

February 28, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, March 4

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

John 2:13-22

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, March 11

“How Can One Be Born
Again?”

John 3:14-21

Rev. Courtney Allen

Our Puerto Rico team returned last week after some incredible days of serving alongside sisters and brothers in San Juan in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Although Maria made landfall on September 20th, so many areas still do not have power.

Lilla Watson, an Australian activist, said, "If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." These words describe well the approach our team took in partnering with Pastor Jesus Garcia and his church, Iglesias Bautista de Metropolis. We worked on the home of a woman whose late husband was an American Baptist pastor. Alongside neighbors and friends, we put up a fence, new receptacles, painted, yard and debris cleanup, removed tile, among other things.

The people we met and served with were so very welcoming, hospitable, and gracious. When you walk into the front doors of the Pastor Jesus's church, you read "Entramos para adorar, salamis para servir." *Enter to worship, leave to serve.* The congregation practiced these words so beautifully. While the church still has several blown out windows and other damage inside the church which still needs to be repaired, they continue to reach out into the community to share resources, meet the needs of neighbors, and welcome teams like ours.

On Sunday, April 29, following worship our team will share stories and images from the trip--where we experienced God and how we can continue to partner with ongoing needs in Puerto Rico! Join us on the 29th for lunch and stories from Puerto Rico!



Our next newsletter will be
published March 7th

The deadline for submissions is
Monday, March 5th

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or email us at office@gbconline.org

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Meetings:

Adult Education Commission Meeting

March 1
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Deacon Meeting

March 4
 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Space for Grace

March 18
 4:00 pm

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

<u>March</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>March Birthdays</u>
Sunday, March 4	9:45 am Sunday School	David Bailey 1
Youth Serving at Westminster 12:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Joseph Vinson 1
Sunday, March 11	<u>Wednesdays</u>	Greg Miller 8
Wedding Shower for Bryce & Waverly Ann 12:00 pm	12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies	Victoria Rogers 10
Grace on Tap: Stone Brewing 6:00 pm	4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Gillian Anderson 11
March 16-18	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	James Cavet 17
March Mission Madness Youth Weekend	5:45 pm Dinner	Terry Cavet 17
	6:30 pm The Welcome Table	Melissa Jackson 18
	7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Alison Jewell 18
		Baron Blakley 19
		Alyssa Dickerson 21
		Austin Blakley 23
		Ross Miller 23
		Jane McNeil 24
		Shirley Lam 25
		Nancy Whitmore 25
		Ashley McGinley-Bujtas 27
		Glenn Crawford 28
		Joe Griffin 30

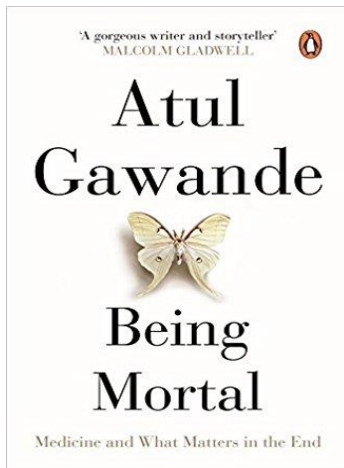
The Welcome Table Menu

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 28 5:45 PM Extra Billy's Barbecue	March 7 5:45 PM Meal by Sam Soft Taco Bar, Black Beans, Dessert	March 14 5:45 PM Jason's Deli Pasta Bar
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Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season



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: Defining a Good Life”

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 Arrangements 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, or [online](#).



Youth Schedule

March 4	Serving at Westminster	12-3 pm
March 8	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
March 13	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
March 16-18	March Mission Madness	6:30-7:30 pm

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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6:00 pm

March 11

Stone Brewing

4300 Williamsburg Ave, Richmond 23231

March 25

Zzaam!

3300 West Cary St, Richmond 23221

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

Cindy Byrkeland
(804)836-6888

EXTENSION MEMBER

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave
Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, February 28, 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
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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Mac Angell, hospitalized at Johnston Willis with infection.
818 W. 46th Street, Richmond, VA 23225

Dara Fennell, hospitalized in PA for sepsis. She is immunosuppressed due to myasthenia gravis treatment. Pray for healing from infection.

John Taylor, friend of GBC, formerly from Dorridge Methodist in England, has begun a round of radiotherapy following spread of a tumor.
23 Ommanney Street, Hamilton Hill, Western Australia 6163

Sallie Cross is recovering from knee replacement surgery on February 26th.
306 Hollyport Road, Richmond, VA 23229

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...

The family of **Margaret Jennings** in her death on February 20th.
Patricia Coor, 704 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, VA 23229
Jennifer Coor, 250 River Hills Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32216

Jean Broache Dagenhart, sister-in-law of **Susanne Freeman**, passed on February 21, 2018.
3037 Waddington Drive, Richmond, VA 23224

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

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
- ❖ Gail, friend of **Wanda Sauley Fennell**, is awaiting approval for more chemo to treat metastasized ovarian cancer as current treatment has not been 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*
- ❖ Sunshine Rae Hughes, infant daughter of Ricky Hughes, great-great niece of **Barbara Hughes** and **Jane Moody** has hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
- ❖ 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, March 4

Acolyte: Spencer Anderson

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Cindy Blakley
 Worship: Cindy Blakley

Chimer: Gillian Anderson

Deacon of the Week: Cindy Byrkeland

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:
 Bob Hamlett
 Karen Hamlett
 Lisa Webb
 Tina Webb

Money Counters:
 Marilyn Hunter
 Cheryl Crawford
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson

Sound System: Bryan Jewell

Sunday, March 11

Acolyte: Alexander Miles

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Cindy Blakley
 Worship: Cindy Blakley

Chimer: Kellan Miles

Deacon of the Week: Stewart Smith

Extension Member: Catherine Carter

Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Susanne Freeman
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin

Money Counters:
 Jenny Griffin
 Joe Griffin
 Jackie Brooks

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Sound System: Chad Hudson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 62,098.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$350,718.00

February 25

Gifts given:	7,512.00
Other Income:	984.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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