

APRIL 2023

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

One of questions our boys have started asking about everything is "Why?" Why do we go to bed at 7:30pm? Why is it bad if we're late? Why do we need sleep?

As laborious as it is answering all their questions, I realize they're learning. They're trying to understand the world. And asking "Why?" is a great way to do that.

In fact, we probably would all benefit from asking that question from time to time. I was reminded that when meeting with some pastor friends from other churches recently. The conversation turned serious, and one of them asked, "Why is we do what we do every Sunday?" And the answer, essentially, was Easter.

Because of Easter, we know that God is victorious over sin and death and everything that entangles us. Christ has defeated death, risen victoriously, and promises his children eternal life. Sin, shame, addiction, heartache, uncertainty — none of these have to define our earthly existence anymore. Because of Easter, we know that God breaks the yokes that bind us.

And on top of that, it was Easter that birthed the church. Christ's disciples were filled with awe and wonder at Christ's resurrection, and when Jesus sent them out to proclaim his victory, they told everybody. That's how the church

was formed. And on Easter Sunday, we're reminded that we're sent out to proclaim Christ's victory as well.

It's fitting then, that we celebrate Easter with worship and hope. And this year, Goochland Baptist has several ways to help you do that. On Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the MPR, we'll have a Maundy Thursday service to help us relive Jesus' last hours before his crucifixion. The service will center on a drama depicting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. At the end of the service, we'll take the Lord's Supper ourselves.

On Easter Sunday, we'll celebrate Christ's resurrection through worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. Following the service, we'll have an Easter Egg hunt for children, photo booths for individuals and families, and a time of coffee and fellowship. Sunday School will follow at 10:45 am.

Our hope this Easter is that you'll begin to ask the question, "Why?" as well. Why are you here? Why might God have made you? Why do you follow Jesus? Because so much of our lives are lived going through the motions, sometimes we don't often ask these important questions. Answering those questions clarifies a lot in our lives. As you do, I hope, you'll discover the central role Easter plays for all of us.



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## Deacon Minutes

Justin Lingerfelt

The countdown began around the first of the year. We printed out a special calendar and started marking off the days as they passed. Saturday, March 11 was the big day. This being Aubrey's Kindergarten year, she'd have her very own "spring break" to look forward to, and we'd booked a trip to Key Largo to visit my grandmother.

Mid-February came and brought a bout of the flu in our house. "Good," we thought. Now that's out of the way and we'll be nice and healthy when it comes time to fly down to Florida. The second week of March came and we had less than a week. The calendar was full of "X's" and Aubrey couldn't help but start packing days ahead of time. I had a bit of a sniffle so I decided to take a Covid test to be on the safe side.

Positive. The next morning Nicole took a test and it came up positive as well.

We began making the necessary cancellations. What would be a minor inconvenience to us would be a life-altering, devastating event to a kid who's not even six years old. Wouldn't it?

"God, thank you for this day, and all my blessings..." begins our short nightly prayer with Aubrey. Often times with a rote prayer it's easy to say the words and not necessarily be "all-in" on it every time. Even the Lord's Prayer is so familiar it's easy to zone out...and so it can be with our bedtime prayer. Let me tell you why that's been impossible these last couple weeks.

When we told Aubrey about her trip being cancelled, you'd have thought we were talking to a grown woman - and a mature, centered grown woman at that.

"Thank you for my family and friends. Please keep them safe, happy, and healthy..." the prayer continues. We prayed for our health - largely at Aubrey's request- and for the health of my grandmother down in Florida. Aubrey easily understood how three intruders from Virginia could infect an octogenarian woman and her friends living in an old-folks community in Key Largo.

Nicole and I went downhill pretty quickly and were essentially bed- and couch-ridden for two days. Aubrey was our butler and stand-up comedian. Not a word of complaint or whining or bitterness came out of her. There was a sweetness and compassion you just don't see out of kids her age. I swear I watched her grow up before my eyes. Bittersweet, you might say, but that was one of the greatest weeks I've had with my daughter.

We talk about unanswered prayers and blessings in disguise all the time, but getting to live that out gives the sayings meaning. We might not have taken the Covid tests and gone on down anyway, only to get noticeably sick after we'd hugged and kissed my grandmother.

And I never would have gotten to witness the continued miracle that is Aubrey Hope Lingerfelt in action.

"We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

## SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

In our Children's Church, the children have been learning about love from 1 Corinthians.

*"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil..." 1 Corinthians 13:4-6a (NIRV)*

Can you imagine a world in which we all loved according to these verses? Such a world would truly be a new creation.



 GBC

*Child  
Dedication*

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**SUNDAY, MAY 14**  
9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Please email  
[goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com)  
no later than April 30 if you would  
like to have a child dedicated.

# GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

## Volunteer Day!

Saturday, April 22  
8 am-10:30 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,  
shannonwilson3@mac.com



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| April 1  | William Hicks                    |
| April 8  | Angela Hobson                    |
| April 9  | Kitt Townsend                    |
| April 11 | Brett Alvis                      |
| April 14 | Nicole Lingerfelt                |
| April 16 | Cameron Bassett<br>Brenda Denton |
| April 17 | Philip Hobson<br>Alana Sargent   |
| April 24 | Monica Williams                  |
| April 25 | Frankie Melton                   |



## You're Invited:

Children 5 years of age through 5th grade are invited to join us following Pastor Curt's Children's Sermon.

Children will be learning the following  
"Need to Know" truths:

April 2 — Jesus Gave His Life for Me

April 9 — I Can Give My Life to Jesus

April 16 — Love is Full of Joy When the Truth is Spoken

April 23 — Love Never Gives Up



**Do you knit/crochet OR do you want to learn?** If providing caps for chemo patients or blankets for babies in a NICU sounds like a ministry you would like to be a part of please let Erin Kruschwitz know. You can also pick up a hand-out with more information in the foyers of the sanctuary and MPR building.



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## GBC Bowling Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us in March for GBC Bowling Night at Bowl America Short Pump.





## Community Table

Thank you to everyone who joined us for BINGO at our March 29th Community Table.



### YOU'RE INVITED!

Dinner at 6:00 pm | Activities at 6:30 pm

Each week, we'll have a delicious, home-cooked meal, followed by an activity, including presentations from relevant community guests, games, creative projects, and in-house service projects designed to serve the local community.

**Dinner is \$4/adult, \$1/child, maximum \$15.00/family**

Goochland Baptist welcomes our community together on Wednesday nights to connect with neighbors, discover resources and events throughout Goochland and Hanover, and give back to our community together.

### April 2023 Calendar

**April 5th** Giving Back to Our Community  
We'll be stuffing Easter Eggs for GBC's annual Easter Egg hunt for community families.

**April 12th** Gardening in Goochland  
Bob Whitehead, Horticulture Associate from the Goochland Cooperative Extension, will be sharing tips on vegetable gardening in Central Virginia.

**April 19th** Mixer Night  
Learn something new about your neighbors.

**April 26th** Game Night  
Join us for some friendly competition.

**Please RSVP to reserve meals  
for you and your family at  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/communitytable](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/communitytable).**

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April 6 at 7:00 pm

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us for a special worship service to take us back to Jesus' final night with his disciples. As we re-experience Jesus' final hours with his disciples, we'll consider the impact of that last night in our own lives.



# Easter Sunday

**April 9 | 9:30 am.**  
**Worship Service**

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and photo booth.







▲ During the March JOY Club (pictured above), “4 The Lord Trio” ministered through their music and lunch was fried flounder provided by Kitchen 33. For the March Senior Outing we had a delicious lunch at Red Lobster.

# JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 26TH @ 10:30AM**

**Entertainment provided by Mount Vernon’s  
“Young at Heart” Senior Choir.**  
*Fried Chicken lunch provided by Kitchen 33.  
Members, please bring desserts.*



## **SENIOR OUTING:**

The April Senior Outing will be on **Thursday, April 20th**. The bus will leave GBC at 11:30 am. heading to Michie Tavern in Charlottesville for lunch at 1 pm.

**RSVP to John Webb  
804-334-9270.**

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

# APRIL 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allen Bowles**—at home.

**Frances Bradshaw**—at the Laurels Convalescent Center.

**Eva Childress**—recovering from a recent fall.

**Frank and Janet Faudree**—health concerns.

**Caney Flaig** (youngest grandson of Kurt and Edy Flaig)—is home after a successful surgery last Thursday at VCU Medical Center. The family thanks you for your prayers!

**Linda Gibbs**—back at Beth Shalom following recent hospitalization. Has a new infection. Pray that her new antibiotic works.

**Carolyn Heath**—living at the Discovery Village at the West End.

**Scott Hobson**—has multiple myeloma.

**Amos and Judy Johnson**— have moved into Vitality Living Assisted Care. They welcome visits!

**Connie Long**

**Hazel Melton**—recovering from stroke at home.

**Rebecca Michels**—Recent test results show that radiation is working to shrink treated spots; however, there are 2 new spots, so Rebecca has begun the more difficult chemo again.

**Don Powell**—receiving in-home nursing care

**Amy Richardson** (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—got good labs last week that show the cancer marker is almost normal; hopes to start a maintenance drug that will keep her in remission.

## Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Jaimie Algood** (37 year old friend of Sherry Rosen, wife and mother of 3)—dealing with rare and serious form of cancer; is at MD Anderson in Houston for 31 days of chemo and radiation.

**John Bartlett**—Linda Moore's brother

**Julia Beaver** (friend of Janet Myers)—has Crohn's Disease and significant weight loss.

**Travis Brown** (Pastor Ken Stalls' good friend) - melanoma.

**Wanda Coppedge** (friend of Diane Proctor's son, Travis)—hit by forklift at work, has had 2 brain surgeries, and is in an induced coma.

**Megan Curry and family** (Nicole Lingerfelt's cousin).

**Ann Dalton** (friend of Jackie Ford)—has cancer which isn't responding well to chemo

**Jean Dunkum** (Pastor Sharon's uncle) - heart issues.

**Jerry Fanning** (friend of Willy Hall and John Webb)—health concerns.

**Savannah Fortune** (daughter of Jennifer Fortune, friend of many at GBC)—pray for her as she is on active duty in the US Navy.

**Bill and Virginia Hayden** (Gayle Stanley's parents)—health concerns.

**Kelly Harris** (Jimmy and Brenda Allen's daughter) - released from hospital and recovering at home.

**Stephen Hill** (brother of good friend of Gwen Padgett)—cancer.

**Kadence Jester** (great-granddaughter of Stuart and Brenda Durrett)—returned home after recent hospitalization at VCU.

**Neslihan Kocer** (sister of Mike Nicholas' friend John Kocer)—fighting cancer and receiving chemotherapy in Turkey.

**Linda Kellum** (Rebecca Michels' Mom)—went home at the end of April 2022.

**Maggie Vaughan Lawrence** (Brenda French's friend, a wife/mother in her 30s)—is not losing heart; she's encouraged by good reports for recent scans. More scans to follow...

**Ashley May** (friend of Brenda French lives in Alabama)—has started chemo for breast cancer. She is 40 years old.

**Phillip Nicklas** (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—His body is now rejecting his stem cell transplant.

**Neal Purcell** (David Purcell's brother)—at home recovering from hospitalization.

**Jay Ramsey** (William and Lila Hicks' son-in-law)—diagnosed with liver cancer. Please pray for the Jay and his wife Kim, as well as the entire Hicks family.

**Eddie Richardson** (Gwen Padgett's uncle)—recovering at home after recent hospitalization.

**Wilma Rushing** (Brenda French's 94 year-old mother)—adjusting well in the nursing home. Thanks for the cards and prayers.

**Frank Shields** (Pastor Sharon's son-in-law) - recovering from recent stroke.

**Audrey Stalls** (Pastor Ken Stalls' granddaughter)

**Chick Sweeney** (Kevin Dunne's brother-in-law)—recovering at home from a "minor" stroke which mainly affects his speech which he finds very stressful, which drives his blood pressure beyond healthy limits.

**Brian Sweeney** (son of Chick, see above)—continues to wait for a kidney transplant.

**Dolly Vopelak**—(Ken Stalls' mother in NC) on hospice; just turned 98 years old.

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

**Jackie Woods** (family member of Brenda French) - lung cancer has spread to her brain. Please pray for her and her daughter, Katie French.

**Mariam Egbal Yuen** (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law)—recovering from treatment for neuropathy.

## Memorial Service Update

**A memorial service for Kevin Dunne** will be held at Goochland Baptist Church on Friday, May 12 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in our Fellowship Hall.

Please email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com) with new prayer requests, changes to prayer requests, or to be added or removed from our Prayer Request Email List.