

OCTOBER 2025

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

This month, I'll get my annual physical examination with my primary care physician. I haven't always done them like I should, but the older I get, the more important it becomes to me. Because I want to be the healthiest version of myself.

It made me wonder, what would it look like for a church to get an annual exam? If God were to give each church an exam to ensure it stays healthy, what would God look for?

I don't know for sure, but I suspect the greatest signal of church health would be service. Are the individuals in the church family using their gifts for the kingdom? Or are they sitting on the sidelines, like spectators, just taking it all in? Jesus makes it clear: for us to live spiritually healthy lives, we have to find a way to serve. We need to use our gifts to make this world look more like the kingdom of heaven.

To be clear, a church is only as healthy as its members are involved. If you're wondering how you might be able to serve the church this year, I hope you'll come to our "Together We Serve" fair after worship on Sunday, October 12. We'll have some breakfast snacks and representatives from all the committees that are looking for help

next year. I think you'll be surprised at how easy it is to find a place to serve that aligns with your gifts and passions. I hope you'll make plans to join us on that special Sunday.

We'll be welcoming our community to celebrate the season at our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Kids will come in costume to our Trunk or Treat, and we'll have a free hot dog meal for everyone. If you can decorate your trunk and give out candy at the Trunk or Treat, please sign up on our website.

Looking ahead, all GBC women will want to clear November 7-8 on their calendars to go to the Women's Getaway at Eagle Eyrie. Not only has everyone had a blast in previous years, but participants are also encouraged in their faith. There will be a similar event for youth the next weekend, November 14-15. To reserve your spot for either trip, sign up online or talk to Mila Spaulding.

Don't sit on the sidelines this fall. Your service and participation in the life of our church family will not only help you grow, but it'll also make GBC a more healthy church. And that makes us all better!



PRAYER MINISTRY:

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



WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email

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A graphic with a background image of several hands of different skin tones stacked together in a circle, symbolizing unity and service. The entire graphic is framed by a thick black border with a colorful, multi-colored bar at the top and bottom. The text "Together We Serve" Fair is written in a large, pink, cursive font at the top. Below it, the date and time "Sunday, October 12 @ 11:40 am" are displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the invitation "Join us for food, fellowship & a fair to find where you can serve!" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline. In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for Goochland Baptist Church, featuring a blue silhouette of a church building and the text "GOOCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH EST. 1771".

“Deacon Article”

By: Diane Proctor

“God even knows how many hairs are on your head.” - Matthew 10:30

I was reading my devotion the other day and came across this devotion from *Grace* by Max Lucado. This devotion shows how simple God's Love is for us:

There are so many reasons God saves you: to bring glory to himself, to appease his justice, to demonstrate his sovereignty. But one of the sweetest reasons God saves you is because he is fond of you. He likes having you around. He thinks you are the best thing to come down the pike in quite awhile.

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk he will listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and he chose your heart.

Face it. He is crazy about you.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 4:30 PM

“Surprised By Hope”

(based on the book
by N.T. Wright)

SEEKERS CLASSROOM (NLB)

COME JOIN US

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



Oct 1st | “Fire Safety for the Season”

Keith Cousins from Goochland County Fire/Rescue will be sharing best practices to keep your home fire-safe as we move towards colder weather

Oct 8th | Brown Bags

We'll put together bags of food to help our neighbors in need at Goochland Elementary School

Oct 15th | “Oral Health”

Our own Debbie Plageman will put on her “dental hygienist” hat and share practical tips on ways you can prioritize your oral health

Oct 22nd | Brown Bags

Oct 29th | Cake Walk

you'll have a chance to win a free cake!

Starting Monday, Oct 6
Join us at GBC this fall for

Women's Small Group

1st & 3rd Mondays
@ 6:30 pm

email sharcondrey@gmail.com
to learn more!

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CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF WMUV

 **EAGLE EYRIE**
CONFERENCE CENTER
A Wilderness Experience

Women's Getaway



Worship - Retreat - Fellowship

To RSVP
Contact
Mila
Spaulding

**Friday, November 7 -
Saturday, November 8**

Goochland Baptist Church

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26
@ 4-6 pm

All Are Welcome! Put on your costumes and join us
for Hot Dogs & Trunk-or-Treat!

We need volunteers!
Contact Nicole
Lingerfelt/ Teresa
Kessler OR sign up
on our church
website to provide a
trunk and/or candy!



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FAMILY FUN WITH PURPOSE

Sunday, November 2 @ 4 pm

Families are invited to the Spauldings' for a cookout and to help pack Thanksgiving Bags for those in need in our community. We'll gather together for a mission project, share a meal and enjoy fellowship & fun! Something for all ages! Contact Mila Spaulding with any questions.

*This event is Sponsored by
the GBC Youth Committee*

YOUTH SUPERMARKET SWEEP

GROCERY SHOPPING
IN OCTOBER FOR
GOOCHLANDCARES
THANKSGIVING BAGS
DATE & TIME TBD

CONTACT
MILA
SPAULDING
FOR
DETAILS!

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

November 14-16

@ Eagle Eyrie

Contact Mila Spaulding
if interested!

October Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- OCT 5** Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields
OCT 12 Pauline Toney & Jean Johnson
OCT 19 Janet & George Koch
OCT 26 Diane Proctor & Emma Arnold

USHERS

- OCT 5** Justin Lingerfelt, Hope Webb & Jim Fields
OCT 12 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
OCT 19 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
OCT 26 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



- Oct 2** Charlotte Shell
Oct 6 Karen Evans
Oct 7 Kurt Flaig
Oct 8 Steve Novak
Oct 10 Joyce Fallin
 Scott Hobson
Oct 11 Juanita Mack
Oct 14 Brad Brown
Oct 15 Hannah Molnar
Oct 16 David Angel
 John Greenwell
Oct 17 Iris Nuckols
Oct 20 Anne-Marie Gill
Oct 21 Trace Townsend
Oct 24 Jane Nuckols
Oct 26 Gale Chaisson
 Harlow Plageman

GOOCHLAND
CARES
 Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Oct 25th,
 8am - 10:30am**

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

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GBC Churchwide Picnic

We had a great time of food and fellowship saying "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!" at our churchwide picnic in September. Special thanks to Karen, Brenda & Diane who made it possible!



GBC Mission Team in Damascus, VA

In September, the BGAV Disaster Relief team for Hurricane Helene Relief in Southwest VA reached out to GBC with an immediate need. A willing team answered the call and within two days packed up and headed to Damascus to build a ramp, install flooring, and other jobs to make a home livable. Blessings and gratitude to Kevin James, Keith & Mila Spaulding, and Keith Mitchell.



GBC Seniors



September Senior Outing

We had great time and delicious meal at Grapevine Greek & Italian Restaurant.



Thursday 10/9 @ 11:30 am

Capt. Tom's in Colonial Heights

Bus will leave GBC @

10:45am

Thursday 10/23 @ 10:30 am

Medicare Presentation by

Tracy Rutledge

Meal provided by GG's

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

OCTOBER 2025 PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Alvis – health concerns

Hunter Bailey – Diagnosed with salivary cancer; currently undergoing chemo. Additionally, Hunter and Megan are anticipating the birth of their second child this fall.

Allen Bowles -- at home

Gale Chaisson – health issues

Eva Childress – recovering from blood clots on her lungs; back at home now on a regimen of blood thinners

Frank Faudree – has been moved to an assisted living facility in Minnesota. Cards may be sent to Frank Faudree, 155 West Point Court, Tonka Bay, MN. 55331.

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Connie Jones -- heart and lung issues

Ellen Melton – continuing chemo

Hazel Melton -- recovering from stroke at home

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Audrey is recovering from her knee replacement. Morris still has foot issues

Vicky Parrish – has moved to Commonwealth Senior Living

Lee Proffitt – at St. Mary's Woods

Diane Proctor - blood tests confirmed Diane is CANCER FREE at this time!

David Purcell – ongoing health issues

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

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

Ed Chaisson (Bill Chaisson's brother in Maryland) – diagnosed with a form of dementia

Lonnie Denton (David Denton's brother) – serious illness

Jerry Fanning (friend of Willy Hall and John Webb) – health concerns

Jimmy Hauk (Karen Evans' brother-in-law) – is undergoing chemotherapy

Kimberly Ann Hill (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer has returned and spread to lymph nodes

Christina Holleman (John Webb's granddaughter) – Please continue to pray that Christina will maintain her range of motion as her time in physical therapy comes to an end.

Ed Howland (John Webb's friend who provided the BBQ dinner for our Fall Renewal) - had a large brain tumor removed and is now undergoing laser gamma treatment

Ella Hubbard and William Rose (Mike Nicholas' friends in Reedsville, VA)

Linda Kellum (Rebecca Michels' Mom) – aging in place at home

Debbie Kibler (friend of Mike Nicholas) – has cancer and is being cared for by husband, Ken

Sherry Kittelson (Kitt Townsends' sister-in-law) – undergoing treatment for cancer

Freida Moore (David Denton's sister) – diagnosed with stomach cancer, and perhaps lung cancer, too

Marshall Nichols (Gale Chaisson's son-in-law) – Marshall has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer and continues to undergo treatment

Anita and Roger Poteat (friends of Mike Nicholas) – Anita has stage 4 colon cancer

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) -- liver cancer is stable

John Rivera (Daisy Purcell's brother-in-law) – undergoing leukemia treatments

Mary Anne and Lawson Smith (Gwen Padgett's cousin and her husband) – have just given up their car for their health and request prayers that their health would improve.

Terry Stalls (brother of Ken Stalls) - seriously ill with an incurable respiratory illness

Peggy Tinsley (sister of Brenda Allen) – health concerns

Tyler Trice (friend of Ray Waldrop) – health concerns

Mark Troy (former GBC member) – diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). His address is PO Box 159, Barren Springs, Virginia 24313

Mariam Egbal Yuen (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law) – recovering from neuropathy