

May 23, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 27**  
**Trinity Sunday**

Praises on the Portico:  
Bible and Bluegrass

**Sunday, June 3**  
**Proper 4**

"First You Leap, Then You  
Grow Wings"  
Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30  
Rev. Dr. Ken Myers

## A word from our Pastor...

Pentecost Sunday at Grace is one of my favorite Sundays of the year, although it is hard to pick favorites when it comes to worshipping together! The sanctuary was filled with Holy Spirit imagery, helping us imagine her descending and blowing through our sanctuary just as she did in Jerusalem upon the early church so long ago. At our annual Cake Auction, the food was delicious and the cakes even more so! Your generous support of our youth summer camps and missions brought in over \$3000, which is one of the highest totals we've seen! Thank you for your energy, generosity, and the spirit with which you show up to worship, fellowship, and serve. While I'm on the topic of favorites, on Pentecost Sunday the congregation and choir sang one of my favorite anthems, "Come Build a Church" by Ken Medema. Here are the words of the melody:

*Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.*

*We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood or glass or stone.  
Come build a church with human frailty, come build a church of flesh and blood.*

*Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.*

What a gift to be a part of a church with soul and spirit, flesh and bone! I look forward to gathering with you next Sunday morning for outdoor worship on the portico and some good ol' bluegrass music!

Grace and peace,  
Courtney

## Fourth Octave of Handbells to Be Dedicated May 27

The GBC Handbell Choir has been practicing with our new Malmark handbells at Grace Baptist for three and a half months now, giving thanks for the generous gifts that made this fourth octave addition possible. On Sunday, May 27 at our 11 a.m. service, the Handbell Choir will ring "Our Hearts Rejoice This Day," an arrangement of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch folk tune, as the prelude. We will also offer a prayer of thanksgiving and dedicate these new bells to the glory of God. A list of donors and those in whose memory or honor gifts were made will be printed in the bulletin as well. We give thanks for those who made the bells, those who gave these news bells as well as those who gave the original three octaves c.1980, those in whose memory or honor the bells were given, and those who ring them.

*Our next newsletter will be  
published May 30<sup>th</sup>*

*The deadline for submissions  
is Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*

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<p><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>May 23</b> Chancel Choir Dinner</p> <p><b>May 27</b> Praises on the Portico: Bibles and Bluegrass</p> <p><b>May 28</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day</p> <p><b>May 30</b> Chancel Choir Dinner</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>Wednesday activities will resume in September. Stay tuned for Summer opportunities.</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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**Reimagining Faith Formation with  
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Meyers  
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.

Ken is a lover of people and therefore takes great delight in congregations. Dr. Meyers generated faith formation journeys for 36 years in 4 churches and almost loved every minute of it! His academic background includes an M.A. at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY (1980), an M.Div. and D.Min at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. (1993). The Wesley doctorate included two special study sabbaticals at Oxford University and an immersion with Lutheran priests in the El Salvador jungles (seriously) for liberation theology studies.

Rev. Meyers approaches God's Story both with respect for the sacred storyline and for the embedded metaphor. Ken believes each Jesus follower must know her or his own faith/life story and discover its intersection with God's Story. In that intersection the follower is best positioned to know God and to know self, and, therefore, embody the transforming power of the Spirit.

Ken's international service and teaching includes Project Ruth in Bucharest, Romania and assignment in Guangxi University in China. His pilgrimages include Plum Village and Taizé both in the South of France.

Ken is currently working toward a book proposal that explores the chasm between the church of modernity (propositional) and the church emerging to postmodernity (connectional).

Most importantly, Ken is still lucky after 42 years to be married to his New Zealand wife, Adrienne. They have 3 adult children and one extraordinary grandchild, Abigail.

Join us on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a joined Sunday School led by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Meyers.

**The Refugee Committee**

The Refugee Committee will have applications available for you to become a volunteer for the International Rescue Committee on June 3, 2018 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider how you could participate in this significant work according to your interests and "assets."

**Calling all Nursery Volunteers for 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. You can help for even one hour a month as a second to our Nursery Care Worker. 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.

## Youth Game Day

On June 3rd the youth will have a game day after worship. We will participate together in team building activities and problem solving games. Those planning to attend should bring comfortable clothes to change into! With summer ahead we are excited about the youth and community around them.

### Youth Schedule

June 3	Game Day	12-2 pm
June 10	Family Picnic	12-2 pm
June 17	Movie Night	6-8:30 pm
June 19	Host Home	6-8 pm
June 21	Youth Serve at Westminster	12-2 pm
June 24-29	Passport – Danville, VA	

### Children's & Youth Leader Appreciation Sunday, June 10th Sunday School Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

If you are a nursery volunteer, teacher, shepherd, music leader, commission member for children or youth -- we are gathering to celebrate you! On Sunday, June 10th will be a day celebrating those of you who give your time, energy, presence to our children and youth. We are deeply in awe of all you do to serve God in such profound ways. You hold babies, teach the stories of our faith, and show love and care through service to neighbor. During the Sunday School hour, we will share breakfast together with the children in the fellowship hall. During worship, we'll continue to share our appreciation through prayer and liturgy.

### Family Picnic on the Playground

Following worship on Sunday, June 10th, we'll have a picnic beside the playground. We're asking all families of children and youth to join the fun and anyone who wants to attend is welcome! Please bring a side dish to share. The church will provide grilled chicken, grilled vegetables, drinks, and ice cream treats. Sign up on the children's bulletin board. We'll picnic indoors if the weather keeps us off the playground.

### Scholarship Applications Available

George W. Sadler Memorial Scholarship is available this year (2018) for GBC students

Eligibility: Must be a member of Grace Baptist Church, who is or will be a full time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an accredited college or university.

Application Deadline is June 13, 2018  
[Click here to download the application](#)

### GBC Variety Show Never Fails to Entertain

We did not have any lizards or unicycles at this year's Variety Show, but we sure did have some variety.

- Carole Jones read three of her poems.
- Nancy Whitmore sang a song about a blue frog, accompanied by Royce Savelle on his guitar.
- The Chancel Choir demonstrated Semi-Occluded Vocal Tract Exercises (SOVTE) and sang a spiritual.
- Lynn Clayton and Theresa Steward played movements from Handel's "Water Music" as piano duets.
- Lara Pugh sang and tested our knowledge of song literature.
- Kevin Corn played a piano solo written by his former piano teacher.
- Zeke (the dog, not Hudson) did some tricks with the encouragement of his person, Courtney.
- Cooper Paxton, assisted by his brother Judd and father Matt, demonstrated that he could eat a LOT of goldfish crackers in a short period of time.
- Paul Brockwell was master of ceremonies for a Bible (or Sword) Drill in which Courtney, Bryce, and Wanda were the participants and did their best to locate Habakkuk.

Thanks to all who shared their talent/variety and all who watched and listened.

## 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 27**

No Grace on Tap

**June 10**

Strangeways Brewing  
2277 Dabney Road, Richmond, VA 23230

**Deacon of the Week**

Marilyn Fishel  
(804)543-6970

**EXTENSION MEMBER**

Shirley Lam  
1600 Westwood Avenue  
Unit 122  
Richmond, VA 23227



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, May 23, 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 welcome new member, **Lucinda Larcon**, to our family of faith!  
*5013 Devonshire Road, Richmond, VA 23225*

We celebrate **Bryce Williams** and **Waverly Ann Jackson's** wedding  
Saturday, May 19!



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

Dan (Danny) Harris, childhood member of Grace and brother of **Forrest Anne Hill**, uncle of **Andy Hill**, **Ginny Hill Wagg**, **Maggie Hill Meyers** and great uncle of **Wesley Wagg** and **Luke Meyers**, as he begins treatment for metastized malignant melanoma.

*5607 Matoaka Road, Richmond, VA 23226*

**Gillian Anderson** recovering from ear surgery.  
*11411 Wood Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059*

**Mac Angell** moved to the Laurels of Bon Air in Room 210.  
*9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond, VA 23235*

## Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Brad Sullivan, son of **Margaret and David Sullivan**, scheduled for open heart surgery on May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
*8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344*
- ❖ Russ Owen, 35 year old, friend of the **Allen's**, being treated for advanced tongue cancer at MD. Anderson.
- ❖ 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 27

Acolyte: Luke Smith

Childcare Workers:  
 Sunday School: Sallie Cross  
 Worship: Terry Cavet

Chimer: Jackson Smith

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Fishel

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

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

Money Counters:  
 Sallie Cross  
 Wayne Whitlock

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Sound System: Don Hill

## Sunday, June 3

Acolyte: Alyssa Dickerson

Childcare Workers:  
 Sunday School: Camille Peeples  
 Worship:

Chimer: Gillian Anderson

Deacon of the Week: Colin Bedell

Extension Member: Catherine Carter

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

Money Counters:  
 Jackie Brooks  
 Cheryl Crawford  
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Phil Hale

Sound System: Brian Jewell

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$153,097.45</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$259,718.55</b>

May 20

Gifts given:	\$8,144.50
Other Income:	\$4,231.00

### PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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