

AUGUST 2021

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

This past week, I heard someone say they feel like new life is springing up all around our church. I agree. The Sunday Funday event last week was lots of fun. It was wonderful to see so many of you and be able to reconnect in a way that we've been unable to for the past 16 months. The children had a blast, too! They made some crafts and a gift to some of church family who are sick or homebound, thanks to Mila Spaulding and Dee Parrish's help. Special thanks to Crystal Waldrop for organizing the evening and to our Food Services Committee for putting together such a great meal.

And if that weren't enough, our first Food Truck Night was a blast, too. It was a beautiful night, and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Special thanks to our newly formed Connections Team, led by Angela Bassett, Phil Egolf, and Jeff Parrish.

Speaking of teams, I hope you'll join one of our newly formed Deacon-led Ministry Teams. We've got a Connection Team, a Food Team, and a Transportation Team. They're open to anyone in our church family, regardless of membership status. You'll be hearing more about them on Sunday mornings. If you've got a passion or a gift for helping folks connect, for food, or for helping others with rides, I hope you'll contact your deacon or call the church office to sign up.

There are a lot more exciting days coming for our church. Crystal Waldrop and some of our committee leaders are planning another Sunday Funday for Sunday, August 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm. This time, we've invited Donnie and Darin Durham

back for a bluegrass concert. It'll be another great night of food, fellowship, and fun for the entire community.

On the morning of Saturday, August 28, our church family will be serving at GoochlandCares. We'll help in the food pantry and clothes closet. If you'd like to serve, contact Shannon Wilson at shannonwilson3@mac.com.

And you definitely want to mark Sunday, October 10 on your calendar for our anniversary celebration. We'll plan to have a special service that morning, lunch, and afternoon activities as well. It will be a fun-filled day. We're hoping our entire church family - current and past - will join us for this special day. It's a testament of God's grace that GBC has ministered in this community for 250 years.

As we celebrate 250 years, we want to hear from you. We know from scripture that remembering God's work in our past points us towards God's good promises for the future. To that end, we're asking our church family to share stories that illustrate why they've come to Goochland Baptist. We hope you'll help us out by sharing your story. You can submit it online on our website, or you can write it out on page 9 and bring it to the church. Either way, your story will add to our celebration of what God's done, and it'll help us look forward to our bright future.

Speaking of bright, I want to personally thank the anonymous donor who gave a generous contribution to cover the cost of replacing our stained glass window coverings in the sanctuary. The gift is in memory of Margaret Harris and in honor

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BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).



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**Dr. Curt Kruschwitz**  
Pastor

**Kelly Anderson**  
Minister to Students

## Deacon Minutes

Phil Egolf

August is a month of outdoor activities, cookouts, fresh vegetables and usually sweltering temperatures. This past month we celebrated the independence of our great country. This year may have been more meaningful to some than possibly any other. Last year, not much was going on outside of our own homes during this holiday. This year we can celebrate and take advantage of being together with friends and family for special occasions—and feel more comfortable in doing so. We have crossed the halfway point in our calendar year, which is hard to believe. The world is coming alive and things are back to near what they were 18 months ago. It is my hope and prayer that we continue in this direction and we all can find our comfort zone together. Many blessings are in front of us, of that I am certain. Sometimes they are difficult to see and hear, but if we grow our relationship with God, he will lead us to understand more of the questions. I challenge each of you to lean into his word and listen for his guidance. Have a blessed summer and let it be full of joy!

2 Corinthians 4:18

*So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

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of Frances Nuckols, Jessie Stewardson, and Susie Grant. The current coverings have become so yellowed, you'll be surprised how nice our windows look with the new coverings. We're so grateful for this contribution, and for all those who contribute each week through our church offering. This church has thrived for 250 years because of the gifts of our church family, and we continue to rely on them.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity," the Psalmist says in Psalm 133:1. I think many of us have felt that as we've seen new life emerging after a challenging season. God is good. We have a lot to celebrate, both for what God's done in the past, and for what God will do in the future. These next few months are going to be fun!

## GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

Our mission trip week for our students was absolutely incredible. Over the week of July 12-17th, three of our students had the opportunity to volunteer with local organizations doing wonderful work within the greater Richmond area.

We partnered with the James River Park System, helping to clean up trash and debris along the canal walk in downtown Richmond. We helped a food pantry in Henrico County called Lamb's Basket who are providing meals for families who are in need within Henrico County. We packed bags of food for the families, helped organize and stock their shelves, and helped them clean the floors within their warehouse facility. Our last day, we had the opportunity to partner with an organization on the southside of Richmond known as Soles4Souls. This is an organization who provides shoes and clothing for communities in need and even partners with local businesses in underserved communities to help lift them out of poverty.

While we were there, we helped to sort three huge boxes of shoes that were being sent out to various places the following week. On our shorter work days, we had the opportunity to visit several museums in Richmond. We visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts with the intention of seeing the stories that the various artists were telling through their work. We thought about the ways that these artists' stories represented the broader story of God and how we ourselves find a similar theme in our own lives as we seek to follow Jesus. We also had the chance to visit the Valentine Museum in Richmond. Through this visit, we talked about the ways that God has worked through history in our own communities where we live and serve.

Overall, it was an amazing week filled with fellowship and meaningful conversations. I am in awe of the way the Spirit was moving that week and I'm grateful to be a part of this journey with our students as they grow deeper in their faith.



### Summer Sunday Gatherings Sundays @ 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us weekly for a time of fellowship, dinner and Bible Study.

### Youth Sunday School Sundays @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us after worship on Sundays in the youth room.

**Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS**  
**or visit [www.goochlandchurch.org/students](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/students).**

**NOTE: No Wednesday night youth gatherings through the summer.**



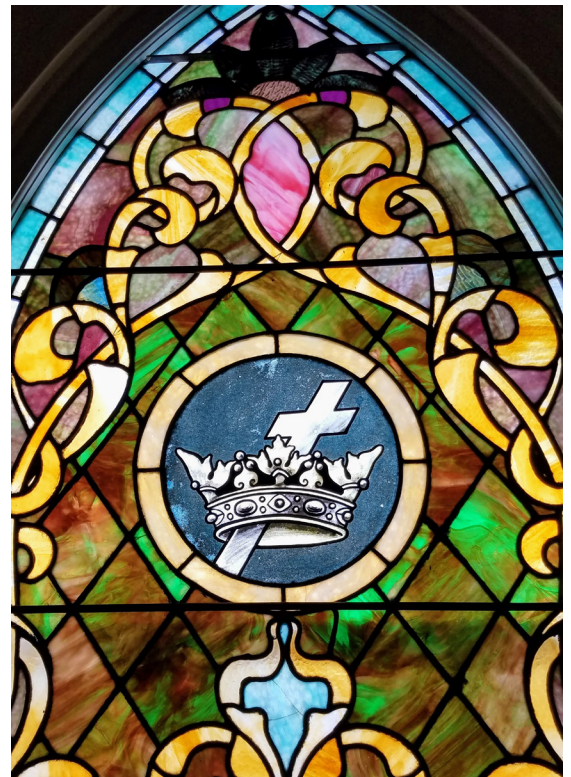
## GBC STUDENTS MISSION CAMP

GBC Student Ministry Mission Camp took place July 12-17th in Richmond, VA.



## GBC FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

We had lots of fun last night at our first Food Truck night!  
Thanks to our Connection Team for orchestrating the evening.



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## SUNDAY FUNDAY THANK YOU

*I would like to thank Pastor Curt, Kelly, Crystal, the deacons, Wayne & his kitchen crew, Mila, Dee Parrish, & all others that helped with the **Sunday Funday**. It was great to get back with our church family. I think a good time was had by all.*

*Thank you, Gale & Bill Chaisson*



# SUNDAY FUNDAY

AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENT



**Sunday, August 22 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**FREE food, crafts, games, music and family fun!**

**[www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org)**



# 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!

## JOY CLUB

**AUGUST 25th @ 11:30AM**

**Lunch at Pickel Barrel**  
(Everyone pays for their own meal)

### August Outing:

**Lunch at King's Barbecue or Nanny's Inn Petersburg, Date TBD**

**Any questions please call  
John Webb at 804-334-9270.  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults)**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>August 1</b>	Mila Spaulding
<b>August 2</b>	CT Stewart
<b>August 4</b>	Logan Stewart
<b>August 5</b>	Abigail Townsend
<b>August 9</b>	June Frick
<b>August 12</b>	Catherine Ford Judy Johnson
<b>August 13</b>	Lauren MacBlane
<b>August 14</b>	Emmy Alvis Jessica Stanley
<b>August 20</b>	Linda Moore
<b>August 21</b>	Frances Bradshaw
<b>August 22</b>	Gayle Stanley
<b>August 23</b>	F. Carter Dabney
<b>August 25</b>	Hazel Melton Amy Richardson
<b>August 26</b>	Lila Hicks
<b>August 27</b>	Phyllis Toney
<b>August 28</b>	Jason Bassett
<b>August 29</b>	Robert White



# SERVE

## SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

### GREETERS

- August 1** Angela Bassett and Jeff Parrish  
**August 8** Diane Proctor and Jim Fields  
**August 15** Mike Nicholas and Phil Egolf  
**August 22** Angela Bassett and Jeff Parrish  
**August 29** Diane Proctor and Jim Fields

### LEAD USHER

- August 1** Jim Fields  
**August 8** Stuart Melton  
**August 15** John Webb  
**August 22** Gwen Padgett  
**August 29** Al Henley

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM

To watch, visit **Youtube.com** and search "**Goochland Baptist Church**" or follow the link at **[www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org)** and in our weekly emails.

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as the singular world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will – that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever.*

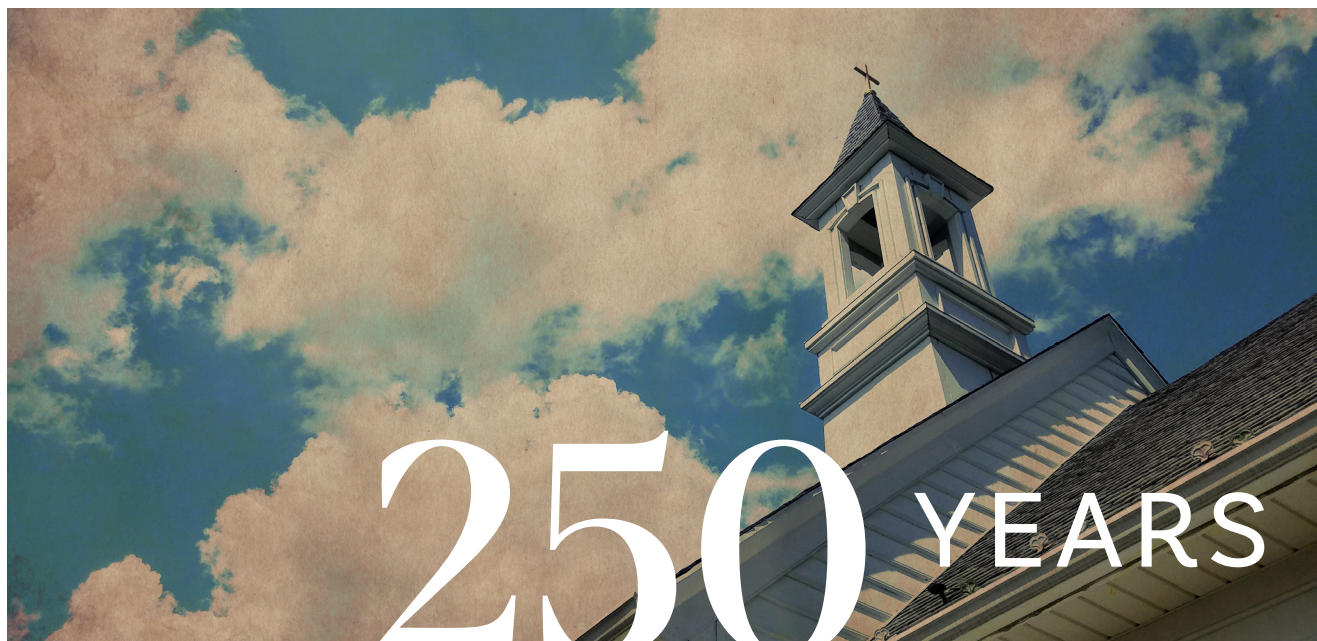
# THE SERENITY PRAYER

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Unpeace seems to be the spiritual pandemic that plagues us today. Both the newspapers and our newsfeeds remind us of the escalating violence, heightened antagonism, deepening divisions, and chronic anxiety that plague our society. In such a world, we need a path to peace. Many have found the Serenity Prayer a helpful guide on the path to that peace. Over the next couple of months, we'll consider the biblical truths behind the Serenity Prayer and seek to apply them to our own lives. Because to be Christ's peace-makers, we need to first be on the path to peace ourselves. It's hard to share what we don't have.





## GBC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for for our **250th Anniversary Celebration** on

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Join us for a special service that morning, lunch, and afternoon activities. More information to come.

## GBC'S HISTORY IN PICTURES

**How many of people pictured  
below can you name?**



**Check your answers below.**



**Answer:** BWC Supper 1954. **Front Row:** Louise Vertz, Ruth Ellis Katharin Ellis, Watkins Gathright, Nellie Attkisson, Ellen Nuckols. **Back Row:** Emma Gathright, Evelyn Selfe, Barnes Alvis, Adelaide Nuckols, Jim Weaver, James Albert & Elsie Mae Weaver.





GBC

*This is our story.*

**T**his year, Goochland Baptist celebrates our 250th anniversary. Moments like this are naturally a time to look backwards and forwards. Throughout the Bible, God invites his people to look back and consider all the ways God has worked in their lives. Over and over again, God tells Israel to remember what God has done, because remembering God's grace in the past reminds us of God's promises of things to come for our future.

Together, we have an opportunity to remember God's goodness at Goochland Baptist over the years. To help us celebrate what God's done as we look forward to a bright future, everyone in our GBC family is invited to submit a story to our "This is Our Story" campaign. Quite simply, we'd like you to write a paragraph or two to tell us Goochland Baptist Church means to you. Maybe you can share a story that explains why you choose to be a part of Goochland Baptist. Maybe you'll write about a person at GBC who has inspired you. Maybe you'll write how your experience at GBC has made you a better person. Whatever your story is, we invite you to share your story.

Pastor Curt and the anniversary committee will use these stories to help us prepare for our 250th anniversary celebration in October. Please know that your story will never be shared or reproduced without your permission. But we truly believe that the best way to celebrate our future is to consider how God has worked in the past. Your story will help us as a church remember God's grace in a deeper way.

## Giving To GBC Is Now **Easier Than Ever!**



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ENVELOPES



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Visit [www.goochlandchurch.org/give](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/give) to learn more.





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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

You may submit your GBC story by using the form above and mailing or dropping it off at the church office at **2454 Manakin Rd., Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103**. You may also email your story to **[goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com)**.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jerry Anderson**—recovering from rotator cuff surgery

**Debbie Dunlavey**—cancer

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

**Janet Faudree**—health concerns

**Carolyn Heath**—home at Dogwood Terrace from rehab

**Scott Hobson**—continued prayers that his cancer remains low and continues to respond to treatment.

**Lois Lane**—successful hip surgery on Tuesday, July 6; is at home recovering

**Connie Long**

**Daphne Longenecker**—Recovering at home. Daphne welcomes cards at this time. Daphne writes, “I would like to thank all my wonderful friends at GBC for the prayers, concerns and cards. I have been showered with cards and I treasure each one! In Christian Love, Daphne Longenecker”

**Hazel Melton**—recovering from stroke at home after being discharged from hospital

**Rebecca Michels**—has moved to oral chemo

**Linda Moore**—has been back at church recently

**Iris Nuckols**—shoulder surgery August 17

**Hanna Nuckols**—recovering from car accident

**Barbara Orrock**—recovering from successful hip replacement on July 27

**Vicky Parrish**—returned home from Beth Shalom

**Lee Proffitt**—her husband, Jim, has been moved to Beth Shalom and is in hospice-care

**Adelaide Stanley**—doing PT at her new residence at Beth Shalom

**Mary Stanley**—Beth Shalom

**Wanda Waldrop**

**Bob White**—health concerns

### Family & Friends of GBC Members

**Amy Richardson** (Gwen Padgett’s aunt)—spent two nights in hospital after a heart attack and is now recovering at home

**John Bartlett**—Linda Moore’s brother has C-Diff.

**Gale Faudree Brown** (daughter of Frank and Janet Faudree, lives in Minnesota)—recovered from pneumonia, but still hospitalized for other health concerns

**Jamie Bryant** (friend of Mike Nicholas)—had a heart attack while working on his farm in Skippers, VA and was airlifted to hospital in Petersburg. Jamie is 48 years old.

**Roger Bourgeois** (Linda Moore’s uncle)—exposed to Covid. Has other health issues and a disabled daughter he cares for.

**Doug Brandmahl**—health issues

**Diandra Camacho**—prayers for arthritis and its treatment

**Joan Dwyer** (Lauren MacBlane’s mother in Alexandria, VA)—recovering at home from colon cancer surgery on May 18

**Audrey Geraci** (Denise and Gerard Huff’s niece)—Stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She is 36 years old and has three young children. UPDATE: latest MRI scans showed no cancer, lesions, or scarring from treatment. They’ll do PET scans in the future to make sure there’s no cancer anywhere in her body.

**Mackenzie Green** (High school friend of Caroline Bassett)—recovering at home from bad auto accident

**Clarence Hall Jr. and Carol Hall**, his wife (kin to Willy Hall and Hazel Melton)

**Lucina Heath** (Betsy Alvis’ sister)—released from hospital after having COVID-19 and pneumonia

**Mae Higgs** (longtime Goochland Schools bus driver)—has completed the first round of daily treatment for leukemia and is now into a 28 week, 5 day per week protocol. Doctors say treatments have a better than 95% success rate.

**Margaret Holland** (a member of the community)—suffered a stroke

**Kelly** (Nancy Nelson’s cousin)—just diagnosed with colon cancer

**Dan and Sherry Kittelson**—Kitt Townsend’s newlywed brother and sister-in-law.

**Caroline Laughorn** (friend of Kelly Anderson)—is in remission from Leukemia

**Stacy Llewellyn**—started treatment for Splenic Lymphoma, also has lupus

**James Matthews** (16 month old child, grandson of Forrest Matthews, a close friend of Mike Nicholas)—battling leukemia

**Fannie Melton** (Frankie Melton’s mother)—has macular degeneration and an infection in her eye

**Rebecca Michels’ Mom**

**Gwen Nuckols** (Iris Nuckols’ sister-in-law)—recovering from surgery

**Mrs. Calvin Porter**—diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

**Rhonda Powell**—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer

**Jeannie Purvis** (Sandra Nuckols’ niece)—just diagnosed with liver cancer

**Nancy Rapalee** (Joy Club member)—recovering from knee replacement and has severe heart issue

**Tami Ricketts’ mother** has breast cancer at age 91

**Debbie Spence** (friend of Janet Koch)—health issues

**Charlie Stephens, Sr.** (Husband to the president of Goochland Homemakers Club) -- recovering from open heart surgery on Tuesday, 7/12/21

**Dolly Vopelak**—Ken Stalls’ mother in NC is on hospice

**Sharon Wood**—Hazel Melton’s sister, health issues

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