

FEBRUARY 2022

The Messenger



CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

There's a fascinating story in Exodus 17 where whenever Moses lifts his staff high in the air, the Israelite soldiers succeed in battle. But when Moses' arms get tired and begin to drop, Israel struggles. So, two of Moses' friends step up and prop themselves under Moses' arms to help him lift his staff. As they help with the heavy lifting, Israel succeeds once again. As I read this last week, I couldn't help but think of the many people who've been doing some heavy-lifting at Goochland Baptist recently.

Our Food Service Committee has shown flexibility and hard work in preparing meals for us on Sunday afternoon, so that we can gather for Sunday Connect. I'm grateful for the Angel's and Maryanne Henley's work with our children on Sunday nights, and for Ellen Melton's leadership in our Bible Year group. Based on what I've heard from many of you, Sunday nights have become a highlight of the week for many. If you haven't joined us for Sunday Connect yet, I hope you will!

I think we're all learning a lot through the conversations we're having in our Bible Year group on Sunday nights, and I'm also really enjoying the Wednesday 10 Commandments Bible Study at 3:30 pm. Both the Bible Year group and the 10 Commandments Bible Study are designed so that anybody can join us at any time. (See page 5 for the Bible readings for this month.) In addition, our children had

a great time last Sunday at the Snow Much Fun children's program hosted by their Sunday School teachers: Cindy Alvis, Phyllis, Erin, and Maryanne Henley, and Susan Angel.

And not only is participation in church activities increasing, but our church family has been serving in great ways, too. In particular, thanks to the leadership of deacons Mike Nicholas and Diane Proctor, our food team has done an exceptional job at delivering meals to our sick and to those who've had surgeries. Janet Myers did an excellent job organizing meals. Special thanks to Linda Mackenzie, Lauren MacBlane, Jackie Powell, Stuart Melton, and Lila Hicks for helping prepare meals. Thanks to their hard work, we were able to make a deliver food even during the power outage last month. Our church is stronger when we come together to do the heavy-lifting, behind-the-scenes work of ministry.

Finally, I'd like to say a personal thank you to Kelly Anderson for the hard work he's done over the past couple of years. Per our Administrative Committee's motion and the church vote on January 31, one way we're moving to the future is the creation of a new staff position: Minister to Families. While we're excited for the future, we'll miss Kelly. I'll always be grateful for the ways Kelly was willing to do whatever was needed. We're grateful for your ministry, Kelly, and wish you the best!



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Pastor

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Minister to Students

Deacon Minutes

Jeff Parrish

In the year of 2022 Goochland Baptist Church will be crossing a new threshold, as we leave the first 250 years behind and start a new history of our church. We are poised to create a new history of praising our lord with a vigorous outreach approach. I am pleased to be Deacon chair this year for the church. I sense an excitement from our Deacons and Pastor Curt to begin a year of outreach to our community with church activities and dedication of service to our church families with a new approach. This new approach is Deacon teams, which is a valuable resource which will benefit our church and our families when the need arises. These teams consist of: A Food Team to provide meals and, or a gift card for delivery of a dinner or lunch when some of our families suffer a loss of a loved one or being home alone after a surgery and left without opportunity to receive food because of being confined. The meals are cooked by one of our church volunteers when the call is made, or a meal can be cooked and stored in the freezer and requested by one of our Deacons to deliver. Our Connection Team is responsible for outreach and making sure our church is connected to community by after church or weekend functions and outings, if you enjoyed the food truck this past summer, that, was one of the connection teams ways of reaching out to our church to provide fellowship and more is on the way for this year.

The Transportation Team is just another service for our church family to receive a needed ride to a doctor's appointment or home from one. These teams are always in need of volunteers to serve on one of these great resources helping our Deacons help our church. If you would like to help, please reach out to myself or Pastor Curt. This month you will notice a few new faces as you arrive at the Sunday services. We will have volunteer greeters along with our Deacons to serve you as arrive. We truly appreciate the time these individuals put in to help us welcome you to worship on Sunday.

We are truly in a special time at Goochland Baptist Church, I can feel a sense of urgency to get things moving along as this world seems to be in chaos. The word of God really seems to be the greatest salvation we have in times of uncertainty. The scripture that God has provided us with is so joyous in sad times and so peaceful in turmoil, the bible is timeless as a reference of hope and love. God truly loves us in good times and bad, as we always love him.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

I would like to thank everyone at Goochland Baptist Church for the past two years of journeying together with Bailey and I and making us feel like family. Thank you for taking a chance on a young seminary student and allowing me to lean into my calling as a student pastor. We are forever grateful for the relationships that we have made here at GBC and I look forward to seeing the ways God continues to work through each and every one of you in and around the community here. I will cherish all the memories that I have made here over the past two years.

With love and gratefulness,
Kelly



February 3	Billie Massie Waldon Chisholm Sarah Flaig
February 6	Kevin Dunne
February 8	Dan Bowers Steve Rosen Edie Flaig
February 9	Cheryl Sale
February 10	Mert Henley Courtney Marsh
February 11	Teresa Kessler
February 13	Allen Bowles
February 14	Virginia Cernac Jim Allen Edward Hayes Winsor Egolf Gerald Anderson
February 16	Ralph Claytor
February 22	Stuart Melton George Koch
February 23	Linda McKenzie
February 25	Carolyn Heath
February 27	Leah Grissom
February 28	Sherry Rosen

Thank You, GBC...

My family and I want to thank all of you for your love and support during Jims struggle with dementia and his passing. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls and many delicious meals. You are the best!

— Love, Lee Proffitt and family.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who come out for our January volunteer day at GoochlandCares.

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, for more information or visit www.wmuv.org/events/shine.

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

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

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

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COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

- Canned tomato products
- Cereal
- Cereal Bars
- New or gently used sheets and towels

**You may drop items off in the sanctuary foyer
or in the back of the Multipurpose Room.**

Snow Much Fun

Thank you to our GBC Children's Sunday School teachers for organizing our *Snow Much Fun* children's event in January.



JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM



Food Team

We make sure that anyone in our church family going through a challenging time (illness, surgery, etc.) gets meals taken care of for a week. If you love to cook and would be willing to make a meal to help someone in need, we need your help. If you can't cook, but can buy restaurant giftcards, we need you, too!

Transportation Team

We make sure that our church family has transportation needs taken care of. Whenever someone needs help getting to a medical appointment, the drug store, or any other appropriate need, members of our transportation team provides rides as it fits in their schedules. If you enjoy driving, we need your help!

Connection Team

We provide opportunities for our church family to connect at a deeper level, and we provide opportunities for those in our community to connect with our church. If you have the gift of hospitality or have the gift of gab, or if you love making new folks feel comfortable, we need you.

To sign up for a Ministry Team, contact the church office or sign up in the notebook in the foyer of our sanctuary. You do not need to be a member to join a ministry team. You just need a passion for serving and a desire to help!

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

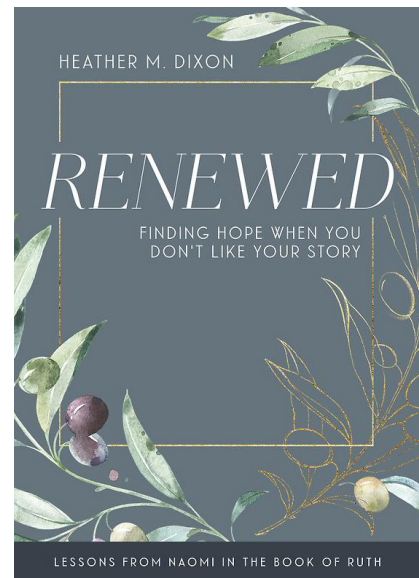
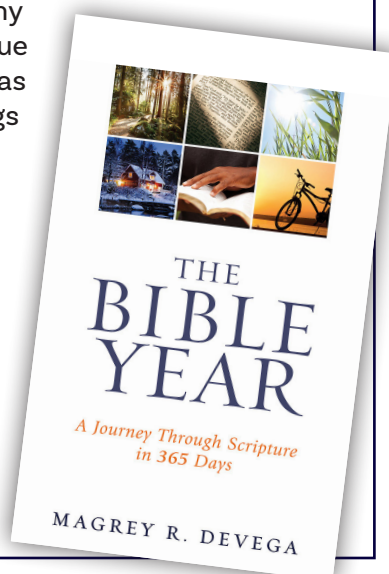
Join Pastor Curt and Ellen Melton as they facilitate a discussion group that is reading the bible, from Genesis to Revelations, together in one year. At the meetings we will reflect on the week's readings. This is an open group – anyone is welcome to join at any point during the year and continue reading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

2/06/2022 Exodus 35:1 –
Leviticus 23:44

2/13/2022 Leviticus 24:1 –
Numbers 21:35

2/20/2022 Numbers 22:1 –
Deuteronomy 16:22

2/27/2022 Deuteronomy 17:1 –
Joshua 11:23



NEW Women's Sunday School Class

Some of you have asked...and we have heard! A new Sunday school class for women has started at GBC, and we hope you will consider trying it out.

The plan is to meet in the Discovery classroom, directly across from the kitchen. Feel free to invite others you think would enjoy this class.

In *Renewed*, a four-week study of the Book of Ruth, women glean wisdom from Naomi's perspective, a woman who lived a story she didn't choose or like. Forced to chart a new path as she mourned the loss of her husband and two sons, Naomi learned that the journey from bitterness to renewed hope and joy was rooted in God's promise of redemption. With insight from her own journey of living with a story that is not easy, Heather M. Dixon teaches women to flourish even as they live hard stories through a willingness to trust that God can transform them and trade their heartache for hope.

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NEW SERMON SERIES STARTING IN FEBRUARY

Anytime you travel, there are certain rules everyone must follow. Drivers must obey speed limits. Those in cars must keep their seat belts buckled. If you fly these days, you have to wear a mask. These rules are necessary to ensure a safe and successful journey. In the same way, Israel discovers that there are certain things God requires of them if their journey to the Promised Land is going to be successful. For the next four weeks, we'll study some of the "Road Rules" God gives to Israel as they journey through the wilderness. As we do, we'll discover they're equally relevant today.



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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.

Women's Mini-Retreat

Hosted by: Dover Baptist WMU

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

North Run Baptist Church, Henrico, VA

Special guest speaker: Theresa Mills, Radio Host for WPER Contemporary Christian Radio Station

Theme: RELENTLESS

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. Hebrews 10:39

Cost: Free

Breakfast and snacks will be provided.

This will be a time for spiritual enrichment, study, music, missions, fellowship, and lots of fun.

Any women interested in attending this event, please contact **Mila Spaulding** at 804-305-7506 or mila.spaulding@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SERVE SCHEDULE

GREETERS

February 6	Jeff Parrish & Mike Nicholas
February 13	Josh Padgett & Teresa Kessler
February 20	Janet Koch & George Koch
February 27	Nate Arnold & Emma Arnold

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February 6	Hope Webb & Ellen Melton
February 13	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
February 20	Elizabeth Bowers & Mike Nicholas
February 27	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

JOY CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23RD

@ 10:30AM

Come and enjoy "Gospel Glory" by Bill and Linda Lewis.
Lunch will be provided by the Pickel Barrel.

SENIOR OUTING:

This month's Senior Outing will be at Calabash Seafood in Mechanicsville on Thursday, February 10th.

The bus will leave the church at 4:20pm to arrive at Calabash at 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—health concerns.

David Denton—recovering from surgery

Debbie Dunlavy—recovering well from her surgery at home.

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

Janet Faudree—health concerns.

Brenda and Kevin French, and Brenda's mother—recovering from COVID-19

Linda Gibbs—moved to the medical care unit, Beth Shalom.

Carolyn Heath—has moved to Discovery Village at the West End.

Scott Hobson— the infection in his foot has cleared, and doctors think it will be completely healed in February. He will be fitted for orthotics and start physical therapy in February.

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—has been back at church recently.

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.

Barbara Orrock—in therapy to strengthen her left leg after recent hip replacement.

Vicky Parrish—hospitalized briefly at the end of January for pancreatitis.

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—latest reports have not been good; his cancer has turned into Leukemia and will need blood transfusions soon.

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.

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.

Raymond Fields—Brother of Jim Fields, stage 4 lung cancer.

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 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.

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

Dolly Vopelak—Ken Stalls' mother in NC is 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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