



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 - 2pm

Rev. Jonah Smith-Bartlett, Pastor
Eric Seiler, Chairman of the Board
Rob Peterman, Choir Director

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

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8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2: 8- 11

From the Pastor

Dear friends,

Advent is upon us here at Battery Park Christian Church! We hope you will join us this season as we preach through a sermon series on the themes of Advent- hope, peace, joy, and love. As usual, we will have services at 11am on Sunday mornings. We will celebrate the birth of the Christ child at our Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24th at 7pm .

At the beginning of Advent I always reread Psalm 25:4. "Make me know your ways, O Lord."

Certainly the God of Israel is doing just this when the story of Christmas is right around the corner. We know some of God's ways. God has come to live among us. Jesus Christ is born to Mary in a small town in a small corner of the world. Shepherds will be graced with the presence of angels. Kings will be brought to their knees in front of the manger. Herod will search and search to extinguish the light of the world, and, powerful as he might be, he doesn't stand a chance against God's plan to be born among us.

God's ways are astounding. Healer, miracle worker, Messiah, savior.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord. Your way is an incomparable love!

Peace in this season,

Pastor Jonah



GOD'S PLAN, by Buddy Lucord

It was decided the world was to be made a better place in the sight of God.
“I will send my son, Jesus, to show them the way,” said God with a nod,
And the angel Gabriel was dispatched to find the boy a home
And he picked Mary, a virgin, to be the baby's mom.
A stable in Bethlehem was selected as his very first home
And local shepherds came to worship as did three wise men from afar.
For God had led them from the east following one very bright star
And the world was on its way to realizing God's plan.

The young lad grew strong and intelligent
And God was pleased with his son, Jesus, and put him to a test;
So at the age of twelve he met with the teachers in the temple.
The questions were long, the answers not simple
But the boy never faltered, his answers amazed
For the boy was quite sure of his answers as everyone could readily tell
And his answers were thoughtful, accurate, and clear as a bell.

When he was thirty he saw John and was baptized in the Jordan River.
And then he began his ministry and did many miracles to show God's love-
Healing the sick, feeding the thousands, he even raised the dead.
But his popularity became so large that the local rulers began to quiver
And they began to view his popularity and power with dread.
So he was arrested, tried, found guilty, and nailed to a cross.
He died and his body was put into a tomb with the entrance secured with a stone.
After three days the stone was rolled away, and the tomb contained not even one
bone.

For Jesus, the son of God, who had been sent to make the world a better place,
Had risen and was alive and well and had left with nary a trace.
But God's love was there for all to see
For God is love, and the message is – simple acceptance on bended knee.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

**Please note:
The mailing address for the church is now
P.O. Box 9314
Richmond, VA 23227**

DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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!

- 12/1 Mrs. Betty Land
7300 Forest Ave. #324-A
Henrico, VA 23226
- 12/8 Mrs. Elinor Richardson
8308 Woodman Rd.
Richmond, VA 23228
- 12/15 Mr. Douglas Bobbio
1711 Bellevue Ave., D-717
Richmond, VA 23227
- 12/22 Mr. Bill Gotthardt
7080 Brooks Farm Road, Room 125
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- 12/29 Mrs. Betty Land
7300 Forest Ave. #324-A
Henrico, VA 23226

There are several of our members who aren't able to attend on a regular basis and who are not on this list, but are in our thoughts and prayers. A card or a phone call would mean so much.

If you have been unable to come to church and want to be added to our homebound list, please let the church office (804-266-3973) or the Elders know. We miss and pray for everyone who is unable to make it to church.

Christmas Cards

At Battery Park we have a giving Christmas greeting church members. This ago, when we realized spending a lot of money on cards. We decided to ask their cards, but instead of them to church to exchange. important part, put the money spent on stamps in the offering plate! You'll find a box in the hallway near the nursery for this purpose.



tradition about cards to our fellow started many years members were stamps to mail everyone to address mailing them, bring Then, and this is the you would have

December Birthdays

If you are born in the **month of December**, then your **birthstone** is the turquoise which is supposed to protect the wearer from any negativity. It is a symbol of friendship and is supposed to bring luck and good fortune to anyone who wears it. It is also believed that it takes on the characteristics of the person wearing it.

B. Ronnie Walker, Jr.	12/12
Shannon Brooks	12/14
Peggy Broaddus	12/23
Jean Garthright	12/24
Buddy Lucord	12/31



If anyone is inclined not to believe in God, all they need to do is to look at His creation. Even the stones of the earth and the pearls of the ocean are unique and beautiful, as are each of you. Thank you God.

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

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Let's Party

The Adult Home Party will be on Thursday, Dec 19 from 6:15 to 7:45 at Battery Park. Battery Park is providing canned sodas and kitchen help. If you would like to send in sodas or assist in the kitchen please let Laura Wagner know (804-344-1664).

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Bon Secours Hospice Volunteer Program

Bon Secours Hospice Volunteer Program is a meaningful experience offering invaluable support to caregivers and patients in our community. The upcoming volunteer training will take place January 18, 2020 from 10 to 4 at Memorial Regional Medical Center. We need volunteers to provide socialization, companionship for patients and respite for caregivers. We ask volunteers to give approximately 2 to 4 hours a week depending on the assignment. We try and keep volunteers within 5 miles of home. If interested, please contact [Ellen Manning@bshsi.org](mailto:Ellen.Manning@bshsi.org) or 804-264-7387.

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Elder Communion Schedule

	<u>Loaf</u>	<u>Cup</u>
Dec. 1	Patsy Stockdon	Eric Seiler
Dec. 8	A.T. Scruggs	Richard Garrett
Dec. 15	Tim Williams	George Nuckolls
Dec. 22	A.T. Scruggs	Melissa Seiler
Dec. 29	Eric Seiler	Patsy Stockdon

Next Elders' meeting December 18 at 7:00 pm



The following memorials
have been received by
Battery Park Christian Church

In memory of Molly Echols
by
Nancy Polk

In memory of Jean Carr
by
June Taylor,
Betty Allen, Scott and Jan Lodge
and Deborah Garth

Upcoming Programs

With a new minister comes exciting new programs for Battery Park. In 2020, we're looking forward to offering something for children and we'd love to hear thoughts from parents and grandparents on that. At our Cabinet meeting in January, we'll also discuss Christian education for all ages, service opportunities and fellowship events. Please contact Jonah if you would like to contribute to the discussion.

2019 Christmas Families

This year we are very excited to be providing Christmas gifts for 6 children at Ginter Park Elementary School. **Please bring the gifts to church by Sunday, Dec. 15.** Monetary donations are always welcome, and can be given to Laura Wagner. Please bring gifts for at least two children. Thanks in advance for making this a special Christmas for these eight children.

If your last name begins with A-H, please bring gifts for Alboni and Aminah. If your last name begins with H-O please bring gifts for Kwa'Mya and Kwa'Man. If your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring gifts for Malia and Sha'Mya.

Wish lists:

(A-H) **Alboni**, 6-year old female, size 8, LOL surprise dolls, arts/crafts, educational toys, tablet, Barbies and Barbie dollhouse

(A-H) **Aminal**, 6-year old female, size 8, Hatchimals collectibles, LOL best friends accessory set, Barbie dolls (boy and girl), LOL surprise dolls, Baby Alive

(I-P) **Kwa'May**, 6-year old girl, size 6, tablet, stuffed animals (zebra), Barbie dream house, Ryan Mystery egg, Barbie dolls

(I-P) **Kwa'Man**, 8-year old boy, size 10/12, tablet football, Hubbaboard (available at Walmart), remote control car, Walmart Gift card

(Q-Z) **Malia**, 10-year old girl, size 12/14, tablet, arts/crafts set, mini girly bookbag, all-natural lip balm boutique (Amazon), Alex nail pens set (Amazon)

(Q-Z), **Sha'May**, 11-year old girl, size 16/18 girls, or small juniors, nail kit, Baby Alive, Decedents toys, anything unicorn, girly bedset and decorations

