February Birthdays</u>
Family Fun Day February 11 4:00 pm The Circuit	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	Diego Cross 2 Lois Millard 2 Tina Webb 3 Evette Caumont 4 Brian Hill 6 Ellen Jewell 7 Sue Lewis 10 Sam McNeil 11 Lara Pugh 11 Barbara Smith 11 Susan Anderson 12 Diane Hughes 13 Spencer Anderson 15 Roger Flora 15 Margaret Jennings 21 Susan Levison 23 Mark Biddle 26 Nelson Blakley 26 Jackie Brooks 26 Margaret Sullivan 26
Ash Wednesday Service February 14 7:00 pm	<u>Wednesdays</u> 12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies 4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	
Puerto Rico Mission Trip February 15-19	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:45 pm Dinner	
Space For Grace February 18 4:00 PM	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).

February 7 5:45 PM Sgt. Pepper's Pizza	February 14 5:45 PM Baked Potato Bar	February 21 5:45 PM Soup by Sam
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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

2/8	High School Small Group	6:30 - 7:30 pm
2/9	Lock In	8 pm – 8 am
2/11	Grace Family Fun Day!	4-7 pm
2/13	Middle School Small Group	6:30 - 7:30 pm
2/18	Space for Grace	4:00 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.

NEW HANDBELLS HAVE ARRIVED!

The new handbells arrived at GBC last Wednesday, and they are now in the sanctuary, ready to be rung. Thanks to gifts from individuals as well as the Lyn Luck Music Fund, we now have four octaves of Malmark handbells as well as a new six foot table with foam padding and corduroy table covering. Members of the Properties and Worship Commissions and some other members of our congregation have re-arranged some pews at the rear of the nave to give more open space for the handbells, Thanks to all who have made this possible. The next time you hear the Handbell Choir ring during worship, listen for a different sound as we are able to ring more of the notes, low and high, that are on our scores. We will look forward to dedicating these new instruments of praise to the glory of God in a worship service.

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."

EXTENSION MEMBER

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CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, February 7, 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 two weeks ago!

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

Congratulations to **Page and Sarah Mizell** on their wedding January 18!

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*

Catherine Carter, returned home following rehab at Beth Shalom and continues to be grateful for our prayers, visits, and cards.
10300 Three Chopt Road Apt 213, Richmond, VA 23233

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.

- ❖ 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 Aikulana, 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, 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

Sunday, February 18

Acolyte: Lloyd Jewell

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:

Chimer: Allison Jewell

Deacon of the Week: Darrel Baker

Extension Member:

Ushers:
 Chip Hardy
 Jesse Kent
 Sue-Kay Lam-Kent
 Barbara Sadtler

Money Counters:
 Susan Hebel
 Chad Hudson
 Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Phil Hale

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 31,258.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$373,790.00

<u>February 4</u>	
Gifts given:	7,768.00
Other Income:	402.00

PLEASE NOTE

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