

September 12, 2018

Volume 36 Number 37

Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



**GRACE**  
Baptist Church

## WORSHIP

### Sunday, September 16

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

"Words Shape Worlds"

Rev. Courtney Allen

### Sunday, September 23

Mark 9:30-37

"Vulnerability and  
the Kingdom"

Rev. Courtney Allen

## A Note from Our Pastor

In partnership with Cool Spring Baptist, Grace Baptist Church has been hosting women experiencing homelessness for the last twelve days. Using the best of our congregation's gifts, we've served some of our city's most vulnerable citizens together. We even had some of our Cool Spring friends join us in worship on Sunday, where they made a renewed connection with a Grace family that only the Spirit could have orchestrated.



Last Sunday evening our youth served spaghetti and ate with our CARITAS guests. Brittany Welsch, girlfriend of Andrew Hughes and part of our Grace family, shared her story of heroin addiction and recovery as an encouragement to those gathered in the Fellowship Hall. I continue to be "astounded beyond all measure" (Mark 7:37) by the commitment, care, and compassion extended as we host CARITAS. I

am especially grateful to all who have overnighted, organized showers, done laundry and meals, and offered support.

As I write Hurricane Florence is barreling closer to the coastline of North and South Carolina. We know this storm will impact our community in some way, even if our major effect is rain. Because of the flash flooding that often occurs in Windsor Farms we will be moving the women to Church of the Redeemer in Midlothian on Friday. Because much is unknown about the path the storm will take and the effects in Richmond, we have not yet made a call about Sunday services at Grace, but will do so by Saturday at noon. Please stay tuned for updates from us via Facebook, text (you can [sign up for text alerts here](#) or by texting @gbcrrva to 81010), email, website, and our phone system. If you need help preparing for the storm or have damage following the storm, your church family wants to be helpful to you in whatever ways we can.

Much of my Hurricane Katrina experience has been on my mind this week and the importance of making preparations now that can make a tremendous difference in the days ahead. This morning I received a call from Rev. Chuck Poole, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, the congregation I grew up in. He called to say that Northminster's Benevolence Fund was overnighting a check to Grace's Benevolence fund to use as needed for hurricane response. And so, I continue to be "astounded beyond all measure" at the goodness of God and the generosity of God's people all along the way.

Grace and peace,

Courtney

*Our next newsletter will be  
published September 19<sup>th</sup>*

*The deadline for submissions  
is Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*

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**September 16**  
 Deacons Meeting  
 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

**September 23**  
 Special Called Business Meeting  
 Following worship in Fellowship Hall

*Do you have contact information that needs to be updated? Email changes to [office@gbconline.org](mailto:office@gbconline.org).*

<p><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p><b>1-15</b> CARITAS Women</p> <p><b>22</b> Trauma Informed Ministry and Crisis Care Summit</p> <p><b>23</b> Special Called Business Meeting</p> <p><b>23</b> Blessings and Laser Tag</p> <p><b>30</b> Wanda Sauley Fennell's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Lunch</p>	<p><b><u>Sundays</u></b></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p><b><u>Wednesdays</u></b></p> <p>Handbell and Choir rehearsals begin September 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Regular Wednesday activities (BBB and The Welcome Table) begin September 12<sup>th</sup>.</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><b><u>September Birthdays</u></b></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**

**September 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](mailto:office@gbconline.org).

You may sign up per meal or as a standing reservation



**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. Click [here](#) for a copy of the manual.

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**Wanda Sauley Fennell 30th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch  
Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**



We're excited to announce that on Sunday, September 30, we will celebrate Rev. Wanda Sauley Fennell's thirty years of ministry in worship and with a special lunch. As a part of celebrating her many years of ministry, we invite you to bring a note of appreciation for Wanda and include either a favorite hymn or hymn tune and reason for your selection, a favorite quote, or a meaningful story of worship. The notes will be collected through Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and presented to Wanda at her celebratory lunch.

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**Wednesday Night Programming Begins This 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!

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| 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                                     |

## Help Needed for Pine Street Brunch



On **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, GBC will provide brunch for approximately 90 of our homeless brothers and sisters at Pine Street Baptist in Oregon Hill. We need casseroles, fruit, and delicious sides. We also need servers. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be sign-up sheets outside the church office.

Volunteers, please arrive by 8:15 am. Bruch will start at 10 am. The food patrons at Pine Street Baptist look forward to GBC providing great food and fellowship, so let's rally together and give them a meal and experience to remember!

For more information, contact [Cheryl Crawford](#)

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## GBC Welcomes New Administrative Assistant



Tamika was born in Bessemer, AL, a small city on the outskirts of Birmingham. She graduated, with honors, from Jess Lanier High School and later the University of Alabama with a B.A in Public Relations (Marketing minor) and an M.A in Communications Management.

From 2001 to 2009, Tamika served as a Security Forces officer in the U.S Air Force and National Guard's 117th Air Refueling Wing. She was the first African-American woman and second woman in the squadron's history. She received the Air Force Meritorious Medal for outstanding service during wartime.

Tamika has 15+ years of corporate marketing, advertising and sales experience with companies such as Electrolux and Circle K Convenience stores. She is also an Adjunct Communications Instructor at John Tyler and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community Colleges. Tamika is married to Julius, and they have a spunky three-year-old daughter, Mikayla Dream. Tamika loves God, being with her family, listening to music, singing, traveling and trying new things. Tamika is a self-proclaimed "foodie", with a penchant for anything ooey goeey or decadent.

Tamika is excited about joining Grace Baptist Church's family and looks forward to getting to know everyone and helping support the mission within, and beyond, its four walls.



## SAVE THE DATE!

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

## Trauma Informed Ministry and Crisis Care Summit

*with Anna Hebb and Sandy Crusco*



**On Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, Anna Hebb and Sandy Crusco will be providing training and education centered around serving, caring for and ministering to those who have experienced trauma, including the need for us to develop a plan to respond to a critical incident in our community.

*Some of the things we will learn:*

- Realizing how trauma affects people
- Recognizing the signs
- Responding with evidenced based practices
- Restoring hope by addressing trauma and toxic stress in the lives of both staff and people served.

Click [here](#) to register for this event and make your meal selection. Please note: We welcome your presence and participation even if for only a portion of the day.

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### Blessings and Laser Tag- Sept 23



Grace Baptist Youth, you are all blessed in so many wonderful ways! Each of you were made uniquely awesome just as you are. Later this month we will dive into what our calling is and blessing from God. Oh and laser tag will be happening as we learn! The games will began at 12 pm, after worship, in Room 4.

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Youth Fall Schedule.

Hope to see you there!  
[Bryce](#)

**Deacon of the Week**

Linda Welch  
(804) 794-7859

**EXTENSION MEMBER**

Nell Hobson  
9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive  
Room 341  
Richmond, VA 23235



**CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS**

Wednesday, September 12, 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 24<sup>th</sup>. *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](mailto: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 16

**Acolyte:** Alison Jewell  
**Childcare Workers:** Abigail Edwards  
**Sunday School:**  
**Worship:**  
**Chimer:** Alison Jewell  
**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

## Sunday, September 23

**Acolyte:**  
**Childcare Workers:** Abigail Edwards  
**Sunday School:**  
**Worship:**  
**Chimer:**  
**Deacon of the Week:** Royce Savelle  
**Extension Member:** Shirley Lam  
**Greeters/Ushers:**  
 Richard Cross  
 Sallie Cross  
 David Boykin  
 Bernie Henderson  
**Money Counters:**  
 Sallie Cross  
 Sharon Whitlock  
**Opener/Closer:** Richard Cross  
**Sound System:** Don Hill

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

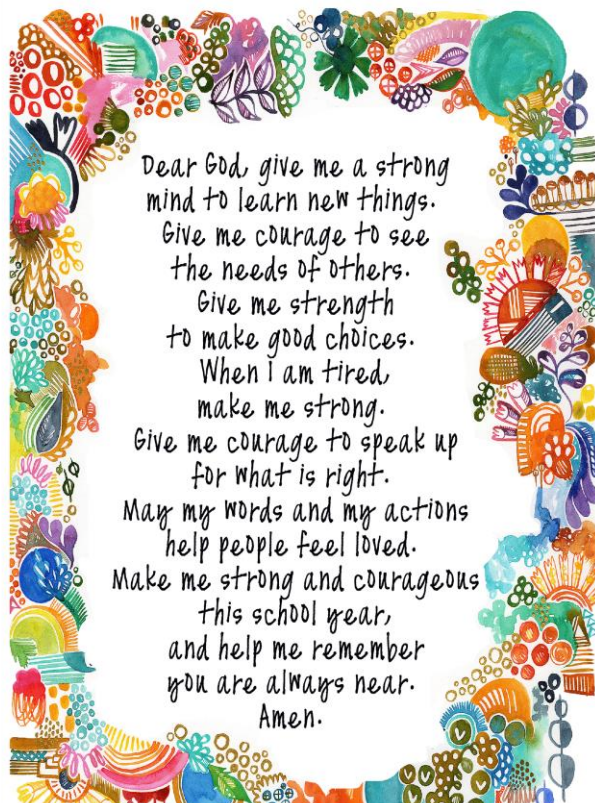
<b>Giving Opportunities 2018:</b>	<b>\$412,816.00</b>
<b>Total Gifts Given 2018:</b>	<b>\$259,833.86</b>
<b>Remaining Giving Opportunity</b>	<b>\$142,570.14</b>
<u>September 9</u>	
Gifts given:	\$10,187.46
Other Income:	\$2,044.00

### PLEASE NOTE

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



## The Blessing of the Backpacks



This past Reconvanting Sunday children of all ages stood before our church and were blessed for the coming year of learning.

We celebrated the presentation of 6 new Bibles to our 9th graders. We blessed the backpacks and bags of our teachers and those working with learners.

We prayed the prayer below - a collaboration of art by [Rev. Suzanne](#) and text written by Christina McCord, Minister to Children and Families at First Baptist Church Greensboro.

Enjoy using these for you and yours and to continue sharing the blessing for the coming academic year.

Click [here](#) for a printable version of the prayer card.

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Loving God, we begin a new school year with excitement and energy, a readiness to learn and strong desire to make new and lasting friends.

We ask that you be with each of these students, teachers, and educators as they walk into new classrooms in new and familiar schools. Help them rise early after a full night of rest. Ready their minds and bodies for learning, for sharing, and for caring.

We pray for the parents, grandparents, family, and guardians who are entrusted with the care of each of these learners. We pray that their daily lives are filled with trust, care, and love as they work, prepare homes, and nurture and care for others.

We pray for the teachers and educators, administrators and staff who make each day possible for so many learners. We pray for their readiness, energy, strength and courage to put first the needs of the learners in their care. We pray for what is on their minds and hearts as they turn toward each day of learning.

We pray, Loving God, that each of these students carry only what is necessary and that their loads are light. We pray for the strength and courage to make good choices, to do what is right, and to speak words that are kind.

Bless these backpacks and the ones who carry them. Remind them that they are not alone, and that you are always near. Amen.