

MARCH 2022

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

Every year about this time, it always marvels me: the color, the budding flowers, and the new life that slowly emerges in the spring. There's always one week when it seems like the forest turns comes to life. Green leaves start to emerge, the red buds start to bloom, and the chirps of birds become more and more frequent.

In many ways, I feel like that parallels what we're experiencing at church. Because I sense new life and new opportunity popping up all around us. Everybody whose been to Sunday Connect seems to leave excited: our children and young people are having a great time, and we've consistently had over 20 people join us for life-giving conversations on scripture in our Bible Year reading group. Our kitchen team is making sure we leave on a full stomach, too.

Our special events for children have been hits, too. Our Sunday School teachers have put a lot of planning into "Snow Much Fun" and Valentine's Bingo - and our kids were blessed by it. We have another special opportunity for children coming up: Flowers of Faith. On Sunday, March 13, children from our church and community are invited to meet in our Outdoor Pavilion to plant flowers to take home and share with someone special.

Our middle and high-school students will be busy, too! I'm grateful for the willingness of Brett Alvis, Mila Spaulding, and Kitt Townsend to take nine of our teenage girls to Camp Little

Crossroads this month for their annual Shine retreat! Volunteers like them, as well as Maryanne Henley and Dave Angel, are helping our student ministry find new life this spring.

But it's not all the programming that excites me. We've voted to accept the proposed changes our Document Review Committee, which will make it easier for our church family to do ministry in the years ahead. The work the DRC is doing is vital for paving the way for our church to minister more effectively in the coming years. I'm grateful for all the work that Dwight Grissom, Ellen Melton, and Gwen Padgett have put into this.

On top of that, our Minister to Families search committee is already receiving resumes from candidates interested in our Minister to Families vacancy. Please pray for them as they meet these candidates. The person we hire will play a pivotal role in helping us further develop our ministries to children and youth (and even adults)! I cannot wait to work with them.

There's a lot going on. And that makes me excited! As some of you know, this past month marked my five-year anniversary as pastor at Goochland Baptist Church. We were really touched by the celebration after our church dinner on February 27. Please know how grateful Erin and I are to be here. I count it as a privilege to be your pastor. I'm excited about how God is working in our little church family, and I'm looking forward to our future together.



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### PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).



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**Dr. Curt Kruschwitz**  
Pastor

## Deacon Minutes

*Diane Proctor*

When I was growing up as a child my parents were able to provide my brother and I with all the things we needed. However, we did not get all the things we wanted. Never did I ever think I would not have enough food to eat, that thought has never entered my mind as a child or as a parent. There was always food on the table.

I knew there were families that were going without food. My mom would say there are children in "China" that did not have enough food to eat. Not sure why she said that, but waste of food was not tolerated in our house.

Growing up and as an adult, I knew there were people going without food, but never thought that was going on in our community. Not until I got involved in the Brown Bag Ministry in our church. Today there are children in the Goochland community who are going to school each day who face the fact the only food they will have is what is provided to them by the school.

The Brown Bag ministry in our church was set up to provide snacks for those children to have something to eat over the weekend, where a meal is not provided or snacks they would not have at home. Each week four women meet at the church to fill 35 lunch bags with treats, a protein, something for breakfast, and fruit cups. Each time I put something in a bag, I wonder how the children are feeling when they open the bags on the weekend. I think of how blessed I was as a child and parent, I did not have to worry if there was going to be enough food to eat.

As the bags are completed and loaded into the car to be delivered to the school it warms my heart. These 35 bags as small as there are will touch 35 families. While participating in this ministry I have found we can all take the every day small things for granted.

This ministry takes maybe a hour to a hour in half. So little time for the reward you feel when this task is done. My heart is full when I leave.

I encourage all of you to find a ministry in the church that you can be passionate about. There are a lot of opportunities in the church. If you are not sure what is available, contact your deacon. I am sure there is a place for everyone in the church to be involved in something. The rewards are greater than you know.

## GBC Student Ministry Update

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

Our church family has really stepped up this month to ensure that our student ministry continues. Maryanne Henley has volunteered to lead Sunday School on Sundays at 10:45 am. Then on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm, she and Dave Angel will be leading our students for Sunday Connect.

Mila Spaulding, Brett Alvis, and Kitt Townsend are taking nine of our teenage girls to Camp Little Crossroads from March 18-20. We know this will be an exciting time for our young women.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events in April and this summer.

If you have ideas for our Student Ministry or would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Curt.

	<b>March 5</b>	Victoria Parrish
	<b>March 6</b>	Mary Stanley
	<b>March 7</b>	Betsy Alvis Betty Meador
	<b>March 14</b>	Shannon Wilson
	<b>March 17</b>	John Audia Sheila Claytor Diane Proctor
	<b>March 18</b>	Steve Dabney Ida May Nelson
	<b>March 20</b>	Rebecca Michels Keith Spaulding Russ Starke
	<b>March 21</b>	Brandon Arnold
	<b>March 22</b>	Kathy Nicholas Craig Williams
	<b>March 23</b>	Ginger Dyson Audrey Taylor
	<b>March 25</b>	Patricia Alvis
	<b>March 26</b>	Dennis Alvis
	<b>March 30</b>	Jackie Ford Jessie Stewardson
	<b>March 31</b>	Nate Arnold

# GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

## Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, March 26**  
**9 am-12 pm**

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

## ATTENTION GBC YOUTH GIRLS!



### SHINE WEEKEND 2022

Friday, March 18-Sunday, March 20, 2022  
CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center  
Lowesville, VA

Shine is a weekend for teen girls grades 6-12 and will feature bible study, worship, missions, breakouts, and a variety of activities. The cost is \$50 GBC per girl.

**Contact Mila Spaulding, [mila.spaulding@gmail.com](mailto:mila.spaulding@gmail.com),**  
**for more information or visit [www.wmuv.org/events/shine](http://www.wmuv.org/events/shine).**

# Flowers of Faith

**Sunday, March 13**  
**5:00 pm**

RSVP to Kitt at  
804-514-7316  
RSVP not required  
but appreciated.

Our Sunday Evening  
Children's class will  
be planting flowers to  
take home and  
to share with  
someone special  
in their lives.



**GBC**  
**Children**



MARCH 2022

## 5th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, February 27th, we celebrated Curt Kruschwitz's five years of service as Pastor at GBC.



STARTING IN MARCH

## A CROSS-SHAPED LIFE

A Lenten Sermon Series

Lent is a season of the year when we acknowledge our need: our need for forgiveness, our need for God, our need for new life. This Lent, as we prepare for Easter, we'll consider six stories from our journey reading the Bible through in a year that highlight qualities we see in the person of Jesus. As we study these stories, we'll ask God to help unlock these qualities in our own lives, so that we'll better resemble Jesus ourselves.



# SUNDAY Connect

DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL AGES.

**SUNDAYS 5:00 PM-5:50 PM**

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC, MISSIONS & MOVEMENT

Children ages preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Susan Angel for a time of music, mission activities and games.

## STUDENT MINISTRY GATHERING

Students ages 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join Kelly Anderson for Bible study, games, and fellowship.

## BIBLE READING GROUP

Join Pastor Curt and Ellen Melton as they facilitate a discussion group that is reading the bible, from Genesis to Revelations, together in one year. At the meetings we will reflect on the week's readings. This is an open group – anyone is welcome to join at any point during the year and continue reading with us as long (or little) as they desire. This month's readings are:

**3/06/2022**

Joshua 12–Judges 16

**3/13/2022**

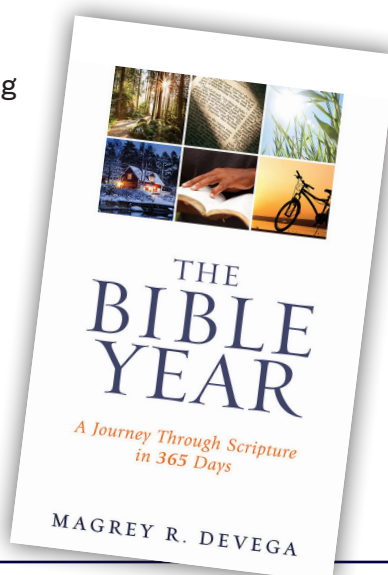
Judges 17–1 Samuel 15

**3/20/2022**

1 Samuel 16–7 Samuel 7

**3/27/2022**

2 Samuel 8–1 Kings 11



## Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Our 3:30 pm Wednesday afternoon Bible study will transition from the 10 Commandments to *Why Easter Matters* starting on Wednesday, March 23. The four Wednesdays leading up to Easter, Pastor Curt will be facilitating a video study on the importance of Easter led by Andy Stanley. This is a great way to prepare our hearts for Christ's resurrection!



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



**THRU MARCH 16TH**

## WHY EASTER MATTERS

ANDY  
STANLEY

**STARTING MARCH 23RD**

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

### Minister to Families

Our Search Committee for the Minister to Families is made up of the following people:

- Betsy Alvis
- Phil Egolf
- Ellen Melton
- Jordan Padgett, chair
- Mila Spaulding
- Kitt Townsend
- Heather Waldrop

The search committee is already meeting and receiving resumes. Please pray for them as they meet candidates and discern whom they believe God is calling to minister at Goochland Baptist Church.

## SUNDAY

# SERVE

## SCHEDULE

### GREETERS

<b>March 6</b>	Betsy Alvis & Diane Proctor
<b>March 13</b>	Josh Padgett & Jim Fields
<b>March 20</b>	Amy Robinson & Teresa Kessler
<b>March 27</b>	Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields

### USHERS

<b>March 6</b>	Hope Webb & Ellen Melton
<b>March 13</b>	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
<b>March 20</b>	Elizabeth Bowers & Dave Angel
<b>March 27</b>	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY TEAM



We now have a group of individuals who are anxious to provide transportation help to those who need this service for essential needs. This might include doctor/dentist appointments, grocery store runs, prescription pickup, and other appropriate requests. The earlier you make your request the more likely one of these individuals can adapt their schedule to accommodate your need. Please feel free to contact these volunteers directly. If that is not possible, you may contact the team coordinator, Phillip Surprenant, and he will do his best to find coverage for you.

Remember, these individuals have expressed a desire to help you so do not be afraid to contact them if they can be of assistance.

**Phillip Surprenant**  
(Team Coordinator)  
202-297-6043

**Gale Chaisson**  
804-475-1433

**Jim Fields**  
Cell-804-929-2143

**Teresa Kessler**  
Cell-205-305-4804

**Connie Jones**  
Cell-804-216-7404

**David Angel**  
Cell-804-240-9228

**John Webb**  
Cell-804-334-9270



## GBC Seniors

Below are pictures from a few of our senior events in February.



Senior Outing at Calabash Seafood Restaurant.



Celebrating Stuart Melton's 89th birthday at The Pickel Barrel.



Bill and Linda Lewis of "Gospel Glory" entertained our seniors during February JOY Club with their wonderful Gospel music and testimonies.

# JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD**

**@ 10:30AM**

**Come and enjoy Gospel music by Amy Ladd.**

**Lunch will be provided by the Pickel Barrel.**

**Members please bring desserts.**

### SENIOR OUTING:

**This month's Senior Outing will be at Tavern on The Rail in Mineral on Thursday, March 10th at 5:00 pm.**

**The bus will leave the church at 4:05 pm to arrive by 5:00pm.**

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

**Any questions please call John Webb at 804-334-9270.**

**[www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults)**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allen Bowles**—health concerns.

**Elizabeth Bowers**—knee replacement surgery

**Debbie Dunlavey**—recovering from her surgery at home.

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

**Janet Faudree**—health concerns.

**Linda Gibbs**—in her medical care unit of Beth Shalom.

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

**Scott Hobson**— has multiple myeloma. Grateful for the healing in his foot infection.

**Connie Long**

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

**Rebecca Michels**—November scans showed no additional cancer spread. Rebecca plans to get second opinions on radiation for spots.

**Linda Moore**—is staying at home per doctors' instructions.

**Kristy Murren**—recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Mike Nicholas**—recovering from a stroke and hernia surgery last month. Mike and Kathy thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes.

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

**Mary Stanley**—Beth Shalom.

**Wanda Waldrop**

### Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Dorsey Alvis** (Pat Alvis' son)—seizures and health concerns.

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

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

**Roger Bourgeois** (Linda Moore's uncle)—health issues and a disabled daughter.

**Doug Brandmahl**—got encouraging test results recently regarding his leukemia.

**Alana Buehring and family** (friends of Lingerfelts)

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

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

**George Duke** (friends of Mike and Kathy Nicholas)—just had back surgery. Pray for his recovery and for his wife, Kathy, as she cares for him.

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

**Shelby and Baird Godley** (daughter and son-in-law of Glenn and Janet Myers, grandchildren and Glen and Judy Young)—expecting their first child in September.

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

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

**Mae Higgs** (longtime Goochland Schools bus driver)—has now completed a full year of Chemo therapy treatments for Leukemia. She will have a bone marrow biopsy in mid-January to determine if she is truly free of the Leukemia. She is very grateful for all the prayers and cards.

**Roy Huskins** (Mike Nicholas' cousin in TN)—anticipating surgery to alleviate major back issues.

**Patti Jenkins** (Brenda French's sister)—recovering from successful brain surgery.

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

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

**Fannie Melton** (Frankie Melton's mother)—recovering at home after a fall that broke her arm.

**Rebecca Michels' Mom**

**Steven Morris (Sheila Claytor's nephew in Prince George, VA)**—diagnosed with kidney cancer and beginning radiation

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

**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.

**Pierce** (William and Lila Hicks' granddaughter)—kidney problems

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

**Wilma Rushing** (Brenda French's mother)—Doing well on oral chemotherapy.

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

**Ralph Taylor** (Audrey Taylor's husband)—recovering from back surgery.

**Greg Toney** (son of Phyllis Toney)—health concerns.

**Jimmy Van Riper** (friend of Maryanne Henley) - recovering at home after brain bleed. He has a long road ahead. Please pray for his wife and son.

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

**Howard West**—(family of Audrey Nuckols and Lois Lane) health issues.

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

**Jacki Woods**—(mother of Brenda French's daughter-in-law in Pittsburgh, PA) doing well with preventative brain radiation.

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