

July 18, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 22

“On Compassion”

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, July 29

“Filled with Love”

Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Courtney Allen

We are so excited about our Summer FX weekend! Last year we made a move to a weekend of intergenerational faith formation and play in lieu of a traditional weeklong children's focused vacation bible school. In many ways this year's "Summer FX Live Love" is the kickoff to much of what we will be doing together as a community over the next year of our Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute. Our time together will include opportunities to play and participate in God's story through poetry, hymn writing, photography, spoken word, art and liturgical movement. Whether you are young or old, you don't want to miss this weekend! You may sign up outside the church office or [here](#).

Summer FX 2018



We are gearing up for SummerFX August 3 - 5th.

We're kicking off our Vital Worship Grant with the Joy of Love Dinner Party on Friday night from 5:30-8 p.m.

On Saturday from 9:30 am-3:00 pm our theme will be The Way of Love with storytelling, creative play, bible study, a “Love looks like...” scavenger hunt, and sharing a tasty meal together.

On Sunday morning we will celebrate the Story of Love as we sing and share stories during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

Blessed are those who live love.

Blessed are those who serve love.

Blessed are those who share love.

Our theme for SummerFX is LIVE LOVE. We will ask and invite response to the questions: What does it mean to LIVE LOVE? How can we serve love? How do we walk in the way of love? What are the living stories of our faith? What are our "now" stories of where we witness God's loving presence in the world? How do you feel/experience/embody love?

Friday night - The Joy of Love

Saturday - The Way and Work of Love

Sunday - The Story of Love

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Our next newsletter will be published July 25th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, July 23rd

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

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Meetings:

July 25
 Quarterly Business Meeting
 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

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

<p><u>July</u></p> <p>July 19 Youth at CARITAS Building 12:00 pm</p> <p>July 22 River Tubing 12:00 pm Grace on Tap: Ardent Craft Ales 6:00 pm</p> <p>July 24 Youth Tuesday Gathering 6:00 pm</p> <p>July 26 Youth Serve at Westminster 12:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>Wednesday activities will resume in September. Stay tuned for Summer opportunities.</p>	<p><u>July Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>James Bachtell</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Ginny Wagg</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Trainor Caumont</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Ann Luck</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Davis Smith, Jr.</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Graeme Biddle</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Cora Vinson</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>Robert Wynne</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Bryan Jewell</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Cheryl Crawford</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Bill Rhodenhiser</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>David Fauri</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>Scudder Wagg</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Kristen Bailey-Hardy</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Madonna Byrkeland</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Bailey Hardy</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Bill Ford</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Suzanne Vinson</td><td>27</td></tr> </table>	James Bachtell	3	Ginny Wagg	3	Trainor Caumont	4	Ann Luck	7	Davis Smith, Jr.	10	Graeme Biddle	11	Cora Vinson	12	Robert Wynne	13	Bryan Jewell	17	Cheryl Crawford	20	Bill Rhodenhiser	21	David Fauri	22	Scudder Wagg	25	Kristen Bailey-Hardy	26	Madonna Byrkeland	26	Bailey Hardy	26	Bill Ford	27	Suzanne Vinson	27
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S-Citing Quarterly Business Meeting Meal - July 25

Our menu for the July Quarterly Business Meeting is the same as last year - **S**hrimp **S**ouffle and **S**crumptious **S**ummer **S**alads. The salads will vary, in good part, based on you. I invite you to share any bounty from your garden with me by Tuesday, July 24 and I will create salads using your fresh and delicious produce. I know it is impossible to predict in advance what you might have to share, but feel free to communicate possible or likely options whenever, so I can make proper plans. Anyone not wanting Shrimp Souffle may do salads only for the kid's price of \$3. Remember, I only charge the church for the food supplies (not my time) so any contributions you make will help the church's bottom line. And don't forget the Ice Cream Social following the business meeting! It promises to be an evening of great food and fellowship despite the business!

Sallie Cross
 Email: sallieandrichardcross@gmail.com
 Text: 804.683.3075

Congolese Refugee Family Needs

A Congolese family could use a used television (HD Antennae adaptable) and a men's bicycle. Please bring donations to the church for Bob Wynne to deliver.

Tuesday Gatherings Every Week through August

This summer our youth have been involved in what we call Tuesday Gatherings. This holy time of discipleship begins and ends with the community. We eat together, play together, and learn together. Each time we meet we take a story from the life of Jesus and look at it in a new way. For more information contact Bryce Williams.

Youth Schedule

July 19	CARITAS Building	12:00 pm
July 22	River Tubing	12:00-5:00 pm
July 24	Youth Tuesday Gathering	6:00-8:00 pm
July 26	Youth Serve at Westminster	12:00-2:00 pm

OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION TIME



SUNDAY July 22 – AUGUST 12

Collection tub will be across the hall from the office.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK ITEMS IN BACKPACK

(Pack by like items)

The Children/parents will pack by their grade level

This will also allow them to fill their own backpacks

Items for the Backpacks

Backpacks (sturdy, large enough for note books)

Items to be included in backpack are listed below

- 1-Three-ring binder and divider tabs
- 1 or 2 packs Loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule)
- 2 One subject notebooks
- 5-8 No.2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 5-8 black or blue pens (erasable/no gel)

Additional Items

- Pocket folders (with or w/out brads) in solid colors
- Rulers (12 inch/metric)
- Colored pencils
- Crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- Highlighters
- Markers(washable 8/10 pack, wide/thin)
- 3x5 lined index cards & file box
- Pencil box
- Pencil sharpeners (small hand-held)
- Protractors, clear
- Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- Scissors (pointed or blunt)
- Eraser pencil top & block
- Glue sticks
- Ren pens
- Zippered pencil pouches of 3-ring binder
- Hand sanitizer, regular size

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.

You are cordially invited to attend
A Grace after Five Concert
On Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

"A little.....
Gospel and Gershwin"

Featuring pianist, Theresa Steward and
Mezzo-soprano, Madonna Byrkeland.

Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served.
Expressions of Appreciation will go directly to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund.

Sing! Play! Summer!

We have booklets in the hall for any who want to experience reflections and recipes linked to songs created by the Salt.org house band Butterflyfish. These booklets have simple, achievable activities for folks to enjoy. You can find the songs [here](#).



Grace on Tap

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

July 22

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

Summer Caroling

We have just passed the summer solstice, so Christmas is-a-coming... and there is no need to wait for December to take some music to friends who are not always able to attend worship with us. It is a long time from December to December, so we are going to visit some folks on July 29 and sing hymns with them. You all (no age limitations!) are invited to participate in this joy-filled singing mission. Mac Angell recently wrote in the newsletter about his experience of having the choir come to sing with him, and it was a wonderful time of fellowship indeed with not just Mac, but with his sister, who sang along in Delaware via the telephone. We were also touched by a visitor to Mac's room who said we were singing some favorite hymns of her husband, a patient down the hall.

We will eat some pizza in the Fellowship Hall after worship that day, then head out to sing. We'll take hymnals so no one has to worry about not knowing the words. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the church office so we will know how much pizza to order, or you can sign up [here](#). Cost will be same as regular Wednesday night meals - \$6. If you want to bring your own lunch rather than eat pizza that will be fine.

If you can't participate this time, don't worry - we are going to do this again - but we hope that we'll have enough people eager to sing that we can divide our forces and visit more than one of our friends on July 29. All this brings to mind a hymn that I recall from childhood, "Singing I Go" by Eliza E. Hewitt (b. 1851), who was herself homebound for a long period of time. The hymn begins "The trusting heart to Jesus clings" and the refrain proclaims:

*Singing I go along life's road,
praising the Lord, praising the Lord!
Singing I go along life's road,
for Jesus has lifted my load.*

It is our joyous vocation to join Jesus in the lifting of loads, even for a few minutes, through God's gift of singing. May all our singing be to the glory of God.

Deacon of the Week

Crystal Lennon
(919)272-3953

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Extension Members

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

Nell Hobson
Shirley Lam

Members with Continuing Needs

Mac Angell
Dara Fennell Baker
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
Denyse Hunt
John Luck
Wade McGinley
Beverly Pugh
Jim Rothrock
Maurianne Roberson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GRACE WITH CURRENT CONCERNS

Wade McGinley, recovering at home after being hospitalized.
1816 Robindale Road, Richmond, VA 23235

Lisa Forester, recovering at home from surgery for ovarian cancer.
3328 Pinebrook Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

Mac Angell, hospitalized at Johnston-Willis.
9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

Joan Vinson, mother of **Richard Vinson**, recovering from a stroke.
15494 AL Highway 251, Athens, AL 35613

Ann Luck is recovering from broken leg and is in rehab.
14215 Foliage Court, Midlothian, VA 23112

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

Jenall Brock, **Maurianne Roberson's** caregiver and friend, being treated for pancreatic cancer.
1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Christian sympathy is extended to **Faith, Jennifer, Alyssa, and Cameron Dickerson** in the death of Faith's mother, Jeanette Carey, on July 18.
8277 Fort Myers Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

The family of **Catherine Carter** in her death on July 15th.
Visitation will be held July 18th, 6-8pm, at Bennett Funeral Home on Cutshaw. Obituary [here](#).

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ **Dan (Danny) Harris**, being treated for metastasized malignant melanoma. *Danny Harris, P.O. Box 1344, Mathews, VA 23109*
- ❖ 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 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, July 22

Acolyte: Spencer Anderson
 Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards
 Sunday School: Sallie Cross
 Worship:
 Chimer:
 Deacon of the Week: Crystal Lennon
 Extension Member: Nell Hobson
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Richard Cross
 Sallie Cross
 David Boykin
 Bernie Henderson
 Money Counters:
 Sallie Cross
 Jesse Kent
 Opener/Closer: Richard Cross
 Sound System: Chad Hudson

Sunday, July 29

Acolyte: Zeke Hudson
 Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
 Sunday School: Sara Casey
 Worship: Sara Casey
 Chimer: Cooper Paxton
 Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch
 Extension Member: Shirley Lam
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Susanne Freeman
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin
 Money Counters:
 Jenny Griffin
 Joe Griffin
 Marilyn Hunter
 Opener/Closer: Richard Cross
 Sound System: David Hebel

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$219,093.80
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$193,722.20

July 15

Gifts given:	\$5,202.00
Other Income:	\$3,085.15

PLEASE NOTE

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