

July 25, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 29

"Filled with Love"
Ephesians 3:14-21
Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, August 5

Summer FX:
Living Love



Our ministerial staff spent Monday and Tuesday at Roslyn Retreat Center praying and planning, dreaming and imagining much about the year ahead. Among other endeavors, we are excited about the many ways the Vital Worship Grant will shape our programming over the next year! Spending time at Roslyn with our staff is always such a treat, and I'm grateful we have such an oasis just ten minutes from the church! Thank you for your support of our staff and for the opportunity to lead and minister at GBC!

Summer FX 2018

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

Our next newsletter will be published August 1st

The deadline for submissions is Monday, July 30th

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Meetings:

July 25

Quarterly Business Meeting
 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

August 1

Stewardship Commission Meeting
 6:00 pm in Room 4

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

<p><u>July</u></p> <p>July 26 Youth Serve at Westminster 12:00 pm</p> <p>July 29 Youth at Kings Dominion 12:00 pm Choir Lunch and Caroling 12:00 pm</p> <p>July 30 Liberation Veteran Services 5:30 pm</p> <p>July 31 Youth Tuesday Gathering</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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Here We Come A-Caroling (or Singing Hymns)...

July 29 is the day we, meaning the entire congregation, will take some hymn singing to some of our GBC members who are not able to come to worship with us regularly. Following worship we will eat pizza (sign up online [here](#) or outside the church office) or bring your own food from home, if you like. After our quick meal, we will head out, hymnals in hand, to do some singing with folks who miss getting to sing hymns in worship. We can do some carpooling if that will be helpful. This will be a blessing to those we visit as well to all of us who participate, so join in as we blend our voices in praise to God.

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.

Fifth Sunday Collection – July 29th

The collection will go to ReEstablish Richmond backpacks for refugee kids. The Mission Commission Initiative fund will match the donations up to \$500.00.

Ann Webb Benevolence Fund

Dear GBC Family:

I just want to say that I am overwhelmed by the generous support from our congregation for the benevolence fund established in my mom's name. When Lisa and I started this fund, I had no idea that we would have been able to help so many people in such a short time. This fund allows the church to assist people that have temporary needs with complete confidentiality. On August 22 at the Grace after Five concert, you will have an opportunity to give to the Ann Webb Benevolence Fund, and I encourage you to contribute. If you need assistance I would encourage you to contact our pastor. Again, thank you so much for making this dream of my mother's come true!

Tina Webb

Dwelling in the Word and Dwelling in the World

During August Grace on Tap will take a hiatus, but not to fear, we will be experimenting with another approach to faith formation! Each Sunday night in August, adults are invited to join in Dwelling in the Word and Dwelling in the World, practices which increase our capacity for listening to God and shaping our imagination about what God is up to in the world. We will gather from 6-7:30pm on Sunday evenings around a simple meal, and the first gathering will take place at Pastor Courtney's home (4729 Louisiana Street).



35th Annual Watermelon Festival
Presented by Publix
SUPER MARKETS

Sunday,
August 12th



For the second year Grace Baptist Church will have a booth at the Carytown Watermelon Festival! Last year we listened to stories from our neighbors, played games, and enjoyed the fun of the festival. This year we plan to share music, bottled water, and get to know our neighbors better. This is but one of the ways we make sure Grace isn't the "best kept secret in Richmond!" There are so many folks who do not believe a community of faith like Grace exists! If you're up for meeting new people, listening to our neighbors, and sharing a bit about our unique community, [please sign up here](#) to be in our tent on Sunday, August 12th!

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](#).



Youth 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 26	Youth Serve at Westminster	12:00-2:00 pm
July 29	Youth at Kings Dominion	12:00-8:00 pm
July 31	Youth Tuesday Gathering	6:00-8:00 pm

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.

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.

**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 Note of Thanks

Our son, Brad Sullivan, had a long wait before his open heart surgery, but it is done and he is recovering now. He is able to drive and hopes to start rehab this upcoming week. Brad asked us to thank each of you for your caring, your notes and your prayers. David and I thank you also for your continued love and nurturing. GBC is a very special community of faith.

Margaret and David Sullivan

Deacon of the Week

Linda Welch
(804)658-6322

EXTENSION MEMBER

Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Avenue
Unit 122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Extension Members

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

Mac Angell
Nell Hobson
Shirley Lam

Members with Continuing Needs

Dara Fennell Baker
Bill Ford
Joe Furio
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 and will begin chemo next week.
3328 Pinebrook Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

Mac Angell, at The Laurels at Bon Air, room 202.
9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

Ann Luck is back home recovering from broken leg.
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.
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 29

Acolyte:

Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
 Sunday School: Sara Casey
 Worship: Sara Casey

Chimer:

Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch

Extension Member: Shirley Lam

Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Susanne Freeman
 Tina Webb
 Lisa Webb

Money Counters:
 Tina Webb
 Lisa Webb
 Marilyn Hunter

Opener/Closer: Richard Cross

Sound System: David Hebel

Sunday, August 5

Acolyte: Sadie Newkirk

Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards
 Sunday School:
 Worship:

Chimer: Wesley Wagg

Deacon of the Week: Marilyn Fishel

Extension Member: Nell Hobson

Greeters/Ushers:
 Bob Hamlett
 Karen Hamlett
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin

Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks
 Cheryl Crawford
 Tina Webb

Opener/Closer: Phil Hale

Sound System: Bryan Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$221,457.80
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$191,358.20

July 22

Gifts given:	\$2,364.00
Other Income:	\$10,732.49

PLEASE NOTE

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