

May 9, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 13**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
Acts 1:1-11

**Sunday, May 20**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
"Come Build a Church"  
Acts 2:1-21

*Our next newsletter will be  
published May 16<sup>th</sup>*

*The deadline for submissions is  
Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>*

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## A Word from our Pastor...

Last week I spent a few days at "preacher camp" with dear and beloved pastor friends. In the mountains of North Carolina we spent time talking, thinking, and praying about matters deep and wide, from our work as pastors,



the challenges of the 21st century church and leadership, best practices for pastoral care and self-care, and the craft of preaching. As we imagined our preaching for the 2018-2019 liturgical year, we told stories of how we see God at work in you, in our communities, and in our world. As my dear friend Emily Hull McGee said, "The ground we've covered together has been nothing short of holy."

I am so deeply grateful for these days of preacher camp each year, which encourage my heart and soul, remind me of my own calling, and renew my mind for ministry in the days ahead!

Grace and Peace,  
Courtney

## Thank You Grace Baptist!!!!!!

Thanks to all who had a part in making Grace a warm and welcoming place for our CARITAS guests. Many of the visitors expressed their appreciation for having such a safe and loving place to come to for rest and good food.

A BIG thanks you to all the Grace folks that gave their time and talent to make our CARITAS week a success. Thanks to Cheryl Crawford, Joe and Jenny Griffin the coordinators of the week, Marilyn Hunter, the coordinator for lunches, to the lunch packers and to Ellen Burhans for being the laundry lady and of course all who washed and dried our guest's clothes. Special thanks to all who spent the night and rose early to serve breakfast and hand out lunches. Thanks also to Don Hill and to all who were drivers to showers, and to Archie Yeatts and the gang of workers unloading and loading the truck with our guest's belongings and sleeping mats. Thanks to all the cooks, servers, folks who set-up and cleaned up, and washed dishes.

This is a big job, but so important and rewarding to know Grace made a difference in the lives of others even if it was for only a few days.



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**Meetings:**

**May 22**  
 Refugee Commission Meeting  
 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

*Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).*

<p><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>May 13</b>                  Grace on Tap:                  Center of the Universe                  6:00 pm</p> <p><b>May 16</b>                  Sew Blessed Sewing Group                  1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>The Variety Show                  6:15 pm – 7:15 pm</p> <p><b>May 20</b>                  Lunch and Cake Auction                  Following Worship</p> <p><b>May 27</b>                  Praises on the Portico:                  Bibles and Bluegrass</p>	<p><b><u>Sundays</u></b></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p><b><u>Wednesdays</u></b></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>	<p><b><u>May Birthdays</u></b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Archie Yeatts</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Benjamin Blakley</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Patrick Blackburn</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Beverly Pugh</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Angela Jones</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Maurianne Roberson</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>Wayne Schneider</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Bibi Sweeney</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Alessia Giusti</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancye Rhodenhiser</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>Sam Timberlake</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Lois France – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>John Mizell</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Matthew Paxton</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Alexander Miles</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	Archie Yeatts	1	Benjamin Blakley	3	Patrick Blackburn	4	Beverly Pugh	8	Angela Jones	14	Maurianne Roberson	16	Wayne Schneider	20	Bibi Sweeney	20	Alessia Giusti	21	Nancye Rhodenhiser	22	Sam Timberlake	23	Lois France – 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	24	John Mizell	28	Matthew Paxton	28	Alexander Miles	31
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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><b>May 9</b>                  Meal By Sam:                  Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Salad                  and Dessert                  5:45 pm</p>	<p><b>May 16</b>                  Jason's Deli Pasta Bar                  5:45 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Nights will                  resume in September!</p>
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## **GBC Variety Show**

**Wednesday, May 16**

**6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, May 16 for our annual GBC Variety Show, which will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m, following our meal. This is your opportunity to share your talents, hobbies, interests, and gifts with your church family. When we say Variety Show, we mean VARIETY! Past "acts" have included singing, dancing, martial arts demonstration, magic tricks, joke-telling, storytelling, pet tricks, a lizard fashion show (No kidding. This really happened.), skits, slide shows of photography, displays of all kinds of visual arts and crafts, unicycle riding, fancy jump roping... you get the idea. Variety. Solo acts as well as collaboration are welcome. So that we can have time for as many to share as possible, please keep acts to 3-4 minutes.

Please sign-up on the Variety Show sheet outside the church office or [online](#). Remember to sign up for the meal as well if you want to enjoy food and fellowship as well as the Variety Show. Invite your friends and family to attend!

### **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.

### **Calling for Casseroles**

At Grace we practice "casserole theology." We know of God's steadfast love and care through the support of our beloved community during difficult times. Casseroles and meals shared are one of the many ways we offer care to one another. You are invited to help restock our casserole supply by dropping off a frozen dish to the church or contacting Linda Welch at (804)658-6322.



### **Grace on Tap**

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

**May 13**

Center of the Universe

*11293 Air Park Rd, Ashland, VA 23005*

**May 27**

No Grace on Tap

### **Save the Date!**

**June 3, 2018**

Dr. Ken Meyers with the Alliance of Baptists will join us June 3<sup>rd</sup> for combined Adult Sunday School and to preach. Dr. Meyers is working with the Adult Education Commission to reimagine faith formation at Grace! More details to come.

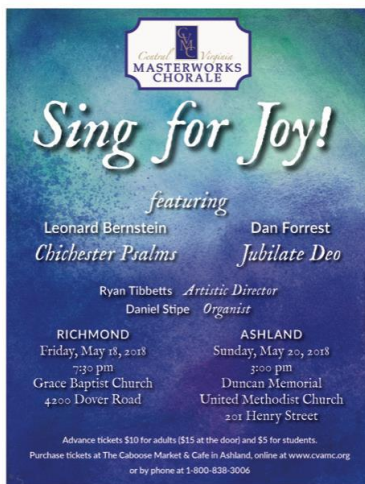
## Camp Alkulana

Sunday you will have a chance to make an inner city child's dream come true. Camp time is coming ... chance for fresh air, silence instead of sirens, team sports, new friends, compassionate counselors, life-changing experiences, and much more.

Camp Alkulana, a residential camp for children of Richmond, especially those who live in the inner-city, is sponsored by the River City Faith Network and churches like ours. It has been in continuous operation since beginning in 1915, making it the longest continuous running camp in Virginia. Alkulana is located in Millboro Springs, Virginia, 45 miles west of Staunton in the Allegheny Mountains.

A \$200 donation will provide a full scholarship, but \$5.00 could provide a nutritious meal, keepsake craft or first aid supplies. Whatever you can do will change a child's life. You decide. Envelopes for your donation will be in Sunday's bulletin or you could donate online, designate Camp Alkulana. To learn more about the camp go to [alkulana.org](http://alkulana.org).

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



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 the Chorale's website, [www.cvamc.org](http://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](mailto:rvseverin@gmail.com) or call 804-798-3999

### Save the Date

May 20 Lunch and Cake Auction following worship  
Supports Youth Summer Camps and Missions

### Youth Schedule

May 20	Cake Auction	12-3 pm
May 25	Game Night	6:30 pm -8:30 pm

**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, May 9, 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 **Taylor Dail** and **Faith Walker** joining Grace Baptist on April 29, 2018!

*7181 New Hunter Road, Mechanicsville, 23111*

We celebrate the birth of Harper Paige Mizell, daughter of Page and Sarah Mizell, granddaughter of **John** and **Anna Marie Mizell**, born on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

*4302 Oxford Circle, Richmond, VA 23221*

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS**

**Barbara Hughes** is in rehab at Our Lady of Hope.

*7500 Donder Road, Richmond, VA 23294*

**Mike Everhart**, GBC regular visitor, recovering from hip replacement surgery on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*7504 Donder Road, Henrico, VA 23294*

Edith Carter, mother of **David Carter**, recovering at home from broken tailbone.

*8610 Freestone Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229*

**Mac Angell** moved to the Laurels of Bon Air in Room 210.

*9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond, VA 23235*

**Christian Sympathy is extended to...**

**Joe Furio** in the passing of aunt, Rose Regina, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was 77 years old.

*309 East Brookland Park Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23222*

## Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Russ Owen, 35 year old, friend of the **Allen's**, being treated for advanced tongue cancer at MD. Anderson.
- ❖ 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**, scheduled for open heart surgery on May 17<sup>th</sup>. *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*
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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](mailto: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, May 13

Acolyte: Braeden Forester  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School:  
   Worship:  
 Chimer: Alison Jewell  
 Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch  
 Extension Member: Lois France  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
   Cheryl Crawford  
   Susanne Freeman  
   Joe Griffin  
   Jenny Griffin  
 Money Counters:  
   Jenny Griffin  
   Joe Griffin  
   Jackie Brooks  
 Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent/Bryce Williams  
 Sound System: Chad Hudson

## Sunday, May 20

Acolyte: Camryn Dickerson  
 Childcare Workers:  
   Sunday School: Karen Hamlett  
   Worship:  
 Chimer: Wesley Wagg  
 Deacon of the Week: Matt Anderson  
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson  
 Greeters/Ushers:  
   Chip Hardy  
   Jesse Kent  
   Sue Kay Lam-Kent  
   Barbara Sadtler  
 Money Counters:  
   Susan Hebel  
   Chad Hudson  
   Jesse Kent  
 Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin  
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$142,864.95</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$269,951.05</b>

May 6

Gifts given:	\$9,465.62
Other Income:	\$2,006.00

### PLEASE NOTE

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