

SEPTEMBER 2025

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

Nobody at Cracker Barrel was prepared for the backlash they'd receive when they suddenly revamped the restaurant's original logo last week. In fact, public furor at the change rose to such levels that the company's restaurant value dropped by \$100 million in just a few days. Why were people so upset? For many, they felt as if Cracker Barrel was abandoning its identity: they removed the iconic picture of Uncle Herschel lounging by the barrel in the old logo and replaced it with no pictures, just the words Cracker Barrel in generic lettering. To many Cracker Barrel enthusiasts, the restaurant was trying to disassociate itself from who they really were in an effort to try to please everyone.

It made me wonder: does the church ever do that? Do we, as Christ-followers, ever do that? I mean, according to scripture, our truest identity comes as children of God, followers of Jesus who have been transformed by his grace. But I think that sometimes, we make the same mistake that Cracker Barrel made: we forget our roots. We define ourselves by our jobs, our families or our reputations. We forget that our truest identity comes from Christ.

And as I see it, that's one of Goochland Baptist's biggest responsibilities - to regularly remind us who we are in Christ - every time we gather.

Thankfully, our gatherings are picking up this month. Community Table starts back on Wednesday, September 10 at 6 pm in our fellowship hall. We'll gather weekly to eat, serve, and grow together. We've got an exciting fall planned - you can see our schedule on page 3. We'll have activities for children and youth, too - bring the whole family!

In addition, I'll be leading a four-week Bible study on Wednesdays at 4:30 called "The Four Cardinal Virtues." Over the month of September, we'll examine the role that discernment, justice, courage, and moderation play in a Christ-follower's life - and we disciples of Christ need them so badly. I hope you'll join us.

We'll be having a churchwide picnic to start the fall off right on Saturday, September 13. It'll be an afternoon of food, games for all ages, and lots of fun. Please RSVP online to help us prepare.

And finally, boys and father/mentor figures are invited to join us October 4-5 at Eagle Eyrie for



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a weekend designed to foster connection, adventure, and spiritual growth in our men. I'm looking forward to taking our boys, and if you're a father/mentor, I hope you'll consider bringing your boy(s) with us! Because they need to remember just as much as we do: our truest identity comes from Christ.

"Deacon Article"

By: Justin Lingerfelt

My parents just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We got together as a family and recalled our favorite moments and stories, and it wasn't lost on anyone how blessed we are. If I had an encyclopedia's worth of writing space I couldn't do justice to the beautiful people that are my mom and dad. But I wanted to say a few words that evening, as is custom at those types of events.

If you've ever tried to write a speech, you know it rarely goes as planned when put into action. And I didn't want to write something and then stumble all over myself trying to sound good. So, I decided I'd just jot down a few memories and try and get a laugh, then tell them I loved them and be done with it. I started making a list of my most poignant memories:

-I always seemed to bring home "strays" as friends, and my parents were always warm and welcoming. There was no one they wouldn't love. The same went for girlfriends as I got a little older.

-I remember vividly the discipline and house rules. And I remember encouragement and love even amid punishment. My folks would say "you'll appreciate it when you're grown!"

-I remember running away from everything I was taught into a life of debauchery and meaninglessness, living recklessly, finding myself lost and lonely...only to be welcomed home with open arms...

We grew up going to church and Sunday school but never memorizing scripture or learning doctrine. I couldn't have recited you a proverb, told you the golden rule came from the lips of Jesus, or what a prodigal son was. But the last handful of years has brought me closer to God, deeper in His Word, and thirsty for understanding. So, as I recalled my childhood, the painfully obvious had struck me. These people had an instruction manual.

My parents have lived their lives according to God's Word and passed it down to us, even when they didn't know they were doing it. We were taught by biblical example. It was on display in every phase of my life.

I only hope I can do half as good with Aubrey. I told my parents as much. And I think they appreciated it.

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**
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Homemade Ice Cream
CONTEST

Bring your homemade ice cream to the Church Picnic on
Saturday, September 13.

Will yours be voted the best?

**Contact Diane Proctor
if interested!**

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Midweek Bible Study **"THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES"**

Led by Pastor Curt in the
Seekers Classroom (New Life Building)



Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm | Starting September 10

COME JOIN US

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



**Sep 10th | Welcome Celebration &
Brown Bags**

*come join us as we celebrate Fall and reconnect
with friends old and new while putting together
Brown Bags for our ministry*

Sep 17th | Goochland Historical Society

*Guest Speaker Richard Toler will share stories about our home's
history that you may have never heard...*

Sep 24th | Brown Bags

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

No Auditions - No Dress Code - No Experience Required

Rehearsal:
9/21

Presentation:
9/28

JOIN GBC'S "Choir du Jour"

Contact David Angel if interested

Mission Report:

In August, GBC delivered 11 Home Cleaning Kits to CARITAS, and 128 pounds of food to GoochlandCares.



Since 1976, the annual Virginia Missions offering has been a joint venture of the HerMission (formerly WMUVa) and the BGAV. These offerings go towards state missions, to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Our goal for GBC this year is \$500.**

We will be collecting for Alma Hunt through the month of September. If you wish to give, please put your offering in the designated offering envelopes or write Alma Hunt Offering in the memo line of a check.

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exercise class

All abilities welcome!
Contact Susan Angel
for more information.

Resumes September 2!

Tuesdays and Thursdays
7:00 pm

Multipurpose
Room

BOWLING -Night- SEP 30TH

@BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP

Join us
every 5th Tuesday
of the month @ 6:00 pm
Spectators Welcome!

Contact Karen Evans
for more information and to RSVP!

Save the Date!
Oct 4-5th



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 Pastor Curt if interested!

September Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- SEP 7** Lois & Dwight Grissom
SEP 14 Gayle Stanley & Diane Proctor
SEP 21 Carla Yuen & Justin Lingerfelt
SEP 28 Lynn & Ed Hayes

USHERS

- SEP 7** Justin Lingerfelt, Hope Webb & Jim Fields
SEP 14 Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
SEP 21 John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
SEP 28 Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



- Sep 1** Wayne Melton
 Hope Webb
Sep 6 Janet Koch
Sep 14 Sharon Condrey
 Ray Waldrop
Sep 16 Brandon Grissom
Sep 24 Tracy Novak
Sep 28 Frances Nuckols
Sep 30 Thomas Henley
 Robert Townsend

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
 Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, Sep 27th,
8am - 10:30am**

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



**Quarterly Business Meeting
 Sunday, Sep 14 @ 11:40 am**

Our next quarterly business meeting will be after
 Sunday School on September 14.
 Our church family is encouraged to join us as we
 attend to matters of church business.



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GBC Summer Family Mission Trip

We had a great time of service & fellowship in Nickelsville, VA last month, where a group of us worked alongside the Southwest Virginia Partnership to serve the local community.



GBC Seniors



▲ August Senior Outing

We had great time and delicious meal at Wood Grill Buffet in Charlottesville.



▲ August Joy Club

We had good food & educational entertainment with Amanda Rudderman's Fall Prevention Presentation.



Thursday 9/11 @ 11:30 am

Grapevine, Greek & Italian

Bus will leave GBC @

11:05am



NO September Joy Club

We'll see you in October!

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

SEPTEMBER 2025 PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Alvis – health concerns

Hunter Bailey – Diagnosed with salivary cancer; currently undergoing chemo. Additionally, Hunter and Megan are anticipating the birth of their second child this fall.

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

Jim Mayo – preparing for surgery later this week to remove a kidney stone.

Ellen Melton – continuing chemo

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

Jimmy Hauk (Karen Evans' brother-in-law) – is undergoing chemotherapy

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 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

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

Peggy Tinsley (sister of Brenda Allen) – health concerns

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