

MAY 2022

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here! Our church family has been hard at work, preparing for summer activities. I'm starting a new, Wednesday afternoon Pastor's Study based on Andy Stanley's book, *Irresistible*. Each week, we'll consider what it was that made the faith displayed in the first-century church so compelling, so attractive, and so irresistible. Join us on Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

On Sunday, May 8, we'll have Parent-Child Dedication. This is a beloved tradition at Goochland Baptist church for families to dedicate themselves and their children to Jesus Christ. If you would like to dedicate your child or grandchild, please contact the church office ASAP.

In addition, we're having Food Truck Night for Sunday Connect on Sunday, May 22. At 6:00 pm, the food truck Curbside Creations will be serving at Goochland Baptist Church. Curbside Creations was voted Richmond's Best Food

Truck! You can look at their menu at rvafoodtruck.com. Like an old fashioned church picnic, we'll have some games and activities available to help you get to know your church family better, too.

On Sunday, June 12, we'll be recognizing our students who are graduating from high school and college. If you have a son or daughter graduating, please contact the church office and let us know. We'd love to recognize them publicly and pray for them on June 12.

Please pray for our Minister to Families Search Team as we continue to discern whom God is calling to be our next Minister to Families. We are still meeting and closing in on candidates. As soon as the Search Team is ready to make a recommendation, you'll hear about opportunities to get to know the candidate they are presenting to the church.

Finally, please note that there will be a Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, May 15 after Sunday School. We hope you'll stay for it.



GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

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PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.



WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

GBC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 15 after Sunday School

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Deacon Minutes

Teresa Kessler

Do you remember the hymn, For the Beauty of the Earth? The first verse and refrain are:

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

During the month of May we need to be mindful of the beauty surrounding us. When you observe God's creation, you see flowers in a myriad of colors, beautiful, lush green grass, vegetable plants sprouting, and beautiful sunny days. Take time to get outside and enjoy God's creation. Take a walk, go for a bike ride, go fishing, plant a flower, weed your yard. Don't rush through life without enjoying the beauty of your surroundings. Meditate on the many ways God has blessed your life. Seek God's guidance in ways you can be a blessing to someone else.

We will also celebrate our mothers during May. Some of us see our mother regularly; others only have memories. Whatever your situation, pause to honor her. Mother's Day provides us the special opportunity to reflect on our relationship and do something special for her.

As you reflect on your relationship with your mother, think of the positive ways she has impacted your life. Think of the many ways you can honor her, as God commands us to do. This Mother's Day reach out to your mother, or someone special in your life who is like a mother to you. Let her know you love her. Spend time with her. Tell her why she is special to your life and thank God for her.

THANK YOU

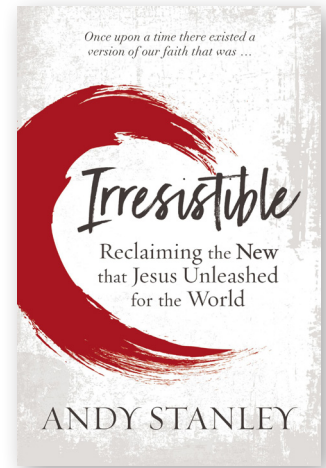
Alvis Farms would like to thank all the GBC volunteers who provided support for our First Eggstravaganza held on April 16th. We also appreciate all those who came out to attend the event. We love our church and appreciate all your help in educating the community about agriculture. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks again.

Sincerely,
The women of Alvis Farms

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

3:30 pm (MPR)

Starting on April 27, join Pastor Curt on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the multipurpose room for a new weekly study based on Andy Stanley's book, *Irresistible*. In a world where church attendance is declining, we'll consider what it was that made the faith displayed in the first-century church so compelling, so attractive, and so irresistible.



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

UPDATE: Please pray for our committee as we prayerfully discern who God may be leading to be Goochland Baptist's next Minister to Families. When we're confident in moving forward, we'll present the candidate to the church. We'll share what we see in this candidate and offer the church family time to get to know this candidate before voting on them to become our next Minister to Families.

Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who helped put together and participated in our Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt.



MAY 2022



 GBC

Child Dedication

SUNDAY, MAY 8
9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

FOOD
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SUNDAY, MAY 22 • 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Curbside Creations • www.rvafoodtruck.com
Like an ol' fashioned picnic, we'll have games and activities to help you get to know your church family better.
We'll have regular programming from 5-6pm.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

A SPIRITUAL MAKEOVER

RETURN FROM EXILE

When the Israelites returned from the Babylonian exile, everything had changed. Jerusalem had been destroyed, God's Holy Temple desecrated. While in exile, the prophets told of a return to Judah and better days to come. But when God's people returned to Judah, it became apparent that their glory days were gone. As God's people learned, sometimes we all need a spiritual makeover. Over the next couple of weeks, we'll consider what that spiritual makeover may entail.

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 gather 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:

5/1/2022

Nehemiah 5 – Job 14

5/8/2022

No Meeting (Mother's Day)

5/15/2022

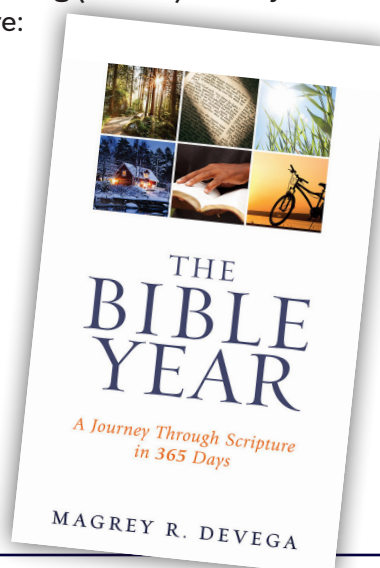
Job 15 – Psalm 41

5/22/2022

Psalm 42 – 68

5/29/2022

No Meeting
(Memorial Day Weekend)



Happy
Birthday!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Carla Yuen
May 2	Mackenzie Murren Scott Ricketts
May 3	Cindy Alvis
May 6	Jacquelyn Eby
May 8	Mike Wilson
May 10	Brenda French Roger Moore Mary Richardson
May 13	Megan Arnold Forrest Webb
May 16	Michael Nicholas
May 17	Josh Padgett
May 18	Olivia Murren
May 19	Aubrey Lingerfelt
May 20	John Webb
May 22	George Alvis Lee Proffitt
May 23	Erin Henley Ellen Melton
May 24	Hunter Bailey Caroline Bassett Al Henley Rachel Henley
May 28	George Albert Henley
May 30	Frank Faudree
May 31	Robert Nuckols

GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

Saturday, May 28
8 am-11 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

SUNDAY **SERVE** SCHEDULE

GREETERS

May 1	Jeff Parrish & Teresa Kessler
May 8	Jason & Angela Bassett
May 15	Jim Fields & Diane Proctor
May 22	Jeff Parrish & Cameron Bassett
May 29	George & Janet Koch

USHERS

May 1	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
May 8	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
May 15	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
May 22	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
May 29	Amy Robinson & George Koch

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)
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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 April.



▲ April Senior Outing at The County Seat Restaurant in Powhatan.

Mt. Vernon's "Young at Heart Choir" entertained our seniors during April's JOY Club. ▶



JOY CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH
@ 10:30AM

Come and enjoy gospel music provided by
Chip & Nikkie Headley.

Lunch provided by the Pickel Barrel.
Members please bring desserts.

SENIOR OUTING:

Our upcoming Senior Outing is **Thursday, May 19th** to visit the **Rapalee Taxidermy Museum** and tour their Gallery and Showroom at **11:00 am**. Afterwards we will have lunch at the **Bella Sicilia Italian Restaurant** in Goochland at **12:00 pm**.

We will be leaving GBC at 10:30 am, Rapalee's at **11:00 am** and lunch at **12:00 pm**.

NEED to please RSVP to John Webb at 804-334-9270.

Any questions please call John Webb at 804-334-9270.
www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

PRAYER REQUESTS

Elizabeth Bowers—recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Allen Bowles—health concerns

Gale Chaisson—knee surgery on May 2

David and Brenda Denton—have COVID-19

Debbie Dunlavy—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.

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—finished radiation treatment at Cleveland Clinic and is doing chemotherapy locally. Will have follow up scans in June or July to monitor progress.

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

Kristy Murren—recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—health concerns

Scott Ricketts—undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

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—admitted at UVA Hospital for an infection.

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)

Jamie (birth father of Rebecca Bobbitt, daughter of Kurt and Eddie Flaig)—has been diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and is waiting treatment plan.

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.

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

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

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

Linda Kellum, Rebecca Michels' Mom—went home last week!

Steven Morris (Sheila Claytor's nephew in Prince George, VA)—started immunotherapy for his bone cancer. He's in much pain. Pray for Steven and his wife.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)— is a marine who has been diagnosed with renal (kidney) cancer that has spread. He also has a form of bone marrow cancer.

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)—feeling better after an infection from her recent surgery.

Dennis Shelton (cousin of Betty Meador)—complications from surgery.

Beth Skidmore (friend of Gale Chaisson)—her six-month old grandchild is having health issues. Please pray for Beth and the child's parents, Alex and Ali Skidmore.

Sue Snead (neighbor to David and Brenda Denton)—cancer treatments

Marie Sutphin (sister-in-law of Janet Koch)—recovering from surgery after falling and breaking her wrist in two places.

Greg Toney (son of Phyllis Toney)—recovering from recent hospitalization following surgery.

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

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

Rhodes Wilder (friend of Jeff Parrish)—8 month old at St. Mary's Hospital fighting viral infections.

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

Jacki Woods—(mother of Brenda French's daughter-in-law in Pittsburgh, PA) got a great report from a scan in March. Will follow up in 3 months.

Mariam Egbal Yuen (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law) - at Henrico Doctors Forest being treated for neuropathy.

Please email gouchlandchurch@gmail.com with new prayer requests, changes to prayer requests, or to be added or removed from our Prayer Request Email List.