

SEPTEMBER 2024

OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Angela Pierce joined August 11, 2024 7421 Richmond Road Williamsburg, VA 23188-7225

Bob & Carol Sharp joined August 18, 2024 114 Walton Heath Williamsburg, VA 23188-9165 (530) 263-2882 sjsharp2@yahoo.com

Welcome!



I scrolled across this picture this past week. It was taken on August 14, 2016, at the dedication service of

the new front stoop and handicap ramp. It's a wonderful picture, everyone is smiling, and even the most casual observer would declare it to be a happy day in the life of our church. But pictures like these can also be bittersweet, as they remind us of loved ones and friends that are no longer with us. In looking over this picture, I see members who have moved to other locations. I see members who have passed. I see some members who look the same. I see many that do not.

Old pictures can solicit a visceral reaction. I know of people who want nothing to do with having their picture taken, much less viewing old photos of times when they were young. I can sympathize with how they feel. But I also see value in captured moments. These pictures give us a snapshot in time. On that August Sunday afternoon, we captured a moment that will never come again. A moment I like to call a "God Moment", when the Holy is moving in our lives.

Life is not just valued in the number of years lived. The richness of life is in its moments. I believe that our lives become more meaningful when we realize a simple truth: life consists of moments that help us to understand how God is moving and working in our lives.

God moments occur in our lives when the Holy connects with us, to work in our lives, to give us hope. Such moments give us a sense of peace, and the assurance that everything – everything! – will be ok. Not all such moments are big and grand. Most are small and simple and might go unnoticed if we were not looking for them. The truth is, God is always working in our lives, every day, every hour, every minute.

So treasure life's moments. God has gifted us with life in which to love and be loved. Our moments will pass more quickly than we can imagine. Live as the Psalmist declared in Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Thank you for all the moments we have shared.

> Blessings, ~Pastor Richard

MEETINGS & BUILDING USE

T.O.P.S.: Tuesdays; 9:30AM; Taylor Hall

<u>Seekers Prayer Group</u>: Tuesdays; 11:30 AM Adult SS Room

<u>*Our Day Out:*</u> 2nd Wednesdays; 10AM-2PM; Branch Hall

<u>Comfort Ministry</u>: 2nd Saturdays; 10 AM Sandy's Restaurant

<u>DWM Tuesday Bible Study</u>: 3rd Tuesdays; 2 PM; Taylor Hall

Girl Scouts Troop 1385 Meetings.

Alternate Wednesdays; September 4, 2024 until June 11, 2025 6:30-8:00 PM; Adult Sunday School Room

<u>OBCC Men's Meeting</u>: 2nd Thursdays; 9 AM; Branch Hall with breakfast

<u>4th Thursday Lunch Bunch:</u> 4th Thursdays; 11 AM; Sandy's Restaurant



SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Services:8:30 AM Branch Hall11:00 AM SanctuarySunday School:NFH Sunday School following the 8:30 serviceAndy's Sunday School at 9:30Nursery:Open on Sundays:8:15AM-12:15PMOffice Hours:Mon-Fri 8:30AM-1:30PM



<u>Help Build Hope Mission Project:</u> September 7; 8:30AM; Bon Air Christian Church

<u>DWM Dinner</u>: September 9; 6PM; Kay Ainsworth's house

Cemetery Clean Up: September 20-30, 2024

Community Fun Day: September 21; 11AM-4PM

Reconciliation Giving: September 29 & October 6



Church Family: Michael Ayers, Jeanne Bell, Mary Best, Family of Jimmie Biggs, Wally Bowen, Linda Brown, Dennis Cotner, Margie Dieleman, Janet Dombrowski, Steve Garrett, Nancy Griffith, Petra Hall, Jim Holland, Linda Hutton, Cheryl Johnson, David Love, Val Mason, Dallas Mitchell, Susan Rinehart, Fred Rothermel, Cecelia Ruskey, Rudy Ruskey, Bob Schmidt, Rev. Mike Smith, Barbara Thiel, Kaye Watson, Brenda White, Gabi Wolverton

Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, Our Nation, Natasha Angel (Bob & Sharon Herndon's friend), Brian Bruno (Michelle Wright's friend), Denny Dasher (Dennis & Anita Dasher's son), Evala (Norm Hall's daughter), Cody Ferguson (Amy Ferguson's nephew), Nancy Fletcher (Cheryl & Gene Johnson's friend), Kourtney Haake (Heidi & Keith McMurdo's daughter), Family of Ed Haurand, Stephen Humphries (Liz Ripley's son), Ken Kunde (Barbara Thiel's brother), Tommy Marvin (David Nunn's friend), Julie Painter (Anita Dasher's aunt), Zak Reynolds (Larry & Louise Smith's grandson), Eileen Saltzgiver (friend of the Pesantes), Bud Smith (Larry & Louise Smith's son), Brenda Walker (Chuck Walker's mother), Rebekkah Warhol (Linda Hutchens' granddaughter), Mac Young (Joann Mitchell's brother), Jason (Lorraine Beasley's son), Lola (Missy Harbour's friend's niece)



- 05 Keith & Heidi McMurdo
- 08 Cleve & Michelle Wright
- 09 Steve & Linda Garrett
- 09 Gerry & Lyn Medina
- 13 Roy & Ellen Sullivan
- 19 Jim & Carolyn Hunt
- 27 Bob & Sharon Herndon

Birthday Blessings

- 04 Sarah Savage
- 06 Michelle Wright
- 08 Sheila Yeatts
- 10 Chris Hutton
- 10 Reagan Jones
- 13 Kaye Watson
- 17 Linda Hutchens
- 21 Anne Holland

- 22 Dale Cason
- 22 Richard Onesty
- 23 Ann Simmons
- 24 Tami Swanenberg
- 25 Betty Speegle
- 26 Mary Collamore
- 26 June Phillips
- 29 Val Mason



ELDERS & DEACONS & DEACONESSES

		THIS MONTH'S DEACONESS
		Linda Hutchens
09/01/2024	Abby Matschke Sheila Yeatts	
	Liz Ripley Jason Teagle	
	Marney Brickhouse Tyler Watson	
	(Kaye Watson)	
09/08/2024	Andrew Pfister Joyce Allen	
	Jane Hatcher Chuck Walker Bob Herndon	
00/15/2024	Sharon Herndon	
09/15/2024	Kim Riffle Don White	
	Haley Creech (Maralyn Carr) Tracy Creech Will Hatcher Jeremy Dill	
09/22/2024	Richard Bradshaw Andy Bradshaw	
	Missy Harbour Dennis Cotner Ryan Matschke David Love	
09/29/2024	Will Hatcher Linda Williams	
	Judy Eley Lois Marshall Joann Mitchell Joshua Fulgham	



Worship & WORSHIP & WONDER SCHEDULE

	Leader:	Greeter:
09/01/2024	Linda Williams	Bob Williams
09/08/2024	Ann Bradshaw	Jeremy Dill
09/15/2024	Landa Simmons	Cris Simmons

09/22/2024	Linda Williams	Bob Williams
09/29/2024	Ann Bradshaw	Jeremy Dill



The OBCC Family extends condolences to the family of Jimmie Biggs, Sr. Jimmie passed away on July 30, 2024. A service was held for Jimmie at OBCC on Saturday, August 31, 2024.



The OBCC Family extends condolences to the family of Donald Kline. Donald Kline passed away on August 19, 2024. A graveside service was held for Donald at OBCC on Thursday, August 22, 2024.



The OBCC Family extends condolences to the family of Peter Kowalchick. Pete passed away on June 26, 2024. A service will be held for Pete in Norfolk on Saturday, September 7, 2024.



EXAMPLE SERVICE

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Bruce Kerr on Sunday, October 5, 2024 at OBCC at 11AM. There will be a reception to follow.



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday.



DWM SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

The DWM will be meeting Monday, September 9 beginning with dinner at 6PM at Kay Ainsworth's home (10134 Sycamore Landing Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188). Please bring a dish to share. Thank you!



OUR DAY OUT-2ND WEDNESDAYS

Our theme for ODO this month was Summer Heat which we have all felt in one way or another!

Christy Jensen blessed us with interesting tales and facts about the Dog days of summer and then reminded us about vacations and children returning to school. Everyone participated in a mind game of how many words they could make up from the theme Summer Heat. Kay Ainsworth won the prize as she had over forty words! We then celebrated a very special birthday: Ellen Waite's 90th! Ellen delighted us all with her thoughts and life leading up to so many years and everyone individually gave her a special thought.

Chef Shelia and her merry crew prepared a delicious meal of hot dogs, baked beans, fresh asparagus with a special sauce, cucumber salad, and fresh tomatoes with cheese and basil. A dessert of brownies covered in a chocolate dip and strawberries tickled our taste buds.

Our crafty Jane made the craft hour so much fun with a game of Sun circles.

A beautiful cake with gold numbers made Ellen's day complete as we sang to her. She made a wish and then blew out the candles. She didn't tell us her wish, but I know all of us were wishing her happiness.

Bingo is always a wonderful way to finish our day and everyone takes home a prize or two.

God is so good to us and the fellowship abounds in our church! Next month, we are welcoming fall and I believe Janet Dombrowski is going to challenge us with some great games. Hope to see you!

> May God Bless You Always, Marney Brickhouse, Coordinator













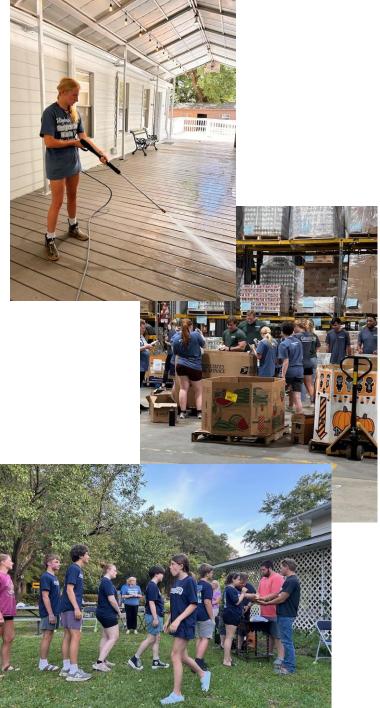


REGIONAL MISSION REPORT

In June, Perry and I traveled to Charleston, SC for the 2nd Regional Mission Trip. There were 29 people from Virginia and North Carolina participating. Groups work with Habitat for Humanity, Food Bank, James Island Outreach, and some other projects. We had time to visit the Emergency Operations Building of Charleston, as well as Water Mission that helps bring clean water to countries all over the world.

Jonathan plans to go again to the same area next year. I encourage you to think about joining us and serving others.

~Abby Matschke







CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The semi-annual clean-up will occur between September 20 & 30, 2024. If you would like to save anything, please remove it before then. Nonperishable items left in place will be moved near the shed area next to the parking lot. Thanks for helping the committee to keep our cemetery one of the most beautiful in the county.

~Cemetery Committee

MISSION NEEDS

BRIDGES OF CHANGE

Bridges of Change is a domestic violence shelter in New Kent that helps the surrounding community. They are currently in need of several items including: Trash Bags Antibacterial Wipes Paper Towels Diapers Size 4 Laundry detergent Toilet Paper Aluminum Foil Cleaners for Kitchen and Bathrooms Swiffer pads

If you are out at the store, please consider picking up an item or two. Anything helps! You can drop off items at Church and I will arrange a pickup. There is a bin outside the office. Thank you!

~Abby Matschke

SAMARITAN'S PURSE MISSION

Samaritan's Purse provides relief to those who have experienced significant losses due to natural disasters. Hurricane Beryl devastated the Caribbean, and Samaritan's Purse deployed a team to help in Carriacou, an island of 10,000 people in Grenada, and another team in the flood zones of Texas, south of Houston. Samaritan's Purse is in need of your help, and there are plenty of ways to help enhance and uplift their ministry. You can pray, asking the Lord to raise up an army of volunteers to serve with Samaritan's Purse. You can provide a gift for hurricane relief, enabling Samaritan's Purse to provide temporary shelter, medical care, solar lights that also recharge phones, and water filters to help survivors across the Caribbean. Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries to help victims of disaster, disease, famine, poverty, and war. Your gift to "Where Most Needed" equips them with the resources-including personnel, materials, supporting services, and equipment-to fulfill their mission of relief and evangelism. I encourage you to think of how you can support this ministry and their great efforts to support God's children everywhere!

Our next effort will be the Shoebox Project. *Distribution day is October 13. Due date for all boxes is November 11.* Boxes will be available in the lobby & narthex with a sheet of instructions with boy/girl label.

~Sheila Yeatts, World Outreach Coordinator



WORLD OUTREACH NEWS: RECONCILIATION SUNDAYS—SEPT 29 & OCT 6

Your Reconciliation Ministry gifts help support proreconciliation/anti-racism programs through camp, education, conference, and relationship-building in each expression of our Church. Thank you in advance for your support.

~Sheila Yeatts, World Outreach Coordinator



Worship & Wonder. WORSHIP & WONDER

Our Worship and Wonder space has undergone a transformation this week. At the end of every summer, we remove all the stories from the shelves. After an orientation to the space, we begin our new year with the story of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Next, we move to the Creation story. Through the next year we will tell the major Old and New Testament stories, and learn how the church tells time by observing Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. It's an amazing and comprehensive year. Wouldn't it be great if adults could have a Bible review like this? You can! Adults are welcome each week to join us, listen to the stories, participate in our personal quiet time and share in our Feast together at the end. Questions: please ask Linda Williams, Ann Bradshaw, or Landa Simmons. And, no! You don't have to sit on the floor; we have chairs for grown-ups.



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY

Our Fall Community Fun Day will be on Saturday, September 21 from 11 AM—4 PM. There will be live music, food, raffles, baked goods, and a silent auction.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are able to volunteer and/or supply baked goods, please contact Sheila Yeatts. We need baked goods of all kinds for our Bake Sale- cookies, breads, smaller items, and even a few cakes and pies would be great!

We also need volunteers to help with the Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and Games including cornhole, a photo booth, and a scavenger hunt!

<u>We are looking for 3 additional cornhole sets for this</u> <u>Fun Day</u>, so please contact Sheila Yeatts if you have a set you are able to share for this event.

If you or someone you know is great with face paint, there's an opportunity to volunteer for that station as well!

There are volunteer signup sheets in the Sanctuary, Branch Hall, and the bulletin board by the Adult Sunday School Room.

We are also requesting food donations. If you are able to support this fun day by donating all-beef hot dogs, hot dog buns, variety boxes of chips, and/or drinks including bottled water, that would be greatly appreciated!

Raffle tickets for the quilt and Afghan are still being sold, so please reach out if you would like to buy more or sell more to your friends and family! Raffle tickets are available in the office or you can contact Sheila Yeatts, Marney Brickhouse, or Barb Schmidt. <u>ALL proceeds from this Community Fun Day are going to support the church and help fund our new pew cushions in the Sanctuary.</u> We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Yeatts. Thank you for your willingness to help make this a great day for our community!



CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL MUNGELI NEWS

A message from Dr. Vinod Ekka:

"World No Tobacco Day was celebrated at the School of Nursing, Christian Hospital Mungeli on March 5, 2024. The theme was "Protecting Children from Tobacco Interference." We are privileged to have collaborated with the District Hospital Mungeli to observe this day. The District Hospital Mungeli organized a poster, rangoli, and slogan competition and presented tokens of appreciation to our students.

On the day of the program, representatives from the District Hospital, students, and tutors participated in a rally with inspiring slogans.

We are humbled to witness God's provision miraculously in the School of Nursing."

Please see pictures of the rally below.

~Landa Simmons

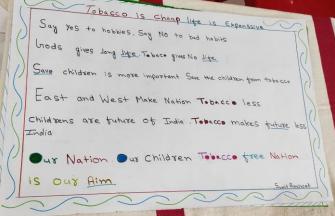




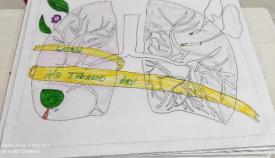


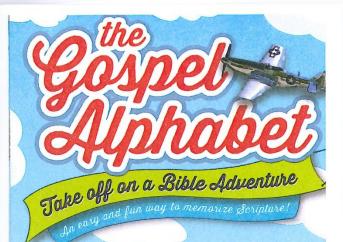












All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. -Romans 3:23

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! -John 1:29b

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. -James 4:8a

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. -Matthew 18:14

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

-Ephesians 2:8

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. -John 3:16

Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. -John 6:37b, KJV

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. -John 14:6b

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

-John 6:29

Knock, and it will be opened to you. —Matthew 7:7c

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! —Isaiah 45:22a

My grace is sufficient for you. -2 Corinthians 12:9b

Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. -2 Corinthians 6:2b

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. -Psalm 119:18

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. -John 14:27

Quicken me according to Thy Word.

-Psalm 119:154b, KJV

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

-Psalm 37:7a -Matthew 7:7b

Seek, and you will find.

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. -1 John 1:7b

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:11, KJV

Werily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. -John 6:47, KJV

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? -Mark 8:36

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. -John 3:3b, KJV

You are not your own...For you were bought at a price. -1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a

Zealous for good works.

-Titus 2:14c

WHEN I WAS A BOY, my parents always encouraged me to memorize Scripture. Every Sunday after church, we worked on learning verses before Mama would let us go out to play. My wife, Jane Austin, and



I also have taught our children and grandchildren to memorize Bible verses.

One of the tools we have used is called the "Gospel Alphabet." This method of Scripture memorization is easy and fun and makes a lasting impact. Please use this card with your family and loved ones. This card makes a great Bible bookmark.

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<u>VBS 2024</u>

Wow, what a week! We fed from 93 up to 136 during the week. We had 30 volunteers, classes for kids, teens, and adults with about 70 participants. Highlights include teaching kids about Jesus, the weather cooperating, and, of course, the ice cream truck. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the teamwork! ~*Abby Matschke*









"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus". -Galatians 3:28

Lord, if we could look with your eyes, Into another person's life, Beyond the color of their skin, We'd have empathy for their strife.

If only we could hear with God's ears, To hear their painful cry, We might be the Good Samaritan, And not go passing by.

If we could only speak your language, And just understand what they say, We could join with them in fellowship, And kneel with them to pray.

> If only we had God's heart, To love without condition, We could help to lift them up, To a better position.

They might rise above their pain, And feel real love again, We could join our hands with them, And walk as friend with friend.

We have all been reconciled, By Christ's death upon the cross, Drawing us into His presence, So we're not eternally lost.

We have been reconciled with Christ, Let's be reconciled to all His children.

Colossians **5:2**5-24

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters".



Work is indeed a gift, That fills an inner need, But there are other reasons, Like hungry mouths to feed.

Sometimes it takes awhile, To figure out your niche, And it becomes necessary, To make a workplace switch.

America has a varied workforce, Requiring different skills, Your contribution to economic growth, Will enable you to pay your bills.

No matter what work you choose, Always deliver your very best, And after your achievements, You will have earned a rest.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend, For some last Summer fun, Soon children will return to school, And a new schedule will have begun.

God never rests from His labors, His church doors are open wide, So please come in to Worship, Find renewed strength inside.

Thanks for your labors, You're the backbone of our land.

~ Louise Smith

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Disciples Women

 Email 2024.VDW.Retreat@gmail.com to be added to our email distribution list for all future updates.

Register On-line for the 2024 Fall Retreat at: https://www.ccinva.org/disciple-women

Join our private Facebook group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/415828094313416
 - to get all updates and meet other Disciples Women interested in attending.

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- Linen for each person in room
- Dinner on Friday 10/11; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday 10/12, Breakfast on Sunday 10/13
- Facility fees and taxes, speaker honorariums

Circle your requested lodging accommodation:

Single Occupancy
(one person in room / limited availability)Double Occupancy
(two people in room)Triple Occupancy
(three people in room)\$293.45 per person\$214.83 per person\$188.62 per person

If you selected double or triple occupancy, please list the full names of the people who want assigned to the same room as you.

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Want to bring your child with you? Contact us (email below) about costs and parent/child opportunities.

Payment

At least 25% of total cost is required at time of registration, with remaining balance due by August 31, 2024.

Checks should be made payable to Christian Church in Virginia and mailed to: 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501



A limited number of partial scholarships are available to assist with retreat costs . Check to receive information on how to apply. Scholarship applications are due June 30, 2024.

Email 2024.VDW.Retreat@gmail.com with any questions on the retreat or the registration process.



Bon Air Christian Church Help Build Hope/Whole Church Mission Project: Framing a House!

When: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 Gathering and worship: 8:30 AM
With 100+ volunteers, we will finish by early afternoon!
Where: Bon Air Christian Church – Front parking lot 2071 Buford Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA
Who can participate: Anyone with an interest, ages 12 and up. Friends and family are welcome to join us in this

holy work. NO CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE or SKILLS NEEDED!!

Affordable housing is a far-reaching issue, and we're reaching out to help. We will need 100+ volunteers, including 25-30 Crew Leaders who have some building experience. The Crew leaders will be needed also on Friday, Sept, 6, 5:30-8:30 PM. This is a highly organized and prescribed process, and Help Build Hope, from Louisville, KY, will guide us through it. HBH will provide the power and hand tools for the project. Lunch and snacks provided by BACC. Folks who have participated in these builds talk about what an amazing process it is!

Registration: All participants must be registered to participate. Here is the link and QR Code:

https://crossroadsmissions.breezechms.com/form/BonAir24



If you can serve as a crew leader, please email worship@baccdoc.org.

Cost and Donations: The total project is estimated at \$8,000-11,000, depending on the cost of lumber. Make checks out to Bon Air Christian, with "House Framing" in the memo line. Donations can also be made through the church's Givelify, <u>https://giv.li/fun3vg</u>

Questions about the project? Email Bon Air Christian at <u>worship@baccdoc.org</u> or Cathy Law at <u>catherinelaw804@gmail.com</u>.



Questions? Contact Missy Harbour for more information.



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