

NOVEMBER 2025

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

The first Sunday in November, I'm beginning a new sermon series entitled "On Earth As It Is in Heaven." I'm really excited: it's the culmination of lots of thought, prayer, and conversation with you about where God might be leading us for 2026. And it captures the heart of what I think God is calling our congregation towards next year: joining his plan to, in Jesus' words, make earth look like the kingdom of heaven. I hope you'll join us this month as I begin to help unpack what this looks like for us and the steps we can take to join God's work!

There are plenty of opportunities to help us connect and serve in November. Sunday, November 2, we'll have our annual "Family Fun With a Purpose" at 4pm in the Cove. This is a time when we invite our children and teenagers to help make Thanksgiving Dinner boxes for neighbors in need throughout our county. This is an intergenerational event, so you don't have to have kids or grandkids to come. Join us and help out!

We've also got two great getaway opportunities off campus

this month: our women will be going to a statewide women's retreat at Eagle Eyrie on November 7-8. Similarly, our youth will go to Eagle Eyrie for a statewide youth retreat the next weekend, November 14-15. Pray for them as they get away for a time of growth.

Finally, make plans for our annual Christmas play and dinner on Sunday, December 7 called *The Gift of Jesus*. The play will be at 5:30, and we'll have a catered dinner afterwards. This is a great way to be reminded of the reason for the season. Please RSVP online to reserve your meal afterwards.

In this month, when we take time to give thanks for the things most important to us in life, I think it's a fitting time for me to express my gratitude for our church family. You were very thoughtful and generous towards my family and me last month. I was touched by the reception after worship in October and all the cards and expressions of support. Know that you - our church family - is what makes me feel so privileged to be your pastor. Thank you.



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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FOOD DRIVE

for the GoochlandCares Food Pantry







Join your neighbors to collect food or donate to GoochlandCares Food Pantry, which serves over 360 hungry families each week!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

• Canned Meats & Fish	• Rice
• Canned & Dry Beans	• Peanut Butter
• Pasta Sauce & Canned Pasta	• Cereal & Oatmeal
• Canned Soups & Broth	• Bar Soap



\$25 PROVIDES ONE WEEK OF MEALS
FOR A FAMILY STRUGGLING WITH HUNGER

DONATE ONLINE AT GoochlandCares.org/Donate

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.

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

Nov 5th | Brown Bags

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

Nov 12th | GoochlandCares

A guest speaker from our local mission partner will share ways
we can continue to support them as they expand
their facility and mission to serve Goochland County.

Nov 19th | Brown Bags

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

Nov 26th | No Community Table

Happy Thanksgiving!

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FAMILY FUN WITH PURPOSE

Sunday, November 2 @ 4 pm

Join us at GBC in "The Cove" 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*

*Save
the Date*

YOUNG WOMEN &
MOTHERS
SMALL GROUP

Meet & Greet

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 10
@ 5:00 PM

In "The Cove" @
Goochland
Baptist Church

See Parker Dunlavey or Brenda James for more info

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

November 14-16

@ Eagle Eyrie

Contact Mila Spaulding
if interested!

November Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- NOV 2** Diane Proctor & Emma Arnold
NOV 9 Gayle Stanley & Diane Proctor
NOV 16 Carla Yuen & Justin Lingerfelt
NOV 23 Lynn & Ed Hayes
NOV 30 Justin Lingerfelt & Teresa Kessler

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



- Nov 2** Bill Chaisson
Nov 3 Barbara Chisholm
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

GOOCHLAND
CARES
 Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Starting Jan 24, join us
 the 4th Saturday of
 each month @
 8am - 10:30am**

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



**Quarterly Business Meeting
 Sunday, Nov 16 @ 11:40 am**

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after
 Sunday School on November 16.
 Our church family is encouraged to join us as we
 attend to matters of church business.

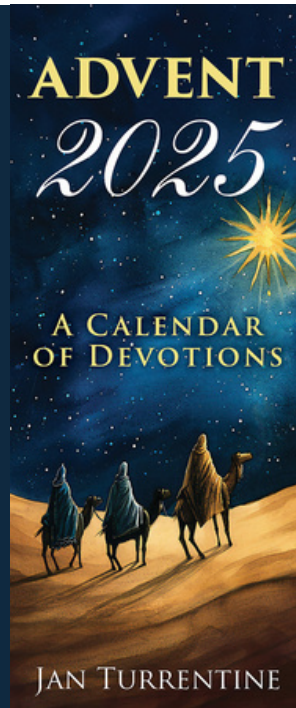


2025 Advent
Devotionals are
available Sunday,
November 23!

Pick up your free copy
in the foyers of the
Sanctuary or New Life
Building*

Readings start on
11/30 - 12/25

*Limited quantity while
supplies last.



*A devotional shared by GBC
deacon Carla Yuen:*

“Faith and Forgiveness”

By: Lester M. Burkholder

*“And when ye stand praying, forgive...that
your Father also which is in heaven may
forgive you your trespasses.” - Mark 11:25*

Jesus taught lessons on faith by referring to a fig tree and a sycamore tree. In both lessons He linked faith to forgiveness. We can readily remember offenses by others, and can easily see their faults and inconsistencies. These can become a favorite tree of grievances that offer juicy fruits of revenge and counterattacks.

But we must remember that Jesus said, “No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever,” and the fig tree dried up from the roots. We can apply this to ourselves by commanding our “grievance tree” to dry up from the roots and never again produce its savory yearnings. If we have a mustard seed of faith in God, we are assured that everything will turn out well regardless of the offense committed against us.

A large sycamore tree has an extensive root system that helps it stand tall during many storms. Bitterness may be deeply rooted in our heart and may resist attempts to uproot it. But if we have faith that God will take care of us regardless of the injustices done to us, we can command the tree of unforgiveness to be uprooted and planted in the sea of forgiveness.

Whenever we refuse to forgive an offender, we need to identify and eliminate the root cause. In the place of unforgiveness we must plant a tree of faith in God and goodwill toward the offender. We cannot glory in ourselves after forgiving someone. We have only done “that which was our duty to do” (Luke 17:10).

In conclusion, the tree of bitterness and unforgiveness needs to wither and die, but the dead tree should not remain as a monument to the offense. In faith we need to uproot that tree and cast it away. “Lord, increase our faith.”

Week of Prayer for International Missions November 30 - December 7, 2025

Southern Baptists observe a **Week of Prayer for International Missions** each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. The 2025 Prayer Guide is provided in the foyers of the sanctuary and the New Life Building.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for GBC is \$500.00. Offering envelopes designated for that offering are provided in the pews as well as in offering envelopes mailed to homes.



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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 November 16
GBC "Post Office" opens Nov 30.

Contact Gwen Padgett to order



Join us for a Christmas play

The Gift of Jesus

Sunday, December 7
@ 5:30 pm

**Catered Italian Dinner
to follow**

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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



◀ October Joy Club

We enjoyed food, fellowship and an informational presentation on Medicare from Tracy Rutledge.



Thursday 11/20 @ 4:30 pm

Tanglewood Ordinary

Bus will leave GBC @

4:00 pm



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 2025 PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Alvis – health concerns

Hunter Bailey – Recovering after the first round of cancer treatment while celebrating the birth of their second child, Preston Blaine Bailey.

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 treatment

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 – discharged from VCU and sent to rehab at Our Lady of Hope

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

Ann (sister of Justin Lingerfelt's friend) – in a difficult situation and needs prayer

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

Diana Shelburne – pulmonary issues

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