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## Being Baptist (Revisited)

## WATCH

I have written about what it means to be part of the Baptist tradition of Christ-followers before (e.g., [here](#) and [here](#)). In those articles, I focused on soul liberty, the autonomy of the local congregation, *sola scriptura*, and believer's baptism. These are basic tenets of being Baptist. Another part of being Baptist is voluntary association. This means that we associate with like-minded Baptists to support missionaries, seminaries, curriculum, and other projects that we could not do alone. Since the early 1990s, our primary association has been with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

One of the great challenges in church life is letting something go. Too often, we add projects, programs, and groups we support without taking anything away. Sometimes this makes sense. In 2018, we added our support for the Association for Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB), yet we didn't remove anything. In this case, adding something without replacing anything else made sense. AWAB is a small organization, and they support churches like ours who welcome and affirm all people. They don't send missionaries or develop broader church programs, but we want to support their work because we are a welcoming and affirming congregation.

Sometimes the best thing we can do to move forward is to let something go. Many of you responded to my email last week summarizing the August 7 town hall discussion. We have a strong

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, August 18, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Looking Back (& Forward)

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

John 21:15-17

**Anthem:**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
with This is My Father's World*

Joel Raney

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Lily Gregg

**Ushers:** Tom & Sylvie Moore

**College Dinner:** Dinners will resume on Sunday, August 25. Click [here](#) to sign up to provide a dinner for our college students.



## Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30

and 1:30 on the front steps to serve the ice cream. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

connection with CBF and CBFVA. These are the organizations to which we go to find support for ministers, hear about curriculum ideas, and support missionaries. Our relationship with CBF and CBFVA goes both ways. When Mark Snipes, Coordinator for CBFVA, wanted to develop a youth weekend around social justice, he came to me. In 2019, we hosted over 300 teens in our sanctuary for a weekend retreat called The Summit. When another local pastor approached Mark about support for senior ministers, he asked me to form a Peer Learning Group for pastors, and the CBF provided a grant to support the group. The CBF is our denominational home.

Unfortunately, our oldest Baptist relationship has changed over the years. The Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) has changed over the years. In the 1990s, the BGAV was quite different than it is today. In recent years, they have moved away from us. In my email last week, I provided more details about this move. Today, we celebrate all the wonderful ways God has worked through the BGAV during our church's 124-year history. And, today, we acknowledge the blessings of having been part of BGAV in the past. Tomorrow, at the Church Conference, we will vote on whether to continue our journey with them or not.

Peace,  
Matt



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday next week!

**Aug 22:** Dan Pinkham

**Aug 26:** Morgan Klewer

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, August 14

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Church Conference

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, August 15

6:00 Deacon/Church Council Meeting

### SUNDAY, August 18

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

*For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).*



Mark your calendars for our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 25 (please note the date change), 3:00 - 6:00pm at the Marshall's Farm: Argyll Farm, 2356 Scottsville Rd., C'ville 22902. Swimming will begin at 3:00, hotdogs at 5:00, and ice cream at 5:30. Hotdogs and buns will be provided. Donations of chips to go with the hotdogs or cookies/brownies to go with the ice cream are welcome. Everything will be finger food (except the ice cream!). And definitely, if you have an ice cream freezer, bring your homemade ice cream.

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Sylvie Moore

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

\*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.



Join us tomorrow, Wednesday, August 14, for dinner at 5:30 and a Church Conference beginning at 6:00. The agenda will include the approval of the Nominating Committee's report.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Baked Ziti*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Broccoli*

*Garlic Bread*

*Dessert*

Following the program you are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir as they rehearse in the Music Suite.



## Help feed our college students this year!

Our Sunday night dinners not only feed Jubilate members at 6:30 each Sunday evening, but we also

invite ALL college students to come eat dinner! Help us provide home-cooked and delicious meals for our group as UBC cares for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to come help you with set up and clean up. Click [here](#) to pick your week.



## State Missions Offering

Each year we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This August, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000.

You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church (Make the check out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the memo line). Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Tiller, whose ministry our offering will support:

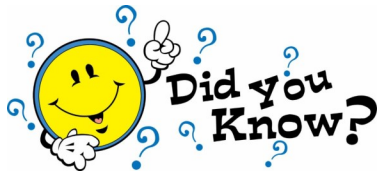
Dear friends, Due to "separation of church and state," GracelInside is a nonprofit Christian ministry that places chaplains inside Virginia's prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ. As a GracelInside chaplain, I am dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of Virginia's state prisons. I currently serve in Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, providing one-on-one pastoral care, conducting worship services, and working with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. I am also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions.



## Dinner with Andrew

One of the members of our church family has been raising funds to address food insecurity every year since July 2001. On January 1, 2001, Colleen Baber's son Andrew choked on a gummy candy and did not survive. He had been working at Domino's Pizza at the time, and his coworkers wanted to do something to honor his memory. They chose a food drive which fit well with honoring Andrew because few people liked to eat more than he did. Thus, "Dinner with Andrew" began.

This year is the twenty-fourth year Colleen has been collecting donations in Andrew's memory. In 2020, she switched from collecting and sorting food to taking donations for food gift cards. She gives these cards to families in extreme need through The Jefferson Area Food Bank, The Salvation Army, The Emergency Food Bank, and ARC. We can help address food insecurity and be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting this ministry. You can contribute directly [here](#), or you can send a check to the church or give online with "Dinner with Andrew" in the memo line.



In an effort to be as energy conscience as possible, we do not heat and cool our entire building all the time. We heat or cool only those areas being used at the time. Peter Ohlms checks the church calendar every day and adjusts thermostats based on those areas or rooms being used. This enables us to conserve as much energy as possible and, as a result, save a good bit of money as well.

This does, however, depend on those using spaces in the church to get their meetings or events on the church calendar. This is the only way Peter knows when to turn on the heat or the air conditioner for that area.

So, if you are planning to use the church for a meeting or an event, help us to continue to be good stewards of our resources, by notifying the [church office](#) and getting on the calendar.

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves change color, I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning. God continues to work patiently in our lives, transforming us, and sanctifying us to the likeness of the image of God's Son, Jesus. What an honor it is to partner with the Savior bringing faith, hope, and love to incarcerated men and women. As Christ says in Matthew 25, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Bio: Chaplain Tiller is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her master's degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She majored in biblical studies and obtained a master's degree in theology at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She taught World Religions as adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctoral project was in the field of grief and loss. She lives in Richmond with her seventeen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor, and her husband Martin Tiller and his daughter. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life. They retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.



## Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, Aug 21, 2024, we will launch our new music and missions program for kids, All Creation Sings! We are going to kick things off with a party for everyone! Come for dinner, stay for the party, with choir rehearsal and childcare to follow! Don't miss it! -Elizabeth and Susan



## Worship+Wonder

Beginning this Sunday, Aug 18, 2024, I will gather school-aged children (K-5) midway through Morning Worship to climb the stairs to the right of the front of the sanctuary and into our children's ministry space for Worship+Wonder. I am busy preparing a special space for our worship and wondering time together. Near the end of the service, I will send the children back down to join the parents or grandparents (aunts, uncles, etc...) who brought them to worship. In future articles, I'll be sharing more about Worship+Wonder and other activities of the children and youth ministries at UBC. See you on Sunday! –Elizabeth

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## Sunday Mornings

### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

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