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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 2 Praises on the Portico

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Sunday, September 9 Recovenanting Sunday

Psalms 146

Isaiah 25:4-7a

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Our next newsletter will be
published September 5

The deadline for submissions
is Monday, September 3

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office@gbconline.org

Last Wednesday evening we had almost eighty folks gather for our first “Grace After Five Concert.” This concert was the brainchild of Madonna Byrkeland and Theresa Steward, who shared the best of their gifts as they presented “A Little Gospel and Gershwin.” It was joyful, soulful, and just beautiful! I am so incredibly grateful for the gifts Madonna and Theresa shared, and was astounded by the generosity shared by so many of you for the Ann Webb Benevolence Fund! We received over \$1700 for this fund which allows us to quickly respond to the needs of people both within our congregation and beyond our walls! This amount virtually doubles the current balance of the fund and allows us to continue to give support and care to people in the midst of difficult and unanticipated situations. I am amazed and grateful for all the gifts offered last week and hope you will join me in thanking Madonna and Theresa for their investment of time and energy as well as their dedication in lifting our spirits with some gospel and Gershwin!



This Saturday morning Grace will become home to 35 women experiencing homelessness through the ministries of CARITAS over the next two weeks. We are again partnering with Cool Spring Baptist Church to connect our assets and gifts together in an effort to serve the most vulnerable in our community. Using the Cool Spring fifteen passenger van and volunteers from Grace, First Baptist is graciously allowing us to use their showers. At least three different churches are connecting our individual assets and gifts with the ministries of CARITAS, which allows us to do more together than we can apart. CARITAS is transitioning to a new model of ministry that has caused some churches to reduce their involvement, thus leaving CARITAS with multiple weeks without a sponsoring congregation. I am grateful (and proud in the best of ways!) of the Missions Commission for their ongoing commitment to this important ministry in our community, their faithfulness in offering the gifts of Grace, and our trust in God’s ability to make more of those offerings than we can dream or imagine. We can still use some help with a few overnights, which you can [sign up for here](#). Because we are hosting CARITAS for the next two weeks our Wednesday fall programming (Bible Brunch Buddies and The Welcome Table) will not begin until September 12.

On Sunday morning we will gather on the steps of the portico for Praises on the Portico. Members of the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra will join us for this outdoor worship service with communion. We plan to have a tent setup to provide additional shade and water available to ensure folks are cool and hydrated! I hope you will join us for worship in God’s good creation a part of your Labor Day weekend!

Grace and Peace,
Courtney

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Meetings

September 9
 9:45 a.m. Youth & Parent Info Meeting
 Fellowship Hall

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 1-15 CARITAS Women</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 3 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 7 Youth Nerf Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 9 Recoventing Sunday Potluck Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 23 Autumn Caroling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Handbell and Choir rehearsals begin September 5th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regular Wednesday activities (BBB and The Welcome Table) begin September 12th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Richard Cross</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>Makayla Levison</td><td style="text-align: right;">2</td></tr> <tr><td>Chip Hardy</td><td style="text-align: right;">7</td></tr> <tr><td>Luke Smith</td><td style="text-align: right;">9</td></tr> <tr><td>Christine Baker</td><td style="text-align: right;">13</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Hudson</td><td style="text-align: right;">13</td></tr> <tr><td>Kris Taylor</td><td style="text-align: right;">13</td></tr> <tr><td>Ellen Broen</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> <tr><td>Forrest Anne Hill</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> <tr><td>Virginia Hobson</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> <tr><td>Amelia Flora</td><td style="text-align: right;">17</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Miller</td><td style="text-align: right;">18</td></tr> <tr><td>Royce Savelle</td><td style="text-align: right;">18</td></tr> <tr><td>Judd Paxton</td><td style="text-align: right;">20</td></tr> <tr><td>Lynn Clayton</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Dickerson</td><td style="text-align: right;">21</td></tr> <tr><td>Sierra Blakley</td><td style="text-align: right;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Martha Hagy</td><td style="text-align: right;">28</td></tr> <tr><td>Marilyn Hunter</td><td style="text-align: right;">28</td></tr> <tr><td>Cynthia Byrkeland</td><td style="text-align: right;">29</td></tr> <tr><td>Sarah Grace Timberlake</td><td style="text-align: right;">29</td></tr> </table>	Richard Cross	1	Makayla Levison	2	Chip Hardy	7	Luke Smith	9	Christine Baker	13	Karen Hudson	13	Kris Taylor	13	Ellen Broen	15	Forrest Anne Hill	15	Virginia Hobson	15	Amelia Flora	17	Jennifer Miller	18	Royce Savelle	18	Judd Paxton	20	Lynn Clayton	21	Jennifer Dickerson	21	Sierra Blakley	26	Martha Hagy	28	Marilyn Hunter	28	Cynthia Byrkeland	29	Sarah Grace Timberlake	29
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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!

Youth Nerf Night

September 7th from 7-9pm will be the youth's next nerf night! Students are encouraged to bring their own equipment but there will be available equipment if you do not have any. Any questions should be directed to Bryce!

Youth & Parent Info Meeting

On September 9th during the Sunday School hour youth and parents will meet in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the coming year of the youth ministry. Families are highly encouraged to be present as we will have some big changes happening this year!

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.

Marking a Year Gone By

As the children prepare to return to school and the fall winds begin to blow, this year is delightfully marked for me by serving as your Interim Minister to Children, Families, and Liturgical Arts. You've added to my years in ministry and my delight in working with children. In the past year, I've listened to the children reflect on my questions like "What does it mean to be a church?" and "Where do you find God?" to hearing their questions like "Why does God love children?" to "Was Jesus a Physician?" Each moment we are creating art, making slime, reading stories, talking about the week, praying together, sharing stories, reading Scripture adds to their learning as much as mine. May we continue to look forward to these bright fall days of learning together.

Rev. Suzanne



Recovenanting Sunday is Sunday, September 9th

Are you a student, teacher, one who serves students, or lifelong learner ready for a blessing? The Children's Sunday School Hour will be with Rev. Suzanne and focus on Blessings for Beginnings.

Be sure to bring your backpacks, satchels, or bags on Sunday, September 9th for our Annual Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship. We'll have buttons and prayer cards to share to help remind you of God's love and Grace Baptist's love in the coming year. 9th grade Youth will receive new Bibles during our Worship and a prayer of blessing.

Following Worship, we will share in a potluck feast in the fellowship hall. Cards will be available to name ingredients in your dishes.

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
Barbara Smith

EXTENSION MEMBER
Shirley Lam
1600 Westwood Ave. #122
Richmond, VA 23227



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS
Wednesday, August 29, 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 in rehab after being hospitalized.
1900 Lauderdale Avenue, Unit A-113, Henrico, VA 23238

Lisa Forester, undergoing chemo therapy for ovarian cancer. 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, in rehab at 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, starting her freshman year at JMU!
James Madison University, JMU Box 3997, Harrisonburg, VA 22807

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

- ❖ *Jim Sparks and LaToya Gray, **friends of Joe Furio**, is a teacher at J Sargent and has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. 4530 East Seminary Ave. Richmond, VA 23227*
- ❖ *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

Sunday, September 2

Acolyte: Zeke Hudson
 Childcare Workers: Chatise Williams
 Sunday School:
 Worship: Terry Cavet
 Chimer: Jackson Smith
 Deacon of the Week: Barbara Smith
 Extension Member: Shirley Lam
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Ron Carter
 David Boykin
 Tina Webb
 Lisa Webb
 Money Counters:
 Jackie Brooks
 Cheryl Crawford
 Tina Webb
 Opener/Closer: Brian Hill
 Sound System: Brian Jewell

Sunday, September 9

Acolyte:
 Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
 Sunday School: Crystal Rager
 Worship: Crystal Rager
 Chimer: Luke Smith
 Deacon of the Week: Darrell Baker
 Extension Member: Mac Angell
 Greeters/Ushers:
 Cheryl Crawford
 Suzanne Freeman
 Joe Griffin
 Jenny Griffin
 Money Counters:
 Jenny or Joe Griffin
 Marilyn Hunter
 Opener/Closer: Chad Hudson
 Sound System: Chad Hudson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018:	\$412,816.00
Total Gifts Given 2018:	\$247,584.40
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