

SEPTEMBER 2021

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

September is always one of the most exciting times of the year for me. The excitement of a new school year promises ample opportunity for new beginnings. But for Goochland Baptist, this year is more special than most. By now you've probably heard: on October 10, we'll celebrate Goochland Baptist Church's 250th anniversary. Very few churches in America have as long a legacy as Goochland Baptist Church. October 10 will be a special day for us to celebrate God's goodness in the past and to look towards our bright future. We're inviting everyone who has been part of the Goochland Church family to join us - past pastors, members, and any friends of the church. We'll have a worship service at 10:30, and church family picture at 11:30. Afterwards, we'll have lunch and then an additional service after lunch. You can read about the events of that day on page 7. A lot has changed in our community, our state, and this world since Goochland Baptist was founded in 1771, but one thing has remained constant: this church's desire to share the hope of Jesus Christ. And that's worth celebrating! Please make plans to join us.

If you haven't considered how Goochland Baptist has affected your life, I hope you'll take a few minutes to remember how God has used this church to bless you. We're trying to collect as many stories as we can! I hope you'll share your story with us by filling out the form on page 9 or shar-

ing it on our website at www.goochlandchurch.org/this-is-my-story.

Before our big October 10 anniversary celebration, we've got a couple other changes that I'm excited about. Church council voted to make a schedule change for our Sunday morning programming starting on Sunday, September 5. Worship will be in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. Afterwards at 10:15 am, we'll have a fellowship time in the Multipurpose Room, followed by Sunday School from 10:30 - 11:15 am. In the past, the fellowship time between services has helped the church family connect with one another. I know you'll enjoy being able to connect with others over coffee.

That same week, we'll be resuming our Wednesday Night Dinners. We'll be offering both take-out dinners and in-person dining in the Multipurpose Room. Our Food Service Committee's home-cooked meals rival anything you'd order at a restaurant, and I'm looking forward to sharing them around the table with you again. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:30 pm. At 6:15, our children and youth will leave for children's choir and student ministry. At 6:30, Pastor Curt will lead a short devotion and a prayer time, and we'll aim to wrap up by 6:45. Dinners cost \$4.00/adult or \$1.00/child. I hope you'll join us for each week for a time of good food and great fellowship.

Speaking of fellowship, a big thanks goes out to Crystal Waldrop, Wayne

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BAPTIST CHURCH
EST. 1771

PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.



WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Kelly Anderson
Minister to Students

MINISTRY TEAMS

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

I'm really grateful that our deacons have chosen to embrace a team-ministry approach to help meet us more effectively minister both in our church and our community. You've probably heard by now about the three new ministry teams our deacons have established: the Food Team, the Transportation Team, and the Connection Team. If you're looking for a place to serve, we hope you'll consider joining one of these teams. Anyone who feels called to serve can join! If you'd like to join, contact the church office at goochlandchurch@gmail.com or contact one of the team organizers.

The Food Team will work together to ensure that anybody in our church family who undergoes an interruption in life (e.g. surgery, illness, or other crisis) will receive meals during the week, so they don't have the added pressure of cooking. Food is provided through home-cooked meals, restaurant meals, or gift cards. If you have a heart for serving others in crisis, or if you like to cook, we need you on the Food Team. Diane Proctor and Mike Nicholas are organizing the Food Team this year.

The Transportation Team will ensure that individuals who cannot provide their own transportation or need assistance getting somewhere can safely get where they need to go. The Transportation Team aims to help our church family with rides to church, the doctor, the drug store, or other important places. If you have time to pick someone up and take them somewhere important, we need you on the Transportation Team. David Angel is organizing the Transportation Team this year.

The Connection Team will provide opportunities for our church family to connect at a deeper level. It will also provide creative opportunities for those in our community to connect with our church. After the pandemic, many in our church and community are especially hungry for human connection. If you enjoy making others feel welcome, reaching out to new folks, or just talking with anyone, the Connection Team needs you! Angela Bassett, Phil Egolf, and Jeff Parrish are organizing the Connection Team this year.

There are plenty of opportunities to serve this year! In addition to the new teams, we're always looking for folks to help in the nursery, in the kitchen, or with our GoochlandCares and Caritas partnerships. We hope you'll pray about ways you can serve your church this year.

GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

Summer is over and I am really excited for the Fall in the life of our student ministry. Our Wednesday night programming is starting back the week of September 8th and we will continue our Sunday evening gatherings into the Fall as well. I'm grateful for the ways I was able to connect with our students and their families over the summer and I am looking forward to the ways that our students will grow in their faith journey as we all seek to follow Jesus. Let's keep our students and their families in prayer as they begin the new school year. Let's pray for the teachers and administrators who are working hard to both educate our students and to keep them safe.



Back-To-School Bash

Friday, September 10th @ 6:00-8:00pm

Come out for a time of fellowship, pizza, and games. RSVP on the church website or to Kelly by September 8th.

Student Sunday Gatherings

Sundays @ 5:00-7:00 pm

Dinner, fellowship and Bible Study.

Student Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:30 am-11:15 am

Join us after worship on Sundays in the youth room.

Student Wednesday Gathering

Wednesday, September 8 @ 6:15-7:00pm

We will have a brief devotional time following our Wednesday evening dinner.



Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS
or visit www.goochlandchurch.org/students.

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Melton, and our kitchen crew for another Sunday Funday this past August 22. The barbeque was delicious, and many of you brought delicious homemade sides and desserts. Amy Robinson organized a kickball game for our young people, and many of you enjoyed Donnie and Darren Durham bluegrass concert. If there are two things this church does well, they're food and fun!

We have a lot to celebrate this fall, and we're moving forward full steam ahead. We've learned over the past 18 months to pivot quickly, though. If the COVID-19 pandemic takes a turn for a worse, we'll be prepared to pivot once again. Know that our Regathering Team is closely monitoring the pandemic, so that we can gather safely. If any changes are made, we'll let you know. Our hope, though, is to proceed with our schedule as planned, because this is truly a unique season, and we have a lot to celebrate!

New times:

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

9:30 AM

WORSHIP

10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL



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JOIN A

MINISTRY TEAM



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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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

TAKE-OUT or IN-PERSON



**Wednesdays
5:45-6:30 p.m.**

In The Multipurpose Room.
Join us for each week for a time of good food and great fellowship.

6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
Youth Gathering

6:30 p.m. Pastor Curt will lead a short devotion and prayer time.

Dinners cost \$4.00/adult or \$1.00/child.

SUNDAY FUNDAY THANK YOU

Thanks to Crystal Waldrop, our Food Service Committee, and everyone who brought food to the August Sunday Funday!



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY TEAM



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.

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JULY JOY CLUB

Pictures from the July Joy Club "Civil War Soldier" presentation by Ken Chandler with Richmond Discoveries.



JOY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 22th @ 11:30AM

True Spirit Gospel Band
Fish Fry by JOY Club. Bring Desserts!!!

September Outing:
Olive Garden on West Broad near Glenside (date TBD)

Any questions please call
John Webb at 804-334-9270.
www.gochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- September 1** Wayne Melton
Hope Webb
Jennifer Bordewyk
- September 6** Janet Koch
- September 10** Randy Alvis
- September 11** Amos Johnson
- September 14** Raymond Waldrop
- September 17** Jim Proffitt
Ralph Taylor
- September 21** Marilyn Gibson
- September 22** Tanner Michels
- September 25** Georgie Alvis
- September 27** Donald Powell
- September 28** Elizabeth Hobbs
- September 29** Gary Longenecker
- September 30** Robert Townsend
Thomas Henley



GBC ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

You're invited to our **250th Anniversary Homecoming** on **Sunday, October 10, 2021**

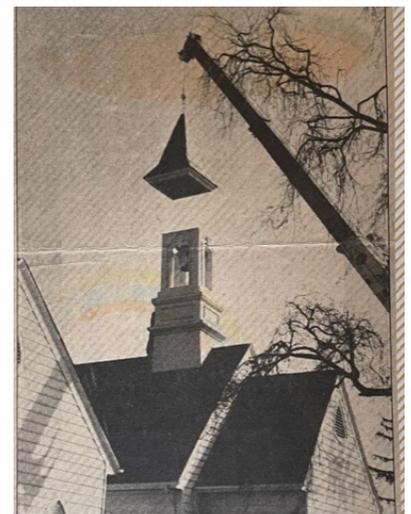
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.
- 11:30 a.m. Group picture of everyone present.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (*gluten free options and sugar free desserts available*).
- Afternoon session to follow after lunch.

GBC'S HISTORY IN PICTURES

How many of the VBS participants pictured below can you name?



Check your answers on the next page.



Chenault & Associates architects

New cap for old church

The 221-year-old, 450-member Goochland Baptist Church decided recently to spruce up its latest building, which is about 150 years old, so the members ordered a factory-built aluminum steeple, complete with bell. A spokesman said the congregation took a special offering and undertook the \$27,000 project to enhance the church's visibility in the growing Manakin-Rockville area.

SERVE

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- September 5** Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
- September 12** Angela Bassett and Jim Fields
- September 19** Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
- September 26** Diane Proctor and Jim Fields

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- September 5** Jim Fields
- September 12** Stuart Melton
- September 19** John Webb
- September 26** Gwen Padgett

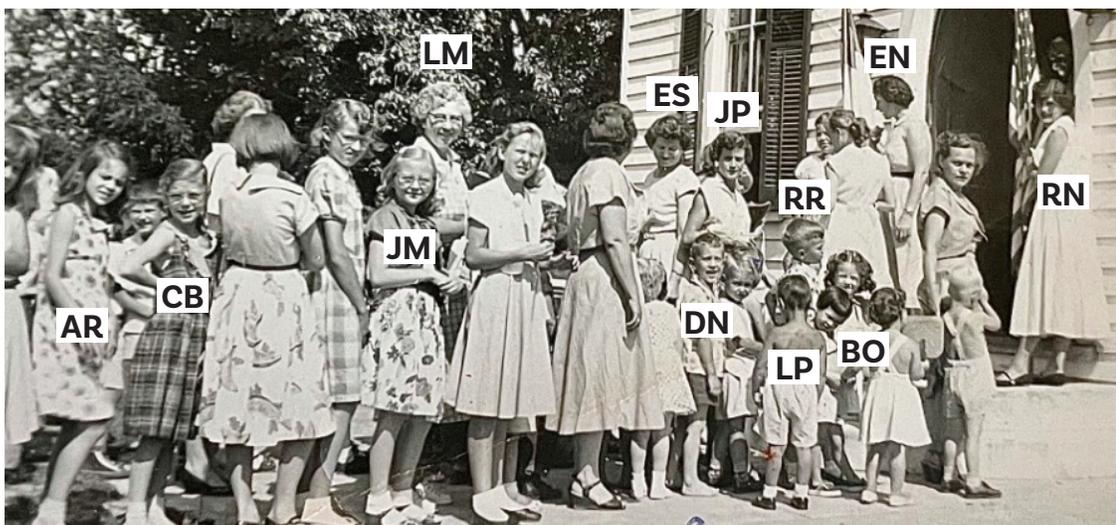
LIVE
STREAM

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

Follow the link at www.goochlandchurch.org.

THANK YOU...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at GoochlandCares Food Pantry and Clothes Closet in August



Answers: AR-Amy Richardson, CB-Carolyn Brooks, JM-Judy Mosby, LM-Louise Mosby, ES-Evelyn Selfe, JP-Iris "Jean" Proctor, DN-Dee Nuckols, LP- Larry Proctor, BO-Betsy Osborne, RR- Ray Richardson, EN-Ellen Nuckols, RN-Reva Nuckols (Alvis)



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This is our story.

This 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!**



ONLINE



ENVELOPES



TEXT TO GIVE



BILL PAY

Visit www.goochlandchurch.org/give to learn more.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerry Anderson—recovering from rotator cuff surgery

Allen Bowles—health concerns

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—home after hospitalization for an infection in the foot—after going 16 months without an infection. Please pray that this infection is fully cleared.

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

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Connie Long

Daphne Longenecker—Recovering at home. Daphne welcomes cards at this time.

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home

Rebecca Michels—has moved to oral chemo

Linda Moore—has been back at church recently

Mike Nicholas—recovering from hernia surgery

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

Jessie Stewardson—had skin cancer removed from her nose last week

Wanda Waldrop

Bob White— health concerns

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—heart attack and is now recovering at home

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

Jenna Bates—(daughter of Joanne Slate, who is Connie Jones' friend)—had surgery for a lung aneurysm

Gale Faudree Brown (daughter of Frank and Janet Faudree, lives in Minnesota)—recovering at home from pneumonia and other health challenges

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

Ralph Chasteen—friend of Carla Yuen's

Brian Clemons (friend of Gerry and Sandra Nuckols)—lost 18 year old son in motorcycle accident

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

Barb Freeby (friend of Carla Yuen)—upcoming surgery

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.

Dick Gilman (neighbor of the Bassetts)—waiting biopsy results from mass

Mackenzie Green (High school friend of Caroline Bassett)—recovering from accident; just moved up to Lynchburg College to begin her freshman year

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

Mae Higgs (longtime Goochland Schools bus driver)—is currently "on vacation" from her leukemia treatments, which are scheduled to end in November 2021. She's grateful for the many cards and prayers she's received.

Kelly (Nancy Nelson's cousin)—colon cancer

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

Neslihan Kocer (sister of Mike Nicholas' friend John Kocer)—fighting cancer and receiving chemotherapy in Turkey

Maggie Vaughan Lawrence (Brenda French's friend in Alabama in her 30s)—lung cancer that's spread through her bones and brain. She just had a one-time radiation treatment and has started chemotherapy.

James Matthews (16 month old child, grandson of Forrest Matthews, 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

Jeff Nuckols (Angela Bassett's brother, Morris and Audrey Nuckols' son)—recovering from surgery on vertebrae on Thursday, 8/5

Mrs. Calvin Porter—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Rhonda Powell—friend of Daphne Longenecker, esophageal cancer

Jeannie Purvis (Sandra Nuckols' niece)—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

Dolly Vopelak—Ken Stalls' mother in NC is on hospice; just turned 98 years old last week

Sharon Wood—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues

Jacki Woods—(mother of Brenda French's daughter-in-law in Pittsburgh, PA) diagnosed with very aggressive small cell lung cancer

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