



May 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

- ❖ Bridging – Our church family with our neighbors
 - ❖ Building – Ministries to serve
 - ❖ Becoming – Disciples for Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a church where people are spiritually healed, joy reigns, and the love of God is shared.

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9am - 3pm

Eric Seiler, Chairman of the Board
Office Manager, position available
Rob Peterman, Choir Director
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

www.batteryparkchristianchurch.org
bpcc.office@verizon.net

Events for May

May 1 & 15 – Bon Secours Care-A-Van uses our parking lot and fellowship hall to provide medical care to those in our area who have no health insurance. Volunteers from the church help with organization, oversight, greeting, etc.

May 5 – our guest minister will be Rev. T. W. Fuson, who has been in the ministry over 55 years.

May 12 – it's a party! The Seilers have invited us to help celebrate Alex's graduation with an open house, 2 – 6, at their home, 7601 S. Pinehill Drive, Henrico, VA 23228.

May 15 – The Official Board meets at 7 p.m.

May 27 – Memorial Day, which we will celebrate on the 26th.

Rev. Dr. Jerusha Moses will preach for us three other Sundays in May. Whenever possible, please attend church to welcome and support our guest ministers.

Why I Attend Church

(Rev. Woodall shared this article with us before she left. Perhaps it will foster a meaningful discussion among your friends and family.)

An article by Thom Ranier, the founder and CEO of *Church Answers*, an online community and resource for church leaders. Subscribe to Thomranier.com.

In a culture that minimizes commitment and maximizes self-indulgence, I have learned the precious gift of church attendance or, more specifically, the church gathered. I do not see church attendance as a burden or legalistic commitment. I view it as joy—a place where I can give and serve, a place where I can focus more on others rather than myself.

I could name many, but here are ten reasons I attend church.

1. **I attend church to serve others.** There is so much greater joy in serving than seeking to be served. I have many opportunities to serve when the church is gathered. Those opportunities are my gifts from God.
2. **I attend church to encourage others.** We live in a world of incredible digital communication. But there is still something irreplaceable about gathering together. When I encounter someone in person at church, I have an opportunity to encourage him or her in person as well.
3. **I attend church to encourage my pastor.** I doubt many of us know how much our pastors serve us and love us seven days a week. The least I can do for my pastor is to be there in person when we gather as a church. I know it encourages my pastor, and I want our pastors to have that gift of encouragement every week.
4. **I attend church to state my priorities.** If I am able to go to work, to go to school, to go on vacation, or to watch or be involved in a sport, I can attend church. I desire to have a “no excuse” clause in my life for attending church.
5. **I attend church to participate in worship.** There is something special and Spirit-filled about worshipping together with other Christians. It is both an opportunity and gift I do not take lightly.
6. **I attend church even if it doesn't meet all my needs.** If I say, “I am not getting fed spiritually,” it likely means I am not hungry spiritually. If my church does some things a bit differently than my preferences, I realize I am there, not as a consumer, but as a giver and one who has been called to put others’ needs before my own. No church is perfect. No worship style is perfect. No pastor is perfect. And neither am I.
7. **I attend church with frequency, not on occasion.** It is my prayer to be in my church every Sunday. When I am out of town, I can find another church to attend. I pray I will never say, “I need a break from church.” I certainly don’t want God to take a break from me.
8. **I attend church to set an example for my family.** Couples have healthier marriages when they attend church. Children grow up with countless benefits because their parents took them to church. I need to show the importance and priority of church attendance to those I love.
9. **I attend church because the Bible tells me to do so.** Two-thirds of the New Testament is about churches, specifically gathered churches. The words of the writer of Hebrews in 10:24-25 are powerful: “And let us watch out for one another to

provoke love and good works, *not neglecting to gather together as some are in the habit of doing*, but encouraging each other, and more as you see the day approaching."

10. **I attend church because I love my church.** I love my church. I love my pastor. I love the members of my church. I love the community my church serves. If I love someone, I will be there for them. I truly love my church.

It is becoming increasingly common to see church attendance as just another activity, an option among many, a place to get consumer preferences met, or an occasional gathering to hide in anonymity.

It has become increasingly popular for some to argue that church attendance is not a high priority because the building is not a church, the people are. But those people are supposed to gather. Indeed, they are commanded to gather.

I love to attend church. I attend church for these reasons and many more. I thank God for my church.

May Birthdays

May birthdays fall right in the heart of spring, and the emerald is the perfect gem to symbolize and celebrate this month. Prized for its brilliant and beautiful green color, the emerald is often favored by the rich and famous to wear as statement pieces for big events. God's creation includes amazingly beautiful stones, each one different from the others. Members of our church are also each created to be different and treasured. Enjoy your birthdays!

Michelle Wagner Merrion	May 1	Richard Garrett Sr.	May 13
Becca Heckman	May 2	Lauren Dutton	May 16
Cade Heckman	May 5	Cole Heckman	May 18
Miranda Shaw	May 9	Miriam Blake	May 23
Bill Griggs	May 10	Anne Lloyd Hunley	May 28
Michael Wagner	May 11		

If you find errors, please notify the church office. Thank you.

Death in our church family

We were saddened to hear of the April 23 death of Liz Kinsey, a long time member of Battery Park. She was the wife of Bill Kinsey and mother of Tammy and Billy. Condolences may be sent to Bill at the address below, and donations made in her memory to either Battery Park Church or the Lakeside Rescue Squad.

Bill Kinsey
2317 New Berne Road
Richmond, VA 23228



May

Each week during the year, we “spotlight” a homebound member. During the week, remember to send that member a card, write a note, or make a phone call. Let them know how much they are missed!

- 5/5 Mrs. Lois Cosby
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9210
Richmond, VA 23227
- 5/12 Mrs. Dorothy Dillard
1600 Westbrook Ave., PHC 9149
Richmond, VA 23227
- 5/19 Mr. Bill Gotthardt
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 5/26 Mrs. Betty Land
7300 Forest Av., #324A
Richmond, VA 23226

There are several of our members who aren't able to attend on a regular basis who are not on this list, but are in our thoughts and prayers. Let them know as well that we are thinking of them.

If you have been unable to come to church and want to be added to our homebound list, please let the church office or the Elders know. We miss and pray for everyone who is unable to make it to church.



Thank you note!

Dear BPCC family,

How dear each one of you is in our lives. Thank you so much for your cards, emails, texts and phone calls, the beautiful sanctuary flowers, and especially for your prayers. Each one has meant so much to Buddy in his hospital and rehab stay and his recovery – and to me also! We treasure the love and care of our wonderful Battery Park family!!

With much love,

Buddy and Barbara Lucord

Elder Communion Schedule

	<u>Loaf</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Note</u>
May 5	AT Scruggs	Richard Garrett	
May 12	Eric Seiler	Tim Williams	Mother's Day
May 19	George Nuckolls	Patsy Stockdon	Pentecost Offering
May 26	Tim Williams	Melissa Seiler	Pentecost Offering
Jun 2	Richard Garrett	AT Scruggs	
Jun 9	Patsy Stockdon	Eric Seiler	
Jun 16	Melissa Seiler	George Nuckolls	Father's Day
Jun 23	AT Scruggs	Richard Garrett	
Jun 30	Eric Seiler	Patsy Stockdon	



Worship Flowers

Every Sunday our worship area is graced by fresh flowers reminding us of our new life in Christ. These are underwritten by members and friends of the church. The cost is \$37. We have a chart for 2019 where anyone wanting to donate the flowers for a certain week can sign up to do so. The chart is in the hallway outside the church office. You may also call or email the office to sign up. We are grateful for these gifts and for the givers.



Please check the coat rack in the hall to see if any of the coats/sweaters belong to you. Also, a pair of glasses was found and are on the bulletin board.

CRAIG SPRINGS 2019 CAMP SCHEDULE

If you register before May 15
Save \$40.00 plus get a free T-Shirt!

Craig Springs Camp & Retreat

Registration must be post marked no later than the deadline of May 15 to receive the early registration discount.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Total by May 15</u>	<u>Total after May 15</u>
May 24-26	Adult Work Weekend		FREE
June 24-28	Nature Camp	\$335	\$335
June 30-July 5	Special Camp	\$335	\$335
July 8-13	AMPDD Camp	\$347	\$387
July 14-19	First Triple	\$347	\$387
July 28-Aug 2	Second Triple	\$347	\$387
August 4-9	New Covenant	\$347	\$347
August 9-12	*Family Retreat	\$75 per adult, \$50 for under 18, free for 5 years and under.	

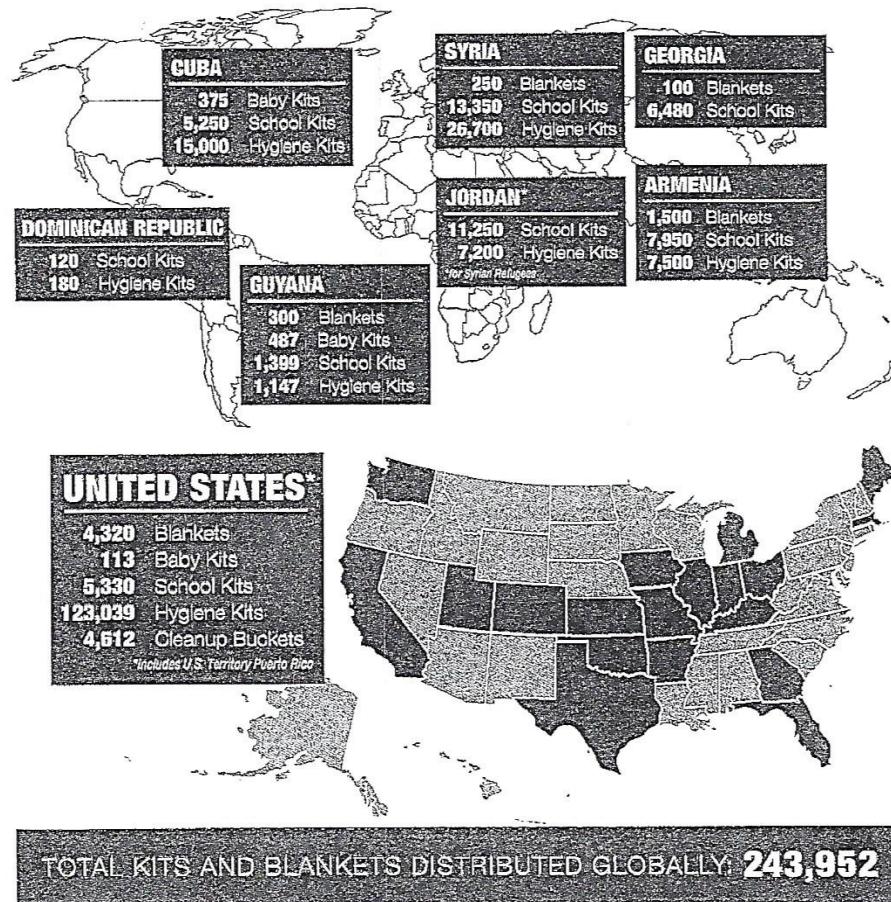
Battery Park Christian Women's Fellowship

The CWF of Battery Park has been participating in the support of the church family and the mission of Disciples of Christ worldwide. We have just finished our donation of 25 Health Kits to be distributed through Church World Services to those experiencing homelessness, poverty and natural disasters. The map (see image below) shows where blankets, health kits, emergency clean-up kits and school kits were sent in 2017.

At the present time, the CWF of Battery Park will discontinue regular meetings but will continue to give their support to the church and Disciple organizations. A very special thank you to all the women, who over many years, engaged in studying the lessons of Christ in our world, held suppers and yard sales, participated in collecting hygiene kits and supported the mission of Battery Park Christian Church.

CWS KITS | CWS BLANKETS

In 2017, your support enabled CWS to ensure that newly arrived refugees, those affected by flooding or fires, homeless shelter guests and migrant workers had much-needed supplies. Your support made an impact in the lives of those recovering from disasters or facing poverty or displacement around the world.



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Our church secretary position is open, and we will be running the following advertisement. Please pass this information on to your friends and neighbors who might be interested.

Church Secretary – Part-time, 20 – 25 hrs/wk

Previous office experience preferred. Good communication and interpersonal skills. MS Office, Quickbooks, and social media skills needed.

Send resume and three references to:

Bpcc.office@verizon.net