

April 18, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 22

Easter IV

Good Shepherd Sunday

Psalm 23/John 10:11-18

"When You Say
Nothing At All"

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, April 29

Easter V

Love Becomes Real

Rev. Courtney Allen

*Our next newsletter will be
published April 25th*

*The deadline for submissions is
Monday, April 23rd*

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

The Gifts of Grace Sunday, April 29th

Puerto Rico Mission Team Video and Reflections during Sunday School

Congregational Lunch and Asset Mapping following worship

*What gifts, talents, resources do we have at Grace and how is God inviting us
to use them in our city, community, and world?*

Sign up for lunch outside the office and don't miss this opportunity for us to
look at the abundance of resources given to us and imagine how God is
calling us to utilize those gifts!

On Sunday, April 29, I invite you to join us for a significant day in the
life of our congregation. During Sunday School we will gather for a high
quality video (created by Chad and Jesse Hudson) and presentation by the
Puerto Rico Mission Team. We will worship, pray, proclaim the Word, and
sing together at 11 am in the sanctuary. Then following worship, we will
gather for a congregational lunch as we look at the gifts, talents, and assets
of our community of faith and how God is inviting us to use these gifts to
transform the world! In this asset mapping process we will name the gifts we
see in our congregation and then connect the dots between them: how might
these gifts be connected together and used for God's good in the world?

Our approach is based on Asset Based Community Development,
which starts with what is present, not what is lacking. Building on the gifts and
talents of individual people and the strengths of community, asset mapping
builds relationships and opens up new possibilities. Asset mapping assumes
a theology of abundance—God gives us all we need to do what God is
inviting us to do and be as a congregation. Between now and April 29, I invite
you to consider your gifts and assets: physical, individual, association,
institutional, and economic. A resource to help you begin to think through
your assets is [available here](#) or outside the church office. I look forward to
discovering anew the gifts and assets in our midst, imagining the possibilities
that could come when we connect these assets together for the good of
God's world, and considering where we would most want to invest our time,
energy, and assets in the future.

If this whole process sounds a little crazy, I encourage you to "come
and see!" I can promise you will be amazed at the abundance in our midst
and you might even be surprised by the possibilities!

Grace and peace,
Courtney

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Meetings:

April 18
 Properties Commission Meeting
 5:00 pm in Room 4
April 19
 Personnel Commission Meeting
April 22
 Missions Commission Meeting
 9:00 am in Parlor
April 25
 Quarterly Business Meeting
 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

<u>April</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>April Birthdays</u>																														
<p>April 22 Youth Serve at Westminster 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Bryce Williams Ordination 3:00 pm</p> <p>Grace on Tap Ardent Craft Ales 6:00 pm</p> <p>April 25 Sew Blessed Sewing Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>April 27 Youth Escape Room 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies</p> <p>4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm The Welcome Table</p> <p>7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Susan McGinley</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Carole Yeatts</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>David Burhans</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Wade McGinley</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Linda Levison</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Crystal Bayles Lennon</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Faith Dickerson</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Kellan Miles</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>David Carter</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Kathy Berry</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Susan Hebel</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Steve Lewis</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Lloyd Jewell</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Sallie Cross</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Bryce Williams</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	Susan McGinley	3	Carole Yeatts	4	David Burhans	5	Wade McGinley	6	Linda Levison	9	Crystal Bayles Lennon	13	Faith Dickerson	13	Kellan Miles	15	David Carter	17	Kathy Berry	18	Susan Hebel	20	Steve Lewis	20	Lloyd Jewell	25	Sallie Cross	28	Bryce Williams	30
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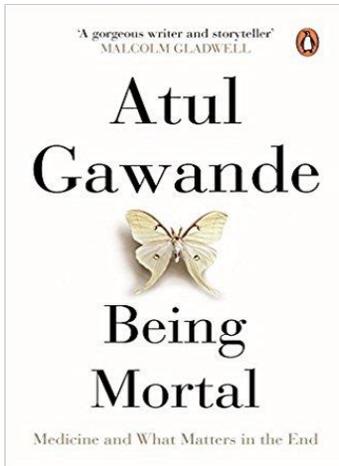
The Welcome Table Menu

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>April 18 Sgt. Peppers Pizza 5:45 pm</p>	<p>April 25 Quarterly Business Meeting Meal by Sallie Cross: Greek Ziti Bake, Garlic Bread, Spinach Salad, Chocolate Brownie and Berry Trifle 5:45 pm</p>	<p>May 2 CARITAS Meal By Seventh Street Christian Church</p>
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Being Mortal: Living the Questions

Study outline for the Lenten season



Wednesday, April 18
Resurrection: A Celtic Evening Liturgy

Throughout Lent our “Being Mortal” series focused on how we want to live and how we want to die. We heard from experts within our congregation on senior adult resources, dependence and autonomy, advanced directives and organ donation, downsizing, and making our final arrangements. During Sunday School we wrestled with significant questions around matters aging and what a death commensurate with our living might look like. I recently came across these words from Walter Brueggemann, “The prophetic tasks of the church are to tell the truth in a society that lives in illusion, grieve in a society that practices denial, and express hope in a society

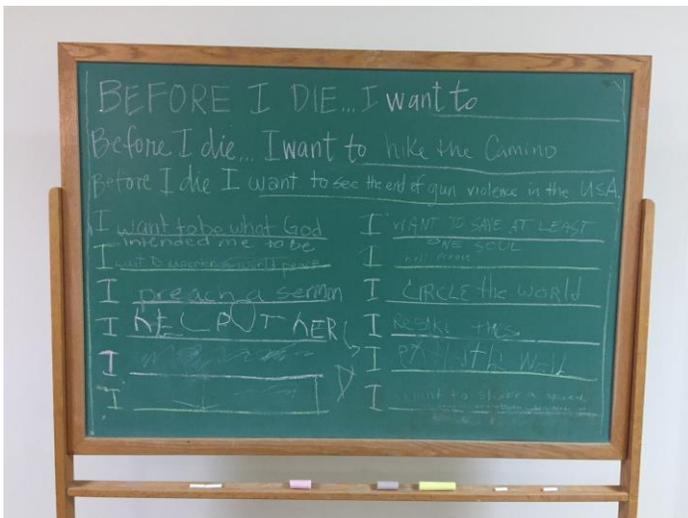
that lives in despair.” These words seem to sum up how we’ve approached these conversations on the reality of being mortal. We have told the truth about the fact that “no one gets out alive.” We have made space to grieve the losses we experience in this life. And even still, we have expressed hope that as Christians, death does not hold final victory.

Throughout these conversations, I have been grateful for your thoughtfulness and your willingness to contend with these challenging and complex topics through the lens of faith. Many of you have shared plans you are making using the “Five Wishes” document or other resources we’ve shared. Others have noted that you are having important conversations with those you love, and some even using the “Hello” game as a starting point. I am grateful for your courage and commitment to talk now with those you love about these matters!

As we’ve said at virtually every session of this series, the decisions you make and conversations you have now are some of the greatest gifts you can give to those you love. And if you’ve written down some thoughts about your final arrangements—the kind of service you’d like, meaningful scriptures and music, or other details—we would be glad to keep a copy on file at the church. Just as the hospital and your physicians want to a copy of your advanced directives and other documents, your church (and family members) want to have your desires and preferences easily accessible when the time comes. And on that note, we have not talked much about the Grace Baptist Church Memorial Garden in our sessions, but remember that it is an option for you to

consider. If you are contemplating a plot in our memorial garden and would like to learn more about reserving a plot, I am glad to talk with you more and share some information.

Last Wednesday night as the adults gathered in the Fellowship Hall discussed making our final arrangements, our children and youth were outside planting Easter flower bulbs in the memorial garden. As some discussed the reality of death and our desires in the face of death, our youngest friends were planting bulbs of new life, which will continue to bloom as symbols of hope and resurrection in the years ahead. During Eastertide may we continue to be a people who tell the truth in a society that lives in illusion, grieve in a society that practices denial, and express hope in a society that lives in despair!



Calling all Nursery Volunteers for Spring & Summer!

We need care givers for the youngest among us on Sundays during the Sunday School Hour and during the Worship Hour. Your presence, time, and attention to these sweet children provides care directly to these children and the families. WE are looking for a full slate of volunteers. If you can help for even one hour a month as a second to our Nursery Care Worker, we would be so appreciative. Please sign up to provide Nursery Care by adding your name to the [Google Drive Sign Up Sheet](#).

To volunteer with any children and youth at Grace, you are required to have a background check. All results are confidential and any information shared is shredded once the check has been filed. To have a background check, forms are located in the nursery suite on the bulletin board and can be returned to Suzanne's box in the office. Thank you for extending your care in this way.

Youth Schedule

April 19	High School Small Group	6:30 pm
April 20	Youth Game Night	6:30 pm
April 22	Youth Serve at Westminster	12:00 pm
April 27	Escape Room - \$20	5:30 pm
April 29	CARITAS	

Youth Friday Gatherings

Part of building community in a youth group is providing a space for students to have fun and build memories together. This month we hope to provide a unique space for this to happen.

For the month of April we will have 3 Friday night gatherings for the youth. April 20th we will have a youth group game night from 6:30-8:30 playing games designed around teamwork and problem solving. April 27th the youth will be going to The Escape Room 6:30-8:30. Cost for the escape room is \$20.

A Word from the Financial Secretary

The first quarter contribution statement will be emailed to those who have active email address in the system by April 15, 2018. If you have any questions please email Tina Webb @ tinawebrva@gmail.com
Thank you for your continued support and generous gifts to the mission and ministry of Grace Baptist Church!



Grace on Tap

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

April 22

Ardent Craft Ales

3200 W Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23230

May 13

Center of the Universe

11293 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA 23005



Sew Blessed - Wednesday, April 25th 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our Sew Blessed group will meet next on Wednesday, April 25th from 1-3 p.m. 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.

CARITAS Setup & Family Hiking Day Trip

We'll gather at Grace at 8:45 a.m. to help setup for CARITAS on Saturday, April 28th. From there, we'll travel in our cars to hike or bike in and around Dorey Park located at 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico, VA 23231. Pack your lunch, water bottles, hiking stick and plan to hike or bike a trail that fits your pace. GBC is providing trail mix and snack bars. We'll adventure in groups and return at a set time to have a picnic lunch and devotional time together. Please let Suzanne know if you'll be joining the fun by emailing her at family@gbconline.org or texting at 804.869.1184.

Caritas Families Coming to Grace April 28 - May 5



Our hosting week is fast approaching, and I am excited by the level of participation thus far. There is still opportunity to get involved in hosting families experiencing homelessness, AND you don't have to be a member to get involved, we welcome all who want to serve. Keep in mind that this will probably be the last year we host Caritas in our church, so don't miss this opportunity to serve.

We still need some folks for overnight duty, shower transport and laundry. The iconic Caritas sign up board is in the back hallway, so give it a look to see where you might find a fit. The names and contact information of the coordinators are posted on the board if you have any questions.

The dinner menus have been finalized, and here they are for your consumption (pun intended):

- Saturday night - tacos by the deacons
- Sunday night - spaghetti by the youth
- Monday night - cookout by Adult IV
- Tuesday night - fried chicken by the Jubilee class
- Wednesday night - chili by 7th Street Christian Church
- Thursday night - pizza by Cool Springs Baptist Church
- Friday night - chicken Alfredo by Missions Commission

We won't know the mix of our guests until a few days before they arrive, so we don't know if we will need additional car seats or pack and play sets, but if you have any of these that meet the current safety standards, please have them at the ready just in case they are needed.

Cheryl

Fifth Sunday Offering April 29th

This quarterly donation has been designated to go to Caritas to support their diverse activities. We will have missions commission members stationed at the front and back sanctuary exits to accept your loose change; we can also accept checks if you want to drop those with us or in the offering plates. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Masterworks Chorale to Perform "Sing For Joy" at Grace Baptist
May 18, 2018**

Central Virginia
MASTERWORKS
CHORALE

Sing for Joy!

featuring

Leonard Bernstein Dan Forrest
Chichester Psalms *Jubilate Deo*

Ryan Tibbetts *Artistic Director*
Daniel Stipe *Organist*

RICHMOND Friday, May 18, 2018 7:30 pm Grace Baptist Church 4200 Dover Road	ASHLAND Sunday, May 20, 2018 3:00 pm Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church 201 Henry Street
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Advance tickets \$10 for adults (\$15 at the door) and \$5 for students.
Purchase tickets at The Caboose Market & Cafe in Ashland, online at www.cvamc.org
or by phone at 1-800-838-3006

The Central VA Masterworks Chorale is excited to return to Grace Baptist Church on Friday, May 18, at 7:30pm. The Chorale will present "Sing For Joy!", featuring Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo". Renowned Richmond organist, Daniel Stipe, will also perform. Artistic Director, Ryan Tibbetts, again takes the podium to conduct the Chorale and the orchestra.

The world premiere of Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" took place in 1965 in New York's Philharmonic Hall, directed by the composer himself. The Forrest "Jubilate Deo" (Be Joyful in the Lord) is a contemporary piece set in seven different languages, including Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Zulu, and Spanish. Each movement combines some of the characteristics of its language-group's musical culture, and closes with a movement combining several of these languages with English.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the classical as well as the contemporary with your entire family! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at The Caboose Market & Cafe in Ashland, online at www.cvamc.org, by phone at 1-800-838-3006, or from any Chorale member.

For questions or more information, please contact Becky Severin, Chorale President, at rvseverin@gmail.com or call 804-798-3999.

Deacon of the Week

Marilyn Hunter
(804)270-3978

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, April 18, 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

We celebrate the ordination of **Bryce Williams** on Sunday, April 22nd.
2011 Idlewood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220

We celebrate **Tricia Dunlap** and **Ken Cossaboon** joining Grace Baptist on Easter Sunday!
2418 East Franklin Street Unit 110, Richmond, VA 23223

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Edith Carter, mother of **David Carter**, hospitalized at Henrico Doctor's Parham.
8610 Freestone Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229

Melissa Walker, cousin of **Deb Loftis**, hospitalized at St. Mary's with complications from epilepsy.
1505 Sunset Lane, Richmond, VA 23221

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

The family of GBC friend, **Ann Ashcraft**, in her death on April 15th.
10 Tow Path Circle, Richmond, VA 23221

Bryce Williams in the death of his great uncle, Jack Mckee.
2011 Idlewood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Kathryn Beaver, niece of **Crystal Bayles Lennon**, recovering from surgery March 28 for stage 3 thyroid cancer. *7709 Bransford Drive, Henrico, VA 23228*
- ❖ **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*
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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, April 22

Acolyte: Zeke Hudson

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School: Sallie Cross
 Worship:

Chimer: Milagros Cavet

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Hunter

Extension Member: Nell Hobson

Greeters/Ushers:
 Richard Cross
 Sallie Cross
 David Boykin
 Bernie Henderson

Money Counters:
 Sallie Cross
 Sharon Whitlock

Opener/Closer: Faith Dickerson

Sound System: Don Hill

Sunday, April 29

Acolyte: Sadie Newark

Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:

Chimer: Sarah Grace Timberlake

Deacon of the Week: Cindy Byrkeland

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

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

Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks
 Cheryl Crawford
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Brian Hill

Sound System: David Hebel

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$122,091.87
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$290,724.13

April 15

Gifts given:	\$19,674.87
Other Income:	\$2,274.76

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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