

June 13, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 17

“On Gardens and Churches”

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, June 24

“David and Goliath: On Giants
and Shepherd Boys”

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23,
32-49

Rev. Courtney Allen

A Faith Story from Tricia Dunlap

Shared in worship on June 3, 2018

In my lifetime, the self-righteous noise coming from a version of Christianity seemingly more interested in politics than the Gospel message has drowned out that simple and profound message. Here at Grace, I am finally learning how to tune out that clanging gong and I now can hear the quiet simple truth: we are all beloved by God, made in her image, and freed from sin by Jesus. I have found a path back to God that fills my heart with joy and my soul with peace. At last. We are all loved. We are all welcome at God's table. In Jesus name, we pray that all may know this is so.

You're invited to Movie Night!



This Sunday night Grace will be hosting a movie night for children, youth, parents, seniors are all welcome! We will be watching the movie *Wreck-it Ralph*. Ralph is a video game bad guy who one day decides that he doesn't want to be bad anymore. He decides to leave his community in search of a new game where he can be a good guy and a community that values him. Ralph meets new friends and learns more about himself and what it means to value others in his community. We hope to see you in the fellowship hall this Sunday night at 6pm!

*Our next newsletter will be
published June 20th*

*The deadline for submissions
is Monday, June 18th*

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

<u>June</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>June Birthdays</u>	
June 17 Reception for the Hunt's 12:15 pm Movie Night 6:00 pm	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	Pauline Brooks	6
		Rosa Lee Ford	7
		Barbara Sadtler	7
		Carlos Cavet	9
		Alana Boykin-Carter	10
		Kaya Forester	10
		Lisa Forester	13
		Sandy Wynne	13
		Kayla Bayles	15
		Lennon	
		David Hebel	15
		Gianluca Giusti	21
		Wanda Sauley Fennell	21
		Betty Downs	22
		Reagan Hardy	26
		Donna Forester	28
		Barbara Hughes	29
		Sue Kay Lam-Kent	29
		Madison Ramsey	29
		Barbara Scott	30
June 19 Youth Tuesday Gathering 6:00 pm	<u>Wednesdays</u> Wednesday activities will resume in September. Stay tuned for Summer opportunities.		
June 20-23 PassportKIDS			
June 21 Youth Serve at Westminster 12:00 pm			
June 24 Grace on Tap: Ardent Craft Ales			

**Saying Farewell to Bob and Denyse Hunt
June 17, 2018**

The Jubilee Sunday School class will host a reception to honor Bob and Denyse Hunt as they move to New York to be closer to family. You are invited to come by the Fellowship Hall following worship on June 17th to bid farewell to the Hunts and enjoy some finger foods provided by the class!

**A Film on Refugees at the Byrd Theatre
June 19, 2018**

There will be a showing of "This Is Home: A Refugee Story" on June 19th at 7:00 pm the Byrd Theater. If you're interested, you may join folks from Grace for dinner at New York Deli at 6:00 pm.

The Refugee Committee is collecting items for refugees coming to Richmond this summer.

A container is be in the hallway for your donations. June 24 is the end date.

The following items are needed right away:

- All kitchen items (dishes, bowls, mugs, glasses, knives, utensils, tools, cutting boards, etc. Can be used.)
- Male and female personal toiletries (deodorant, shower gel or bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, tampons, pads. These can be sample-sized, but all should be new and unopened.
- Cleaning supplies (kitchen / bathroom cleanser, laundry detergent, cleaning tools like sponges, brushes, mops, brooms)

Bible Brunch Buddies Summer Excursions

July 18

Valentine Museum

Monumental: Richmond's Monuments (1607-2018)

Guided tour of the Wickham House and Lunch



10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Meet at GBC at 10:00 am

\$15 per person

Please sign up outside of church office, by phone, or by email at office@gbconline.org.

A Reflection on Church

We weave together our time, energy, and presence into the spaces we inhabit. Over the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, we held our Praises on the Portico outdoor worship. While setting up for Praises on the Portico, a church member was heard saying, "Wow. This is really starting to look like church." Looking around at that moment you would have seen the chairs were mostly setup, the pulpit and the handbell choir tables and bells were in place. Jars of flowers in soft tones surrounded a brass cross on the altar. Yes. It was starting to look like church.

During Sunday School with our children that same morning, our lesson was continuing the conversation of the birth of the church from Pentecost. "What makes a church?" I asked the children. "Community. God. Faith." replied one. "Love," replied another. The list continued, "Praising God," "Prayer." Why, yes. This is starting to look like church.

We talked about "being church" in our homes, indoors, out of doors, when we pray for others, and when we show love. We talked about how we come to church and what happens when we leave church.

All of our lives weave into this shared conversation of church. Our daily lives are influenced by the worship we inhabit, and our worship is influenced by our daily lives. We create rhythms of love and support when we share our stories with one another over coffee, through our faith stories, and as we discuss how the Bible stories - God's story - impacts our decisions, outlook, and reflections on life.

"Being church" is good. May we continue to pray for one another and give great thanks for each other!

A Word of Thanks

On Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, a heavenly host (Aka GBC Chancel Choir) armed with hymn books new and old descended upon my room to serenade me. It was a joyful spiritual experience and I appreciated it more than what I can say. Other residents up and down the hall have commented on how wonderful the sound was. Thank you, Wanda and choir members!

Mac

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.

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.

Thank You from Our Youth!

The youth here at Grace would like to take a moment and give thanks to all of you in our church community. We were so excited to see so many people at the cake auction! We raised over \$3,000 for our student ministry! Each cake that was auctioned off helped take a student to Passport Camp at the end of this month. We are grateful for the relationships that you have formed with each student and the love that is shown every day. This year we have 13 students preparing to go to camp! We have been praying for these students all year and continue to pray for them as they make their way to Danville, Virginia. Thank you all for your continued support!

Grace Baptist Youth

This summer our youth will be going on a journey. This is a journey of understanding the story of God and how we as a church community are part of this awesome story! Discipleship starts with scripture. Each week our students will embark on a deeper understanding of living as Christ taught us. Students will gather at host homes throughout the summer. Our second goal this summer is to engage missions more in the community. We are excited to partner with Shalom Farms, Project Homes, Westminster Canterbury, and more as each week we build new relationships and learn what the Spirit is doing here in Richmond. Finally we are promoting relationship building here in our own church with Sunday gatherings. We will enjoy time with one another floating on the river, rock climbing, and having picnics this summer as a church family. Everyone is invited to come and be part of the wonderful things that the youth are planning to do! Check the youth boards in the church for information about dates and times or contact Bryce Williams if you have any questions!

Youth Schedule

June 17	Wreck-it Ralph	6-8:30 pm
June 19	Dinner at Miller House	6-8 pm
June 21	Youth Serve at Westminster	12-2 pm
June 24-29	Passport – Danville, VA	

Mission Thursday

June 21st is the start of Mission Thursdays. Our youth will be leading missional outings around the community and building relationships with others. On the 21st we will be meeting at the church at noon to visit the residents at Westminster Canterbury. All are invited to come and be part of Mission Thursdays!

**Summer Cookout & Outdoor Play
Sunday, June 24th @ 4 p.m.**



We hope your families will join us for fellowship and food! Hot dogs, hamburgers/veggie burgers, chips and drinks will be provided. Sign up [here!](#)

You are Invited to sing "Be Thou My Vision" with the Chancel Choir

On Sunday, June 24, the Chancel Choir will sing John Rutter's arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" for worship. We know that this hymn is beloved by many in our congregation, so we invite you to sing it with us. We will rehearse right after worship on this coming Sunday, June 17, so join us in the choir room then if you would like to sing. We will also rehearse a gospel hymn "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" for July 1, and if you like to sing gospel music, you will like this one. Sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses of all ages are welcome to join us.



Grace on Tap

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

June 24

Ardent Craft Ales
3200 W Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23230

Deacon of the Week

Stewart Smith
(804)837-6281

EXTENSION MEMBER

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Avenue
Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Extension Members

(Please send a note or make a phone call to these members. Contact information is in the church directory.)

Catherine Carter
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

Alana Boykin-Carter graduates from Henrico High School this week!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, hospitalized at St. Mary's.
8277 Fort Myers Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Jenall Brock, **Maurianne Roberson's** caregiver and friend, has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

Carole Jones recovering from knee replacement surgery on May 21st.
111 Gateway East, Henrico, VA 23229

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 metastasized malignant melanoma.
Danny Harris, 364 Ward Lane, Mathews, VA 23109

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...

The family of **Lois France** in her death on Monday, June 4th. Lois France, 100 years old, was the oldest member of Grace Baptist Church. Services will be held at Grace Baptist Church on June 22, 2018 at 11:30 am, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.
Gay Bachtell, 1319 New York Avenue, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Brad Sullivan, son of **Margaret and David Sullivan**, is home, recovering from open heart surgery on May 24th. *8 North Street, Erving, MA 01344*
- ❖ Remember GBC friend, **Jane Taylor**, formerly of Dorridge Methodist Church in England, in prayer as she mourns the recent death of her husband, John.
James Cottage, 6298 Toodyay Road, PO Box 417, Toodyay, Western Australia 6566
- ❖ Russ Owen, 35 year old, friend of the **Allen's**, being treated for advanced tongue cancer at MD. Anderson.
- ❖ 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 Tuberos 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, June 17

Acolyte: Joseph Vinson
 Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:
 Chimer: Judd Paxton
 Deacon of the Week: Stewart Smith
 Extension Member: Shirley Lam
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Chip Hardy
 Jesse Kent
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent
 Barbara Sadtler
 Money Counters:
 Susan Hebel
 Chad Hudson
 Jesse Kent
 Opener/Closer: Greg Miller
 Sound System: Faith Dickerson

Sunday, June 24

Acolyte: Katelynn Rogers
 Childcare Workers:
 Sunday School:
 Worship:
 Chimer: Victoria Rogers
 Deacon of the Week: Barbara Smith
 Extension Member: Catherine Carter
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Richard Cross
 Sallie Cross
 David Boykin
 Bernie Henderson
 Money Counters:
 Sallie Cross
 Sharon Whitlock
 Opener/Closer: Faith Dickerson
 Sound System: Don Hill

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$174,621.80
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$238,194.20

June 10

Gifts given:	\$9,097.35
Other Income:	\$642.00

PLEASE NOTE

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