

March 7, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, March 11

“How Can One Be Born Again?”

John 3:1-21

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, March 18

“What Should I Say?”

John 12:20-33

Rev. Courtney Allen



Space for Grace
3.18.18 4 p.m.

Join us for a Celtic Prayer Service

Our next newsletter will be published March 14th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 12th

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

A Word from our Pastor...

On the third Sunday of Lent we will gather for Sunday School, worship, and a wedding shower for Bryce Williams and Waverly Ann Jackson. This wonderful season of Bryce and Waverly Ann's lives includes Bryce's ordination to gospel ministry on April 22 at Grace and their wedding on May 19 at Bandit's Ridge in Louisa. The Church has a long history of helping folks mark significant moments along the journey, and at Grace it is a gift to walk alongside Bryce and Waverly Ann during these these significant moments! This Sunday will be our opportunity to love, support, and even equip them with some of the essentials as they as they begin their married life!



Wedding Shower

Bryce Williams and Waverly Ann Jackson

March 11th Following Worship – Fellowship Hall

They are registered at

[Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Amazon.](#)

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 (Ministries Assistant)

Meetings:

Sunday, March 18
 Refugee Committee Meeting
 12:00 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 11	9:45 am Sunday School	David Bailey 1
Wedding Shower for Bryce & Waverly Ann 12:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Joseph Vinson 1
Grace on Tap: Stone Brewing 6:00 pm	<u>Wednesdays</u>	Greg Miller 8
March 16-18	12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies	Victoria Rogers 10
March Mission Madness Youth Weekend	4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Gillian Anderson 11
March 25	5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	James Cavet 17
Breakfast Parade 10:00 am	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).

March 7 5:45 PM Meal by Sam Soft Taco Bar, Black Beans, Dessert	March 14 5:45 PM Jason's Deli Pasta Bar	March 21 5:45 PM Baked Potato Bar
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Grace's Puerto Rico Team Featured in Richmond Times Dispatch!

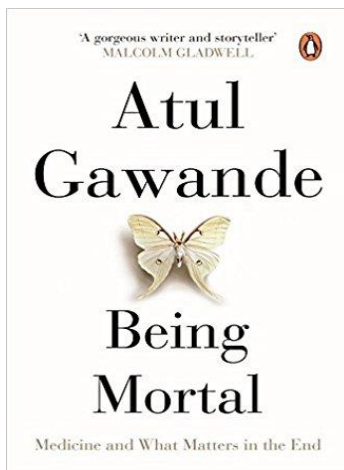


[Richmonders lend a hand in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, find faith and resilience](#)
By Bill Lohmann, Richmond Times-Dispatch, Mar 4, 2018

“The group from Grace Baptist partnered with Pastor Jesus Garcia and his church, Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis. The windows at the church blown out by the storm still had not been replaced as church members went about taking care of the greater community. The Grace group joined them as they worked on a widow’s home in the mountains that was left unlivable by the hurricane. The woman has been staying elsewhere with family. The volunteers removed yard debris, repaired a fence, removed tile and painted in the home, which suffered extensive water damage. Electrical repairs also were performed...”

Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season



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



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

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 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
March 18	Worship	5-6 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.

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade
Join us on Sunday, March 25th for a
Palm Sunday Breakfast.

We'll have delicious savory and sweet dishes for all. The breakfast is a fundraiser for Summer Missions, so you're invited to bring a donation to place in one of our jars. We'll also have a small "art sale" where all proceeds benefit Summer Missions. Following the breakfast, we'll have a Palm Sunday parade around our church. We look forward to such togetherness!
Please sign up for the festivities outside the church office.



Save the Date!
Adult Retreat

April 13-15, 2018
"Planted by God"

Crossroads Retreat Center

Cost: \$150.00

Stay tuned for more details.
Sign up outside church office.

CARITAS is coming!!

We will host families this year during the week of April 28 through May 5. This is probably the last year we will have the privilege of hosting CARITAS in our church as they hope to move into a new facility that will permit the guests more permanent arrangements.

Many hands make work light, so please give thoughtful consideration to how you may help. Team leaders for bag lunches, laundry, showers, setup and clean-up will be asking for volunteers. I will be contacting groups for preparing and serving evening meals, not anticipating any significant changes from previous years. I'll also be rounding up folks for overnights.

Let's make this the best week ever!!! Watch this space for updates.

-Cheryl



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

Deacon of the Week

Stewart Smith
(804)837-6281

EXTENSION MEMBER

Catherine Carter
10300 Three Chopt Road
Apartment 213
Richmond, VA 23233



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, March 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
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, - much improvement after hospitalization last week. Pray for continued good management of the chronic neuromuscular disease myasthenia gravis.
2629 Brown Avenue, Grapeville, PA 15634

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

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

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ 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*
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 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

Sunday, March 18

Acolyte: Katelynn Rogers

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

Chimer: Victoria Rogers

Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch

Extension Member: Lois France

Greeters/Ushers:
 Chip Hardy
 Jesse Kent
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent

Money Counters:
 Susan Hebel
 Chad Hudson
 Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 69,773.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$343,043.00

March 4

Gifts given:	7,675.00
Other Income:	2,033.00

PLEASE NOTE

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