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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 24

“David and Goliath: On Giants
and Shepherd Boys”

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

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, July 1

“Interruptions”

Mark 5:21-37

Rev. Courtney Allen

A Word from Our Pastor...

This week Suzanne Vinson and I are traveling to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Calvin Institute Vital Worship Grant Colloquium. Earlier this year we received word our grant proposal was accepted, and we have been awarded a \$15,000 grant for 2018-2019. I am grateful for Suzanne’s leadership in driving this process and getting our ideas translated into words on a page (before the deadline!) and to Bryce and Wanda for brainstorming with us along the way!

We were asked to give a purpose statement for our project in 8 words or less: Daily playing and participating in God’s unfolding story.” Expanding a bit more we wrote, “Because we see life as liturgy we hope to craft a living liturgy which rekindles vital worship, invites wonder, and cultivates depth-filled connection with God in the everyday spaces of our lives. Our desire is to create more opportunities for people to play and participate in the story of God and to connect our everyday living with communal worship in ways that bring hope, life, and love into the world.”

Through this grant and the resources it provides we hope to explore questions like these: What would it be like to be a church who is more attuned to the story of God in our daily lives and rhythms and thus, more attuned to the people around us? What if worship were more of the sharing and celebrating and wrestling with the encounters between those pauses?

We look forward to sharing more and fostering more vital worship when we return from the Calvin Institute. How we live and how we worship shapes our hearts and ultimately our world. It is a tremendous gift to serve a congregation with such creativity, commitment to the way of Love, and passion for vital and intentional worship.

Grace and peace,

Courtney

*Our next newsletter will be
published June 27th*

*The deadline for submissions
is Monday, June 25th*

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Meetings:

June 20
 Adult Ed Meeting
 6:30 pm in Room 4

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 20-23 PassportKIDS	9:45 am Sunday School	Pauline Brooks	6
June 21 Youth Serve at Westminster 12:00 pm	11:00 am Worship	Rosa Lee Ford	7
June 22 Lois France Funeral Service and Reception 11:30 am	<u>Wednesdays</u> Wednesday activities will resume in September. Stay tuned for Summer opportunities.	Barbara Sadtler	7
June 24 Family Fellowship Cookout and Outdoor Fun 4:00 pm		Carlos Cavet	9
Grace on Tap: Ardent Craft Ales 6:00 pm		Alana Boykin-Carter	10
June 24-29 Youth Passport		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

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)

New Green Paraments

“What are paraments?” you may be asking. Paraments are the hangings on the altar, pulpit, and lectern, which “clothe” or vest the central furnishings of the chancel. This year the Worship Commission has been working on procuring new green and white paraments, as our current sets are quite tattered after many years of use. Green is the liturgical color used during the Season after Epiphany and the Season after Pentecost, in which we currently find ourselves in the liturgical calendar. There are more “green” Sundays than any other throughout the year. Liturgical artist, Jeff Wunrow, has listened to our ideas, looked at photographs of our worship space, and created a beautiful design for us. We have received the green set, which you will see this Sunday morning. The new paraments include five unique pieces for the front of the altar, which can be used all together, three at a time, one singular piece at a time, or some other combination. The five pieces will give us the flexibility to vary the look of the altar throughout the long stretches of “ordinary time.” We give thanks for these new paraments which will enhance our worship experience for many years to come! The white paraments are in the final planning stages and will soon be ordered!

Bailey Hardy Interning at Grace

You may have seen Bailey Hardy around the church this summer. Bailey is doing an internship with us during the month of June in addition to his work at Westminster Canterbury. He is interested in the “behind the scenes” stuff of ministry and has already been a helpful presence with our staff! Later this week he will join Sue Anderson in leading our PassportKIDS group at Eagle Eyrie. We are grateful for Bailey’s gifts and presence with us this summer and pray his experiences are formative. This is but one of the many ways in which Grace lives into its identity as a teaching church!

A New Sunday School Class is Forming!

Beginning in July, a new class is gathering to talk about what we believe and how we live out our faith, and learn from one another about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. This class, **Discover Grace**, is a great place for newer members and friends of GBC to gather and explore their faith together, for parents who want to engage in faith conversations, and for anyone who is interested in sharing their experiences and learning from the faith journeys of others. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in classroom 4 (the classroom closest to the church office, look for the sign on the door!). Coffee will be ready for you! We will be using the book, "Becoming a Thinking Christian" by John Cobb as our guide. The book will be available for purchase in the church office for \$8 and during the first class. The Jubilee class will also be reading the same book during July. Join us for a summer of discovery and growing in our faith at GBC! For questions about the new class - please contact Lisa Webb at lisawebbrva@gmail.com, or by phone at (804)586-5122.

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.

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 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 21	Youth Serve at Westminster	12-2 pm
June 24-29	Passport – Danville, VA	
July 8	Girls and Boys Night	6-8 pm
July 10	Youth Tuesday Gathering	6-8 pm

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!

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.

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!](#)



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

Barbara Smith
(804)758-3091

EXTENSION MEMBER

Catherine Carter
10300 Three Chopt Road
Apartment 213
Richmond, VA 23233



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, June 20, 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

Kinleigh Bujtas, daughter of **Ashley McGinley Bujtas**, recovering after being hospitalized at MCV last week.

348 Junlar Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

Nancy Nash, daughter of **Ron Gotschalk**, diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. Will start chemotherapy on Thursday, June 21.

14065 Big Bear Court, Montpelier, VA 23192

Jeanette Carey, mother of **Faith Dickerson**, returned to Autumn Care.

8277 Fort Myers Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Jenall Brock, **Maurianne Roberson's** caregiver and friend, being treated for pancreatic cancer.

1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

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 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
 Cheryl Crawford

Opener/Closer: Faith Dickerson

Sound System: Don Hill

Sunday, July 1

Acolyte: Reagan Hardy

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

Chimer: Wesley Wagg

Deacon of the Week: Chris Baker

Extension Member: Nell Hobson

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

Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks
 Sharon Whitlock
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Brian Hill

Sound System: Bryan Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$178,905.80
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$233,910.20

June 17

Gifts given:	\$4,284.00
Other Income:	\$8,380.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

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