

August 22, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 26

John 6:56-69

"Holy Now"

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, September 2
Praises on the Portico



Last Sunday was a full and joyous day! The Jubilee Sunday School class added to the "soundtrack of our faith" by singing "I'll Fly Away with gusto"! After worship our youth led the effort to organize a cookout at two of the HopeTree Family Services homes for adults with developmental disabilities. Stewart Smith was our "grill master" and was assisted by James

Cavet. We played games, visited, and ate some of the biggest hamburgers you've ever seen! The rain held off long enough for us to enjoy all of these activities outside. It was a gift for such a wide array of our Grace family to come together to serve and fellowship with our HopeTree friends, many of whom remembered us from the Hymn Sing we hosted last spring.



In addition to the cookout, Jesse and Sue Kay Kent hosted Dwelling in the Word Sunday night for the second week in a row! We gathered together for a wonderful meal and read Jesus' command to love our enemies in [Luke 6:27-36](#). We asked, "What sparks your imagination and what do you wonder about in this text? And what question do you want to ask a biblical scholar?" We wrestled with the hard edge of the

gospel (how serious was Jesus about all of this? how literally should we read this?), the radical nature of the Way of Jesus, and how we are challenged to live out these commands. These conversations are rich and quite moving. Join us next Sunday evening at 6 pm at Paul Brockwell and Kevin Corn's home for Dwelling in the World!

Our next newsletter will be published August 29th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 27th

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Meetings

August 22
 Personnel Commission Meeting
 6:30 pm

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

<p><u>August</u></p> <p>August 22 A Little Gospel and Gershwin 5:30 pm</p> <p>August 23 Youth Serve at Westminster 9:00 am</p> <p><u>September</u></p> <p>September 1-15 CARITAS Women</p> <p>September 3 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>Handbell and Choir rehearsals begin September 5th.</p> <p>Regular Wednesday activities (BBB and The Welcome Table) begin September 12th.</p>	<p><u>August Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Braeden Forester</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Marilyn Fishel</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Carey Boehnlein</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Bernie Henderson</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Anna Marie Mizell</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Pippin Jakesch</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>Pamela Geib</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Linda Welch</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>Linda Savelle</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Crawford</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>Faith Walker</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>Betty Blackburn</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	Braeden Forester	4	Marilyn Fishel	4	Carey Boehnlein	6	Bernie Henderson	9	Anna Marie Mizell	15	Pippin Jakesch	16	Pamela Geib	17	Linda Welch	19	Linda Savelle	25	Karen Crawford	30	Faith Walker	30	Betty Blackburn	31
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An Update from the Church Office

Our Ministries Assistant, Aly Lopez, has an opportunity for her other part time job to go full time. We are excited for her and the opportunity she has to grow with this company. Aly has given her notice, but is helping us through this time of transition by continuing to ensure that the newsletter and bulletin are cared for each week. Our faithful volunteers are helping to fill in the gaps. The Personnel Commission has posted the job on Indeed.com and is interviewing candidates. We are committed to finding the right person for this important position on our church staff, and we appreciate your prayers and patience in the process. We give thanks for Aly and all that she makes happen in our church office!

George W. Sadler Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee of the Diaconate is pleased to announce the awarding of the George W. Sadler Scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. Alana Boykin-Carter, a freshman at James Madison University and Bailey Addison Hardy, a Junior at Bridgewater College will each receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Both Alana and Bailey have been members of Grace Baptist Church since childhood and both have been particularly active in the children's and youth programs and are outstanding students in their academic pursuits. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their next stage of life.

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 26th at Paul Brockwell and Kevin Corn's (5517 Westover Drive, Richmond, VA 23225)

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

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.

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.

Sunday, 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

AGO National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-6 2018 **by Theresa Steward**

I had the fortune to attend the AGO convention in Kansas City, a week-long event, of which I attended fully-packed days of exciting programs, including a diverse number of workshops, lectures, exhibits, and performances. I found some of the workshops on organ repertoire to be the most useful for myself as a relatively new organist. Elizabeth Smith, co-owner of Lois Fyfe Music (a publishing company which specializes in choral and organ music), and Dr. Stephen Hamilton, Minister of Music Emeritus at the historic Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal) in New York City, led separate workshops that introduced a vast number of works of various styles; one for organists that have to learn music very quickly for weekly services, and the other, on music published within the last year. I look forward to hopefully incorporating some of these pieces into upcoming services at GBC.

The performances were absolutely fantastic, especially from young organist, Chelsea Chen, who performed an electrifying solo recital on July 4th, at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City's impressive concert hall with excellent acoustics to showcase their beautiful Casavant Frères organ. Chen performed pieces by John Weaver, Henri Mulet, and Emma Lou Diemer, and a lovely arrangement of Debussy's *Petite Suite*. She concluded with the Finale of Saint-Saen's "Organ Symphony" No. 3, a transcription of the full score, which made one question, why do we even need the orchestra? Her tremendous energy, passion, and virtuosic technique was mesmerizing, instilling in everyone the urge to return home and practice, practice, practice.

The Hymn Festival followed Chen's performance, led by the Convention Festival Choir conducted by Anton Armstrong with organists James Bobb and Tom Trenney, and featuring the Convention Festival Brass and Percussion and the Laudate Ringers Handbell Ensemble. In my opinion, this was the most moving event of the entire convention. Choir anthems included beautiful arrangements of "Dona Nobis Pacem," "We Shall Overcome," and "Amazing Grace." There were many hymn arrangements that showcased talented musicians but also allowed for full audience participation and immersion. These were interspersed with spoken devotions and prayers by Mary Louise Bringle and Karen Wright, illuminating the theme of despair turning into hope with a particular focus on refugee children in crisis. A highlight of this program was the world premiere of "Deep River," by Richmond-based organist and composer, Mary Beth Bennett, who was awarded the 2018 AGO Publishing Award in Choral Composition for her setting of the spiritual. It was a proud moment not only to see Richmond represented at the AGO convention, but also to be able to call myself one of her organ students!

On July 5th, I attended a performance by the choral ensemble, Te Deum, under the direction of Matthew Christopher Shepard at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. They gave a wonderful performance of contemporary repertoire by John Tavener, Jonathan Dove, William Walton, Tarik O'Regan, and Sir James MacMillan, with Kurt Knecht on the church's new Richards, Fowkes & Co. organ. In the evening, after sampling some Kansas City barbeque (more burnt ends, please), there was the option to enjoy Dave Wickerham playing the Robert Morton Theater Pipe Organ in the Kansas City Music Hall, with a program which included Gershwin and ended with a 4th of July medley that you couldn't help but clap along to. We were then bused just out of the city to Independence, MO, where the Community of Christ International Headquarters resides. There, we heard the winners of the AGO Young Organists regional competitions playing on a massive 113 rank Aeolian-Skinner organ from 1959. It really puts one to shame when you hear a fifteen year old playing Liszt's Fantasia and Fugue on B-A-C-H. But it is incredibly moving to see such great young talent out there, especially for organ performance.

I am extremely grateful to GBC for allowing me the opportunity to attend my first AGO convention, an extremely rewarding experience. Something that I found really wonderful about the whole event was the emphasis on and support for new organ music. Every program was diverse in its repertoire, but most of the pieces I heard were from living composers, which I found inspiring. As a sign advertising MusicSpoke, a marketplace created for musicians by musicians/composers, stated: "Support Living Artists: The Dead Ones Don't Need It."



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

Autumn Caroling will be September 23

Summer Caroling was so successful that we are planning for some "Autumn Caroling" and have set a date for the next outing: September 23. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we Live Love and Sing Love by taking music to our homebound members. All are invited to join in this mission, even those of you who do not want to sing but who would like to visit with members of our community of faith who are unable to be with us in worship regularly. Last outing we were able to divide our singing forces into two groups. It would be splendid if we could have enough voices to form three groups and visit with three members this time. More details to follow.

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



Deacon of the Week

Jennifer Dickerson
(804)382-0288

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, August 22, 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

Martha Hagy, recovering at home after being hospitalized.
1900 Lauderdale Avenue, Unit A-113, Henrico, VA 23238

Lisa Forester, recovering at home after being hospitalized. You may help with a meal by signing up [here](#).
3328 Pinebrook Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

David Carter, recovering from gallbladder surgery.
8610 Freestone Ave, Richmond, VA 23229

Maurianne Roberson, has been moved to Manor Care.
11726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235

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

Alana Boykin-Carter and family, as Alana heads to JMU for college this week!
2208 Ridgefield Green Way, Richmond, VA 23233

Nancy Nash, daughter of **Ron Gotschalk**, diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. Is undergoing chemotherapy.
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*
- ❖ 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

<u>Sunday, August 26</u>	<u>Sunday, September 2</u>
Acolyte: Zeke Hudson Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards Sunday School: Sallie Cross Worship: Chimer: Gillian Anderson Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Dickerson Extension Member: Nell Hobson Greeters/Ushers: Richard Cross Sallie Cross David Boykin Bernie Henderson Money Counters: Sallie Cross Sharon Whitlock Opener/Closer: Bryce Williams Sound System: Chad Hudson	Acolyte: Childcare Workers: Sunday School: Worship: Chimer: Deacon of the Week: Matt Anderson Extension Member: Mac Angell Greeters/Ushers: Bob Hamlett Karent Hamlett Lisa Webb Tina Webb Money Counters: Jackie Brooks Cheryl Crawford Tina Webb Opener/Closer: Brian Hill Sound System: Brian Jewell

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
<u>Total Gifts Given 2018:</u>	<u>\$247,584.40</u>
Remaining Giving Opportunity	\$165,231.60
 <u>August 19</u>	
Gifts given:	\$3,140.80
Other Income:	\$137.00

PLEASE NOTE

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