



TBC Together!

*...where engaged disciples Worship, Study & Serve.
We are committed to Developing Disciples of Jesus,
Radical Hospitality to All and Growing Young Together.*

Sunday Morning Worship

May 12, 2024

In-Person Worship 10:30 a.m.

To view the bulletin with announcements, please click [here](#).

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#### **Online Worship**

At 10:25 a.m., you may click [here](#) to join us on **YouTube**.

*Announcements will begin at 10:25 a.m.*

To view the online bulletin, please click [here](#).

*Mark your calendar now for a very special day on May 19th. We will be celebrating our  
Confirmands, our graduates and Pentecost! Keep watching for more information.*



#### **PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS**

*by Rev. Arch Wallace*

Last week we were challenged to consider a new and radical way of doing justice, doing it the way God does it. We learned that God's justice is not our justice, that God's justice calls us to action, to practice radical generosity, to accept the universal equality of all and to engage in life changing advocacy. This approach to justice pushes our understanding of what God expects of us way beyond the concepts of fundamental fairness and due process that we normally associate with justice. We will return to Micah 6:6-8 in late June to be sure we do not miss what God has to say about mercy.

This Sunday we will turn to the church's annual calendar and celebrate the final step in Christ's earthly mission to rescue us, as we consider the significance of Ascension Sunday. The is the day the risen Christ returned to His heavenly Father, completing his earthly mission. The Day assures us that we have an advocate standing by and waiting for us when it is time for our return home.

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## **Congregational Meeting**

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There will be a congregational meeting held immediately following worship **this Sunday**. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of participants forming the Pastor Nominating Committee, to be voted on by those disciples having their membership here at The Brandermill Church.



#### CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

The Brandermill Church Council met on April 22nd. Here are some key takeaways we'd like to share with you:

Welcome to Taylor Hawkins, our new Director of Communications and Youth Coordinator!

We're looking for a new leader for our annual stewardship campaign. If you're interested, please contact Karen at [Clerk@brandermillchurch.org](mailto:Clerk@brandermillchurch.org)

Pastor Arch has agreed to extend his time at TBC until December 2024, with approval from the POJ. Thank you, Arch, for your continued leadership!

Finally, there was a mix-up with tithing envelopes that caused some households to begin receiving them again. If you're receiving tithing envelopes and would like to discontinue them, please contact Joe to be removed from the mailing list at [financialoffice@brandermillchurch.org](mailto:financialoffice@brandermillchurch.org)



#### KAIROS COOKIES

Please help support the Kairos Prison Ministry by baking homemade cookies. Place the cookies in ziplock bags with a dozen in each bag and drop them in the KAIROS marked boxes in the Fellowship Hall by **Tuesday, May 14**. Please, no nuts, icing or fruit in the cookies. Also, add your name to the Prayer Chain by filling out a blue card or signing up for the Prayer Vigil by going to <https://bit.ly/4bgJONT>. If you have any questions you can email [Martin Reid](mailto:Martin Reid).



# Parade

**SUMMER IS COMING . . . AND TBC HAS LOTS OF EXCITING THINGS PLANNED!**

***But first we need your help to get organized!***

Can you help? We are looking for someone to take charge of our 4th of July float entry. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact [Joelle Hawkins](mailto:Joelle Hawkins). Joelle has lots of experience in parade float planning and execution. She is excited and willing to mentor our next float planner! *Email Joelle today!*



### THE TBC ENDOWMENT FUND

The TBC Endowment Fund has been making Grants every year since 2014, and now April 2024 begins the Grant-making period for this year! Grants are made for religious, charitable, and educational purposes that are not funded in the church's operating budget. The 2024 Grant application can be found on the church's website, weekly E-News, and by request from the church office. All applications must be submitted electronically to [info@brandermillchurch.org](mailto:info@brandermillchurch.org) by July 15th. Grants will be reviewed by the Endowment Fund and Church Council and will be dispersed to approved recipients in September.

Please click [here](#) for the 2024 Endowment Fund Grant Application.

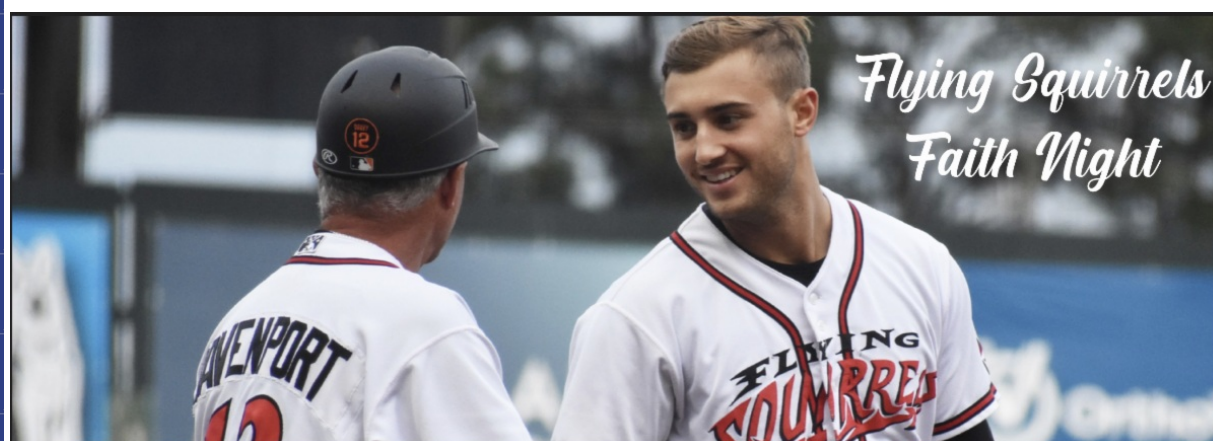
*Check out some of the past TBC Endowment Fund Grant recipients and the Brandermill Church sponsors!*

- Congregational Care Ministry - Ministry Team*
- Community in Schools (CIS) - Dolly Pakurar, Adrienne Strandberg*
- Friends of Barnabas Foundation - Charles Hunt*
- Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center Volunteer Group - Kelli Fallert*
- Advisory Council of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children - Bank Green*
- Habitat for Humanity - TBC Youth Group and Mission Team*
- Friends of Barnabas - Charles Hunt*
- TBC Preschool Scholarship - BCPS*
- Heroin Addiction Recovery Program -TBC members visiting the prison*
- Hillside Court Summer Program - Karli Woodcock*
- Program Overcoming Obstacles -Together 4 Change Team*
- Camp Hanover Scholarships - Hal Raddin*
- Guatemala Mission Trip - Nancy Rider*



### GUATEMALA 2024

The team is assembled! There are 13 disciples making the trip this year, and they need your prayers for their health and safety. If you would like to contribute to this mission, it would be helpful and appreciated. As with everything else in the world, the price of travel and supplies has increased. The stoves are \$300 each and the flights are higher than in previous years. Any and all donations are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this mission that is close in heart to so many here at TBC.



### FLYING SQUIRRELS FAITH NIGHT & FIREWORKS!

Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Reading Fighting Phils - Saturday, May 18th! Come early for music and pregame player testimonials. Stick around after the game for fireworks from up close and inside the fences. Gates: 5:00 p.m. First pitch: 6:05 p.m. Tickets are just

\$7.00 and TBC has a block reserved so everyone can sit together! Click [here](#) to get your tickets today!



### TBC101

The next TBC 101 New Member Class will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. If you have been wanting to know more about how you can become a full fledged disciple of The Brandermill Church, please come to this 45 minute gathering before worship. Please contact [Barbara Flynt](#) to let her know of your intention to attend so that she may have enough materials available. If you are unable to attend on June 2nd and want to join the church, please contact Barbara Flynt.



### SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

*We thank you for your generous donations that fill our pantry boxes every week!*

As this food ministry continues, please review the list below for items needed *this week!*  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

TBC always welcomes monetary donations as well. Please note "pantry" in the memo section of your check or online donation.

In addition to your donations, this mission requires many hands to help each week. Please click [here](#) to volunteer. **We especially need volunteers on Saturdays!** If you have questions, we encourage you to contact Dale Gentz at (804) 317-7554.

### NEEDS FOR THIS WEEK!

- Canned Chicken
- Cold Cereal
- Oatmeal

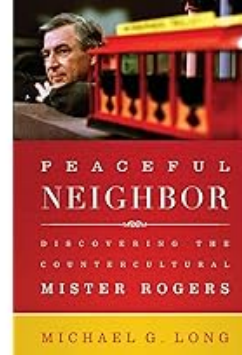
*If you are a TBC disciple and are in need, or know of a friend or neighbor in need and they live in the 23112 zip code, please contact [Barbara](#).*



**Small groups make a BIG difference!**  
*Join one today!*

### SMALL GROUP STUDY

As we continue our 10-week study of *Peaceful Neighbor - Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers* by Michael G. Long, we still have plenty of room around the table for more to join us! Please email [Barbara](#) for a book and join us next Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for class.



### SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

The nursery is open at 10 a.m. and continues to be in use throughout the worship service. All children, infants through 3 year olds, are welcome to play at any time during the service.

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### WORSHIPPING FROM HOME?

If you and your family are away from TBC and worshipping at home or while on vacation, here are several resources to help you connect to God and TBC this week:

Click [here](#) for Sermon Notes!

Click [here](#) for a bulletin for ages 3-6.

Click [here](#) for a bulletin for age 7+.

Click [here](#) for this week's lesson.

Click [here](#) for this week's coloring page.

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### JAM AND TINY DISCIPLES

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Last week, Tiny Disciples learned that Jesus loves us even when we are disgusting. This week we talk about Sadness and how Jesus tells us to seek Him out when we are sad.

*The last Tiny Disciple Hour will be May 19. We will resume Discipleship Hour on September 8.*

#### JAM

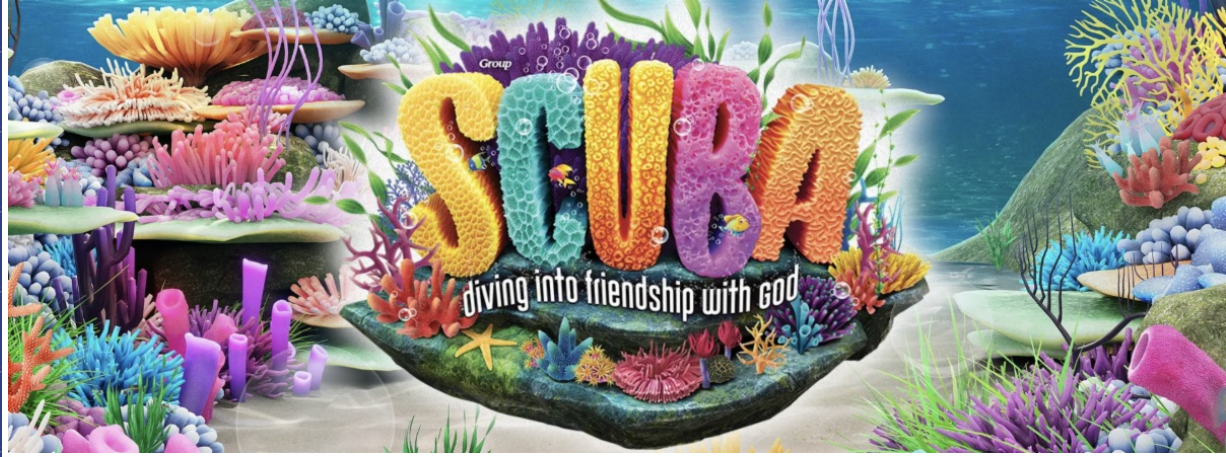
*What do we do at JAM? We practice our songs for the JAM sing-a-long. We use our Bibles to look up the Bible verses that go along with the sermon. We listen to a lesson about those Bible verses and we make a craft that enhances the lesson. Then if time allows, we play games. Children that bring their Bibles to JAM get to pick out an Earthly Treasure from the treasure bin. We have fun. We learn about God. We make friends. Join us!*

*Note: No JAM on May 19th. Last JAM session will be June 16. We will resume JAM on September 8.*

Save the Date...JAM KIDS sing-a-long June 16. JAM kids will lead the congregation in singing the 4 songs we have been working on all year. Standing on the Promises (chorus only), Ha La La La, The B-I-B-L-E and the Books of the Bible song.

**Click [here](#) to volunteer with Tiny Disciples!**

**Click [here](#) to volunteer with JAM!**



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SCUBA, SCUBA, SCUBA!!!!** Register NOW! Join us July 29 to August 2 to dive into a deeper friendship with God. It will be a week you won't want to miss. Cost is \$25 per child. If you are planning on volunteering and your children are VBS campers, see Mrs. Hawkins before you register for an important payment option. We can't wait to spend the week with you!

Click [here](#) to register!

**BE PART OF  
OUR STORY... explore**

**TBC Youth Group  
Winter/Spring 2024**

**12<sup>th</sup>  
SUN**

#### **Mother's Day**

- Confirmation Class at 9:00am
- No Youth Group

**19<sup>th</sup>  
SUN**

#### **Confirmation & Graduate Sunday!**

- Graduates recognized in Fellowship Hall after service
- Confirmation Dinner for mentors & families from 5-7pm

**26<sup>th</sup>  
SUN**

#### **Memorial Day**

- No Discipleship Hour
  - No Youth Group.
- Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend!*

## *Study Opportunities*



#### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

We have two options for adults during Discipleship Hour this Sunday morning, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Growing Together** - This class continues with a discussion of Adam Hamilton's book *Luke - Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* and meets in the Family Classroom downstairs.

The **Current Events** class will meet in the Conference Room and also on Zoom. Dolly Pakurar will be facilitating the lesson.

Click [here](#) for this week's lesson.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88017038643?pwd=jh6hoXSyCQfAJtdCZtbxbODcOKTOtR.1>

Meeting ID: 880 1703 8643

Passcode: 654292

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study class continues meeting on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. You may contact [Fred Carter](#) for more information regarding the current study on Genesis.

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### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study is reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's *Luke - Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws!* All are welcome and invited to attend. Books are \$10 each and available in the office. Please contact [Barbara](#) for more information.



### 2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

*Thank you to everyone who has signed-up! We now have a donation of beautiful altar flowers for every Sunday through the end of the year!*



### STEWARDSHIP

Ways to Financially Donate to The Brandermill Church ~

- Scan this QR Code to give once or set up a recurring gift through your bank account or credit card.
- Text "Brandermill" to 73256 to give to the church from selected funds using your text messaging. Standard text message rates apply.
- Go to our [website](#) and click on the "Give Hope" button on the top right to give.
- Mail a check to The Brandermill Church, 4500 Millridge Pkwy, Midlothian, VA 23112.
- Come by the church and drop your offering in the secure mail slot to the left of the office entrance door.



The May communion offering will go towards supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. *PDA is currently responding with assistance for tornado survivors in the midwest and southern United States, in addition to many other locations worldwide.* Gifts will be collected all month. Please designate 'PDA' on your check, offering envelope or online donation.

For any questions about giving to The Brandermill Church, please email [Joe](#) in our Finance Office.

**As always, thank you for your generous support of The Brandermill Church and God's work here!**

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