BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

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

May, 2026

WE NEED YOUR RECYCLABLES!

Music Camp is coming up soon and your help is needed to make it a wonderful week for our kids! Can you help?

We are looking for newspapers, cereal boxes, 20 oz. plastic bottles, cardboard tubes (paper towel and toilet), egg cartons, computer paper and 4x4 inch old tile.

The kids will be making creative crafts based on four of the Parables using some of these recyclables. Who knew recyclables could be so much fun?!

A donation box will be located in the Garden Room from now through June 15. Questions? Contact Lynn Wiard at clwiard@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity in advance!

Adult CE class for May 10 and May 17: Gender, Sexuality and Faith

Confused? Got questions? Got reactions?

Come join us on **May 10** for an open, respectful, informal discussion of these issues. Then on **May 17**, join us as we welcome Presbyterian minister Rev. Dr. Betsy McCormick and her spouse Mary Almy, both former PC(USA) missionaries, as they share their story with us about Mary's transition and its impact, with an opportunity for questions.

See you in the Beck Room at 9:35 a.m.

Cindy	Wright	May 02
Gisela	Stech	May 03
Dustin	Kaufman	May 04
Dan	Wiard	May 04
Jerry	Dorsey	May 05
Alan	Sestak	May 05
Michael	Barrett	May 06
Joseph	Pankey	May 06
Wade	Kennedy	May 07
David	Huffine	May 08
Margaret	Tait	May 08
Chuck	Barrett	May 12
Barbara	Wagner	May 13
Glenn	Hurlbert	May 15
Linda	Jackson	May 19
Deborah	Houghton	May 23
Vicki	McAllister	May 26
Nancy	Peace	May 26
Braden	Wright	May 26
Robert	Halpern	May 29
Mitchell	Copeland	May 30
Joy	Winstead	May 31

Thanks to all of our friends at BAPC for your prayers, cards and other kind messages at the time of my surgery.

I am in our apartment now and recovering slowly but surely, with lots of help by Hap. We are privileged to be members of such a caring congregation.

Blessings and Peace be with all of you,

Kay Robson

Sunday, May 10

Please note:

In observance of Memorial Day the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25.

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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 April 19, 2026 Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed ...

- Motion made, seconded to elect C. Barnes and K. Unterzuber as commissioners to the Presbytery of the James Called Meeting (Zoom only) on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by Moderator Creager that the Search Team for BAPC Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth have access to the Staff Recruitment Fund (#3960), within reason. The motion was seconded and passed.
- A motion was made and seconded for BAPC to be a host congregation for the presentation of the play, "Church and State." The views presented in the play are not necessarily the views of BAPC and there will be time for group conversations among the attendees after each presentation. The motion passed. This was a request from Bruce Miller (BAPC member) and was approved after several Session members read the play.
- A motion was made by the Church and Society Ministry Team to approve BAPC's participation in Voices of Jubilee's (VOJ) "Christmas in July," project for Bon Air Juvenile Correction Center and other juvenile correction centers served by VOJ. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team to approve Marta Rowe as BAPC Financial Secretary when Ted McCormack steps down at the end of 2026. The motion passed.

May - a month bursting with God's grace and promises!

As we honor mothers and remember the fallen, let's be good stewards of our health and of our environment.

Things we can all do:

Eat Outside | Pick Up Trash
Read In the Park | Recycle
Drink More Water | Turn Off Lights

And be sure **not** to wear socks on May 8th in observance of **NO SOCKS DAY!**

Good health and a clean environment allow us to better serve God and our community. If you take care of yourself and use natural resources responsibly, you are a good steward.

Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Together we do extraordinary things.

Prime Time Circle
Monday, May 4

This month we will meet at **The Mellow Mushroom** for lunch at **1:00 p.m.**

If you wish to join us please call Barbara Howson at 804-357-3087.

Sisters Circle
Tuesday, May 12
10:00 a.m. in Garden Room

Please read lesson #9 in our Horizon study book "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Bring your Bible.

For any questions you may have, contact Gisela Stech.

R.O.M.E.O's men's group will meet on **Tuesday, May 12** at **Noon** at Candelas in Midlothian for lunch and fellowship. All men are invited.

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

ANGEL TREE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It's not even summer, but we need to start talking about Angel Tree! Most of you know it's the program where we purchase Christmas presents for the children of incarcerated adults. BAPC has been involved with Angel Tree for over twenty years!

For the past five years, BAPC has signed up to purchase gifts for 66 children, which entails many hours of work and a lot of hands behind the scenes. Angel Tree entails coordinating the project, computer work, calling the caretakers/parents of the children, and sorting and distributing the gifts.

Linda Johnston has done an amazing job as coordinator for the past five years and is retiring. We are hoping that someone will step up and volunteer to take over Linda's job as coordinator of this program so dear to the hearts of BAPC members! She will work with you, and there are others who will continue to remain involved in various aspects. **If we cannot find a new coordinator of this very special program, we will not be able to have Angel Tree this year!**

Linda is more than happy to answer any questions about Angel Tree - call or email her at 804-437-0642, or email jlj1000@verizon.net. Our BAPC family wants to keep this project going!

What is BAPC's Cornerstone Endowment Fund?

It may be the church's biggest mystery — or at least, its least well-known program. Let's try to clear up some of the confusion.

The Endowment Fund was set up in 2005 and renamed the Cornerstone Endowment Fund in 2025. It 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. Each year, 4.5 percent of the Fund's average value is made available to fulfil grant requests as directed by BAPC's Session.

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 Cornerstone Endowment Fund campaign that 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 made its first disbursement in 2006, financing a youth mission trip to Metairie, Louisiana, in aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. For the first 13 years, annual disbursements ranged from $2,000 to a little over $6,000. For the next four years, 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 Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone Endowment Fund.

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

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

JUSTICE DEMANDS RISC | RICHMONDERS INVOLVED TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

Now we celebrate! And help usher in the change we've worked together on for many years to take fruit.

Our Nehemiah Action on March 24, 2026, had 2,100 people in attendance. A record 106 were associated with Bon Air Presbyterian Church!

Here are the highlights:
Mayor Avula showed up unexpectedly and RISC leaders responded with flexibility and firmness. **Councilmembers Kenya Gibson** and Andrew Breton from the City of Richmond also attended to affirm their support for the affordable housing and gun violence issues.

Chesterfield **Supervisor Jessica Schneider** took the stage to support working with RISC to champion a better navigation tool, i.e. Care Solace, for **mental health care** in the Chesterfield County Public Schools.

We celebrated the new ordinance that requires 2.5% of property taxes to be allocated annually to the **Affordable Housing Trust Fund.** Over the next 5 years this is expected to add up to $63 million. Now, we need to ensure that the Mayor's budget reflects this in FY27, and the goal remains intact to allocate 30% of the funds to create or preserve housing for the lowest income households.

We also celebrated the fact that the City has contracted with the **National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) to do a Problem Analysis**, the first step toward the Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) program advocated by RISC and our partners REAL LIFE for the last 6 years. We will be working closely to monitor the progress and see the results of the analysis.

These commitments put us on a clear path toward:

- Fully funding deeply affordable housing
- Expanding access to mental health support
- Reducing gun violence in our community

This progress is because of you—our Network Members and supporters/investors—through the power of organized people that we have built together over 20 years.

And in the meantime - make sure your calendar is marked for our fourth and final Justice Ministry Assembly of our year - the **Justice Ministry Celebration on June 1st, 6:30 pm**, Location TBD.

EARTH CARE CORNER

The Peace of Wild Things
by
Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and
my children's lives might be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives
with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Acolyte Ministry

Many thanks to our Easter acolytes, Henry and Caroline Treanor. They served at the 11:00 service and their dad Ben was the adult helper.

Let us each and all continue to carry the Light of Christ out into the world in whatever ways God give us!

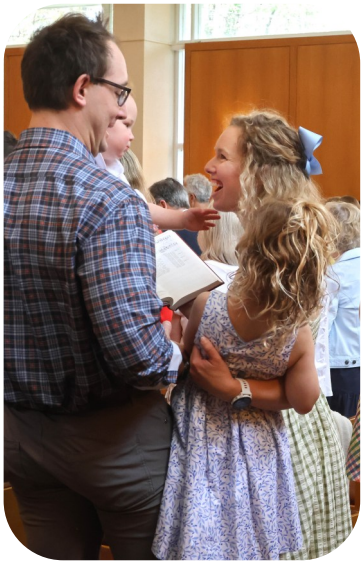
Victorian Day Parade and Games
in Old Bon Air
Saturday, May 9 / 10:30-1:30

Join in the Fun and Parade down Buford Road from Bon Air Baptist to Bon Air Christian Church.

Contact Emily Boots (804) 396-9775 for more information on how you and your family can be involved.

Pastor Alex addressing the huge gathering at the RISC Nehemiah Action meeting

Easter at Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 5



BAPC MAY 2026

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3 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) 11:30 Hospitality & Welcome (B) Noon Mission Team (GR) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B)	4 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 1:00 Prime Time Circle (Mellow Mushroom) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Communications (Z)	5 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR)	6 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (GR) 5:30 Cantus Choir 5:45 Prayer Time (P) 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:00 Fellowship Team 7:30 Chancel Choir	7 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (GR) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	8 6:30 AA (FH/103)	9
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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, May 2
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

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

If you are able, we hope that you will help us fill this need by contributing non-perishable food on May 2. 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 pantry.

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