

March 14, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, March 18

“What Should I Say?”

John 12:20-33

Rev. Courtney Allen



A Centering Celtic Service
with Visual Liturgy

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

“What Are You Doing?”

Rev. Courtney Allen

*Our next newsletter will be
published March 2^{1st}*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, March 19th*

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or email us at office@gbconline.org

Last Sunday during the Time with Children, Suzanne reminded all of us that “it is not too late for Lent.” As we approach the fifth Sunday of Lent, it is good to be reminded that it is not too late for the self-examination, fasting, praying, and journeying that Lent invites us into. This Sunday, March 18, we will gather in the sanctuary for our worship experiment, Space for Grace. This month’s Space for Grace will be a Centering Celtic Service and will include visual liturgy with sounds, images, words, and silences which will guide our hearts to center down at this juncture of the Lenten journey. In the remaining time of Lent, I invite you to remember that it is not too late and to join us on Sunday morning and at Space for Grace to experience the essence of Lent and prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

*A Prayer from *Gathering for Worship: Patterns and Prayers for the Community of Disciples**

Lord, lead us into the wilderness
that we may meet you
in the flame that burns but does not destroy.
Help us to put aside our business and stress
and to rediscover silence.
Help us to shut out the clamouring voices
that are around us and inside us,
and listen only for your voice.

Lord, teach us to pray.
Through prayer,
lead us into a deeper communion with you
and nurture within us
a greater concern for your world.

In silence and prayer,
help us to find you
and to be found by you,
that we might be remade
in the likeness of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.

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Meetings:

Sunday, March 18
 Refugee Committee Meeting
 12:00 pm
 Adult Education Commission Meeting
 12:00 pm

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

<p><u>March</u></p> <p>March 16-18</p> <p>March Mission Madness Youth Weekend</p> <p>March 25</p> <p>Breakfast and Parade 10:00 am Family Game Night 4:00 pm Grace on Tap 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies 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</p>	<p><u>March Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>David Bailey</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Joseph Vinson</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Greg Miller</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Victoria Rogers</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Gillian Anderson</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>James Cavet</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Terry Cavet</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Melissa Jackson</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Alison Jewell</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Baron Blakley</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>Alyssa Dickerson</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Austin Blakley</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Ross Miller</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane McNeil</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>Shirley Lam</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancy Whitmore</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Ashley McGinley-Bujtas</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Glenn Crawford</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Joe Griffin</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	David Bailey	1	Joseph Vinson	1	Greg Miller	8	Victoria Rogers	10	Gillian Anderson	11	James Cavet	17	Terry Cavet	17	Melissa Jackson	18	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
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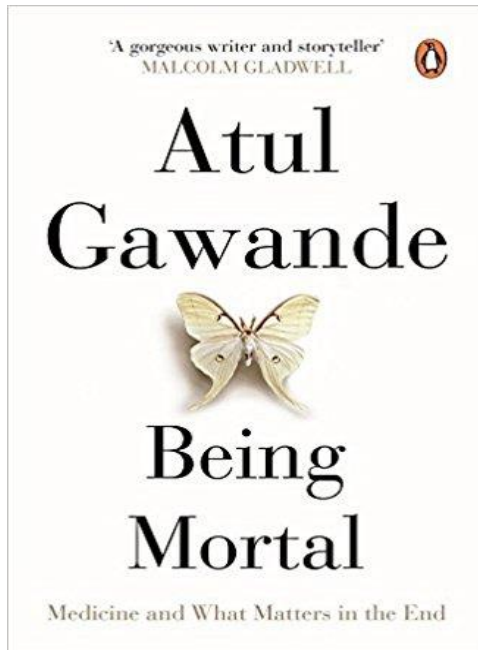
The Welcome Table Menu

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).

<p>March 14 5:45 PM Jason's Deli Pasta Bar</p>	<p>March 21 5:45 PM Baked Potato Bar</p>	<p>March 28 5:45 PM Meal by Sam: Shepherd's Pie with Ground Turkey, Salad, Desert</p>
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Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season



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: A Centering Celtic Service
with Visual Liturgy

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

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 16-18	March Mission Madness	
March 18	Space for Grace: A Celtic Service with Visual Liturgy	4 pm
March 27	Middle School Small Group	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 Family Fun Night

Come one, come all to our next Grace Family Fun Night, March 25th from 4-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your favorite games to play! We can reminisce on the older games of Monopoly and Life, and we can learn some new games from students! This event is not just for families, but for the entire Grace community. We hope to see you there!

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 by April 1st.



Grace on Tap

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

March 25

Zzaam!/RVA Draft

3300 West Cary St, Richmond 23221



Thinking about spring cleaning?

Have a few household items that might help someone getting on their feet or a refugee family?

A CARITAS Furniture Bank truck will be at Grace in early April (tentative dates are April 6 - 7). With a truck on premises we will be able to accept donations of furniture as well as household items. A list of items and times to drop off your donations will be forthcoming. Stay tuned for more information and how you can help your neighbors!



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

DEFINING HOPE

Monday, April 16th at 7:30 pm

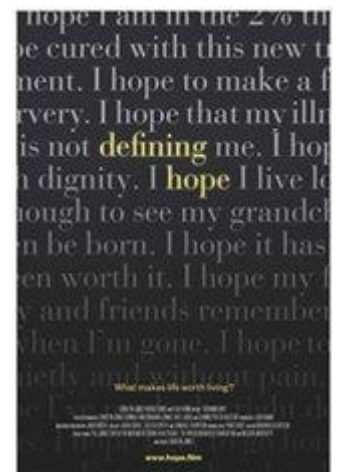
Bow Tie Movieland at Boulevard Square (1301 N Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230)

Not Rated, 78 min.

Tickets, which are \$15, must be reserved by April 4th. Grace will purchase tickets based on signups (outside church office).

Defining Hope is a documentary that weaves the stories of patients with life-threatening illness, and the nurses who guide them as they make choices about how they want to live, how much medical technology they can accept, what they hope for and how that hope evolves. It is about optimism and helps us define what "quality of life" really means.

Diane is a nurse caring for end-stage cancer patients who is confronted with her own complex diagnosis. 23-year-old Alena undergoes a risky brain surgery that has the potential to damage her short-term memory. A 95-year-old Berthold lives with his elderly wife who struggles to honor his wish of dying peacefully at home. Defining Hope follows these patients and others as they face death, embrace hope, and ultimately redefine what makes life worth living.



A Word of Gratitude

Dear members of Grace,

Thank you so much for your calls, your cards, your visits, but most of all, your prayers during my long absence from you. I am blessed indeed to be a part of such a loving and caring fellowship.

Mac Angell

Deacon of the Week

Linda Welch
(804)658-6322

EXTENSION MEMBER

Lois France
Golden Living, Room B26
3600 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, March 14, 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
Neill 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

JOYS AND PRAISES

Congratulations to **David Boykin, Jane Moody, and Diane Hughes** on their recent retirements from the VA Department of Taxation.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Mac Angell, moved to rehab on 5th floor at Johnston Willis.
818 W. 46th Street, Richmond, VA 23225

Jane McNeil recovering from broken ankle.
524 Williamsdale Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23235

Brad Sullivan, son of **Margaret and David Sullivan**, will be having open heart surgery.
8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344

Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, at Autumn Care Rehab for broken hip.
8277 Fort Myers Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Greg Miller and family in death of his grandmother who died at 101 years old.
7011 Bandy Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ **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*
- ❖ 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 18

Acolyte: Katelynn Rogers
 Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:
 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: Joe Griffin
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

Sunday, March 25

Acolyte: Reagan Hardy
 Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:
 Chimer: Judd Paxton
 Deacon of the Week:
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Richard Cross
 Sallie Cross
 David Boykin
 Bernie Henderson
 Money Counters:
 Sallie Cross
 Sharon Whitlock
 Opener/Closer: Richard Cross
 Sound System: Don Hill

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$ 76,630.00
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$336,186.00

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Gifts given:	6,857.00
Other Income:	826.81

PLEASE NOTE

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