

August 8, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 12

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

“Giving Grace, Being Grace”

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, August 19

Ephesians 5:15-20

“On Making the Most of Time”

Rev. Courtney Allen



What a weekend we had at SummerFX! As we planned and imagined the weekend, we hoped that it would be a time of shared fellowship, full participation, and creating together that would invite us to play and participate in the story of God. The week before SummerFX someone stopped me in the hall and said, “This is all so exciting!” I agreed and noted that when you do something new it is both exciting and a little bit scary! The person replied, “Yes, it is, but this is the kind of disruption we need!” I imagine some of you felt a little bit of the “exciting and scary” on the front end of SummerFX, but you still showed up, participated fully, and

shared in the joy and creativity of the weekend. We created music, hymns, art, poetry, photography, and even protest signs together! You will see more of what was created in the days ahead both in worship and around the church.

In the reflections on the weekend you noted a hopefulness, vitality, and joy about our community of faith. You described amazement at the gifts and creativity found in one another and a desire to create more liturgy, art, and song together! All of these things are a part of the Vital Worship Grant and a part of what we plan to cultivate space for in the year ahead!



If your household has not yet received a copy of J.P. Newell’s *Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter*, please stop by the church or let us know. These morning and evening prayers are framing our days and forming our hearts and lives as a community of faith over the next year. The hope is that the practice of these sacred pauses will eventually lead us to create our own collection of prayers and meditations in “Life as Liturgy” at Grace.

My deepest gratitude to all who participated in the weekend and to my colleagues for their hard work and dedication in making the weekend happen. I am grateful for a congregation that makes room for “disruptions” like SummerFX, and I am excited about all that is ahead as we connect daily life and liturgy through the Vital Worship Grant!

Our next newsletter will be published August 15th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 13th

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

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Meetings:

August 8
 Personnel Commission Meeting
 6:00 pm in Room 4

August 12
 Missions Commission Meeting
 9:00 am in the Parlor

August 19
 Adult Education Committee Meeting
 12:00 pm in Room 4

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

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95th Annual Watermelon Festival
 featuring Publix
 SUPER MARKETS



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!

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

August 9	Youth at Shalom Farms	11:30am–4:30pm
August 14	Youth Tuesday Gathering at Pastor Courtney's House	6:00-8:00 pm
August 16	Project Homes	9:00am-12:00pm

Congolese Refugee Family Needs

A Congolese family could use a men's bicycle. Please bring donations to the church for Bob Wynne to deliver.

Sunday Evenings in August 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. Join us August 12th at Jesse and Sue Kay Lam Kent's house. 1350 Westwood Ave., Unit 105, Richmond, VA 23227

Intergenerational Sunday School in August

As is our tradition at Grace, the month of August is dedicated to intergenerational Sunday school. Our first Sunday together, on August 5th, was the culminating event for the Summer FX program (August 3 – 5), where the theme was "The Story of Love." The next four Sundays (8/12, 8/19, 8/25 and 9/2) we will continue to explore our individual stories of faith as we explore what connects our story to God's story. Through the creative use of photography and story-telling, we will create a story about faith formation at Grace Baptist Church. This story will encompass those who are our youngest, and those who are our wisest! If you don't have a camera, don't worry! We will provide you with what you need to participate. Light breakfast refreshments and coffee will be available each Sunday. On Sunday, September 9th, our regular Sunday schools will be back in their classrooms for fall programs. We are looking forward to winding down the summer with storytelling, fellowship, and gathering together to celebrate the presence of God in our midst. Please join us!

GBC Adult Education Commission



**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

**Grace And HopeTree Cookout
August 19, 2018**

On August 19th at 4pm you are all invited to come to eat and celebrate our relationship with the residents at HopeTree! We will be cooking out hamburgers and hotdogs while visiting with the residents! Our last dinner with them at the church was a wonderful time full of pizza, singing, and sharing of our stories. We even had an impromptu signing moment from one of the residents that was a beautiful moment. To be part of our next meeting remember to sign up outside the office!

Liberation Veterans' Services Recap

On July 30th, we served a terrific dinner to a group of grateful veterans experiencing homelessness. Our meal was made possible by contributions from Carole Gaunce, Barbara Scott, Linda Savelle, Barbara Smith, Marie Henderson, Linda Welch, Sallie Cross, Marilyn Fishel & Cheryl Crawford, Madonna & Cindy Byrkeland. Thanks also to those who contributed ice cream, cookies and all the fixings for the ice cream social – they provided dessert for our meal. Tracy and Marilyn Hunter, Barbara Stadler, Andrew Hughes, and Brittney Welsch served and visited with our guests. Pastor Courtney added her good spirit to the evening.

Our remaining dates for 2018 are October 29th and Dec. 31st. It is always humbling to provide this simple act of appreciation to men who have served in the military.

A Personal Reflection on Refugee Ministry by Ellen Burhans

I think it would be safe to say these past months have been difficult times in our country as we have witnessed, with dismay, the discord, polarization, frustration and at times despair at what is happening around us. This has been a time of anxiety and stress for me and my family, and I am grateful that there are many people here in Richmond and around the country who have expressed a desire to make some positive contribution that would give us hope for the future.

During the recent immigration crisis, I decided there might be something I could do to help in a constructive way. In the spring, Judy Bailey, representing the Missions Commission, held a meeting to discuss ways we might assist the International Refugee Committee (IRC) in helping to settle refugees coming to the Richmond area. Some in our church fellowship have been vetted to volunteer and others have made helpful contributions of household items for setting up apartments. In the past month I have begun teaching English to a 50 year old woman and her granddaughter. They arrived in Richmond in May from The Republic of Congo and live in Henrico County. We are getting to know each other better with each tutoring session and beginning to see some progress, though it will take time I am sure. Others in our church are volunteering time to help drive refugees to the Social Security office, to doctors' appointments or other offices where help in resettling is being provided. The whole settlement process must be overwhelming to these people looking for a home that is safe and provides better opportunities, and I believe we as Christians have a significant opportunity to reach out and help if we are able. For me, these are some of the "strangers" Jesus has taught us to welcome.

I am hoping that Moza, Furaha and I will be able to work together to know and appreciate each other better and learn to read, write and speak English in the process. Perhaps I might learn a few words in their beloved native language as well.

GREAT MUSIC at GRACE in AUGUST

August holds many musical opportunities at GBC. Plan to attend, and feel free to invite others to come with you.

Sunday, August 12: A quartet made up of Lara Pugh, Charlotte Fennell, Richard Vinson, and Kevin Corn will sing for worship. During the afternoon, we will take music to our GBC tent at the Carytown Watermelon Festival. The quartet and the Chancel Choir will sing, Richard will lead some handchime playing that even by-passers might join, and more. Be sure to stop in and see us!

Sunday, August 19: The Jubilee Sunday School class will be the choir for this service, singing a wonderful arrangement of "I'll Fly Away." Lynn Clayton will direct, and Crystal Bayles Lennon will accompany at the piano. Also on this Sunday, Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra oboist Daniel Edwards will play for worship as part of our space-sharing covenant with the RPO. He has played at Grace many times, and we are grateful for his willingness to share his talent with us.

Wednesday, August 22: Madonna Byrkeland, mezzo-soprano, and pianist Theresa Steward will present a Grace After Five concert titled "A Little ...Gospel and Gershwin" in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and expressions of appreciation will go directly to the GBC Pastor's Benevolence Fund.

August 26: Lara Pugh and Charlotte Fennell will sing a lovely setting of a the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

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.

Madonna Byrkeland

The charge, joy, and gift of every singer is to deliver the given text using the composer's voice. With a Masters degree in vocal performance, mezzo soprano, Madonna Byrkeland has worked a lifetime (since those first piano lessons at age five) performing and coaching in theatre, opera and sacred music from South Dakota to NYC to RVA.

“a little.....Gospel and Gershwin” is an opportunity to collaborate with gifted pianist, Theresa Steward, and offer song and voice to “Grace After Five” in support of the Ann Webb Pastor's Benevolence fund.

Theresa Steward

Theresa is the organist and pianist for Grace Baptist Church. She also teaches musicology and piano classes at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, as well as private piano lessons in her home studio. Theresa completed her doctorate and masters in musicology at the University of Edinburgh, UK and holds bachelor degrees in architecture and music from the University of Virginia. In addition, Theresa is a great advocate for fitness and teaches yoga, pilates, and barre classes at Gold's Gym in Midlothian. In her spare time, between jobs and gym workouts, she enjoys curling up with a good book, watching classic films, and discovering great places to eat and drink coffee.

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



As you may already know, GBC & Cool Springs Baptist Church are collaborating to host CARITAS Ladies at GBC for the period of September 1 through September 15.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
for Towel Washing and Overnights at GBC

Towel washing sign-up (Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays – towels only; no personal laundry):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4eaaab2da20-caritas>

Overnighter sign-up (1 or 2 each night): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849ABAF29A6FC1-caritas>

Four meals are being prepared/served by GBC:

- Tue, Sep 4 – Taco salad by the **Missions Commission**
- Sun, Sep 9 – Spaghetti by **GBC Youth**
- Wed, Sep 12 – Pizza (Wednesday night church-wide dinner)
- Fri, Sep 14 – Fried Chicken by **Jubilee SS class**

Cool Springs Baptist Church is providing/serving all other evening meals, plus bagged lunches & breakfast foods. In addition, Cool Springs will be utilizing its church van & driver(s) to provide shower transportation (M/W/F). They will also be providing toiletry bags and personal laundry supplies (bus tickets, quarters, detergent pods).

Please consider signing up to wash towels and/or spend an overnight at GBC during our CARITAS guests' stay. If you need help with signing up on-line, just let us know which available date/activity you are interested in – we can handle the sign up for you!

Joe Griffin (804) 363-7497

Jenny Griffin (804) 337-9578

jgriffin1799@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Fall Adult Retreat will be held at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond from November 9-11, with guest retreat leader Rev. Ken Myers



Notes of Thanks

Dear GBC Family,

We cannot adequately thank Grace for the love and support shown to our family. We especially want to offer thanks for the scholarship that was recently awarded to Alana.

We are very blessed to be a part of such a caring community of faith.

From our hearts,
David, Ron, Alana, and Brynna

Deacon of the Week

Kevin Corn
(404)853-5790

EXTENSION MEMBER

Mac Angell
9101 Bon Air Crossings Drive
Room 202
Richmond, VA 23235



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, August 8, 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

Maurianne Roberson, in rehab for broken arm at Westport.
1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

Lisa Forester, started chemo this week. You may help with a meal by signing up [here](#).
3328 Pinebrook Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

Mac Angell, at The Laurels at Bon Air, room 202.
9101 Bon Air Crossings 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

Friends and Family of Grace Who Value Prayers

- ❖ Jenall Brock, **Maurianne Roberson's** caregiver and friend, being treated for pancreatic cancer. 1726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235
- ❖ **Dan (Danny) Harris**, being treated for metastasized malignant melanoma. *Danny Harris, P.O. Box 1344, Mathews, VA 23109*
- ❖ 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, August 12

Acolyte: Sierra Blakely
 Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards
 Sunday School: Terry Cavet
 Worship: Terry Cavet
 Chimer: Alison Jewell
 Deacon of the Week: Kevin Corn
 Extension Member: Mac Angell
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Susanne Freeman
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin
 Money Counters:
 Marilyn Hunter
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin
 Opener/Closer: Bryce Williams
 Sound System: Don Hill

Sunday, August 19

Acolyte: Camryn Dickerson
 Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
 Sunday School:
 Worship:
 Chimer: Luke Smith
 Deacon of the Week: Royce Savelle
 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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$235,059.80
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$177,756.20
<u>August 5</u>	
Gifts given:	\$8,067.00
Other Income:	\$107.00

PLEASE NOTE

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