

JULY 2021

# The Messenger



## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

Our 250th anniversary is coming up soon. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 10. This is truly a special day. There are only a small number of churches in our country that have been around as long as Goochland Baptist. Our Anniversary Committee, chaired by Gwen Padgett, is working hard to prepare a celebration that reflects the magnitude of such an anniversary.

We need your help as we prepare to celebrate this momentous day! This month, we're beginning a new campaign leading up to our 250th Anniversary entitled, "This is My Story." You can read about it on page 4. God tells his people all through the Bible to remember God's grace in the past as they look forward to the future.

To help us remember together, we're asking our entire church family to share a story of what GBC means to you. It doesn't matter if you're brand new to the GBC family or if you've been here your entire life. Pastor Curt and the Anniversary Committee will use these stories, with your permission, to prepare for our anniversary and celebrate the bright future God has for us. I hope you'll take the time to prayerfully consider sharing a story of what Goochland Baptist means to you.

It's been such an encouragement to worship in-person with so many of you on Sunday mornings this past month! Never will we take for granted the importance of human connection and fellowship when it comes to our faith. Not only have we had a great turnout in our

sanctuary, but we've also had a steady group of people worshipping in a more spaced-out environment through the live stream in our Multipurpose Room. And I'm always grateful for the consistent group from our church family worshipping online at home. However you connect with us, we're grateful.

I'm excited about the new sermon series that I've just begun, "The Serenity Prayer." In my opinion, it's as relevant as ever. Unpeace seems to be the spiritual pandemic plaguing us today. Both the newspapers and our newsfeeds remind us of the escalating violence, heightened antagonism, deepening divisions, and chronic anxiety that plague our society. In such a world, we need a path to peace. Many have found the Serenity Prayer a helpful guide on the path to that peace. Over the next couple of months, we'll consider the biblical truths behind the Serenity Prayer and seek to apply them to our own lives. Because to be Christ's peace-makers, we need to first be on the path to peace ourselves.

Outside of Sunday morning worship, there are some other exciting ways to plug in this month at GBC. Instead of VBS this year, Crystal Waldrop has worked with some of our leaders to put together "Sunday Funday" events at our church. Essentially, they'll be like giant picnic on our grounds for the entire community. There will be games, crafts for children, music, and even a mission project to give back to the community. Our first Sunday Funday will be on Sunday, July 18

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Pastor

**Kelly Anderson**  
Minister to Students

## Deacon Minutes

*Jim Fields*

The past two years have been difficult for all of us. I believe God allows us to endure these hardships to challenge us and grow us in the faith.

With faith in our Lord, we endure painful days and we do so as we keep our eyes on God. As we step forward into this new beginning, we each seek to become more faithful and disciplined children of God.

God tells us to be still and know that he is our loving Father. Now is not the time to let our guard down. We look ahead to the new and exciting ways God seeks to use us in the days ahead. Our job is to remain steadfast. Faithfulness yields its own rewards.

I would ask that each of us listen for the unique message God has for us and continue to pray for the life of our beloved church. Certainly, God is in the business of renewal and restoration. If we are ready to step up to the plate, God's blessings are inevitable. Our God has always been in the business of spiritual transformation as he prepares us to do his work here on earth. **We have work to do.**

God bless each of you beloved members of Goochland Baptist Church.

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from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Wayne and our Food Service Committee will be inviting church members to bring sides and desserts to make it like an old-fashioned church potluck! Please invite your neighbors to join us to celebrate summer.

It excites me to see all the life emerging in our church family after the pandemic. As we prepare to celebrate all God has done in 250 years, I'm also excited for the bright future that is emerging as well. Thanks for being part of it!

## GBC Student Ministry

*Kelly Anderson*

As we turn the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic, I am really looking forward to the summer ahead with our students this summer. My hope for this year is that we can begin a year of growth together in our faith journeys. May we begin to live out what Jesus calls us to in Luke 10:27 when he says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself".

The Gospel of Jesus transforms every aspect of our lives and moves us into action turning love into a verb. My prayer for our student ministry in the coming months is that we seek to live out this call of Jesus together in community.



### Summer Sunday Gatherings Sundays @ 5:00-7:00 pm

Our Summer Sunday Student gatherings will continue throughout July (Except Sunday July 4). Every week we will have a time of fellowship, dinner and Bible Study.

### Youth Sunday School Sundays @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us for youth Sunday School after worship on Sundays in the youth room.

### Summer Mission Trip - July 12-17

Due to changes because of COVID, we will be participating with IMPACT VA in Chesterfield.

*Keep in mind there are no regular Wednesday night youth gatherings through the summer*

**Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS  
or visit [www.goochlandchurch.org/students](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/students).**

# JOY CLUB

**JULY 28th @ 10:30AM**

"Civil War Soldier" actor with  
Richmond Discoveries.

Lunch: Meatloaf provided by  
Pickel Barrel - Bring Desserts!

**July Outing: Dinner at Tanglewood, Date TBD**

Any questions please call  
John Webb at 804-334-9270.  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults)

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 7	Garrett Webb
July 8	Lindsey Sargent
July 10	Morris Nuckols Sandra Nuckols
July 11	Susie Grant
July 13	James Melton
July 16	Betty Bowers Ebu Brown
July 17	Adam Henley
July 18	Aimee Dabney
July 19	Cecilia Bowles
July 23	Audrey Nuckols
July 24	Chad Bordewyk
July 26	Shane Grissom
July 27	Susan Angel
July 28	Angela Bassett Paul Irvin
July 30	Doug Brandmahl

# SUNDAY

# FUNDAY

AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENT

**Sunday, July 18 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

FREE food, crafts, games, music and family fun!



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GBC

*This is our story.*

**T**his year, Goochland Baptist celebrates our 250th anniversary. Moments like this are naturally a time to look backwards and forwards. Throughout the Bible, God invites his people to look back and consider all the ways God has worked in their lives. Over and over again, God tells Israel to remember what God has done, because remembering God's grace in the past reminds us of God's promises of things to come for our future.

Together, we have an opportunity to remember God's goodness at Goochland Baptist over the years. To help us celebrate what God's done as we look forward to a bright future, everyone in our GBC family is invited to submit a story to our "This is Our Story" campaign. Quite simply, we'd like you to write a paragraph or two to tell us Goochland Baptist Church means to you. Maybe you can share a story that explains why you choose to be a part of Goochland Baptist. Maybe you'll write about a person at GBC who has inspired you. Maybe you'll write how your experience at GBC has made you a better person. Whatever your story is, we invite you to share your story.

Pastor Curt and the anniversary committee will use these stories to help us prepare for our 250th anniversary celebration in October. Please know that your story will never be shared or reproduced without your permission. But we truly believe that the best way to celebrate our future is to consider how God has worked in the past. Your story will help us as a church remember God's grace in a deeper way.

## Giving To GBC Is Now **Easier Than Ever!**



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Visit [www.goochlandchurch.org/give](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/give) to learn more.



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit your GBC story by using the form above and mailing or dropping it off at the church office at **2454 Manakin Rd., Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103**. You may also email your story to **[goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com)**.



# SERVE

## SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

### GREETERS

- July 4** Phil Egolf and Jeff Parrish  
**July 11** David Angel and Jeff Parrish  
**July 18** Diane Proctor and Jim Fields  
**July 25** David Angel and Phil Egolf

### LEAD USHER

- July 4** Al Henley  
**July 11** Stuart Melton  
**July 18** John Webb  
**July 25** Keith Spaulding

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM

To watch, visit **Youtube.com** and search **"Goochland Baptist Church"** or follow the link at **[www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org)** and in our weekly emails.

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as the singular world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will – that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever.*

# THE SERENITY PRAYER

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Unpeace seems to be the spiritual pandemic that plagues us today. Both the newspapers and our newsfeeds remind us of the escalating violence, heightened antagonism, deepening divisions, and chronic anxiety that plague our society. In such a world, we need a path to peace. Many have found the Serenity Prayer a helpful guide on the path to that peace. Over the next couple of months, we'll consider the biblical truths behind the Serenity Prayer and seek to apply them to our own lives. Because to be Christ's peace-makers, we need to first be on the path to peace ourselves. It's hard to share what we don't have.

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# JOIN US FOR INDOOR WORSHIP

## Sunday Schedule

10:00 am Sanctuary Worship

10:00 am Multipurpose Room Worship (Video of Sanctuary Worship)

11:00 am Sunday School (Adult classes and a children's class)

### Will GBC require masks?

No. The CDC suggests that fully vaccinated people need not wear masks, and Governor Northam has eliminated the mask mandate. However, we welcome the wearing of masks for those who feel more comfortable wearing them. In addition, following CDC guidance, we encourage everyone who is not fully vaccinated to wear a mask.

### Will GBC require social distancing?

No. Governor Northam is removing all capacity and gathering restrictions on May 28. However, we do encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to distance themselves from others, following CDC guidance.

### Will we sing?

Yes. We will worship through song in our sanctuary worship.

### What if I'm not yet comfortable in an environment that includes singing and sitting close to others?

In our Multipurpose Room, we will offer a live-stream of our sanctuary worship for those in our church family who feel safer in a setting without singing and with more space to spread out. In addition, we will continue to live stream our services on YouTube, so you may worship with us from home.

### Will there be childcare?

We will offer a nursery for children ages 4 and under. Our nursery workers will be fully vaccinated. Children will not be required to wear masks, though they are certainly free to if they choose.

### What Sunday School classes will be offered at 11:00 am?

Adult Co-ed Class — led by John Webb

Adult Co-ed Class — led by David Angel

Women's Class — led by Gwen Padgett

Youth Class — led by Kelly Anderson

Preschool and Children's Class — led by Susan Angel

### What Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 am?

Adult Co-ed Class — led by Wayne Melton

Adult Co-ed Class — led by Lynn Hayes and Hope Webb



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jerry Anderson**—recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

**Allen Bowles**—health concerns.

**Doug Brandmahl**—health issues.

**Debbie Dunlavey**—cancer.

**Jackie Eby**—still at Brookdale, but Brookdale has been renamed called Vitality Living West End.

**Janet Faudree**—health concerns.

**Carolyn Heath**—home at Dogwood Terrace from rehab.

**Lila Hicks**—recovering from knee replacement, hip issues, and numbness to left arm.

**Scott Hobson**—continued prayers that his cancer remains low and continues to respond to treatment.

**Connie Long**

**Daphne Longenecker**—home recovering from foot surgery. Daphne welcomes cards at this time.

**Hazel Melton**—recently fell, having some trouble with an eye issue.

**Rebecca Michels**—undergoing chemo again.

**Linda Moore**—has been back at church recently.

**Rick Murren**—recovering from hospitalization.

**Vicky Parrish**—has moved to Beth Shalom for rehab following her successful leg surgery.

**Lee Proffitt**—her husband, Jim, has been moved to Beth Shalom and is beginning hospice.

**Adelaide Stanley**—doing PT at her new residence at Beth Shalom.

**Mary Stanley**—Beth Shalom.

**Wanda Waldrop**

**Bob White**—health concerns.

### Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Amy Richardson** (Gwen Padgett's aunt) - spent two nights in hospital after a heart attack last week and is now recovering at home.

**John Bartlett**—Linda Moore's brother has C-Diff.

**Jamie Bryant** (friend of Mike Nicholas)—had a heart attack while working on his farm in Skippers, VA and was airlifted to hospital in Petersburg. Jamie is 48 years old.

**Roger Bourgeois**—(Linda Moore's uncle) exposed to Covid. Has other health issues and a disabled daughter he cares for.

**Diandra Camacho** - prayers for arthritis and its treatment

**Joan Dwyer** (Lauren MacBlane's mother in Alexandria, VA)—continued prayers for recovery from colon cancer surgery on May 18 in Alexandria. Ms. Dwyer is slowly regaining strength.

**Audrey Geraci** (Denise and Gerard Huff's niece) stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She is 36 years old and has three young children. UPDATE: latest MRI scans showed no cancer, lesions, or scarring from treatment. They'll do PET scans in the future to make sure there's no cancer anywhere in her body.

**Mackenzie Green** (High school friend of Caroline Bassett)—recovering at home from bad auto accident.

**Clarence Hall Jr. and Carol Hall**, his wife; kin to Willy Hall and Hazel Melton.

**Lucina Heath** (Betsy Alvis' sister) —in hospital with COVID-19 and pneumonia.

**Mae Higgs**—has completed the first round of daily treatment for Leukemia and is now three weeks into a 28 week, five day per week protocol. Doctors say the treatments have a better than 95% success rate.

**Margaret Holland** (a member of the community) she suffered a stroke.

**Dan and Sherry Kittelson**—Kitt Townsend's newlywed brother and sister-in-law.

**Caroline Laughorn**—(friend of Kelly Anderson) diagnosed with Leukemia for the 4th time at age 20.

**Stacy Llewellyn**—started treatment for Splenic Lymphoma, also has lupus

**James Matthews** (16 month old child, grandson of Forrest Matthews, a close friend of Mike Nicholas)—battling leukemia.

**Derek McCoy**—(son of Mike Nicholas' friend, Dawn McCoy) hit by a car while riding his motorcycle in Louisa, breaking multiple bones. In addition, he tested positive for COVID. He's receiving treatment at MCV. He was enlisted to join the Marines on 6/1.

**Rebecca Michels' Mom**

**Gwen Nuckols** (Iris Nuckols' sister-in-law)—recovering from surgery.

**Mrs. Calvin Porter** diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Rhonda Powell**—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer.

**Jeannie Purvis** (Sandra Nuckols' niece)—just diagnosed with liver cancer.

**Tami Ricketts'** mother has breast cancer at age 91.

**Heather Slaytor** (Selma Herweyer's daughter)—recovering from COVID-19 complications.

**Debbie Spence** (friend of Janet Koch)—health issues

**Dolly Vopelak**—Ken Stalls' mother in NC is on hospice.

**Nell West**—(Aunt of Audrey Nuckols and Lois Lane) recovering from surgery.

**Sharon Wood**—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues.

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