

JUNE 2023

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

After living in Texas for 12 years, one of the things I most appreciated about Virginia was its four distinct seasons. Unlike Texas, where spring and fall last about 2 weeks, there are noticeable differences between each of the four seasons.

In the same way, summer has a distinct feel at Goochland Baptist Church. We suspend our normal routines and replace them with unique opportunities that focus on fun! This all starts with our Summer Kick Off Cookout on Saturday, June 10 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. We'll be grilling out hamburgers and hot dogs and our church family is invited to bring sides and desserts to share. There will be games for families, lots of food, and some surprises as we celebrate the beginning of summer.

Vacation Bible School will begin on Wednesday, July 12. As you've heard, we're experimenting with a new format for VBS this year: we'll be meeting weekly for five weeks on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm. Not only will we have traditional VBS programming for children each week, but we'll also have opportunities for youth to plug in and adults to participate in their own Adult VBS track. A free dinner will be provided each week. We still need volunteers to make this a success. If you can

help, please contact Heather Wal-drop at hrwaldrop87@gmail.com.

Our student ministry will be following a different rhythm this summer, too. Each Monday night, our youth will gather at 6:00 at the Spaulding's house for dinner, Bible Study, and games. If you'd like to help out with our youth gatherings this summer, please contact Pastor Sharon.

And thanks to our Adult Committee's leadership, we have two fun opportunities to save the date for in August. On August 10, we'll be going to a Flying Squirrels game for their Faith and Family night. If you RSVP on the church website by Sunday, June 25, the church will cover the cost of your and your friends' tickets.

In addition, we've planned another bowling night for Tuesday, August 29. We'll have lanes reserved at Bowl America in Short Pump - just show up to play. Price per game is \$5.79 per person. In addition, shoe rentals cost \$5.49 per person. Nights like these are designed for you to invite your friends. If you've got some friends you were hoping to invite to church, this is a great way to introduce them to our church family.

As you can see, there's a lot happening this summer! I hope that you'll join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness together this summer.



**GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Minister to Families

Deacon Minutes

Diane Proctor

I went to a Bible Study with a friend, and we studied about different Christian authors and clergymen. The one that spoke to my heart was the author who wrote about solitude with God, Henri J.W. Nouwen.

Solitude is spending alone time with God. The author stated without solitude it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life. Many times it is associated with silence on God's presence and his word, and enjoying being with God one on one and listening for God's word. The author suggest to pick a particular time and place to be with God in solitude.

You need to set a time and place for your time with God. I have a calendar that hangs in my kitchen. I have written and marked all my doctor's appointment's, lunch and dinner dates, and particular events. Why not picking dates and time we need to spend with God. We would certainly would not miss a doctor's appointment, lunch with a friend, or our children's birthdays. God deserve a spot on your calendar.

When I retired, I found the best part of my day was having coffee in bed, watching the morning news, and doing my devotions. I have now added my solitude time with God. I cut off the TV, shut of the lights, cut off the phone, and put my hands over my eyes to get as dark as I can. Hopefully no distractions. I try to focus on God only, and hope nothing pops into my in my brain to cause any distractions. The first time I last almost 5 minutes. If you haven't noticed I get distracted easily. This is not easy. It takes time. I am up to 20 minutes of quality time with God. I now talk to God as I would my best friend. If I do get distracted, I ask God to help me get the distraction out so I can focus on him.

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SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey


Summer is almost here! Cook-outs and gatherings, vacations, lazy days by the pool—there is so much to look forward to. At GBC we have much to look forward to as well. We will be offering Vacation Bible School for the first time since Covid. The youth will be having weekly gatherings for Bible study, recreation and fellowship at the homes of some of our members. As a church congregation, supporting and investing in the spiritual growth of younger generations is crucial for the future of our faith community. Here are some suggestions on how we can collectively contribute to teaching and nurturing the younger members of our congregation:

1. **Children's Ministry:** Engage in our children's ministry by volunteering as teachers, assistants, or helpers during Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, or Children's Church. Share your faith, teach biblical principles, and create a loving and safe environment where children can develop a personal relationship with God.
2. **Youth Group Involvement:** Support and encourage our youth group by attending their events, participating in discussions, and offering your wisdom and live experiences. Create opportunities for intergenerational connections, allowing our younger members to learn from the older generation's faith journeys and vice versa.
3. **Prayer Support:** Regularly pray for our younger generation, their spiritual growth, and their ability to navigate the challenges they face in today's world.
4. **Lead by Example:** As individuals and as a congregation, strive to live out our faith authentically, demonstrating Christ's love, compassion, and grace in our words and actions. Be intentional about modeling a Christ-centered life to inspire and guide the younger generations.

By actively supporting and teaching younger generations, we contribute to the growth and sustainability of our faith community. Let us embrace this responsibility with love, dedication and a deep desire to see the next generation rooted in the love of Christ and equipped to carry the torch of faith forward.



Community Table will resume in Fall after a short break. Enjoy your summer!



**HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU**

June 1	Peggy Marquis Luke Stewart
June 2	Gwen Padgett
June 5	Lois Grissom
June 6	Kristy Murren
June 8	Jordan Padgett
June 9	Howard Wade Condrey
June 10	David Dabney
June 11	Jeff Parrish
June 14	Ava Henley Janet Myers Amy Robinson
June 16	Tami Ricketts
June 20	David Denton Connie Jones
June 21	Daisy Purcell
June 26	Maryanne Henley Justin Lingerfelt
June 27	Owen Murren

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Moses had many solitude moments with God, as well as Elijah & Jacob. Exodus 33:7-11, Kings 19, Genesis 32:24-32. Most importantly Jesus with God and his disciples. Luke 15:16, Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:13, Luke 6:12-13 and- Luke 22:39-44.

What I have learned about my solitude time with God is my heart has become much closer to God and I learning to have more peace. I have a long way to go, but I am glad I have added solitude time with God.

Try it you might like it.



GBC
**Children's
CHURCH**

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:**

- June 4** | I Can Serve My Family
- June 11** | I Can Get Along with My Family
- June 18** | I Can Pray for My Family
- June 25** | I Can Include Others in My Family



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.

Meets first and third Mondays of each month.

JUNE 2023

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Tickets are FREE
for up to 60 guests.

Please RSVP by 6/25 to
Ellen Melton, 804-305-5894.

BOWLING *-Night-*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
@ BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP



Join us
every 5th Tuesday
of the month @ 6:00 pm.

\$5.69/game per person • \$5.49/ shoe rentals



GBC

SUMMER KICK-OFF COOKOUT

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 11AM-1PM

FOOD • GAMES • FUN

CONGRATULATIONS

To Our 2023 College Graduate!



Jonathan C. Spaulding
Virginia Tech

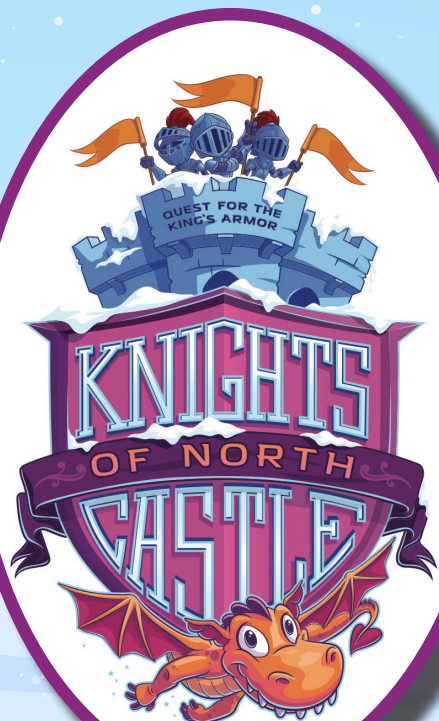
Jonathan received his Masters of
Communication on 5/10/23.

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

Saturday, June 24
8 am-10:30 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com



WEDNESDAY KNIGHTS

The Quest for the King's Armor
at North Castle VBS

Weekly VBS at Goochland Baptist Church

Wednesdays, 6-8 pm
July 12 - August 9

Registration Opens May 8th
www.goochlandchurch.org

Contact Heather, hrwaldrop87@gmail.com
or Sharon, sharcondrey@gmail.com for more
information and volunteer opportunities.

JUNE 2023

Child Dedications

In May, we held Parent-Child Dedications during our Mother's Day worship service where three children and their parents were dedicated.



JUNE SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

June 4	Lois Grissom & Diane Proctor
June 11	Teresa Kessler & Jessica Stanley
June 18	Diane Proctor & Amy Robinson
June 25	Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields

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June 4	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
June 11	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
June 18	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
June 25	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



The Adult Ministry Committee

NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are planning a talent show for September,
but need at least 5 acts to register.

Share your talents and register today at

www.goochlandchurch.org

GBC Seniors

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



▲ **May JOY Club** Sheriff Creasey and a deputy from Goochland County gave a presentation on Scams & Fraud. Lunch was Pork Barbecue provided by Kitchen 33.

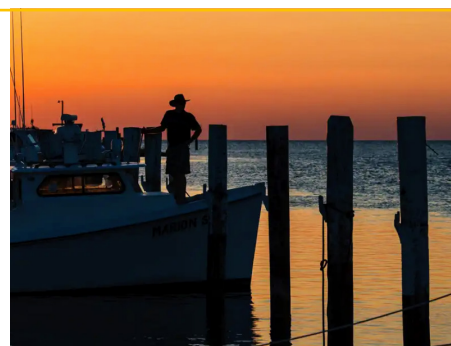


▲ **May Senior Outing** our seniors had a delicious lunch at Lola's Farmhouse Bistro on their patio.

JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 28TH AT 10:30 AM**

Musical entertainment by Josh Wortham.
Members, please bring desserts.



SENIOR OUTING:

The June Senior Outing will be a trip to Tangier Island on **Thursday, June 15th**. Leaving time TBD.

RSVP Needed to John Webb at 804-334-9270.

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

JUNE 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.

Linda Gibbs—lingering issues after most recent shoulder replacement surgery.

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 Jones—heart and lung issues

Connie Long

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Rebecca Michels—Recent scans show that cancer has continued a slow growth, so Rebecca is now exploring several drug trials. Please pray that she is led to the right drug trial.

Mike Nicholas—surgery scheduled in late June to remove part of his large intestine.

Don Powell—receiving in-home nursing care

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—is in remission and doesn't need chemo or maintenance drugs. Please pray that she stays 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.

Suzanne Coats—Suzanne is recovering from fall at Our Lady of Hope and the unexpected death of her husband, Bill.

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.

Jimmy Fincham (husband of former member, Sherry Fincham [Hughes]) - just started dialysis and is on a donor list for kidneys and pancreas

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

Ashley Harper (Wayne and Ellen Melton's daughter-in-law) - Pituitary macro adenoma.

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

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

Christina Holleman (John Webb's granddaughter)—still hospitalized with viral pneumonia; cannot talk due to being on the ventilator so long, nor can she walk. She is showing signs of improvement, but she still has a way to go.

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

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)—will be getting radiation to her hip and has a Pet scan coming up in the next several weeks.

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

Barbara Mays (Dee Parrish's mother) - in a hospital skilled care unit for physical therapy after a successful knee surgery on Friday, April 14.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—continues to need our prayers. Having cardiac complications from stem cell transplant. His wife Tammy needs prayers as well. She is exhausted. They have been in and out of the hospital since the fall of 2022.

Neal Purcell (David Purcell's brother)—health issues.

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.

Shirley (friend of a Joy Club member) - has very aggressive bone cancer.

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.

Jackie Woods (family member of Brenda French)—gets results of test following her second round of chemo and radiation on May 5.

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

Congratulations to Pastor Sharon and Wade Condrey

The Condreys are now grandparents. Their daughter, Stephanie, and son-in-law, Frank, became parents to Evelyn Shields on Monday, May 29.

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