

SEPTEMBER 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

The word educate literally means “to draw out.” I was reminded of that when I was taking a soccer coaching course last week, of all places.

This was a course developed by US Soccer for coaches of children's teams. And one of the things they recommended was shifting away from a philosophy where the coach tells the players what to do (e.g. kick with your laces) to asking them questions (e.g. how might you kick it stronger?) Why? Because with questions, you teach the players to think for themselves. You help them reflect on the game on their own. This helps them develop a much better understanding of the game for themselves.

And as I thought about that shift, it hit me: that's probably a really helpful shift in thinking about sharing our faith. Oftentimes, we get worked up about how we might talk with our neighbors about Jesus: “I don't want to say the wrong thing” or “I don't want to come across too strong” or “What if they ask me a question I can't answer?”

I wonder if one of the best tools we have for sharing our faith is asking questions. Questions that lead point others to Christ. Questions that help others discover Jesus for themselves. After all,

that's what Jesus did. He asked questions like, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you so afraid?”

Perhaps that's a good starting point for us. When we feel the Spirit leading us to help someone spiritually, maybe we start with a question. Maybe a question like, “What do you want most out of life?” or “What keeps you awake at night?” Questions like “When have you felt God's presence the most in your life?” or “What do you think Jesus would say about that?” If nothing else, questions open the door to a conversation. And conversations about deep things in life give us an opportunity to share naturally the most important things about our faith.

To be honest, I think that's a lot more effective than telling people what to believe. Jesus himself didn't simply say, “Believe this...” Instead, he led people to discover Truth by asking them questions and inviting them to follow him.

As you serve with our church family in our effort to make earth look more like heaven this month, try asking some questions to your friends, children, or neighbors. And see how God uses them. If Jesus found them helpful, I think we will, too.



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



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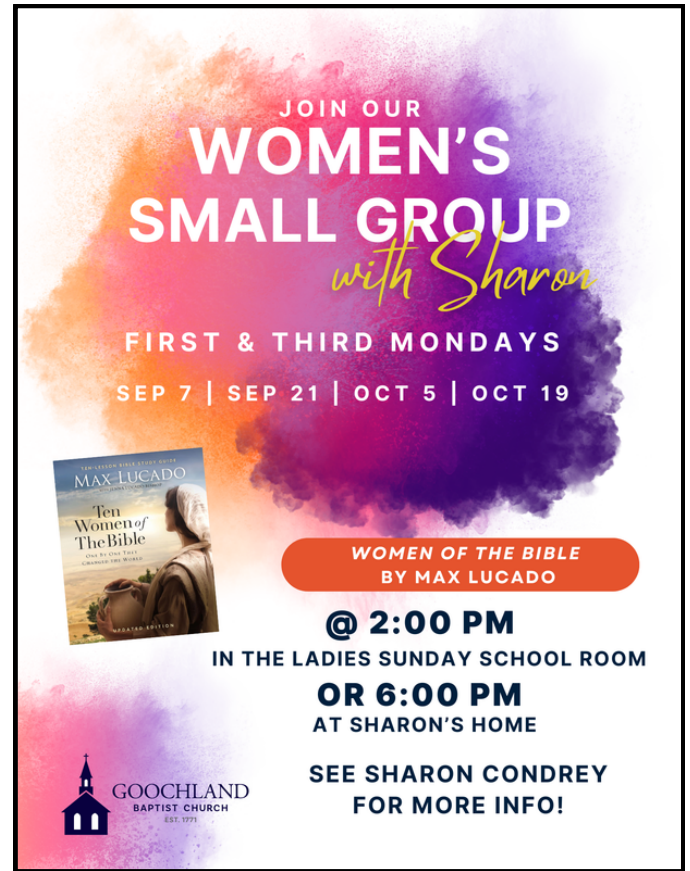
Do you remember the excitement that came with the beginning of a new school year—reconnecting with friends and wondering what the year would bring? Summer break offered an opportunity to relax, enjoy new experiences, and step away from the usual routine. Yet there was also something exciting about returning to the rhythm and energy of a new school year.

I believe the same can be true as we return to our regular rhythm as a church community. After a summer break, we can come together with renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and excitement for the year ahead.

There is much to look forward to. The women’s small group will resume on September 7. Community Table will gather again beginning September 9, giving us an opportunity to reconnect with one another while enjoying wonderful meals and fellowship.

As we move into the fall, we can also look forward with anticipation to the Advent season. In the months ahead, let us wonder together and discern how God is moving in our midst. May we be attentive to the Holy Spirit and prepared to respond when the Spirit calls us to action.

That is the excitement a new year brings to our community of faith: the opportunity to gather, to grow, to wonder, and to respond. Together, we continue our work of helping to bring about Heaven on Earth.



JOIN OUR
**WOMEN'S
SMALL GROUP**
with Sharon

FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS
SEP 7 | SEP 21 | OCT 5 | OCT 19



**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
BY MAX LUCADO**

@ 2:00 PM
IN THE LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
OR 6:00 PM
AT SHARON'S HOME

**SEE SHARON CONDREY
FOR MORE INFO!**

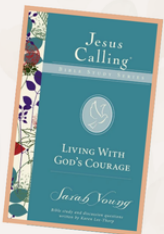


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**YOUNG WOMEN
& MOTHERS**
Small Group

2nd & 4th Mondays
@ 5:30 pm in The Cove



Childcare provided

See Parker Dunlavey for more info

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Come Join Us!
on Wednesdays

DINNER @ 6 pm

PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY @ 6:30 pm
(Children & Youth activities also provided at this time)

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Sep 9th - Brown Bags

Sep 16th - Plan RVA

Sep 23rd - Brown Bags

Sep 30th - "Tree Care" with Paul White (Arborist)

It's Back...You are needed and invited to join the

GBC
Choir

Rehearsal Sep 13th @ 11:30 am
Presentation Sep 20th

Directing: Peggy Brown; Accompaniment: Jackie Ford

Contact David Angel if interested



community
rewards

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your Kroger Plus Card. Search for Goochland
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Mission Report:

In August, GBC served our community
partners at Sylvia's Sisters with a Kit
Packing party, and at GES helping staff
prepare for the school year.



Since 1976, the annual Virginia Missions offering
has been a joint venture of the HerMission
(formerly WMUVa) and the BGAV. These offerings
go towards state missions, to share the love of
Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Our
goal for GBC this year is \$500.**

**We will be collecting for Alma Hunt through the
month of September.** If you wish to give, please
put your offering in the designated offering
envelopes or write Alma Hunt Offering in the
memo line of a check.

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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!

GBC Adult Ministry Presents



Social Graces LET'S SHARE A MEAL!

Fellowship with and get to know others in our church family by joining a "Social Graces" group. Our new season begins this spring!

Sign up for your new group today!

RSVP by Oct 4 at
www.goochlandchurch.org/adults
or by leaving a message with the church office at (804) 749-3522.

See Karen Evans for more information.



"Together We Serve" Fair

starting
Sunday,
September 20



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Check out our committee displays in the MPR to find unique ways you can serve!

September Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- SEP 6** Lois & Dwight Grissom
SEP 13 Lynn & Ed Hayes
SEP 20 Jean Johnson & Pauline Toney
SEP 27 Teresa Kessler & Martha Walsh

USHERS

- SEP 6** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb
SEP 13 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
SEP 20 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
SEP 27 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



- Sep 1** Wayne Melton
 Hope Webb
Sep 6 Janet Koch
Sep 14 Sharon Condrey
 Ray Waldrop
Sep 15 Linwood Boxley
Sep 24 Tracy Novak
Sep 30 Thomas Henley
 Robert Townsend

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
 Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Sep 26th,
8am - 10:30am**

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



**Quarterly Business Meeting
 Sunday, Sep 20 @ 11:40 am**

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after
 Sunday School on September 13.
 Our church family is encouraged to join us as we
 attend to matters of church business.



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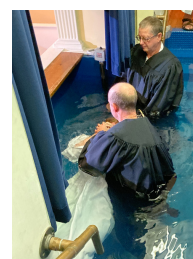
Vacation Bible School: Illumination Station

We had a great time at Vacation Bible School last month. Thank you to all the children who participated, and to all the volunteers that helped us "Shine a light on who Jesus really is!"



Baptism Sunday

August 16 was a Baptism Sunday at GBC. We welcomed Garrett Webb and his uncle, Grayland Adcock, as brothers in Christ through baptism. What a special Sunday to celebrate the family we have and gain through our Savior.



GBC Seniors



August Senior Outing

We had great time and delicious meal at Joe's Inn in Bon Air.



August Joy Club

We had good food by Suzanne's Catering and wonderful entertainment from Mount Vernon's "Young at Heart" Choir



Thursday 9/10 @ 12:00 pm

Captain Tom's Seafood in
Colonial Heights, VA

Bus will leave GBC @
11:05am

NO September Joy Club

We'll see you in October!

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

SEPTEMBER 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Allen Bowles -- returned home

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Lila Hicks – recovering from eye surgery

William Hicks – recovering from heart procedure

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Jean Johnson – health issues

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 – diagnosed with lung cancer

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

Erick Palacio - newborn son of Erin Henley; still at Children's Hospital undergoing tests. Please pray that he can keep his food down and gain weight.

Vicky Parrish – living in 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

Terry Adams (brother -in-law of Mike Nicholas) – dysplasia and Parkinson's disease

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

Ella Dyer (granddaughter of Jimmy and Brenda Allen) – recovering from surgery for a face injury

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

Janette Lantz & Family (friend of Justin Lingerfelt)

Barbara Lindsey (friend of Mike Nicholas) - GI/Colon Cancer and living alone after recent loss of her husband

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

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.

Diana Thomas (one of our liaisons at community partner CARITAS) – health concerns as she cares for family and extended family

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