

AUGUST 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

One of my favorite parts of our mission trip to Nickelsville, VA last week was watching our children learn to serve others. These kids were rockstars at the nursing home we visited. They played bingo with residents, they helped them make crafts, and perhaps most importantly, they talked to them. At the food pantry, they helped transport and package food from across the warehouse and deliver it into trunks of clients. At Nickelsville Elementary School, they scrubbed windows and weeded the garden. And they loved it. More than once, we reminded them, "We do this because this is what Jesus calls us to do: to serve our neighbor." I suspect the lessons from this trip will sink in even more as these kids get older.

But you don't have to travel to the other side of the state to learn the truth about Jesus. This month, we'll be hosting Vacation Bible School on the first four

Sundays of the month. Our kids will leave worship early and have VBS throughout the rest of worship and the Sunday School hour. If you haven't already, you can register your children or grandchildren online. I'm grateful to Teresa Kessler and Nicole Lingerfelt and our entire children's committee for their efforts behind the scenes to make this happen.

Because when I look at these children, I see the next generation of Christ-followers. Our culture is changing, churches are changing, but the truth of Jesus has endured the test of time. That's why I'm proud of Goochland Baptist Church's emphasis on children and all the things we do to ground them in their faith. Because as we invest in them, we are investing in the future of God's kingdom.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

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



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

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Sundays in August GBC VBS 9:30 - 11:30 am

Children ages 4 years - rising 6th
grade are invited to join us
each Sunday 8/2 - 8/23.

Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am,
pick up in The Cove at 11:30 am.

Volunteers
Needed!



Contact Teresa Kessler about volunteering or registering your child!



**Sylvia's
Sisters**

Kit Packing Party *

Friday, August 7 @ 1-3pm
at Shineforth Campus (Firefly Hall)

Join us on site at Sylvia's Sisters HQ to assist with a
packing party. **Transportation provided from GBC
parking lot, departing at 12:15pm**

RSVP required! 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.*

**GBC
Volunteers
Needed!**

August 14th
Come help staple
booklets at Goochland
Elementary School.

**See Martha Walsh for
details/to sign up!**





**All One
in Christ**
GALATIANS 3:28

**Multicultural Missions
Celebration**

**Sep 12 @ 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Grace Chinese Baptist Church**

Join us for a powerful conference complete with Keynote Speaker and breakout sessions celebrating the beauty of our differences and the unity we share in Him.

**Contact Mila Spaulding if
interested!**

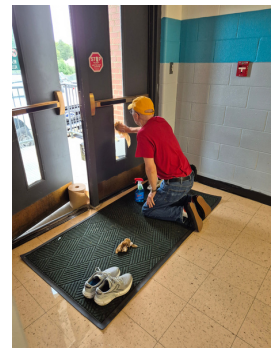
Baptism Sunday

July 26 was a Baptism Sunday at GBC. We officially welcomed Nathan Arnold as a brother in Christ through baptism. He has been a long time attender, participant and integral part of our GBC community. Congrats Nate, we love you!



Summer Family Mission Trip

GBC sent a group of all ages and abilities to help serve the local community in Nickelsville, VA with the Southwest Virginia Partnership. Our mission team completed construction projects, volunteered at a food pantry, served in a nursing home, and cleaned a school building. Thank you for all the prayers and collected items from back home that helped GBC play a part in making things "on Earth as [they are] in Heaven".



August Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- AUG 2** Josh Padgett & Juanita Mack
AUG 9 Janet Myers & Justin Lingerfelt
AUG 16 Gayle Stanley & Carla Yuen
AUG 23 Gale Chaisson & David Denton
AUG 30 Emma Arnold & Diane Proctor

USHERS

- AUG 2** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb
AUG 9 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
AUG 16 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
AUG 23 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
AUG 30 Kyle Edwards, Justin Lingerfelt & George Koch



- Aug 1** Mila Spaulding
Aug 4 Logan Stewart
Aug 9 June Frick
Charlotte Miller
Aug 10 Flossie Abell
Aug 12 Gabe Stewart
Aug 14 Jessica Stanley
Aug 20 Linda Moore
Aug 22 Glenn Myers
Gayle Stanley
Aug 23 Carter Dabney
Aug 25 Hazel Melton
Amy Richardson
Aug 26 Lila Hicks
Aug 27 Andrea Butler
Phyllis Toney
Aug 29 Brenda Durrett
Aug 30 Kevin James

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Aug 22nd,
8am - 10:30am**

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

GBC Seniors



July Senior Outing

We had a great time and delicious meal at Olive Garden in Short Pump, VA



Thursday 8/13 @ 11:30 am

Joe's Inn (Bon Air, VA)

Bus will leave GBC @

11:00am

Thursday 8/27 @ 10:30 am

Mount Vernon's

"Young at Heart" Choir

Meal catered by Suzanne's

compliments of Jackie Powell

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

AUGUST 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Allen Bowles -- in Our Lady of Hope (room 218) for rehab following recent fall

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Lila Hicks – left eye surgery went well; she'll know by August 1 if her eyesight will return

William Hicks – recovering from heart procedure

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Ellen Melton – PET scan revealed that Ellen is 100% clear of cancer

Hazel Melton -- has moved to Haven Assisted Living (8085 South Mayfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111)

Mike Nicholas - has lung cancer, awaiting biopsy results to determine what stage

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Morris is still dealing with foot issues, and Audrey is recovering from a broken hip.

Vicky Parrish – has moved to 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.

Tami Ricketts - monitoring heart issues

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

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

Kathy Duke (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer spread into lymph nodes

Ronnie Dunlavey (friend of Clay Nuckols) – doctors had to extend amputation to above knee

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

Will Hicks (son of William and Lila Hicks) – recovering after successful back 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

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) – just diagnosed with colon cancer

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

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

William Rose (Mike Nicholas' friend) – on hospice care

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.

Peggy Tinsley (sister of Brenda Allen) – recovering from broken hip

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

Maggie Jo Ward (young woman who grew up at GBC) – former GBC youth recovering from traumatic brain injury