

MAY 2026

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

When I came to church the other day, there was someone out in the sun tilling the flower beds in front of the New Life Building. It was Billy Nuckols. Our church is blessed with servants: much of our success comes from the generosity of our church family in giving of their time and resources.

I went over to get a closer look - and Billy showed me what he'd done. He'd been out there for hours pulling weeds, tilling the soil and getting the flower bed ready for summer. It struck me as I reflected on his work: the Christian life is a lot like gardening.

Gardens are known for their beautiful flowers, but those flowers don't grow in isolation. They grow best in a garden where the weeds have been pulled, where the soil has been amended, and where the plants are regularly watered.

In the same way, if we want to experience the best of God's kingdom, we've got to prepare ourselves to receive it. We're called to regularly go "weeding" in our own lives - to rid ourselves thorns and thistles that choke our spiritual lives. Just like a gardener amends soil to allow for optimal growth, we can schedule in time and activities that help us to grow spiritually. And just like plants require water to keep growing, we can surround ourselves with God's word and others who will regularly encourage us and help keep us accountable in our own faith.

This is what the church does! The body of believers is designed to help one another nurture their own spiritual lives. We need each other.

This month, we've got special opportunities to nurture our spiritual lives here at Goochland Baptist Church. I'll be continuing my sermon series, "Go: How the Church is God's Answer to the Hurting World," where we'll explore how God is sending us to make a difference.

Baby/Child Dedication is on May 10. In it, not only will families get to affirm their desire to raise their children in the faith, but the church family can renew its commitment to nurturing young believers.

Community Table will continue through Wednesday, May 20. Those are great nights not only to connect, but to serve together. Since September, we've assembled over 1,700 brown bags to give local families a boost.

And don't forget the church picnic coming on Saturday, June 6. It'll be a great way to deepen bonds with friends old and new as we celebrate summer together.

It's our hope that these and all our church offerings will help nurture your own relationship with Christ. Like a garden that's well-tended, may our lives find encouragement and nourishment as we gather together as Goochland Baptist Church.



**GOOCHLAND**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### PRAYER MINISTRY:

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

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## Caught in the Act!\*

Thank you to **Juanita Mack, Billy Nuckols, Linda Mackenzie, William & Lila Hicks** for helping organize and put together shelving for the Supply and Storage Room in the West Wing! A Special Thanks to William & Lila's grandsons ( Collin & Connor)for helping with their strong muscles and trailer to haul away unnecessary items for recycling. Yes you can see the floor!! Job Well Done!!



\*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](mailto:office@goochlandchurch.org), so that they can be recognized in our monthly newsletter.

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](mailto:office@goochlandchurch.org) or  
(804) 749-3522*



**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, May 17 @ 11:40 am

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after  
Sunday School on May 17.

Our church family is encouraged to join us as we  
attend to matters of church business.



# Midweek Bible Study

## PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 4:30  
5/6, 5/13 & 5/20

Led by Pastor Curt  
in the Seekers Classroom



## COME JOIN US

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



### May 6th | Brown Bags

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

### May 13th | BINGO

*Everyone is invited to join our family friendly game night!*

### May 20th | Celebration

*we'll celebrate another year of Community Table as we wrap up this season. Have a good summer! CT resumes Fall 2026*

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# May Food Drive

BRING YOUR NON-PERSHABLE  
FOOD DONATIONS\* TO THE  
COLLECTION AREA LOCATED IN  
THE **NEW LIFE BUILDING**

**GOOCHLAND  
CARES**  
Free Clinic and Family Services



\*Scan QR code for a list of Most Requested Items! (or grab a Grocery bag from the NLB to fill and return)

**Goochland Baptist Church**

## Summer Church Picnic

**Saturday, June 6 @ 4:30pm**

*Fried chicken provided by Adult & Children's Committees,  
members asked to bring a side or dessert to share!*

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



**Mowers  
Needed!**

Building & Property  
Committee is seeking  
volunteers to take turns  
mowing the church lawn  
throughout the summer  
season.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED  
CONTACT JANET KOCH  
FOR MORE INFO!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**GBC VBS 2026**  
**SUNDAYS IN**  
**AUGUST**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**

# Happy Birthday

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- May 1** Parker Dunlavey  
Carla Yuen
  - May 2** Scott Ricketts
  - May 3** Spencer Smith
  - May 13** Maggie Arnold
  - May 16** Mike Nicholas
  - May 17** Josh Padgett
  - May 19** Aubrey Lingerfelt
  - May 20** John Webb
  - May 21** Debbie Plageman
  - May 23** Erin Henley  
Ellen Melton
  - May 24** Hunter Bailey  
Al Henley  
Rachel Henley
  - May 28** George Albert Henley  
Mike Massie
  - May 31** Caney Flaig

## May Sunday Serving Schedule

### GREETERS

- MAY 3** Lila & William Hicks
- MAY 10** Janet & George Koch
- MAY 17** Josh Padgett & Juanita Mack
- MAY 24** Janet Myers & Justin Lingerfelt
- MAY 31** Gayle Stanley & Carla Yuen

### USHERS

- MAY 3** James Melton, David Denton, Hope Webb & Jim Fields
- MAY 10** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
- MAY 17** John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
- MAY 25** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
- MAY 31** Jim Fields, Justin Lingerfelt & George Koch

**GOOCHLAND**  
**CARES**  
Free Clinic and Family Services

May Volunteer Day:

**Saturday, May 23rd**  
**@ 8am - 10:30am**

Contact Shannon Wilson,  
[shannonwilson3@mac.com](mailto:shannonwilson3@mac.com)

# Easter/Holy Week at GBC

A special thanks to all those who helped make the Easter season a meaningful time of spiritual reflection, fellowship and love at GBC. From Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, to Flowering the Cross on Easter followed by an Easter Egg Hunt - we were able to fully appreciate Holy Week and the Resurrection.



# Mom & Me Weekend @ Eagle Eyrie

A group of moms, grandmas, and their elementary-aged daughters had a wonderful time in the mountains learning how we can “G.L.O.W (Go Light Our World!)”



## GBC Seniors



Good food, fellowship & travel was had at our April Outing to the Virginia Diner in Wakefield.



We had a great time at April's Joy Club meeting where we were entertained with live music from True Spirit Gospel Band.



**Thursday 5/14 @ 11:30 am**  
The Wood Grill (Charlottesville)  
Bus will leave GBC @  
**10:25am**



**NO Joy Club in May**  
*Be on the lookout for  
June's programming*

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

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

# MAY 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pat Alvis** – recovering from back surgery

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

**Allen Bowles** -- at home

**Eva Childress** – recovering from recent hospitalization

**Marvin and Karen Evans** – praise that their great-grandchild, McKenna King, was born safely last Thursday. She's been a real trooper: she's had her surgery, been extricated, and is out of the NICU and in a normal crib.

**Scott Hobson** -- has multiple myeloma

**Judy Johnson** – in memory care facility

**Connie Jones** -- heart and lung issues

**Ellen Melton** – PET scan revealed that Ellen is 100% clear of cancer

**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 neck surgery

**David Purcell** – recovering from successful hand surgery

**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

**Hope Webb** – having some heart tests; diagnosed with pneumonia end of April

## Family & Friends of GBC Members

**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 Dunlavey** (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

**Ava Lingerfelt** (Justin Lingerfelt's niece)

**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

**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