

OCTOBER 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

One of my favorite parts of October is seeing all the kids (and grown ups!) dressed up in costume at our Fall Festival. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 25. Dozens of kids and grown ups will be joining us in costume for our trunk or treat, a free dinner, and a mission project to help feed local families this holiday season.

There's something that happens to you when you put on a costume. It transforms you. I remember several years ago, our sons dressed up as Sesame Street characters. As soon as Matthew put on his Elmo costume, he became a different person. He'd scrunch his face and raise his voice an octave or two. "Hi, I'm Elmo!" he'd say. On Halloween, he wore his costume to preschool. His face lit up and he kept telling his teachers, "I'm Elmo!"

But it didn't stop after Halloween. Weeks would go by, and suddenly he'd remember his costume. His face would light up, he'd reach out his hands to hug us, and he'd say, "Hi, I'm Elmo!" Somehow, putting on that Elmo costume once changed something in him.

Perhaps that's what Paul was thinking about when he tells us to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" in Romans 13:14. This idea of putting on a special outfit was an image the early church used to speak of God giving his divine power to people. Back in Paul's day, it was thought that when you put on the clothes of a special person, you received characteristics of that person.

And that's exactly what Paul suggests happens when we "put on Jesus Christ." We become like him. When we love our enemies, that changes us - and we become like Christ.

When we decide to give sacrificially instead of hoarding to ourselves - somehow we become like Christ. When we take a step of faith because that's what Christ would do - we're not just acting like Christ, we're becoming more like him.

I'm not saying you should dress up as Jesus for our Trunk or Treat. But I think Paul is saying that we should live as if we were representing Jesus every day of the year. Because the more we do that, the more we become like him.



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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Come Join Us!
on Wednesdays

DINNER @ 6 pm

PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY @ 6:30 pm

(Children & Youth activities also provided at this time)

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Oct 7th - Brown Bags

Oct 14th - Connect Night - Meet your Neighbors

Oct 21st - Brown Bags

Oct 28th - Member Spotlight: Garrett Webb



OCTOBER 2026

Discipleship Hour

WEDNESDAYS
4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Our first series:
When Faith Comes Up

We meet in the
Seekers Classroom
(NLB).
First series led by
Rev. Kevin James

Women's Small Group

1st & 3rd Mondays*

@ 2pm OR @ 6pm

(Ladies' SS Class) | (Sharon's Home)



WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
BY MAX LUCADO

*Note: There will be NO small group held 10/19

Contact Sharon Condrey to learn more!

Young Women & Mother's Small Group

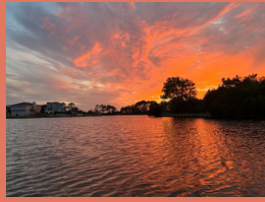
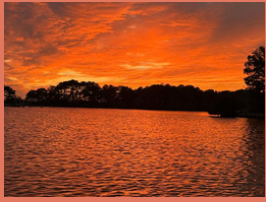
2nd & 4th Mondays

@ 6:00 pm in the Seekers Classroom
(NLB)



Childcare Provided
See Brenda James for more info

Submit photos to our A/V Team



Thanks to Shane Grissom (grandson of Lois & Dwight) for sharing these beautiful images with our A/V Team to use for backgrounds in worship.

Have an image you'd like to share? Submit photos for review to worship@goochlandchurch.org

**Note: images must be horizontal/landscape.*

YOUTH SUPERMARKET SWEEP

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

CONTACT
SHARON
CONDREY
FOR
DETAILS!

Goochland Baptist Church Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25
@ 4:30 pm

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

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



OCTOBER 2026

Nickelsville Work Days

Needed: Skilled construction/repair volunteers

Thursday, Oct 22 - Saturday, Oct 24



Come help us finish house projects in Southwest Virginia before winter!

See Kevin James or
Brandon Arnold for more info!



Sylvia's Sisters

Kit Packing Party *

Sunday, November 1 @ 3pm
at GBC (MPR)

For questions or to RSVP contact:

Mila Spaulding - mila.spaulding@gmail.com

Martha Walsh - mswalsh20@verizon.net



*Packing Parties produce packages that can be easily placed in a backpack and that contain period supplies for about one cycle.



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Women's Getaway



Worship - Retreat - Fellowship

To RSVP
Contact
Mila
Spaulding

Friday, November 6 -
Saturday, November 7

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

November 13-15

@ Eagle Eyrie

Contact Sharon Condrey
if interested!

October Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- OCT 4** Lila & William Hicks
OCT 11 Janet & George Koch
OCT 18 Josh Padgett & Juanita Mack
OCT 25 Gayle Stanley & Carla Yuen

USHERS

- OCT 4** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb
OCT 11 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
OCT 18 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
OCT 25 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



- Oct 2** Charlotte Shell
Oct 6 Karen Evans
Oct 7 Kurt Flaig
Oct 10 Joyce Fallin
 Scott Hobson
 Anne Marie Nuckols
Oct 11 Juanita Mack
Oct 14 Preston Bailey
 Brad Brown
Oct 16 David Angel
Oct 17 Iris Nuckols
Oct 20 Anne-Marie Gill
Oct 21 Trace Townsend
Oct 24 Ken Kessler
 Jane Nuckols
Oct 26 Gale Chaisson
 Harlow Plageman

GOOCHLAND
CARES
 Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Oct 24th,
 8am - 10:30am**

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

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Community Table

Our Community Table season has gotten off to a great start! We've packed Brown Bags, heard from informative guest speakers and of course had great food and fellowship!



GBC Choir

A special thanks to David Angel, Peggy Brown & Jackie Ford for their organization, leadership & accompaniment that made the GBC Choir's presentation of "Standing on the Promises" possible in our September 20th worship service. And to the voices who shared their time and talents - their music was a blessing to all!



GBC Seniors



▲ September Senior Outing

We had great time and delicious meal at Captain Tom's Seafood in Colonial Heights, VA.



Thursday 10/8

RSVP by 10/5

Halterman's in Manquin, VA

Bus will leave GBC @
11:05am

▲ October Joy Club

Come join us this month as we welcome Ed Polich & Paul Muller for an Oktoberfest Performance!



Thursday 10/22 @ 10:30 am

RSVP by 10/19

'Oktoberfest' Performance

**Meal provided - members
asked to bring sides/desserts**

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

OCTOBER 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

Hunter Bailey – finished with treatments; upcoming scans will dictate future plans

Allen Bowles -- returned home

Eva Childress – recovering from recent 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](https://www.havenassistedliving.com/8085-South-Mayfield-Lane-Mechanicsville-VA-23111))

Mike Nicholas – diagnosed with lung cancer; will have surgery on October 2

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

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)

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) -- upcoming heart surgery, melanoma stage 4 surgery on August 10, and liver cancer stage 4

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.

Diana Thomas (one of our liaisons at community partner CARITAS) – health concerns as she cares for family and extended family

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 for testing