

APRIL 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

Every year for Palm Sunday, the church purchases palms and invites our children to carry them down the aisles of the sanctuary, waving them, as the church sings "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." It's one of my favorite things the church does. Not just because it's always really cute to see the youngest in our church family leading in worship, but also because it's a reminder that the story of Jesus is our story.

There's something about reenacting the story of God in our own lives that helps us inhabit God's truth. That's why Jesus was such a proponent of baptism: because when we're dipped under the water and raised back up, it's a physical reminder that we die to sin and God raises us to new life. That's why Jesus instructed his disciples to reenact the Last Supper and "do this in remembrance of me." Because when we take the bread and drink from the cup, we're reminded that Christ lives inside of us.

That's why Holy Week is so important. Easter is the foundation of our faith. The resurrection of Christ transformed Jesus' disciples' lives, it led to the spread of the church, and it gives hope to believers today that the powers of evil don't have dominion in this world. That's a truth we need to relive today!

Goochland Baptist has two services planned not just to hear the story, but to experience it yourself. Our Maundy

Thursday service (Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm) is a short service to help us relive the last supper and Jesus' final moments before the crucifixion. And our Easter Sunday service (Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am) will celebrate the resurrection through word, music, and the Lord's Supper. After worship, we'll put flowers on the cross outside, have an Easter Egg hunt for families, and enjoy a time of festive fellowship together. I hope you'll join us.

And I hope you'll find ways that you can discover the truth of Easter in your own life this month. Some people fast during Holy Week to help them understand Christ's sacrifice. Some people volunteer their time to serve those in need to reenact Christ's identification with the marginalized. Others give generously to mirror Christ's self-giving. Whatever you do, pray that God would help make Easter real in your life. Because the message of Easter is that if God can raise Jesus from the worst of humankind - sin and death - then God can raise us from the things that make us "die" each day: hurtful words, betrayal, or a broken dream. And this is the foundation of our faith: God's love is real, it's powerful, and it's life-changing. That's a truth for us to remember and relive this month.



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BAPTIST CHURCH
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“Coordinator’s Corner” with Sharon Condrey

In their inaugural quarter of service, GBC’s coordinators have been actively serving alongside our deacons and committees, helping to create meaningful opportunities for our church, our community, and beyond. Their efforts are already bearing fruit across several areas of ministry.

Highlights from this first quarter include:

- **Parent’s Night Out:** A time of fellowship for young parents, while their children enjoyed activities and games at the New Life Building.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** Planning is underway for June, with programming taking place during worship and Sunday School hours.
- **Congregational Care:** Ongoing hospital visits and personal outreach are providing strong support for those in need. Please continue to share prayer needs and concerns so care can be extended.
- **GBC 101:** A four-week course for those new to GBC was offered in March, helping individuals connect and learn more about the church.
- **Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:**
 - An off-site study currently in development
 - A planned marriage retreat
 - Family Mission Week (July 19-25): A meaningful opportunity for service and an accessible entry point for those new to mission work

This has been an encouraging start, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through these ministries in the months ahead.

Kit Packing Party

Thanks to all those who came out to our Kit Packing Party in March supporting Sylvia's Sisters and GoochlandCares. Our group of volunteers packed over 300 kits to be distributed over the greater Richmond area.



BOWLING *-Night-* APRIL 7TH

@BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP

Join us
every 5th Tuesday*
of the month @ 6:00 pm
Spectators Welcome!

RSVP with Karen Evans

**Note: due to Spring Break, it will be
on first Tues for this month only*

Come join us for our
**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
SERVICE**

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00pm (Sanctuary)

FLOWERING *the cross*



DURING WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

The tradition of flowering the cross on Easter symbolizes the new life and resurrection of Jesus. The cross, a symbol of death, is transformed (flowered) into a symbol of hope and eternal life.

Please bring a flower(s) to help transform the cross on Easter Sunday during worship.

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Easter Sunday, April 5th
following worship**

All ages welcome!



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A MOVEMENT OF WOMEN ON MISSION SINCE 1874



FOR ELEMENTARY AGED GIRLS & THEIR MOTHERS!

**APRIL 25 -26 @
EAGLE EYRIE
CONFERENCE
CENTER IN
LYNCHBURG, VA**

CONTACT MILA SPAULDING
FOR MORE INFO



Pastor's Midweek BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm

Seekers Classroom

*Join us this month as we continue
our study on the book of James*



COME JOIN US

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



Apr 8th | Deal or No Deal

*We'll transform our MPR into a gameshow studio.
You might walk away with a prize!*

Apr 15th | Brown Bags

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

Apr 22nd | Tables for CARITAS

*We'll be building tables and benches to donate to
our neighbors at CARITAS - all abilities welcome*

Apr 29th | Spring Benevolence Packets

*We'll make packets to keep in your car that you can give to
those in need that you encounter*

Note: Due to Spring Break, there will be NO Wednesday Night Activities on April 1.

Caught in the Act!*

During Praise Team Practice on Wednesday nights **Hudson & Harlow Plageman** are serving you!! These girls take care of checking pew inventory. They provide “Pew Quality Control” by checking offering envelopes, bulletin and newsletter QR codes cards and pencils! Serving hearts are always celebrated!



*These deeds were submitted by Gwen Padgett. Caught someone in our church family doing something praiseworthy? Submit that person's name and a description of their good deed(s) to office@goochlandchurch.org, so that they can be recognized in our monthly newsletter.

CrossRoads Camp Work Days!

Transportation, Meals & Lodging included!

Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17*



CROSSROADS



Come help us get CrossRoads Camp ready to welcome campers of all ages this summer to experience God up on the mountaintop!

See Kevin James or Mila Spaulding for more info!

*dates/time flexible if you provide your own transportation

SAVE THE DATE! GBC FAMILY SUMMER MISSION TRIP

JULY 19 - 25, 2026

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
PARTNERSHIP IN
-NICKELSVILLE, VA-

CONTACT KEVIN JAMES, MILA SPAULDING OR
BRANDON ARNOLD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THIS INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Happy Birthday

Apr 1 William Hicks

Apr 3 Ellie-Mae Gill

Apr 5 Paul White

Apr 6 John Mason

Apr 8 Angela Hobson

Apr 9 Kitt Townsend

Apr 11 Brett Alvis

Apr 14 Nicole Lingerfelt

Apr 16 Cameron Bassett

Brenda Denton

Apr 21 Brian Miller

Apr 25 Frankie Melton

Apr 26 Cliff Shelton

April Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

APR 5 Emma Arnold & Diane Proctor

APR 12 Lynn & Ed Hayes

APR 19 Jean Johnson & Pauline Toney

APR 26 Teresa Kessler & Martha Walsh

USHERS

APR 5 James Melton, David Denton, Hope Webb & Jim Fields

APR 12 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans

APR 19 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill

APR 26 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

Child Dedication

SUNDAY, MAY 10
9:30 am Worship Service

*If you would like to have a child dedicated,
please contact the church office at
office@goochlandchurch.org
(804) 749-3522 by April 29th.*

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

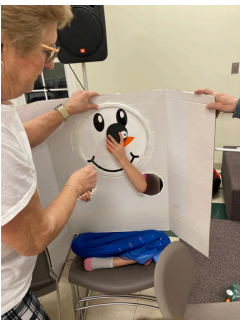
Apr Volunteer Day:

Saturday, Apr 25th
@ 8am - 10:30am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

Children's Pajama Party

Thanks to all those who made the annual Parents' Night Out/Children's Pajama party such a success. We don't know who had more fun, the children or the adults!



GBC Seniors



We had a great time at The Fishin' Pig in Glen Allen for our Senior Outing in March.



Thursday 4/9 @ 11:45 am
VA Diner (Wakefield)
Bus will leave GBC @
10:20am



Thursday 4/23 @ 10:30 am
True Spirit Gospel Band
Menu: Fried Chicken
Members asked to bring dessert or side

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

APRIL 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

Jimmy Allen – recovering at home after heart attack

Pat Alvis – recovering from back surgery

Hunter Bailey – Recovering from neck surgery. Upcoming reports will dictate future treatments.

Allen Bowles -- at home

Gale Chaisson – health issues and is recovering from recent toe surgery

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Ralph Claytor – recovering at home after back surgery

Marvin and Karen Evans – pray for their unborn great granddaughter Baby King (due 5/24), who has been diagnosed with OEIS syndrome

Mert Henley – recovering from shoulder surgery

William Hicks – recovering well after stroke

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Connie Jones -- heart and lung issues

Ellen Melton – finished treatment for the time being

Hazel Melton -- has moved to Haven Assisted Living (8085 South Mayfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111)

Brian Miller – recovering from heart surgery

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Morris is still dealing with foot issues, and Audrey is recovering her balance after knee issues.

Vicky Parrish – has moved to Commonwealth Senior Living

Diane Proctor - recovering well after a heart attack

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

John Bartlett - Linda Moore's brother

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

Carrie Braxton (friend of Mike Nicholas) – end of life issues

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

Melody Cox (daughter of Juanita Mack) – health concerns

Lonnie Denton (David Denton's brother) – serious illness

Kathy Duke (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer spread into lymph nodes

Ronnie Dunlavy (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 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; 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

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

Freida Moore (David Denton's sister) – diagnosed with stomach cancer, and perhaps lung cancer, too

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) -- Thankful that the cancerous spot on spine is tiny! Doctors want to watch it for the time being.

Kim Ramsey (William and Lila Hicks' daughter) – recovering after surgery

John Rivera (Daisy Purcell's brother-in-law) – undergoing leukemia treatments

Mary Rivera (Daisy Purcell's sister) – health issues

Sara Small (Connie Jones' granddaughter) – pathology report came back clean; family thanks GBC for the prayers

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

Mark Troy (former GBC member) – diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). His address is PO Box 159, Barren Springs, Virginia 24313