

February 21, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



# GRACE

Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, February 25**

“Living the Questions:  
“Who Do You Say That I  
Am?”

Mark 8:27-38

**Sunday, March 4**

“Living the Questions:  
What Sign Can You Give  
Us?”

John 2:13-22

“Being Mortal: Living the Questions”

American author, Gertrude Stein was nearing the end of her life when she turned to her partner holding vigil at her bed and asked, “Alice, what are the answers?” But Alice Toklas had no reply. After a long silence Stein said, “In that case, what are the questions?” This is one reason that Fredrick Buechner has suggested that instead of just looking in the Bible for the answers it gives, we should first learn to listen for the questions it asks. This Lenten season in worship we will explore the questions asked in the Gospel texts: Who do you say that I am? What sign can you show us? How can one be born again? What should I say? What are you doing? Why are you weeping? What are you looking for? These questions will guide us through the 40 days.

We will also explore questions of living and dying with Atul Gwande’s book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*. During Sunday School on Sunday mornings, we will discuss matters of death with dignity, living well to the end of our lives, and how to have conversations about what matters most with those we love. On Wednesday evenings we will have our resident experts lead us in contemplating practical matters such as self-determination, downsizing, resources for aging adults, advanced directives, and funeral planning.

If the Christian life is living, dying, and rising in Christ, Lent is a good time for us to ask important questions about what matters most to us in life and in death. While the topic of “being mortal” is one many of us would rather put off for another day, all of us, young and old, are dealing with mortality in some way or another—whether that of our parents and grandparents or our own. Wherever you find yourself along life’s journey, I invite you to join with us on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings as we contemplate significant questions for people of faith about life, death, and what matters most to us and those we love.

Grace and peace,

Courtney

Our next newsletter will be  
published February 28<sup>th</sup>

The deadline for submissions is  
Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

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**Meetings:**

**Refugee Committee Meeting**  
 February 25th  
 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Deacon Meeting**  
 March 4  
 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

<u>February</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>February Birthdays</u>
<b>February 25</b>	9:45 am Sunday School	Diego Cross 2
Family Movie Night 4:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Lois Millard 2
Grace on Tap Isley Brewing Company 6:00 pm	<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>	Tina Webb 3
<b><u>March</u></b>	12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies	Evette Caumont 4
<b>March 4</b>	4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Brian Hill 6
Youth at Westminster 12:00 pm	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Ellen Jewell 7
	5:45 pm Dinner	Sue Lewis 10
	6:30 pm The Welcome Table	Sam McNeil 11
	7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	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

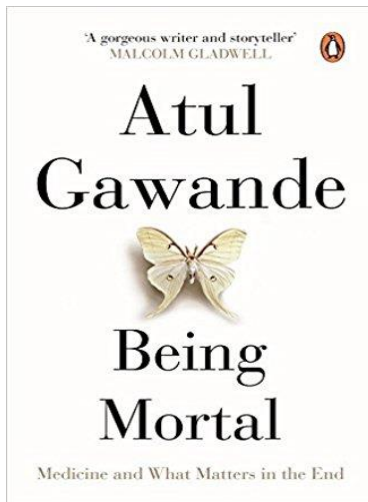
**The Welcome Table Menu**

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).

<b>February 21</b> 5:45 PM Soup by Sam: Cowgirl Stew, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert	<b>February 28</b> 5:45 PM Extra Billy's Barbecue	<b>March 7</b> 5:45 PM Meal by Sam Soft Taco Bar, Black Beans, Dessert
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# Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season



## Wednesday, February 21

"Where I Stand..."

## Sunday, February 25

"Hello: Thinking About Living, Dying, and What Matters Most to Me"

Chapters 2-3

## Wednesday, February 28

"Five Wishes"

## Sunday, March 4

"Dependence and Assistance"

Chapters 4-5

## Wednesday, March 7

"Self-Determination in the Midst of Loss"

Kathy Berry, Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury

"Opportunities and Resources for Aging Adults"

Jim Rothrock, Former Commissioner of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

## Sunday, March 11

"Quality vs Quantity"

Chapters 5-6

## Wednesday, March 14

"Advanced Directives"

Darrel Baker, Family Communication Coordinator, VCU Health

"Donating Life" Bill Berry, LifeNet Health

## Sunday, March 18

"The Courage to Have Hard Conversations"

Chapters 7-8

## Wednesday, March 21

"Making Your Final Arrangement Your Way"

Bernie Henderson

## Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade

## Wednesday, March 28

"Transitions and Downsizing"

Matt Paxton, Co-founder Legacy Navigator

## Lenten Opportunities for Worship and Formation

### March 18

Space for Grace

4:00 pm

### March 25

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade

Join us for breakfast by our GBC Children!

### March 29

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm

### Friday, March 30

Community Good Friday

Service

12:00 pm

### Easter Sunday April 1

Egg Hunt during Sunday

School Hour



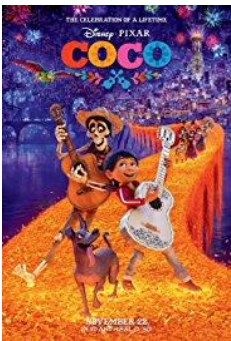
## Easter is Approaching - Order your Easter Flowers Today

We are still in Lent, with our eyes soon in sight of Easter. Place your order for Easter blooms now. You can choose between Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinth, or Daffodils. Each potted plant is \$15. Checks can be made out to Grace Baptist and marked "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. All orders must be placed by Friday, March 17th. Forms are located outside the church office.



## Youth Schedule

February 22	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm	
February 25	Family Movie Night	4-7 pm	All Are Welcome
February 27	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm	
March 4	Westminster	12-3 pm	



## Grace Family Fun Night

Come one come all to our family fun night. February 25th at 4 pm we will meet in the fellowship hall. This is not just for families, but all who want to come and enjoy together! People are invited to bring their favorite lawn chair to sit in. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for free to snack on while the movie is playing.

We will be watching the movie Coco. This Disney film takes place during Dia de los Muertos and follows Miguel as he learns about his family and crosses over to the land of the dead. If you're looking for a beautiful and colorful movie that puts family first this is the film! We are excited to see you all there!

## Mission Madness

On March 16th the youth will be traveling to Waynesboro, Virginia to participate in Mission Madness. This is a weekend full of opportunities to experience missions and build relationships. Our students embody the love of Christ in so many ways. I am proud to watch them share that love with others.





### 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

**February 25**

Isley Brewing Company  
1715 Summit Ave, Richmond 23230

**March 11**

Stone Brewing  
4300 Williamsburg Ave, Richmond 23231

### Sew Blessed

Wednesday, February 28

1-3 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Our Sew Blessed group will meet next Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch to enjoy as we gather together to create "Fidget Mini Quilts" that will be donated to the Memory Care of Westminster Canterbury Richmond. These mini quilts will be both machine and hand stitched to combine color and texture with creative sensory activities for use. All levels of interest are welcome.



### Taking Notice



On the Lenten Resource Table, we are watching the lifecycle of caterpillars turn into butterflies. Five tiny caterpillars the length of a centimeter grew to an inch and a half. Four of those caterpillars made it to the chrysalis stage this week.

Friends of all ages can behold the wonder and joy of creation as seen in the seasons of a butterfly's quick life cycle during Lent. We can be reminded of the rhythms of life's stages and the gift of life by witnessing such a small part of creation.

We enjoy the witness of noticing in our Lenten days. Sometimes it's noticing through the "word rocks" we made at the Welcome Table and have chosen to carry. Sometimes it's the signs of Spring taking form all around us. Sometimes it's noticing the craving for what we've "given up" for Lent. In each of our noticing moments, we open ourselves up to God's presence in our daily lives, and that is a good practice to have.

### Oregon Hill Center Homeless Breakfast

On March 8, 2018, Grace Baptist Church will be partnering with the Oregon Hill Center to provide and serve breakfast to the homeless people who receive services at the center. We will be sharing our delicious dishes and enjoying fellowship with those who attend that day. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the office to volunteer to provide food for the breakfast, as well as to attend the breakfast and help serve. This opportunity gives us a chance to serve those in need and have a delightful morning of fellowship.

In addition to breakfast, we will be providing snack bags for the guests to take with them as they leave the center. We will purchase the needed items with funds from the Missions budget, and will fill the bags at our Wednesday Bible Brunch Buddies gathering.

If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Hunter at (804) 339-6398

**Deacon of the Week**

Jennifer Dickerson  
(804)730-4642

**EXTENSION MEMBER**

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



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, February 21, 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 **Aris and Trey Woolfolk** on their wedding February 10! 3800 Tomacee Road, Richmond, 23221

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

**Sallie Cross** will have knee replacement surgery on February 26<sup>th</sup>. 306 Hollyport Road, Richmond, VA 23229

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*

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. *P.O. Box 14555 Richmond, VA 23221*

**Christian Sympathy is extended to...**

Lynn M. Stovall, mother of **Suzanne L. Vinson**, in the death of her husband, Ron Stovall (Suzanne's step-father). *143 El Pine Road, Pearl, MS 39208*

Christian sympathy is extended to **Sue Levison** and family in the death of her nephew, Stephen Sheffield. *207 N. Juniper Ave, Henrico, VA 23075*

## 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 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.
- ❖ 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](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, February 25

Acolyte: Alyssa Dickerson  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School:  
   Worship:  
 Chimer: Luke Smith  
 Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Dickerson  
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
   David Boykin  
   Bernie Henderson  
 Money Counters:  
   Sallie Cross  
   Sharon Whitlock  
 Opener/Closer: Bryce Williams  
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

## Sunday, March 4

Acolyte: Wyatt Anderson  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School: Cindy Blakley  
   Worship: Cindy Blakley  
 Chimer: Gillian Anderson  
 Deacon of the Week: Cindy Byrkeland  
 Extension Member: Margaret Jennings  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
   Bob Hamlett  
   Karen Hamlett  
   Lisa Webb  
   Tina Webb  
 Money Counters:  
   Jackie Brooks  
   Cheryl Crawford  
   Tina Webb  
 Opener/Closer:  
 Sound System: Bryan Jewell

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$ 39,701.00</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$373,115.00</b>

<u>February 18</u>	
Gifts given:	2,527.00
Other Income:	416.00

### PLEASE NOTE

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