

OUTREACH



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From our Pastor . . .

A Transformational Church

A common topic of conversation in congregations today is, “What can we do to become a more vital, growing congregation?” The word most often associated with this conversation is “transformation,” and the question asked then is, “What sort of transformation is needed in the congregation?” This conversation takes place in all sorts of contexts: in congregations whose membership is dwindling, in congregations that are growing, and in congregations – like BAPC – whose growth is not sufficient to keep up with membership changes by death, age, and transition. Our Session is engaged in these kinds of conversations.

When a church needs to change – especially when the change desired is membership growth – there is often a tendency to look for some “solution” to the problem, some new approach or program that will “attract” potential new members. The people with the most experience in congregational transformation, however, suggest the transformation a congregation needs starts internally with the members. I recently read an article by Daniel P. Smith and Mary K. Sellon states it this way:

“A congregation that is truly being church brings people into a loving, life-giving relationship with God and others that is transformational. This is the nature of the *kin-dom* of God, where covenant relationships model the best aspects of family. People find hope. They experience belonging; they extend and receive forgiveness. They discover a sense of purpose and direction. They learn to live with appreciation and joy no matter what the circumstances. Although a pastor can preach and teach this message, the message has power only to the extent that the people in the congregation live it and practice it with one another.”*

“Practicing loving, life-giving relationships transforms congregation members.

Witnessing such benefits draws others who want something similar for themselves and their families.”

That is the kind of congregation we aspire to be here at BAPC. With God’s help, and our faithful response to God’s grace, we can continue to grow towards that aspirational goal.

R. Charles Grant

*To read the entire article <http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=8160>

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9 & 16 Church School Clean-Up Days
17 - 21 Music Camp
23 Blood Drive
23 & 30 Christian Education Training Days



birthdays/ anniversaries

- 1 Benjamin Wilkes
- 4 Tracy and Gary Riffle
- 5 Janis Graham
- 6 Amy Sproul
- 7 Bill Cleaton, Venus Polk and Allen Cleaton, Cathy and Dennis Jones
- 8 Tricia Cushnie, Madelyn Negaard, Halma Wilson
- 9 Mary Ann Halpern
- 10 Vicki Callear, Krister Olsen
Dave and Carolyn Harrington
- 11 Colin Owens
- 12 Alex Barrett, Millie Jones,
- 13 Shawn Thomas Smith, Rial Tombes, Shade Wilson
- 14 Rachel Paz, Hertha Rogers
- 15 Lucretia McCulley, Katy Sproul
- 16 Jane Lawrence, Martha Singdahlsen, Alan Wakefield-Thompson,
Lee and Judy Skimin
- 17 Dave Carper, Kathleen Carper, Curtis Edwards
- 18 Virginia O'Rourke
- 19 David Gould
- 20 Kent Pankey, Mark Lederer
Charles and Ruthie Grant
- 21 Jackie Nelson, Beaufa Britton
- 22 Alyxandra Pudwill
- 23 Jerry and Lorraine Quigg
- 24 Dot Barnes, Laura Jacocks
- 25 Mary Copeland
- 26 Thomas Jackson,
Michael and Linda Jackson
- 27 Charles Hudson, Venus Polk,
Frank and Jane Lawrence
- 29 Greta Reeves, Andie Spillman
- 30 Carolyn Leatherman,
Lorraine Quigg
- 31 Tom Johnson

Letters . . .

Dear Friends,
Our family would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. We had a rough road to travel and decisions had to be made that no one wanted to make, especially for someone you love, our brother Charles. I know he is at peace and free of pain, in Heaven with our Mom and Dad. He's probably loving life once again, in a new beginning, a new journey of life. We will miss him badly, my brother Charles and the children's uncle, always giving and always caring.

May God Bless You All.

Love,

Margy and Doug Paz

Charles Terry's Family



My sincere thanks to my new church for the caring I received during my recent hospital stays. Your prayers, calls and cards did help along with visits from Charles and Shawn Thomas. I thank you.

Isabel McCormack

Dear Friends,

I appreciated your cards, calls and Charles your visits during my recent surgery. The prayer shawl is lovely and I have enjoyed it so much.

Thank you for being so caring.

Jeanne Yuk

BAPC Endowment Fund

Have you remembered
your church in your
will?



New addresses and phone numbers

Address Changes:

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Noah and Ada
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Richmond, VA 23226-0901
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Prayer Ministry To request prayer support from our church's prayer chain, or to join in this ministry, please call Deborah Houghton at 272-9495 (debho@comcast.net) or the church office at 272-7514 (office@bonairpc.org)



Discipleship Opportunities



**2009
SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**
August 17 thru August 21

Monday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00
 Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00
 Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 (Bring your lunch)
 Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 (Bring your lunch)
 Friday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00

 Friday closing Program
 6:00 p.m. Supper
 6:45 p.m. Closing Program

Contact the church office for a registration form
or go to www.bonairpc.org, click on the news section, and print out a copy from the music camp information section.



**August 23
8-12**

*The next BAPC Blood Drive will be **Sunday, August 23** from 8 AM until Noon. Sign-ups are available through the church office or on the sheet in the foyer. You can check availability on-line at <http://bonairpc.us/blooddrive.shtml>. In addition, if you have any questions please contact Kris Morelli at 804-310-1068 or by email kmorelli@comcast.net. BAPC is very fortunate to have a number of regular donors who walk-in. We appreciate your donation, but it is much easier to schedule the right size blood mobile and appropriate staff if you sign-up in advance, so please consider doing so.*

In order to donate blood you must be 18 years old, or 16-17 years old with a parents' permission via the Parental Consent Form (<http://www.vablood.org/pdfs/DS%2037-11.pdf>) and:

- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in good health on the donation day

*You can find the complete eligibility list at http://www.vablood.org/blood_donation_eligibility.php
 Thanks for considering a donation!*

HABITAT is coming!



So plan now to participate. BAPC will join with 11 other church groups in the Apostle Build program to construct a new home for a family. Habitat is funded by voluntary contributions of time and money. The ownership families are screened and receive guidance toward their home ownership status, also contributing their own labor and assuming manageable loan payments. Precise dates are not yet definite—depending on progress through all the approvals that must be obtained before construction begins—but Habitat anticipates that our week will be mid to late September. The work week is actually three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

You can participate in several ways. No specific skills are required as on-the-job guidance is provided. Volunteers with willing hands are welcome. Tools are provided. Members can also participate by providing lunches and by your contributions. Each of the builder-groups contributes \$5,500 toward the project. BAPC has a portion of our amount on hand but will need to raise approximately \$1,500 in additional funds.

Look for additional and more definite information as it becomes available.



Christian Education Training

The Christian Education Division is holding training days on Sunday, August 23 and 30 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We all have different strategies for teaching, but join us on these mornings, as we look closely at how as teachers, we are given the wonderful opportunity to learn as we share our knowledge with others. This time will be beneficial to all, whether you are a first time teacher, or a seasoned veteran. We will look across the spectrum of learning and develop and hone our tools as we get ready to instruct and lead God's people here at Bon Air in Sunday School.

Church School Clean-up Scheduled August 9 & 16



Cleaning Planned

A new Church School year is fast approaching (September 6!) and it is time to get the children, the youth and adult rooms ready. During the Church School hour – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – on Sunday August 9 and 16 the Christian Education Division is looking for volunteers to help prepare the rooms for the start of activities in the Fall. No soap, mops, or rags, just tidying up each room. An inventory of what needs to be done is underway and members of the division will be there both Sundays in August with their sleeves rolled up. Please join us since many hands make light work. For further information, contact Sally Schultz or Ted McCormack.



Making It Possible

Valued property improvements to Masanetta Springs Conference Center, new tables and chairs for the preschool, an innovative, inviting, and easily navigated website....what do these have in common? They were all made possible by the BAPC Endowment Fund and we need to hear from you!

The BAPC Endowment Fund Distribution Committee asks all BAPC members to prayerfully consider where this year's allocation can successfully propel our mission forward. Let us know by completing an application today. We are pleased to announce the available allocation for 2010 will be a total of \$3,960.75. This is an increase over 2009.

Any questions? Contact Paul Beigbender at 794-7657 or email at beigbender@comcast.net

Fast Facts

Where do I get an application? Applications can be obtained in the church office, on a table in the Lobby, or on our website.

When is the application due? September 15, 2009

Where do I send the completed application?

Completed application will be received in the church office.

When will the final decision be made? Final recommendations will be made to Session in October for an ultimate decision.

When would the funds be available? January 2010



School Supplies Needed

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

We are collecting supplies for the Bainbridge Community Center School Supplies program

now through the month of September. The beginning of school is a very anxious time for some children as their families worry about putting meals on the table and not having extra funds to send their children to school with the correct supplies.

A box for the school supplies is located in the church foyer.

Items needed are:

Tissues, large box	Washable markers
Marble composition books (black & white)	Glue sticks
Colored pencils	Clip boards
Graph paper	3x5 index cards (white w/lines)
Hi-lighters	Round edge scissors
Black, blue or red ink pens	16 count crayons
12 oz. Bottle hand sanitizer	Book bags
Protractor compass	Rulers
3-ring or 3 subject binders	Hard-sided pencil boxes
Ziploc bags, sandwich & pint	



A gift was given to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of **Floyd Reck** by Marilyn W. Schoettinger, Sally Lou Hundley and Janet W. Cosby.

A memorial gift was given to the Memorial Garden Fund by the estate of Charles Udriet Terry, former member of BAPC. It was given "to the glory of God our heavenly father and Jesus Christ our Savior in loving memory of Margaret & Stuart Terry our parents"



THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, July 5, 2009 the Session:

- Approved the Baptism of the Copeland children on August 2, 2009
- Heard a report on the June 16, 2009 Presbytery of the James meeting from the attending Commissioners Elders Hancock, Greer, and McAllister. Highlighted were the Vision Plan on Restructuring the Presbytery and the Acts 16:5 Initiative to assist congregations in transforming themselves.
- Heard that the Treasurer Report showed a decline in pledge income in June below the midyear budget level.
- Heard that Rev. Tae Hee Kwak, from South Korea, begins a year long relationship with us as a Pastoral Assistant.
- Heard that Rhonda Dunbar will do an internship at BAPC starting in the fall.
- Heard that CARITAS will be hosted July 11 – 18, and there are still some openings to volunteer services.
- Heard that the Fairly Traded Coffee has raised \$1,500 in the first half of 2009.
- Heard that Micah Initiative tutoring program will begin this fall, where volunteers spend one hour per week in schools helping students.
- Heard that the older worn hymnals are currently being repaired. Repair rather than purchase is being done because a new hymnal version will be available in a few years.
- Heard that the Sunday School clean up days are scheduled for August 9 and August 16.
- Heard that Christian Education plans are underway to have the fall kick off Sunday on September 6.
- Heard that 20 BAPC members traveled to Williamsburg, VA to attend an organ recital presented by Music Director, Steve Henley.

Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee has been diligently working to ensure that the educational needs of our congregation are met. This coming fall we will offer three different classes to accommodate for the varied interests we all have. **Join us for our kick-off Sunday on September 6 and get a chance to be Goldilocks and receive a precursor of each of these classes and see which one is just right for you!**



Adult Classes

The Foundations Course

This is a new course which will follow a new curriculum called AKALOO. This word may look hard to pronounce but it is derived from the Greek word which translates “to follow.” Jesus utilized this word numerous times in his ministry, and we as disciples are called to follow. This introductory course into Christianity will follow steps from who is God, to what it means to be a disciple, to being a Christian in the world, while using a Bible Study approach to faith formation.

The Thoughtful Christian

This class is designed for everyone, and will follow differing topics that every thoughtful Christian may or may not have thought about. From Going Green, to are there Demons in the world, to questions of Spirituality, the questions in this class will keep everyone gathered in great discussion and better understanding.

Comparative Religion

Have you ever wondered how other religions compare to Christianity? Then this high level thinking class is for you. We will begin by looking at Islam, and then proceed into Judaism and Buddhism. Through our inves-



PYC



Well, the fall is rapidly approaching and PYC is getting ready for all the wonderful programming and fellowship that brings us all together. We will begin our festivities on September 6 with a kick-off potluck dinner including games, fellowship, and an opportunity for all of us to be together again as a group.

We are still looking for dedicated advisors to work with our middle and high school youth. If you enjoy working with our young people, then PYC is definitely the place for you. The bonds that you make with these young people will last a lifetime. For more information, please contact Shawn Thomas Smith.

Remember PYC is a faith-forming place of identity, belonging, and fellowship. If you have not been here in a while, we miss you and need you to be a part of all that we do. **So be sure to join us on September 6 at 5:00 as we Kick-off PYC with a potluck dinner and you as a part of the festivities!**

Part-time Church School Registrar Needed

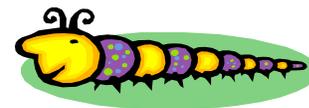


The Christian Education Division is recruiting a volunteer to serve as the "Fifth Sunday" Church School Registrar.

Duties include being in the Work Room from 8:30 to around 11:30 a.m. on those occasional months that have five Sundays, recording Church School and worship attendance, answering questions and infrequent phone calls (like, "What time is your 11 o'clock service?"), cleaning the coffee pot, keeping track of the set of master keys, sometimes providing all-around help as needed, and, most important, ringing the bell at 10:30 to announce the end of Church School. It is also a good opportunity to catch up on your reading or personal correspondence. In other words, it is pretty light but important and meaningful work.

Training is available from an experienced cadre of Church School registrars, and there is also an easy step-by-step guide available to use on Sunday morning. If you have the interest and a desire to help out the Church School, contact Ted McCormack at 378-0323 or tc McCormack@verizon.net.

Kid's Kingdom in WORM



You may have noticed the new sign-up board for our rotations, but did you know that we are making a few changes to the structure of this wonderful program, to make it even more of an educational opportunity for our children? The Christian Education division has been working hard to make this year's WoRM program the best ever. From the gathering to the workshops, everything about WoRM, is receiving the attention to detail that our children deserve.

The gatherings will serve not only to help teach our children the month's rotational theme and memory verse, but will also serve as a mini-worship service. Every week will offer music and time to worship together as a group. For the first two months, Rev. Smith will take the gathering times for each week. Following the first two months, the rotation leaders will each be responsible for one week during the month, but do not worry: the gatherings will be scripted and music provided for you, while allowing all of your creative energies to be utilized as we lead the children together to become followers of Christ.

The Workshops themselves are taking on a new gleam after a careful polishing and revamping of the material. Not only will the material be sent to the individual workshop leaders, they will also receive a detailed letter to help them in the preparation of the lesson including teaching strategies and notes about their specific workshop.

The hope for our WoRM program is to foster a loving relationship with Christ in all the children who come into Kid's Kingdom. This hope is made possible by each of you who volunteer your time and talents to make Worm a success. So the next time you walk by the board, take the time to sign-up for a workshop that utilizes your skills. We all make up the body of Christ, and individually we each have something to offer the WoRM program, so remember to use your gift and let your light shine!

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Floyd F. Reck
July 11, 2009

Evening Worship September 13 "All About Communion"



Join us for evening worship on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 as we take a close look into the Lord's Supper, and what this meal means to us in our faith. Did you know that the early church was accused of cannibalism because of this sacred meal? We will delve into the sacrament and learn just what communion is for each of us, why we continue to celebrate in this sacrament, and ultimately join together in the joyous feast at the table of God.

Operating Fund

Year to Date—June 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference Budget
Receipts			
Pledges	\$238,835	\$250,000	
Other	\$ 8,272	10,000	
Total	\$247,107	\$260,000	(12,893)
Expenses	\$254,926	\$261,722	(6,796)
Net	\$ (7,819)	\$ (1,722)	(6,097)

Christian Education Kick-Off Sunday September 6



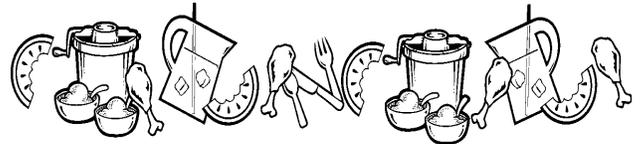
The fall is rapidly approaching and the Christian Education division has been gearing up for the new season of opportunities for this wonderful congregation. We are ready for the season to begin, and we are having a Kick-Off Sunday to celebrate and give out information about all the wonderful opportunities in store for everyone to be involved in.

We will begin the Sunday school hour with brief introductions of classes and then have an opportunity for fellowship. Divisions and committees will have informational tables setup for you to peruse and find even more opportunities for you here at Bon Air. We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, September 6 from 9:30-10:30 on our Kick-Off Sunday!

Chef's Club



Do you enjoy what it takes to make a successful meal come across? If you answered yes, then the Chef's Club needs your help! We are currently looking for cooks, servers, table setters, and are always in need of people on clean-up crews. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact



Project Burning Bush



Did you know that the Presbyterian Church USA is dedicated to fostering the gifts of ministry in our high school students? **PROJECT BURNING BUSH** is a program for high school youth who are considering ministry as a vocation. In short, it is a place to imagine and explore how their gifts and talents can be used for God's purposes, alongside others who are experiencing the same type of call.

This summer two of our very own Youth, Suzanne Huffine and Braden Wright, were challenged to consider their call to ministry by studying for two weeks with faculty and peers at Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education. They lived in community together on campus and used their gifts in areas such as worship, drama, video, recreation, mission and music as they took classes in theology, Christian education, spiritual practices, and contemporary ethics, among others. And each got a taste of what seminary life is all about.

But Braden and Suzanne are not finished just yet. The program consists of mentored projects that these two will continue to work on over the next year. Next summer they spend a four-day weekend at Union-PSCE to reconnect with friends, share the experiences of their Mentored Projects, and learn how to achieve their vocational goals once they leave the program.

The next time you see Suzanne or Braden, ask them about their experience, and find out what a wonderful experience **PROJECT BURNING BUSH** really is!



Mature Moderns

Friendship, Fellowship, and Fun

Mature Moderns, a sub-committee of the Fellowship Division, is composed of seniors of the church, their guests, friends and spouses. A program of speakers offering learning in a wide variety of areas will stimulate, educate and provide opportunities to gather during the year.

The programs are held in on the third Friday of each month from September to May, except December.

Come for coffee and conversation at 10:00 a.m. The program begins at 10:30 and usually lasts about one hour.

The committee for 2009 – 2010 are: Lorraine and Jerry Quigg, co-chairs; Betty and Milton Myers, co-chairs for hospitality, and Rita Kugler, telephone and data base chair.

The Program and Schedule

Friday, September 18, 2009

“An Interruption that Lasted a Lifetime” by Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, Chancellor of the University of Richmond and former President of UR from 1971 to 1985. Dr. Heilman will review his new book with special emphasis on his service as a marine in the South Pacific in WWII. Dr. Heilman will also talk of his trip across the US in 2008 on his “Harley” visiting fellow marines. (The rumor is he is 83.) Take heart, Octogenarians!

Friday, October 16, 2009

“A Young Boy Growing up in Germany in World War II.” Peter Stech, a BAPC church member, will discuss his youth in Germany during WWII and give us another perspective on this signature time in the history of all of our lives.

Friday, November 20, 2009

“Virginia Indians—An Introduction to an Untold History.” Deanna Beacham is a program specialist for the Virginia Council on Indians. Ms. Beacham will provide a history of the trials and tribulations of Virginia Indians in the history of our Commonwealth.

Continued.....

Friday, January 15, 2010

“Cuba, A Nation in Search of Itself.” Dr. Harold Greer, PhD and BAPC church member will discuss Cuba’s antagonistic role in the US’s past history and current efforts toward detente.

Friday, February 19, 2010 at 11:30
(Note time change)

The Annual Fellowship Luncheon (Pot Luck) will feature “Fiddler” Mark Campbell who will discuss and play selections based upon mountain music—the link from old world Celtic to folk music of today.

Friday, March 19, 2010

“Leaving Cambodia: The Story of my Escape from Pol Pot’s Regime and the War” Pim Bhut, a friend of Laura Greer. She has been in Richmond for 17 years; came from a Thailand Refugee camp through the UN and Catholic Charities. She is married and has two children; a son in Los Angeles and a daughter who is a rising senior honor student in Art at VCU. Pim runs her own cleaning business.

Friday, April 16, 2010

Dr. Nelson Lankford, PhD, editor of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography of the Virginia Historical Society will review his book, “Cry Havoc, The Crooked Road to the Civil War, 1861.” Since this is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (or War between the States), Dr. Lankford’s talk is especially appropriate.

Friday, May 15, 2010

A visit to the Hazen House in Old Bon Air. Robin and Len Tuck will open their historic home with coffee and goodies in the garden and a review of the history of the home and the extensive renovations they have made.

* All gatherings are in the Beck Room except the Fellowship Luncheon in February, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall.





Salt Shakers Sign-up Form



If you would like to better know your church family here at BAPC, while also enjoying delicious meals: then Salt Shakers is for you! For those not familiar with Salt Shakers, it is a pot luck supper group that meets three or four times a year. Couples and singles alike are welcome to participate. We will kick off our 2009-2010 season in the Fall and want to include you!

This year we are making a few changes that will hopefully open Salt Shakers up to more of our members and friends and lighten the load a little on our hosts. Besides providing the home, the hosts will prepare the entrée and provide drinks. We are requesting that the guests bring the salad, vegetable, dessert, bread and appetizer. (This will be identified on the schedule.)

In addition, one of the guest slots will be vacant with every dinner. This is to allow the host to invite a new member of BAPC, someone who is not currently participating or a friend/neighbor. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Thornburg at 675-0529 or thornburg2005@verizon.net.

We would like to have more of our members enjoying the Salt Shakers experience! If you have participated, please ask one additional person or couple who didn't to join us! Thanks!

Please drop off this sign-up sheet at the Church office or put it in the Sunday morning offering plate by September 13!

(Check all that apply below)

____ I/we will participate in three dinners (Oct-Dec, Jan.-Mar, Apr-Jun).

____ I/we will participate in a fourth dinner next summer.

____ I/we can host a dinner (**hosts are really needed so others don't have to host twice!**).

____ We'd like to participate in Salt Shakers with Children.

____ I/we would like to serve as a substitute.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____



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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| August 2 18th Sunday n Ordinary Time Holy Communion
“Recovering Civility” II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 | Dr. Grant preaching |
| August 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Dealing with Anger” Texts: Psalm 103:1-17 Mark 8:27-33 Ephesians 4:26 | Dr. Grant preaching |
| August 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Chad McCain preaching |
| August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Doug Hicks preaching |
| August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Shawn Thomas Smith preaching |
| September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion
<i>Fall Kick off Sunday.</i> “Work and Play” Song of Songs 2:8-13 | Dr. Grant preaching |
| September 13 Christian Education Sunday
“Perfect Wisdom” Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12
Evening Worship at 6 PM with Holy Communion led by Rev. Smith | Dr. Grant preaching |