

NOVEMBER 2026

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

November is a month that, inevitably, tends to focus on elections. This year's election is no different – we've been bombarded with ads, mailers, and text messages warning us of disastrous consequences if the wrong person is elected. Everybody, it seems, is focused on ensuring that their favorite political party ends up in power.

It makes me think of that passage in Mark when Jesus' disciples were getting power-hungry.Jesus explains to them that rulers exercise authority over their subjects, but what Jesus says next is telling: "But not so with you!" Instead, Jesus says, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

And I think that's a good reminder for the church in the election season. Elections are important – yes. But even more important is the church's faithfulness to Jesus. Jesus calls the church not to try to establish power over people. That's what the Beast in Revelation does. That's what earthly leaders do. We're called to follow the way of the Lamb – which is using power to serve others. As followers of Christ, we know that true change doesn't come from power wielded over others. It comes from power used to serve others, to build them up, and to inspire them. It comes when we follow the way of the Lamb. He is our ultimate hope – not any elected leader.

We've learned a lot about the way of the Lamb in our Revelation series this fall, but now we'll turn our attention to a new sermon series. In our next series, "Bad Religion," we'll look to the Bible for advice in avoiding common pitfalls that can sabotage our faith, things like selfishness, hypocrisy, and dishonesty. I hope you'll join us in November.

Thanks to all who helped out with the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. Nicole Lingerfelt and Teresa Kessler did a terrific job coordinating the event. I was especially proud of the 40 blessing bags we put together for neighbors in need at GoochlandCares. Thanks to all who helped out.

The holiday season has begun, and Christmas will be here before we know it. My hope is that this season won't just be festive for you, but that it'll also be formational. That is, that you'll allow God to form you more into Christ's image this holiday season.We've included a list of opportunities and events at Goochland Church that can help you do that. They're on pages 5-6. May we all put our hope in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, and follow his ways this season!

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If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email **office@goochlandchurch.org**

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## Come Join Us!

### on Wednesdays

**DINNER @ 6 pm**

**PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY @ 6:30 pm**

*(Children & Youth activities also provided at this time)*

**NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

**Nov 4th** - Brown Bags

**Nov 11th** - "A Jesus Story"

**Nov 18th** - DIY Holiday Centerpiece

**Nov 25th** - NO Community Table (Thanksgiving)

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**Help support our local mission partner this season!**

Food items can be dropped off in the designated collection bin located in the closet area of the NLB.






# November Sunday Serving Schedule

### GREETERS

**NOV 1** Janet Myers & Justin Lingerfelt

**NOV 8** Gale Chaisson & David Denton

**NOV 15** Emma Arnold & Diane Proctor

**NOV 22** Lois & Dwight Grissom

**NOV 29** Lynn & Ed Hayes

### USHERS

**NOV 1** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb

**NOV 8** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans

**NOV 15** John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill

**NOV 22** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

**NOV 29** Justin Lingerfelt, Kyle Edwards & George Koch

## GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

***Volunteer Day!***

**Starting Jan 23rd, join us the 4th Saturday of each month @ 8am - 10:30am**

**Contact Shannon Wilson, shannonwilson3@mac.com**




**Nov 2** Bill Chaisson

**Nov 3** Barbara Chisholm

**Nov 11** Shauna Padgett

**Nov 12** Jerry Brown
Crystal Waldrop

**Nov 13** Curt Kruschwitz
Gerry Nuckols

**Nov 18** Heather Stewart

**Nov 19** Abbie Arnold

**Nov 21** Erin Kruschwitz
Wesley Palacio

**Nov 26** Mickey Meador

**Nov 27** Sadie Alvis

**Nov 28** Blake Dabney



Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, Nov 8 @ 11:40 am

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after Sunday School on November 8.
Our church family is encouraged to join us as we attend to matters of church business.

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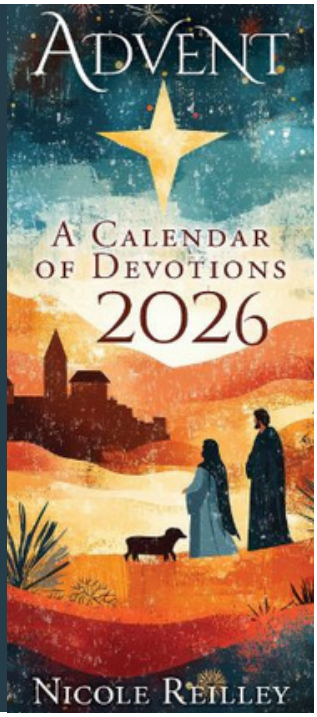

Mailing Labels
FOR SALE!
Get a set of pre-printed & addressed GBC mailing labels so you don't miss anyone on your Christmas card list!
Purchase 1 set for $1.
Available Nov 15
GBC "Post Office" opens Nov 29
Contact Gwen Padgett to purchase


Join us for a Christmas play
The Gift of Jesus
Catered Italian Dinner to follow. RSVP at www.goochlandchurch.org/christmas
Sunday, December 6 @ 5:30 pm

2026 Advent Devotionals are available Sunday, November 22!
Pick up your free copy in the foyers of the Sanctuary or New Life Building*

Readings start on 11/29 - 12/25

*Limited quantity while supplies last.







## Week of Prayer for International Missions
## November 29 - December 6, 2026

Southern Baptists observe a **Week of Prayer for International Missions** each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. The 2026 Prayer Guide is provided in the foyers of the sanctuary and the New Life Building.

**The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for GBC is $1,000.00.** Offering envelopes designated for that offering are provided in the pews as well as in offering envelopes mailed to homes.






# GBC Fall Festival

Thanks to those who made our annual Trunk-or-Treat a success! We enjoyed fellowship with church family as we celebrated the season.

























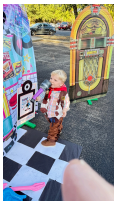

















# GBC Seniors



## Oct Senior Outing

We took the bus to Halterman's Restaurant in Manquin for a delicious seafood lunch.

## Oct Joy Club

Ed Polich and Paul Muller gave a wonderful performance of their "Oktoberfest."









**Thursday 11/19 @ 4:30 pm**

Thanksgiving Dinner @
Tanglewood Ordinary

Bus will leave GBC @ **4 pm**

**Cost: $38/person (cash only)**




**NO November Joy Club**

*We'll see you at our annual Christmas Banquet!*

**TO RSVP for these events please call John Webb at 804-334-9270.**

***www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults***

# NOVEMBER 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jimmy Allen** – recovering at home from stroke
**Hunter Bailey** – finished with treatments; upcoming scans will dictate future plans
**Allen Bowles** -- doing rehab at Our Lady of Hope room 220 after a fall
**Eva Childress** – recovering from hospitalization
**William Hicks** – recovering from heart procedure
**Scott Hobson** -- has multiple myeloma
**Jean Johnson** – health issues
**Ellen Melton** – Adjusting to side effects of cancer treatments. Time will tell if some effects are permanent.
**Hazel Melton** -- living in Haven Assisted Living (8085 South Mayfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111)
**Mike Nicholas –** at home after surgery for lung cancer; waiting on pathology report
**Morris and Audrey Nuckols** – Morris is still dealing with foot issues, and Audrey is recovering from a broken hip.
**Erick Palacio** - newborn son of Erin Henley who is at home after hospitalization. He's finally gaining a little bit of weight!
**Vicky Parrish** – living in Commonwealth Senior Living
**Amy Richardson** (Gwen Padgett's aunt) - Recent lab results were very positive. Pray that everything remains stable and Amy can remain off chemo.
**Phyllis Toney** – at home

### Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Terry Adams** (friend of Mike Nicholas) – dysplasia and Parkinson's disease
**John Bartlett** - Linda Moore's brother
**Julia Beaver** (friend of Janet Myers) -- has Crohn's Disease and significant weight loss
**Slavia Brown** (wife of Robert Townsend's business partner) – recovering from stroke
**Judy Buchanan** (Brenda French's sister) – had an endoscopy on 10/28
**The Butler family**
**Ed Chaisson** (Bill Chaisson's brother in Maryland) – diagnosed with a form of dementia
**Jackie Clore (friend of Diane Proctor)** – tests suggest she may have lung cancer
**Ellen Cooper** (Byron Cooper's wife) – beginning chemotherapy for cancer
**Melody Cox** (daughter of Juanita Mack) – health concerns
**Ronnie Dunlavey** (friend of Clay Nuckols) – doctors had to extend amputation to above knee
**Gibbons family** (friends of Justin Lingerfelt)
**Jimmy Hauk** (Karen Evans' brother-in-law) – is undergoing immune therapy
**Will Hicks** (son of William and Lila Hicks) – complications after recent surgery
**Kimberly Ann Hill** (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer is in remission. Thanks for prayers!
**Ed Howland** (John Webb's friend who provided the BBQ dinner for our Fall Renewal) - had a large brain tumor removed; his laser gamma treatment is complete and recovery is going well
**Linda Kellum** (Rebecca Michels' Mom) – aging in place at home
**Sherry Kittelson** (Kitt Townsends' sister-in-law) – undergoing treatment for cancer
**Janette Lantz & Family** (friend of Justin Lingerfelt)
**Noemi Leiva** (friend of Mike Nicholas) – waiting for heart transplant in Fairfax hospital
**Barbara Lindsey** (friend of Mike Nicholas) - GI/Colon Cancer and living alone after recent loss of her husband
**Ava Lingerfelt** (Justin Lingerfelt's niece)
**William Martel** (13 year old friend of Garrett Webb, son of Andy and Kristi from King William County) – diagnosed with a fast-growing brain tumor and afterward lost vision in his left eye
**Matt** (Justin Lingerfelt's friend) – had successful surgery for colon cancer; beginning chemo
**Christine MacDonald** (Justin Lingerfelt's friend) – has had cancer come and go and come back despite chemotherapy. Please pray for remission and recovery, along with peace for family.
**Heidi McMurran** (Daisy Purcell's friend) – heart trouble
**Freida Moore** (David Denton's sister) – diagnosed with stomach cancer, and perhaps lung cancer, too
**Roger Moore** (Linda Moore's husband) – fell and is dealing with back issues
**Nolan** (2 year old son of Mark Johnson's coworker) – has kidney failure and is undergoing dialysis 6 times a week. When he gets old enough, his mother, Meredith hopes to donate a kidney to him. Please pray for the entire family.
**Bruce Purcell** (David Purcell's brother in Florida) – AFib and fluid issues related to heart
**Neal Purcell** (David Purcell's brother) – health issues
**Jay Ramsey** (William and Lila Hicks' son-in-law) -- melanoma stage 4 and liver cancer stage 4; waiting for treatment plan for melanoma
**John Rivera** (Daisy Purcell's brother-in-law) – undergoing leukemia treatments
**Mary Rivera** (Daisy Purcell's sister) – escalating health issues
**Mary Anne and Lawson Smith** (Gwen Padgett's cousin and her husband) – have given up their car for their health and request prayers that their health would improve.
**Maggie Jo Ward** (young woman who grew up at GBC) – former GBC youth recovering from traumatic brain injury
**Patricia Webb** (mother of Ruthie Audia and Barbara Chisolm) – recently hospitalized