BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

Seeking and Serving Christ , Sharing God's Love For All Creation

May, 2025

Memorial Garden Service of Remembrance

Sunday, May 4

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Join us as we remember our beloved saints who are interred in our beautiful Memorial Garden. All are welcome.

Exploring, Feeling, and Singing the Psalms

April 27 - May 18

Leader – Bruce Miller

The Psalms were written as songs, and as such, they are meant to be experienced emotionally.

In week one, we'll discuss the historical context, authorship, and different periods in Israel's history. We'll also take a quick look at Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving.

In week two, we'll discuss Psalms of Lament and Petition.

Week 3 will lead us to Psalms of Wisdom and Guidance.

In Week 4, we'll explore the Messianic Psalms and the role of the Messiah in God's plan.

Please join us, and hold Bruce to his promise to try to use discussion as a foremost teaching tool.

May 2 Cindy Wright
May 3 Gisela Stech
May 4 Dustin Kaufman
May 5 Jerry Dorsey
May 6 Michael Barrett, Joseph Pankey
May 7 Wade Kennedy
May 8 David Huffine, Margaret Tait
May 12 Chuck Barrett
May 13 Barbara Wagner
May 15 Glenn Hurlbert, Alan Sestak
May 19 Linda Jackson
May 23 Deborah Houghton
May 26 Vicki McAllister, Nancy Peace, Braden Wright
May 29 Robert Halpern
May 30 Mitchell Copeland
May 31 Joy Winstead

Dear Bon Air Family and Congregational Care Team,

Susan and I wish to thank you for your sympathy cards and words of comfort as we bid farewell to my younger brother Roger. It was a comfort knowing you took the time to express your sympathy and concern for us and Roger's extended family.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Stephen and Susan Galyen

Dear BAPC friends,

I am still bubbling with joy and gratitude for the surprise party you gave me on my 70th birthday. And boy, was I surprised to see so many BAPC friends and former neighbors! I join with Charles in expressing my gratitude to those of you who worked with Pat and Judy to provide traditional BAPC hospitality.

For those of you who brought gifts (but shouldn't have), and gave me a stack of cards I can enjoy reading again and again - a special thank you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

Ruthie

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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 272-9495 or email debho@comcast.net, or call or email the church office at 272-7514 or office@bonairpc.org.

Ryan and Kendrick Torbey
Ethan and Holton

Welcome New Members

Joined March 16, 2025

Cameron Motley

Second Sunday South of the James Concert

Second Sunday South of the James wraps up the season on Sunday, May 18th at 3:30 PM with **Robbie Watts and the Southside String Band**. Robbie describes their music as "Americana, a little old country, a little bluegrass, and a little this and that."

This is our annual concert on the lawn, so bring a chair or blanket., invite your family and friends, and pray for beautiful weather! Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

As always, donations are most appreciated!

Stewardship Corner

Coming in June - volunteer sign-up sheets. Connect with one of our Ministry Teams ---- learn about and join in service opportunities. Together we are doing extraordinary things.

"*Wealth isn't always measured in dollar signs. We have time, talent and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change. Share your blessings in whatever form they come and to whatever level you have been blessed.*"

Jon M. Hunstsman – businessman, diplomat, politician

THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

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

- Motion was made by Moderator Creager, seconded, and approved for Joslyn Shipman to present a Minute for Mission at both services on Sunday March 23, 2025. She will be presenting on behalf of the Presbytery of the James (POJ) Nominations Committee. She will encourage any member ordained as an Elder to serve on a POJ committee.
- Motion was made by Moderator Creager, seconded, and approved to invite Sajida Momand to sell homemade items at the start of preschool on Thursday, April 24. Sajida is the mother of the Afghan refugee family we as a church have been supporting. We did this last year and it went very well. Sajida will be setting up in room 104 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. that morning.
- Motion was made by Moderator Creager, seconded, and approved for the April Session meeting to be on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (due to Easter being on the third Sunday of April).
- Motion made by Stewardship and Finance to change the name of the Charter of the Saints of the Church Endowment Fund to the Investment Policy Statements of the Saints of the Church Endowment Fund. The motion passed.
- Motion made by Stewardship and Finance to use up to $850 from the Operating Reserve to host a donor appreciation Shredding Event at the church. Although the vote was not unanimous, the motion passed.
- Motion made by the Endowment Committee to present a Minute for Mission at both services on Sunday, May 4, 2025 to encourage everyone to contribute to the Endowment Fund. Their donation should reflect the number of birthdays they have celebrated. The motion passed.
- Motion made by the Elder Galini to present a Minute for Mission at both services on Sunday, March 31, 2025 to promote the Mission Trip scheduled for June 29, 2025 – July 4, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

Victorian Day Parade - May 10

It's a parade and you and your family are invited to take part! May 10th is The Bon Air Historical Society's Victorian Day, and our church celebrates it's 1884 founding as part of the festival. We will march in the parade with the Bon Air Presbyterian Preschoolers and their families. Established in 1957, BAPP was the first preschool in Chesterfield County.

The parade starts at the Bon Air Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m., and goes down Buford Road to the Christian Church. This white Victorian Gothic building was the Bon Air Presbyterian's home until we moved to our present location in 1963.

The parade is one fourth of a mile, and it takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please arrive at the Baptist Church parking lot by 10:45 a.m. to find the BAPP group and get your balloon before the parade start. Victorian dress is encouraged. If you can't march, grab a chair, and watch the parade. We need cheerers.

The BAPC also sponsors Children's Games after the parade in the Christian Church's Fellowship Hall until 2:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer, please call Emily Boots (804) 396-9775. See you there!

acolyte ministry

We are wrapping up the acolyte ministry until the fall. Thanks to Phillip Kennedy and his dad Phil who served on April 6 and to Lee Motley and his dad Cameron for serving on Easter Sunday, April 20. Our May 4 acolytes will be Caroline Treanor and Becky Ogburn.

The acolyte ministry will resume in September. Children are always welcome to join in this small but meaningful act of ministry! It is good for our congregation to have children taking an active role in the 11:00 service. Since the cross is heavy and also top-heavy, we often need a parent to help as cross-bearer.

If your child is willing to give it a try, please contact Elaine Ogburn at esogburn@comcast.net or 804-310-6050.

Thank you!

Fun at Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20

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

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

Celebrating with Marilyn Schoettinger for her 100th birthday.

Prime Time Circle

Prime Time Circle will meet

Monday, May 5
2:00 p.m.
In the Garden Room

Prime Time Circle's will meet on Monday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at church.

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 will meet

Tuesday, May 13
10:00 a.m.
in the Garden Room.

Please prepare for our last lesson #9 in our study book Let Justice Roll Down.

Enjoy our fellowship time following our study time. We will have some planning to do.

For any question, please contact Gisela Stech.

The Worship and Music Ministry Team Wants Your Feedback

From April 21 through the end of May, the Worship and Music Ministry Team will be seeking comments, suggestions, and other feedback on our sanctuary worship and music. To collect this information, a questionnaire will be made available to all, both as a link to a Google Form and as a paper document.

The W&M Team wants to know what our fellow members are thinking about our worship practices. The questionnaire asks for narrative comments of any quantity and length, with some suggested starter words: ***START***, ***STOP***, ***CONTINUE***, ***MODIFY***, and ***RESUME***. There are no checklists, "choose-the-word-that-best-describes" items, or rating scales.

The questionnaire includes a voluntary name field, but we also welcome anonymous responses. The online version will not collect any identifying information. Possible identifying information will be held in confidence by the W&M Team.

You can submit multiple responses, both with the electronic version and the paper version. Expect an email from BAPC with the link to the questionnaire during the week after Easter. Paper copies and a submission box will be on the counter of the Welcome Center starting on Monday, April 21. We will be happy to mail paper copies to members who request them.

Responses will be compiled in June and then analyzed by the W&M Team and BAPC staff members during June, July, and August. By the end of the summer, in preparation for the resumption of the school year worship schedule, we will report on the responses received and how they could be incorporated into our sanctuary worship practices.

In advance, we thank you for your thoughtful feedback, suggestions, and compliments.

Easter Worship - Sunday, April 20

What is BAPC's Endowment Fund?

It may be the church's biggest mystery — or at least, its least well-known program. The Endowment Fund, which this year turns 20 years old, sounds as if it must be some multi-millionaire's bequeathing to a university or a hospital.

Not quite, but there are similarities.

BAPC's Endowment Fund is a collection of assets given by members and managed by the church in perpetuity. The idea is that the assets are invested — and the interest they generate then goes to a variety of worthy projects that aren't in the church's usual budget.

These member assets can be given as end-of-life bequests — stock, real estate, a life insurance policy — or simply as part of the annual Endowment Fund campaign which is held in May of each year. However they come in, they leave a legacy for future generations of the church. They can be used for community projects or even upgrades to the church itself.

As the Fund has grown, the interest drawn from it has grown dramatically. The Fund was founded in 2005 and made its first disbursement in 2006, financing a youth mission trip to Metairie, Louisiana, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. For the first 13 years, the annual disbursements ranged from $2,000 to a little over $6,000. For the next four years, the disbursements jumped from $10,000-plus to nearly $20,000.

In the past couple years, disbursements have totaled more than $20,000 annually. They have gone for society commitments, like a mission/outreach trip, a grant to Lifebridge Academy, training and travel expenses for Voices of Jubilee, and feminine products and storage units for Sylvia's Sisters.

They've also gone to improving the church infrastructure, like new tile in the kitchen hallway and bathrooms, adaptive swings on the preschool playground, sanctuary audio equipment, lighting fixtures, a sacristy refrigerator, couches in the parlor, handrails for steps to Worship in the Woods, and even pickleball equipment and refurbishing xylophones.

May is Endowment Fund Birthday Month. And we're celebrating YOUR birthdays, as well as the Fund's.

Please consider donating $1 for each year you've been alive. Or any other amount you can. Just drop your donation in the collection plate, take it to the office, or mail it into the church. Or simply donate online. Make sure you designate that your one-time offering is for the Endowment Fund.

Together, we can continue the great work of the Endowment Fund — and make it even greater.

For more information, please visit https://bonairpc.org/giving/ and click on "Endowment Fund."

Easter Egg Gather time

Sunday, April 20

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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

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

The food collected this month will be taken to Chesterfield Food Bank.

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

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

BAPC MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
B = Beck Room **GR = Garden Room** **S = Sanctuary** **L = Library** **SS = Sun. School** **Z = Zoom**				1 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	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 9:45 Elder Training (L) 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship (S/Z) 12:15 Memorial Garden Service 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH/B/101/103/104)	5 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:00 Girl Scouts (GR) 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) 7:00 Refugee Com. (B)	7 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells 7:15 Fellowship Team (GR) 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 6:00 Preschool Event (FH) 6:30 Woods Com. (GR)	9 6:30 AA (FH/103)	10
11 Youth Sunday 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 9:45 Elder Training (L) 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship (S/Z)	12 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:00 Girl Scouts (GR) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Endowment (GR)	13 10:00 Sister's Circle (GR) Noon ROMEO's (Mike's Grill) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 CE-Youth/Children (Sr. High Room) 7:00 Church & Society (GR)	14 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 2:00 Congregational Care (GR) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner - Picnic (FH) 6:45 Handbells 7:00 Stewardship (Z) 7:30 Chancel Choir	15 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 10:00 BAPP Coffee (GR) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Staff Relations (Z) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	16 6:30 AA (FH/103)	17 6:00 AA Breakfast (FH)
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25 10:00 Worship (S/Z)	26 Memorial Day - Church Closed 9:30 Yoga (101-103)	27 6:30 AA (FH/103) BAPP Camp ———	28 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)	29 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	30 6:30 AA (FH/103)	31