

September 19, 2018

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Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship



GRACE
Baptist Church

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 23

Mark 9:30-37

"Vulnerability and
the Kingdom"

Rev. Courtney Allen

Sunday, September 30

Mark 9:38-50

"Following the One
Who Calls Us"

Rev. Courtney Allen

30th Anniversary of Rev.

Wanda Sauley Fennell

*Our next newsletter will be
published Wednesday,
September 26th*

*The deadline for submissions
is Thursday, September 20th*

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A Note from Our Pastor

I was reminded this week of some words from the Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott, a Doctor of Ministry professor of mine, who says, "Saying 'hello' and 'goodbye' are some of the first lessons that we learn as children...But the lessons are deep and continue throughout our lives. Are those transitions also not two of the most significant tasks that we undertake to deepen awareness, grow and live life formed by our faith in Jesus?"

In light of Bryce's news this week of a new call, we will soon be saying 'goodbye' to each other, even as both Bryce and Grace say 'hello' to new chapters informed by the shared ministry of the past. I give thanks for the ministry to students that Bryce has helped to build over the last two years and the relationships he has developed. In the coming days the Youth and Personnel Commissions will be meeting to discern a path forward for ministry to students in both the short term and long term. Just as Bryce and Waverly Ann say 'hello' to life in South Carolina, at Grace we have an opportunity to think creatively about the kind of adaptive staffing structure we need for the kind of ministry God has given us and is calling us toward. I invite your prayers for Bryce and Waverly Ann and for Grace as we follow the leading of the Spirit in this transition.

Grace and Peace,

Courtney

Bryce Williams Departure Letter



Dear Grace Baptist Family,

It is with a multitude of emotions that I share with you that I have been called to serve Easley First Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina. On Sunday, September 16th, Easley First Baptist voted to call me as their Minister to Students and Families. Through this discernment process, God has shown me love and care as I continue following God and ministering to students.

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You all have taught me many things over the past two years at Grace and helped shape and mold me into the minister that I am today. Waverly Ann and I are forever grateful for your love and thoughts as we were engaged and married this year. Your grace, mercy, and trust gave me the opportunity to grow with you and celebrate the gifts that God has given each of you. You have taught me that ministry is not a one-way street but rather an opportunity to minister *alongside* God's people. This church has truly been a teaching church that extends love and hospitality to every person who comes through its doors. I am deeply thankful for Grace Baptist Church and your continued commitment to join together in the work of God.

While I realize that receiving an email with news like this is less-than-ideal, please know that I wish I could have shared with each of you more personally. However, being that we live in an age in which news travels faster than most of us can imagine, I felt this was the most effective way to share with you all this new call placed upon my life. I am deeply thankful for the body of Christ here at Grace Baptist Church, yet excited for the next chapter of life and ministry at First Baptist Easley, a chapter for which all of you have played an integral part in preparing me.

My last Sunday at Grace Baptist Church will be October 7th. Waverly Ann and I will then transition and move to Easley, South Carolina. We covet your prayers in the weeks ahead. I am grateful that God has partnered us together in ministry for the last two years, and we trust that God will continue to guide and equip us for what lies ahead. We feel immensely blessed to know that Richmond and Grace will **always** be home for Waverly Ann and me.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Bryce Williams
Minister to Youth

CARITAS Reflections: A Word of Thanks from Our Pastor



Wow! I am amazed and "astounded beyond all measure" (Mark 7:37) by all the commitment, compassion, and care extended to our guests. It takes a village to host the CARITAS guests for two weeks, and we had quite a village on deck and ready to help at every turn. Our deepest gratitude to all who overnighted, organized showers, did laundry, prepared meals, and offered support over the two weeks.

I am especially grateful to Joe and Jenny Griffin who gladly took on the responsibility for coordinating this significant effort. The Griffins were a constant presence, and we could not have done it without their patience, commitment, and graciousness. The Griffins and Deb Loftis win the award for most nights spent sleeping at Grace! Thank you, Grace, for being a church that is willing to serve in ways that are not always easy or convenient, which is of course, the kind of living and serving our Lord calls us to!

CARITAS Guest Thank You Note

To: Grace Baptist Church and Cool Springs Baptist Church:

Thank you for your kindness and hospitality. I appreciate all the effort that you put forth to take care of us and make us feel at home. May God keep each of you and your families safe and full of blessings.

Thank You,

Melanie



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.

Wednesday Night Programming Has Begun!

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 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 |

Wanda Sauley Fennell 30th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch Sunday, September 30th



We're excited to announce that on Sunday, September 30th, 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. **Notes and notecards can be found on the desk outside the GBC office.** Notes will be collected through Sunday, September 30th and presented to Wanda at her celebratory lunch.

Click [here](#) to RSVP online. Hard copy registration forms can be found on the desk outside the GBC office. *Please note:* Most dishes will be vegetarian and gluten-free. Cakes and pastries **may not** be.

Help Needed for Pine Street Brunch



On **October 4th**, 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.

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!

Click [here](#) to register online. Hard copy sign up forms are on the desk outside the BGC office.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

From **November 9-11**, our Fall Adult Retreat will be held at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond

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.

Blessings and Laser Tag- September 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, following worship in Room 4.

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

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

Deacon of the Week
Royce Savelle
(804) 745-8157

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



CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS

Wednesday, September 19, 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, recovering at home from major spinal surgery. 2305 Falkirk Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Christian sympathy is extended to...

Ron Carter and family in the death of Ron's cousin, Linda Strong
2208 Ridgefield Green Way, Henrico, VA 23233

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.

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 Suzanne L. Vinson: family@gbconline.org
 (Interim Minister of Children, Families and Liturgical Arts)
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 (Minister of Youth)
 Theresa Steward: theresa@gbconline.org
 (Organist)
 Sam Coley: coleys853@gmail.com
 (Sexton)
 Tamika Williams office@gbconline.com
 (Administrative Asst.)

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.

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| <p><u>September</u></p> <p>22 Trauma Informed Ministry and Crisis Care Summit</p> <p>23 Special Called Business Meeting</p> <p>23 Blessings and Laser Tag</p> <p>30 Wanda Sauley Fennell's 30th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch</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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| Chip Hardy | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Luke Smith | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christine Baker | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Karen Hudson | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kris Taylor | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ellen Broen | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Virginia Hobson | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Page Mizell | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amy Flora | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jennifer Miller | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Royce Savelle | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Judd Paxton | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lynn Clayton | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jennifer Dickerson | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sarah Grace Timberlake | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The Welcome Table Meals

September 19: Potato Bar by Sam

September 26: Canastas Chicken

October 3: Mediterranean Deli

(click [here](#) to register or email office@gbconline.org)

You may sign up for one or more events.
 You may sign up per meal or as a standing reservation.

SUNDAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, September 23

Acolyte: Alyssa Dickerson
Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
Sunday School: Sallie Cross
Worship: Karen Hamlett
Chimer: Sarah Grace Timberlake
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

Sunday, September 30

Acolyte: Joseph Vinson
Childcare Workers: Camille Peeples
Sunday School:
Worship:
Chimer: Kellan Miles
Deacon of the Week: Stewart Smith
Extension Member: Mac Angell
Greeters/Ushers:
 Chip Hardy
 Jesse Kent
 Sue Kay Lam-Kent
 Barbara Sadtler
Money Counters:
 Susan Hebel
 Chad Hudson
 Jesse Kent
Opener/Closer: Joe Griffin
Sound System: David Hebel

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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| Giving Opportunities 2018: | \$412,816.00 |
| Total Gifts Given 2018: | \$264,655.86 |
| Remaining Giving Opportunity | \$148,160.14 |
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| <u>September 16</u> | |
| Gifts given: | \$4,782.00 |
| Other Income: | \$40.00 |

PLEASE NOTE

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