

September 5, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE

Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 9 Recovenanting Sunday

Psalm 146

Isaiah 25:4-7a

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

Mark 7:24-37

“Why Church”

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, September 16

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

“Words Shape Worlds”

Rev. Courtney Allen

Our next newsletter will be published September 12th

The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 10th

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A Note From the Pastor

I spent last Tuesday through Friday in Carroll County, Mississippi working on a congregational study for my Doctor of Ministry work. This has long been the next step in my doctoral work, but I've struggled to find time and space in a regular week to focus on this project. A few days in this kind of “office” were

just what I needed to get the project completed, and I am grateful to you for the gift of the time away. But beyond the joy I found in finishing something that has long been on my to-do list, I found great joy and hope in studying where we've been and where we are as a congregation, specifically the abundance we've experienced in connecting the gifts God has given us with those of others and using these resources to join in God's work in the world. Our Puerto Rico team and continued relationship there along with cohosting CARITAS with Cool Spring Baptist this week are examples of our increasing capacity to believe that our gifts can be used for great good in God's world when connected with the gifts of others. As a congregation we have been learning that we do not have to do everything, but that God does call us to do some things and to do them well. This letter from our brother, Ron Carter, describes the remarkable nature of God's abundance, which we are participating in at Grace Baptist Church:

Dear Friends,

Back in the spring, the GBC team that visited Puerto Rico shared a presentation during the Sunday school hour about the work they did while on their mission trip. They provided details about and showed photos of the life-changing ministry of Pastor Jesus Garcia and the good people of Iglesia Bautista de Metr polis in Carolina, Puerto Rico. They reported on how this humble congregation is working to help rebuild and heal their community following the destruction brought on by hurricane Maria in the fall.

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Meetings
September 9
 Youth & Parent Info Meeting
 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall

September 16
 Deacons Meeting
 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

September 23
 Mission Commission Meeting
 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

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

<p><u>September</u></p> <p>September 1-15 CARITAS Women</p> <p>September 9 Recovenanting Sunday Potluck Lunch</p> <p>September 23 Autumn Caroling Special Called Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>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>5:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45 pm Meal Served</p> <p>6:30 pm The Welcome Table</p> <p>7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>September Birthdays</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Richard Cross</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Makayla Levison</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Chip Hardy</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Luke Smith</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Christine Baker</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Hudson</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Kris Taylor</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Ellen Broen</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Forrest Anne Hill</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Virginia Hobson</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Page Mizell</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Amy Flora</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Miller</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Royce Savelle</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>Judd Paxton</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Lynn Clayton</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Dickerson</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Sierra Blakley</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>Martha Hagy</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Marilyn Hunter</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Cindy Byrkeland</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>Sarah Grace Timberlake</td><td>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	Page Mizell	15	Amy 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	Cindy Byrkeland	29	Sarah Grace Timberlake	29
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The Welcome Table Meals

Sept 12: Sgt Pepper's Pizza and Salad
 September 19: Meal by Sam

Fall 2018 Welcome Table Reservations

Please help us start the year off right by signing up [here](#) for Wednesday evening meals or emailing office@gbconline.org.

You may sign up per meal or as a standing reservation.

Wednesday Night Programming Begins Next Week!

This fall our Wednesday evening programming will include opportunities to play and participate with the building blocks of worship--liturgy, song, hymnody, words, and more. Much of what we will do together will be in keeping with much of our SummerFX opportunities to create, learn, and fellowship together. We hope you'll come at 5:45 for dinner and stay for these exciting opportunities!

Sept 12	Fall Kickoff and Meal
Sept 19	Words in Action: Speech Acts and Worship with Richard Vinson
Sept 26	Worship Workshop I: The Trajectory Worship with Deb Loftis
October 3	Instrument Building with Richard Vinson
October 10	Speech Habits for Vital Worship with Courtney Allen
October 17	Worship Workshop II: Ritual and Liturgy
October 24	Quarterly Business Meeting
October 31	Halloween on the Portico

Important Announcement: Special Called Business Meeting September 23

There will be a Special Called Business Meeting Sunday, September 23, following worship in the Fellowship Hall to consider Financial Policies and Procedures Manual from the Stewardship Commission. Copies of the manual will be available online by September 12.



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.

Youth Nerf Night September 7

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 September 9

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!

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

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As I sat there that morning, my thoughts immediately went to Children Incorporated, the nonprofit for which I work, and the fact that a kind contributor had recently donated money to our organization for the purpose of meeting “urgent and specialized needs.” I knew then and there that I was experiencing a “God thing;” the money entrusted to Children Incorporated was meant for Pastor Garcia’s ministry efforts in Puerto Rico. I mentioned this to Courtney following Sunday school that morning, and within a matter of days, the wheels were set into motion for Children Incorporated to send \$10,000 to Pastor Garcia and his team. The actual money was received by Pastor Garcia during the second week of June, and he now has access to funds intended to support feeding programs, purchase clothing and household items, and to rebuild and make home repairs.

Winston Churchill, the famous British Prime Minister, once said “The good you put out into the world will return to you in abundance.” Over the last decade, Children Incorporated has been among the organizations receiving annual contributions from the GBC missions market. With these gifts, we have been able to help many impoverished children with basic needs assistance, including but not limited to food, clothing, medical care, and educational aid. Now, it is our turn to give back. As Children Incorporated provides help to the people of Puerto Rico through Iglesia Bautista de Metrópolis, our sincerest gratitude goes to Grace Baptist Church for its fine example of giving. May God bless our congregation abundantly.

From the heart,

Ron Carter
President and Chief Executive Officer
Children Incorporated

Ron was attentive to the movements of the Spirit that morning, but he was also primed to recognize the gifts and resources in his midst and to connect the dots between them to mobilize ministry and recovery efforts. Months later I learned that even before the hurricane, Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis was forced to make difficult decisions about curtailing spending for children’s ministry due to budgetary constraints. The \$10,000 gift from Children Incorporated allowed the church to reengage children’s ministry and meet the physical and spiritual needs of children and families recovering from Hurricane Maria. Thanks be to God for the grace that moves between our gifts and for God’s ability to transform them into far more than we can dream or imagine! And thank you, Grace Baptist Church, for your willingness to share your many gifts in so many remarkable ways!



GBC & Cool Spring Baptist Church are collaborating to host CARITAS Ladies at GBC for the period of September 1 through September 15.

Four meals are being prepared/served by GBC:

- 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 Spring 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). 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
(804) 832-6198

EXTENSION MEMBER

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, September 5, 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

Tammy Shackelford, GBC visitor, hospitalized at Henrico Doctors' Parham following major spinal surgery. *2305 Falkirk Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236*

Christian sympathy is extended to **Wade McGinley and family** in the death of Wade's sister, Marcia Cole *1816 Robindale Road, Richmond, VA 23235*

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*

Maurianne Roberson, in rehab at Manor Care. *11726 Pulliam Street, Richmond, VA 23235*

Mac Angell, 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**. Jim is a teacher at J Sargent Reynolds 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 **Allens**, 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.
- ❖ 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 9

Acolyte: Camryn Dickerson

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

Sunday, September 16

Acolyte:

Childcare Workers: Abigail Edwards

Sunday School:

Worship:

Chimer:

Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch

Extension Member: Nell Hobson

Greeters/Ushers:

Chip Hardy

Jesse Kent

Sue Kay Lam-Kent

Barbara Sadtler

Money Counters:

Susan Hebel

Chad Hudson

Jesse Kent

Opener/Closer: Jesse Kent

Sound System: Faith Dickerson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Giving Opportunities 2018: \$412,816.00

Total Gifts Given 2018: \$257,996.40

Remaining Giving Opportunity \$154,819.60

September 2

Gifts given: \$4782.00

Other Income: \$40.00

PLEASE NOTE

Outside the office you can find:

- Church Budget
- Birthdays (September)
- Church Directory
- Church Newsletter (Weekly)
- SIGN UP SHEETS