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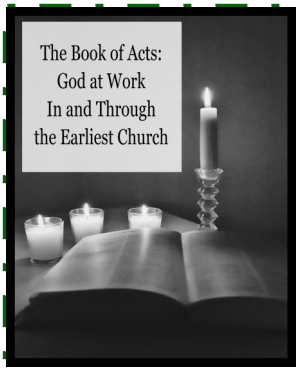
January, 2026



The Book of Acts:
God at Work In and Through the Earliest Church

Sundays, January 4 – February 15, 2026,
9:35-10:35 AM in the Beck Room and on Zoom
Led by Peter Ford, Stewart Atkins, and Sidney Whitlock

Join us for a comprehensive study of this unique and fascinating book of the New Testament. Offered jointly by three members of the Adult Christian Education committee, this class will incorporate both leader presentations and class discussion. Study Bibles are available in class.

January 4	**Overview of Acts: How God overcame barriers to grow his church (Peter Ford)**
January 11	**God's power through the message of the early Jerusalem church in Acts Ch. 2-3 (Stewart Atkins)**
January 18	**How the early Jerusalem church lived out the ministry of Jesus in Acts Ch. 6-8 (Stewart Atkins)**
January 25	**How God pushed the early church to welcome Gentiles in Acts Ch. 10-15 (Sidney Whitlock)**
February 1	**The Apostle Paul: God's strategic missionary for spreading the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire (SidneyWhitlock)**
February 8	**Key examples of Paul's preaching to both Jews and Gentiles in Acts Ch. 13 and 17 (Sidney Whitlock)**
February 15	**The early church after Acts in the 1st—5th centuries: Survival, growth, and divisions (Peter Ford)**

1/1 Margy Paz, Bruce Ensley, Jr.
1/2 Don Vaughan, Colette Goree
1/4 Flora Maslanka
1/5 Joan Johnson
1/6 Darleen Cavin, Marta Rowe
1/9 Paul Rowe
1/11 Ted McCormack, Laura Peters, Rob Waltenbaugh
1/14 Becky Ogburn, Rachel Peace
1/17 Joanne Ensley, Becky Harvell
1/20 Kim Negaard
1/21 Barbara Fletcher, Elizabeth DeBusk-Maslanka

The past year and half has been a long and difficult journey and I want to thank you for your support. Your cards, calls, visits, food, flowers and especially your thoughts and prayers are so appreciated.

Thank you. While my journey continues, I am blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Sandy Thornburg

Messiah Sing-Along Ensemble
Sunday, December 14

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Prayer Ministry - To request prayer support from our church's prayer chain, or to join in this ministry, please call or email Deborah Houghton at 804-484-0153 or email debho@comcast.net, or call or email the church office at 272-7514 or office@bonairpc.org.

THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At the November 16, 2025 Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed …

A motion was made, seconded to approve the Search Team for the next Family Ministry Staff Position for Bon Air Presbyterian Church (BAPC). The motion passed.

Family Ministry Staff Position Search Team

Moderator: Linda Bollinger

Secretary: Amy Birkland

Members:

Amy Birkland	Emery Birkland
Rev. Alex Creager	Trisha Davis
Linda Huffine	Eric Levy
Ben Treanor	Molly Vrbicek

A motion was made by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team that the Coordinating Council Meeting to develop the 2026 BAPC Budget be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beck Room. The motion passed.

A motion was made by the Cornerstone Endowment Committee that the Session approve the use of the Benevolence Memorials Fund (#3735) to fund a portion of the Church and Society grant request for a mission trip to western North Carolina. This fund was intended to fund mission work. Currently, $1,062.67 is in the fund. The motion passed.

A motion was made by the Cornerstone Endowment Committee for the Session approve the following funding from the Cornerstone Endowment Funds for 2026:

2026 Grant Requests	**Funds Requested**	**Funds Approved**
Church Library Updates	$5,000	$3,518
Electrical Outlets	$4,400	$4,400
Bon Air Refugee Welcoming Team	$5,000	$5,000
Fireproof Filing Cabinet	$1,619	$1,371
Mission Trip	$6,443	$5,381
New Member Tee-shirts	$3,000	$1,000
Sylvia's Sisters	$15,000	$3,000
Total	**$40,462**	**$23,670**
The motion passed.		

SALVATION ARMY FOX SOCKS

A Big THANK YOU for your generous support of the Christmas Fox Socks.

Through your participation, we filled all 70 stockings.

And a thank you goes to Alan Sestak for returning the filled stockings to Virginia Family Dentistry for distribution.

There will be smiles on the faces of children on Christmas day.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Happy New Year

The Stewardship Ministry Team is starting the year by resolving to be more generous with our smiles. Smiles look good on you too.

Let us give generously, knowing that God loves a cheerful giver.

Your support is a blessing to us all and greatly appreciated.

Together we do extraordinary things.

Our Prayer Shawls will be blessed on January 18!

Prayer Shawls are given to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of comfort. This graceful ministry is a lovely addition to our array of care options for congregation members. The Prayer Shawl Ministry began at Bon Air Presbyterian Church 17 years ago when Cathy McCormack heard about the idea from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Isabel McCormack, who was active in a prayer shawl ministry at her church in Birmingham, Alabama. Baby blankets came at a later time and are a special joy.

Today the Prayer Shawl Ministry has 8 knitters and of course, there is always a need for more help. If you are a knitter please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry! It is a way to care for the congregation from the comfort of your own home, making beautiful creations with your hands. A blessing to you and to the recipient. If you are interested call Cathy McCormack at 804-370-8161 or email her at tcmccormack@verizon.net.

Messiah Sing-Along
December 14, 2025

Prime Time Circle
Monday, January 5
2:00 a.m. in Garden Room

Prime Time Circle's will meet on Monday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. at BAPC.

If you just want to visit to learn more about us, we'd love to have you.

Questions? Contact Barbara Howson, 804-357-3087.

Sisters Circle
Tuesday, January 13
10:00 a.m. in Garden Room

Sisters Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 10 am in the Garden Room.

Please read lesson #5 as well as lesson #4 (we had missed in December).

For any question contact Gisela Stech

R.O.M.E.O'S Group

R.O.M.E.O's men's group will meet on **Tuesday, January 13** at **Noon** O'Toole's in Midlothian for lunch and fellowship. All men are invited.

If you plan to join us please contact Pat Clayton, 804-276-6420.

Mark your calendars for 3:30 PM on Sunday, January 11th, when sopranos Lisa Edwards-Burrs and Karen Floyd Savage will return to Second Sunday South of the James after several years for another bring-down-the-house performance. The acclaimed Richmond-area vocalists will present a mixture of gospel and spirituals, opera and classical, and jazz and pop selections. They will be accompanied by the principal pianist for the Richmond Symphony, Russell Wilson. We promise that this will be a GREAT concert that you won't want to miss! As always, Second Sunday concerts are free, but we do encourage donations so we can keep our concert series going.

Different church members lighting the Advent Wreath.

BAPC will host another Sylvia's Sisters kit-packing event in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 25th, following 11:00 worship. We have had great attendance for our previous events, so please join our own Brittany Averette (Sylvia's Sisters director) and her team and let's get to work! This is always a joyful event and a great opportunity for fellowship. Feel free to bring your lunch if you wish. Sylvia's Sisters is a unique organization fighting period poverty in the Richmond metro area and beyond.

Please register at https://tinyurl.com/bapcsylvias

BAPC JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
B = Beck Room **GR = Garden Room** **S = Sanctuary** **L = Library** **SS = Sun. School** **Z = Zoom**				1 New Year's Day Church Closed	2 6:30 AA (FH/103)	3 9:30 Food Drive
4 Communion Coffee/Chocolate Sales 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship (S/Z) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH/B/101/103/104) 7:00 Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)	5 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 2:00 Prime Time Circle (GR) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Communications (Z)	6 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR)	7 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:00 Fellowship Team (GR) 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (GR) 7:15 Volleyball (FH)	9 6:30 AA (FH/103)	10
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18 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 11:00 One Worship Service (S/Z) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH/B/101/103/104) 7:00 Session (B/Z) 7:00 Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)	19 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH) 7:30 Preschool Board (L)	20 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Property (GR)	21 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:45 Handbells (S) 6:45 BAPC RISC (B) 7:30 Chancel Choir	**22** 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (GR) 7:15 Volleyball (FH)	23 6:30 AA (FH/103)	24 6:00 Girl Scouts (FH/ B/101/103/104)
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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, January 3
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

Following the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the food supply in the Chesterfield Food Bank will be low. There will be a need to restock the shelves.

If you are able, we hope that you will help us fill this need by contributing non-perishable food on January 3. If you are unable to come that day, please drop off your contribution to the church. We will make sure it is delivered to the food bank.

Thank you for your continued support in meeting this need in our community.