

AUGUST 2025

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

I love summers, because they provide a slightly different rhythm that allows us to rest and change up our routine a bit. When asked about the Greatest Commandment in Matthew 22, Jesus responds, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

We’re called to do this year round. But one of the things I love about summers is they usually offer a more extended time for self-care - loving ourselves. Our family has had a great time in both the mountains and at the beach this summer - making memories, enjoying God’s beauty, and celebrating the gift of family. I’ve enjoyed every minute of it. I’m grateful for Kevin James and Sharon Condrey filling the pulpit for me in the Sundays I’ve been out. In my mind, taking time off like this helps us to “love ourselves.”

But summer is also a time to love our neighbors. One week from now, an intergenerational group of over 15 children, youth, and adults from Goochland Baptist Church will head down to Southwest Virginia for our churchwide mission trip. We’ll be

partnering with the Southwest VA Partnership to bless the Nickelsville, VA community in the name of Jesus. Among other projects, we’ll be helping paint their high school to get it ready for welcoming students the following week.

I’m excited about the trip. Our men had such a positive experience serving in Damascus, VA in the spring, and I’m grateful that some of our women and children will be able to experience that this time. I hope that you’ll pray for our mission team as we serve this month.

But the truth is you don’t have to go on a mission trip to serve someone in need. There are plenty of needs around here! All across our community and neighborhoods, there are people who need a hand. Pray that God would give you an opportunity to serve a neighbor in need this week. Because when we do, Jesus tells us, we’re serving him, too.

As the summer winds down, I’m looking forward to all that’s happening next month. Community Table begins on September 10 - as well as our children’s and youth programming. We’ll also have a church family picnic on Saturday, September 13. If you plan to attend

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PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email office@goochlandchurch.org



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If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email

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the picnic, please RSVP online or at church, so that we know how much food to order.

No matter the season, we're called to love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves. I hope you'll consider ways to do that as we finish this summer season.

"Deacon Article"

By: Justin Lingerfelt

Often when a friend will ask me how I'm doing, I'll reply "It's a wonderful life in a terrible world." And while I think it's a fair and honest answer - and I truly mean it as a statement of gratitude - it's not hard to see how it might be taken as negative and/or pessimistic. And it is, if not also true.

If you dare turn on the TV or scan an internet news site...do your thoughts turn to positivity and optimism? Of course not. And how easy is it to just stew in it? Each story is more terrible than the last. But is it a wonderful life? Yes, indeed!

We've been given a peace that much of this world cannot understand (Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27). Can you feel it when you drive into the parking lot on Sunday morning? Soon enough we'll be back on Wednesday nights for dinner. We have Bible studies and mission trips and picnics. What a privilege it is to be among the faithful!

And my favorite...I can bow right this very minute and talk to the One who provides this incomprehensible peace.

Now that's a wonderful life.

GBC FAMILY SUMMER MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 7 - 10, 2025

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
PARTNERSHIP IN
-NICKELSVILLE, VA-

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THOSE
TRAVELLING WITH US TO SOUTHWEST
VIRGINIA THIS MONTH!



summer youth group

8/14

6-8:30pm

@ GBC in "The Cove"

Dinner | Games | Bible Study

August Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- AUG 3** Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields
AUG 10 Pauline Toney & Jean Johnson
AUG 17 Janet & George Koch
AUG 24 Diane Proctor & Emma Arnold
AUG 31 Amy Robinson & Teresa Kessler

USHERS

- AUG 3** Justin Lingerfelt, Hope Webb & Jim Fields
AUG 10 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
AUG 17 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
AUG 24 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
AUG 31 Jim Fields, Amy Robinson & George Koch



- Aug 1** Mila Spaulding
Aug 4 Logan Stewart
Aug 5 Abigail Townsend
Aug 9 June Frick
Charlotte Miller
Aug 10 Flossie Abell
Aug 12 Judy Johnson
Aug 14 Emmy Alvis
Jessica Stanley
Aug 20 Linda Moore
Aug 22 Glenn Myers
Gayle Stanley
Aug 23 Carter Dabney
Aug 25 Hazel Melton
Amy Richardson
Aug 26 Lila Hicks
Aug 27 Andrea Butler
Phyllis Toney
Aug 28 Jason Bassett
Aug 29 Brenda Durrett
Aug 30 Kevin James

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Aug 23rd,
8am - 10:30am**

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

join us as we say

**GOODBYE
SUMMER**

Hello Fall

at our

*** GBC Churchwide Picnic!**

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
SAT | SEPT 13

Join us out back at the church shelter for games for all ages, catered chicken dish, and sides & desserts provided by volunteers. **Please bring a lawn chair if you are able!**

Volunteer Sign-up sheets located in front entrance to MPR or online at www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar

Questions? Contact:
Karen Evans, Brenda Durrett
or Diane Proctor

 **GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Save the Date!
Oct 4-5th

**PASSING
THE FIRE**

SHARPEN WISDOM. BUILDING FAITH. LIGHTING THE WAY.

Passing the Fire is a weekend designed for connection—between fathers and sons of all ages, or mentors and young men—through shared adventure, meaningful conversations, and quality time outdoors. Set at the scenic CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center, this retreat features activities like:

- Campfires & worship
- Archery & rock climbing
- Survival skill sessions
- Delicious smoked meats
- Tent or cabin lodging

Contact Mila Spaulding if interested!

DISCOVER, CONNECT,
Community
• TABLE •
& GIVE BACK @ GBC

**WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10**

SEE YOU THEN!

VBS Mission Report

For our June VBS Mission Project, we collected and delivered **45 new pillows** to CARITAS, and **240 lbs of food** to GoochlandCares.



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Baptism Sunday at GBC

On Sunday, July 13, we welcomed our Sister in Christ, Parker Dunlavey through baptism. So proud of you Parker, welcome to the family!



Summer Youth Pool Party

Thanks to Martha Walsh for opening up her home (and pool!) to our Youth for their summer gathering and pool party. We had a blast!



GBC Seniors



July Senior Outing

We had great time and delicious meal at
Joe's Inn in Bon Air, VA



Thursday 8/14 @ 11:30 am

Wood Grill Buffet (Charlottesville)

Bus will leave GBC @
10:25am

Thursday 8/28 @ 10:30 am

Fall Prevention Presentation

Meal provided by GG's

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

AUGUST 2025 PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Alvis – health concerns

Allen Bowles -- at home

Gale Chaisson – health issues

Eva Childress – recovering from blood clots on her lungs; back at home now on a regimen of blood thinners

Frank Faudree – has been moved to an assisted living facility in Minnesota. Cards may be sent to Frank Faudree, 155 West Point Court, Tonka Bay, MN. 55331.

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Connie Jones -- heart and lung issues

Ellen Melton – continuing chemo on Wednesdays

Hazel Melton -- recovering from stroke at home

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Audrey is recovering from her knee replacement. Morris still has foot issues

Vicky Parrish – has moved to Commonwealth Senior Living

David Purcell – ongoing health issues

Diane Proctor - blood tests confirmed Diane is CANCER FREE at this time!

Lee Proffitt – is at St. Mary's Woods

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 Members

John Bartlett -- Linda Moore's brother

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

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

Jerry Fanning (friend of Willy Hall and John Webb) – health concerns

Rylan French (Brenda French's 12 year-old granddaughter) – condition is deteriorating. The first week of August marks one year since she was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor that is inoperable.

Jimmy Hauk (Karen Evans' brother-in-law) – recovering after complications with surgery

Christina Holleman (John Webb's granddaughter) –

Christina will be getting a new brace to add support to her knee, foot, and ankle. She will have to learn to walk in it under the supervision of a physical therapist. Having no sensation in her foot has proven more challenging than anticipated while wearing a brace. She continues pursuing keeping her Medicaid benefits.

Ed Howland (John Webb's friend who provided the BBQ dinner for our Fall Renewal) - had a large brain tumor removed and is now undergoing laser gamma treatment

Ella Hubbard and William Rose (Mike Nicholas' friends in Reedsville, VA)

Linda Kellum (Rebecca Michels' Mom) – aging in place at home

Sherry Kittelson (Kitt Townsends' sister-in-law) – undergoing treatment for cancer

Webster Rhodes Lee (good friend of John Webb) – had been hospitalized with ALS and is now home with hospice.

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

Marshall Nichols (Gale Chaisson's son-in-law) – Marshall has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer and continues to undergo treatment

Chris Nickels (Brenda Durrett's son) – recovering at home after open heart surgery (following heart attack)

Anita and Roger Poteat (friends of Mike Nicholas) – Anita has stage 4 colon cancer

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) -- liver cancer is stable

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

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

Valerye Sullivan (sister of Carla Yuen) – receiving treatments for Multiple Myeloma

Tyler Trice (friend of Ray Waldrop) – health concerns

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

Mariam Egbal Yuen (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law) – recovering from neuropathy