

March 21, 2018

Volume 36 Number 12

Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade
Join us on Sunday, March 25th for Breakfast
in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour.



We'll have delicious savory and sweet dishes for all. The breakfast is a fundraiser for Children's Ministry 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!

WORSHIP

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

"What Are You Doing?"

Rev. Courtney Allen

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

"Why Are You Weeping?"

What Are You Looking
For?"

Rev. Courtney Allen

Grace Family Fun Night



Sunday, March 25

4-7 pm

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!

*Our next newsletter will be
published March 28th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, March 26th*

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

GBC Contact information:

Courtney Allen: courtney@gbconline.org
 (Senior Pastor) Phone #: 804-709-7795
 Wanda Sauley Fennell: wanda@gbconline.org
 (Minister of Music)
 Suzanne Vinson: family@gbconline.org
 (Interim Minister of Children, Families and Liturgical Arts)
 Bryce Williams: bryce@gbconline.org
 (Minister of Youth)
 Theresa Steward: theresa@gbconline.org
 (Organist)
 Sam Coley: coleys853@gmail.com
 (Sexton)
 Alejandra Lopez: office@gbconline.org
 (Ministries Assistant)

Meetings:

April 8
 Mission Commission Meeting
 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
 Fellowship Commission Meeting
 12:00 pm in Room 5



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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 25 Breakfast Parade 10:00 am Family Game Night 4:00 pm Grace on Tap 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 1 Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 4 No Wednesday Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 8 CARITAS Cleanout and Church Cleanup Afternoon Following Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><u>March Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>David Bailey</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>Joseph Vinson</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>Greg Miller</td><td style="text-align: right;">8</td></tr> <tr><td>Victoria Rogers</td><td style="text-align: right;">10</td></tr> <tr><td>Gillian Anderson</td><td style="text-align: right;">11</td></tr> <tr><td>James Cavet</td><td style="text-align: right;">17</td></tr> <tr><td>Terry Cavet</td><td style="text-align: right;">17</td></tr> <tr><td>Melissa Jackson</td><td style="text-align: right;">18</td></tr> <tr><td>Alison Jewell</td><td style="text-align: right;">18</td></tr> <tr><td>Baron Blakley</td><td style="text-align: right;">19</td></tr> <tr><td>Alyssa Dickerson</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Austin Blakley</td><td style="text-align: right;">23</td></tr> <tr><td>Ross Miller</td><td style="text-align: right;">23</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane McNeil</td><td style="text-align: right;">24</td></tr> <tr><td>Shirley Lam</td><td style="text-align: right;">25</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancy Whitmore</td><td style="text-align: right;">25</td></tr> <tr><td>Ashley McGinley-Bujtas</td><td style="text-align: right;">27</td></tr> <tr><td>Glenn Crawford</td><td style="text-align: right;">28</td></tr> <tr><td>Joe Griffin</td><td style="text-align: right;">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
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																																							

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 style="text-align: center;">March 28 5:45 PM Shepherd's Pie with Ground Turkey, Salad, Dessert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 4 No Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 11 Sticks Kabobs</p>
---	--	---

Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season

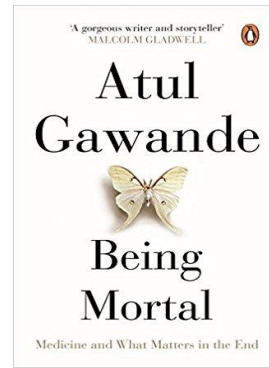
Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade

Wednesday, March 28

“Transitions and Downsizing”

Matt Paxton, Co-founder Legacy Navigator



Lenten Opportunities for Worship and Formation



March 25

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade
Join us for breakfast by our GBC Children!

March 29

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm

March 30

City-wide Stations of the Cross
Beginning at Third Street Bethel AME Church
614 North 3rd Street (3rd and Leigh)
9:30 am

Easter Sunday April 1

Egg Hunt during Sunday School Hour

Youth Mission Madness

Last weekend six of our youth loaded up in a van and headed out for Waynesboro, Virginia for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's March Mission Madness weekend. This mission-focused retreat brought together over 200 students from youth groups around the state to serve a community and become the hands and feet of Christ. Our students partnered with non-profits in the community cleaning, landscaping, and learning more about the good work already being done. The theme binding the students together for this weekend was Beloved Community, which we are all part of. Our students here at Grace continue to learn what it means to be part of the beloved community of Christ.



Youth Schedule

March 25	Family Game Night	4:00-7:00 pm
March 27	Middle School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
April 5	High School Small Group	6:30-7:30 pm
April 8	Movie Day	12:00-3:00 pm



CARITAS FURNITURE BANK DONATIONS

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2 NIV)

Hospitality is shown in many ways. On April 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 8th from 9 -10:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m. the CARITAS Furniture Bank truck will be at Grace Baptist Church to receive your donations. With a truck on premises we will be able to accept donations of furniture as well as household items. A list of items that can be found [here](#). Quality of donated items should fit this criteria: "Not sure if you should donate an item? Ask yourself if you would feel comfortable giving it to a friend or family member." We ask that all household items be boxed to ensure safe delivery to the warehouse.

If you are available to assist on either day to load donations and/or if you have any questions please contact Cheryl Crawford at cac3289@gmail.com, or Madonna Byrkeland at mmb726@icloud.com.

This is a great way to share the wealth and welcome the sojourners in our midst. Thank you for sharing the bounty of Grace.

"...there are angels among us to guide us with the light of love."



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

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 1.



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

DEFINING HOPE

Monday, April 16th at 7:30 pm

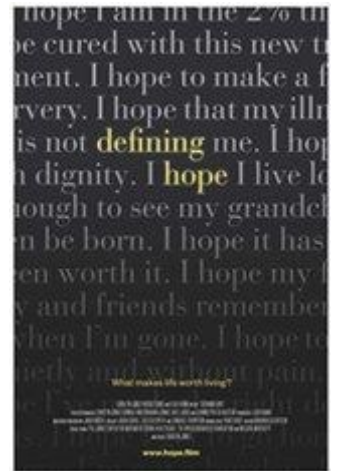
Bow Tie Movieland at Boulevard Square (1301 N Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230)

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.



Deacon of the Week

Elaine Yeatts
(804)367-4688

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, March 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
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

Katie Hebel is headed to Boston College this fall to pursue a masters in higher education!

David Bailey has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, which is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Mac Angell, transitioning home after three-week hospital stay.
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**, undergoing tests in preparation for open heart surgery.
8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344

Maurianne Roberson, hospitalized at St Mary's and recovering from surgery.
1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

Ann Ashcraft, friend of GBC, diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Ann and Randy appreciate our prayers.
10 Tow Path Circle, Richmond, VA 23221

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Mike Everhart in the death of his brother-in-law, Lawrence McGowan.
7504 Donder Road, Henrico, VA 23294

The family of **Glenda Whitt**, in her death on March 18. [Read obituary here.](#)

GBC friend **John Taylor** of Dorridge Methodist in England died peacefully in his sleep on March 17 after a valiant fight against cancer. His wife Jane and son Niall send their thanks for the prayers and love they have received from Grace during John's illness.

*Jane Taylor
Samzara 23 Ommanney Street, Hamilton Hill Western Australia 6163*

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, at Autumn Care Rehab for broken hip. *7600 Autumn Park Way Room 415, Mechanicsville, VA 23111*
- ❖ **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**, has entered hospice care as of March 16 after more than a year of fighting against cancer.
- ❖ 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

<u>Sunday, March 25</u>	<u>Sunday, April 1</u>
Acolyte: Reagan Hardy Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship: Chimer: Judd Paxton Deacon of the Week: Elaine Yeatts 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	Acolyte: Kaya Forester Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship: Chimer: Cora Vinson Deacon of the Week: Carole Jones Extension Member: Shirley Lam Greeters/Ushers: Bob Hamlett Karen Hamlett Lisa Webb Tina Webb Money Counters: Jackie Brooks Cheryl Crawford Tina Webb Opener/Closer: Phil Hale Sound System: Bryan Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
<u>Total Gifts Given 2018:</u>	<u>\$ 82,764.00</u>
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$343,043.00
<u>March 18</u>	
Gifts given:	6,132.00
Other Income:	463.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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