

MAY 2023

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

There have been a lot of changes in our community in the six years I've served at Goochland Baptist Church. A couple more stops lights on Broad Street Road, old homes being torn down for new developments, and new houses popping up everywhere. When I ate lunch with some of our church members today, someone mentioned new shopping centers that were being planned at the corner of Manakin and Broad Street Roads.

I'm not a big fan of changes - Erin can tell you about that. But I've also discovered that change can be an opportunity for new growth. In fact, it's often the folks who dig their heels in and resist change that get left behind. Remember Blockbuster Video? They insisted that movies were meant to be watched on DVD...and they went bankrupt. Or remember Kodak Eastman? They were the one company synonymous with photography for decades. Yet in recent years, they insisted that pictures were meant to be printed, not to be viewed on screens. They, too, went bankrupt. Do you see a pattern here? Those who resist change are often left behind. The same could be said for churches. As our community and culture changes, our church should be willing to change, too.

One change I'm excited about is that we're bringing Vacation Bible School back this summer...but it will look different. Instead of the Mon-

day-Friday morning model that we've used for decades, we're going to try an experiment: we'll have VBS on Wednesday nights for five consecutive Wednesday nights. And instead of just targeting children, we're going to target families. We'll have dinner and VBS-style programming for children and youth, and we'll also have activities for adults to participate in. Pastor Sharon and Heather Waldrop have done a lot of planning for this. I hope you'll read more about in on page 2 in Pastor Sharon's article.

This isn't the first change we've made: this past February, we pivoted from our traditional Wednesday night programming to a more outward-looking Wednesday night called Community Table. We've been really encouraged by it: new people have come, our Wednesday afternoon Bible study has grown, and connections between our church and community have been strengthened.

There are undoubtedly more changes that God will lead us to in the days ahead. But our pursuit of Jesus Christ is one thing that will never change. We will continue to celebrate his work in each of our lives. And with that, we're holding onto two traditions that will not change: Child Dedication Sunday and Senior Recognition. This Mother's Day, May 14, we'll be dedicating children to the Lord. And in June, we want to highlight our high school and college graduates to

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"Make it a feature."

It was late 2020, and I was standing by Tony, my now-husband's, workbench, sobbing. I was deep into the process of making the box that would hold my grandfather's ashes, and I had made yet another mistake. I wanted the box to be worthy of Granddad-dy Bob, complete with the same kind of artistry and care I watched him put into his own creations. Unfortunately, I was a brand-new woodworker, and the box was turning out far from perfect.

"What do you mean?" I asked, as I wiped my eyes.

"At work, we have a saying for when computer code doesn't work exactly how we hoped it would: 'Don't think of the imperfection as a bug. Make it a feature instead,'" Tony replied.

Make it a feature. In other words, take the mistake, the imperfection, and turn it into something useful. I will admit, the thought hadn't occurred to me. I was so focused on making the perfect piece to honor my grandfather that anything less than that seemed unacceptable.

How many of us struggle with perfectionism? How many of us are so paralyzed by the need to do something right that we find ourselves unable to do anything at all? I'm sure I'm not the only one who has struggled with these feelings. In fact, the Bible is full of people who didn't feel worthy to answer God's call because they feared they couldn't answer it perfectly. Moses, Jonah, Zachariah, Peter, and countless others all responded with shock when God called them. They didn't feel strong enough, smart enough, or good enough to be used by God. But He knew they were. Where they looked at themselves and saw bugs and problems to be corrected, God saw features that could be used to do His work.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 reminds us that Christ says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." We don't have to be perfect to do something meaningful in the world. We can't be. But God can redeem our imperfections and even turn them into something beautiful. We just have to be willing to see them that way, too.

In the end, I finished the box. It wasn't perfect, but I realized that it never needed to be. My grandfather loved me, and that love would have made him proud of me no matter how the box turned out. So it is with God, too. His love means that we don't have to be perfect—we just have to try, and trust that He will take care of transforming our bugs into features.

SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

Happy Spring! The world is blooming around us reminding us of resurrection, rebirth and the love of Christ. It is my sincere prayer that GBC will have an opportunity to share the message of the love of Christ to many children this summer through our Vacation Bible School.

Children of all ages are invited to a castle adventure — The Quest for the King's Armor at Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School. This noble adventure includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God's amazing strength.

We will be trying something a little different with VBS this year. Instead of an intensive week long VBS, we will offer VBS once a week on Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm for 5 Wednesdays starting July 12th and ending August 9th.

Why once a week? Once a week is less exhausting and more volunteer friendly!

Why in the evening? Evening hours make it easier for working parents to bring their children. As well, those who work can find it easier to volunteer.

What is needed for a successful VBS? You! We need volunteers! There are many ways to serve through the VBS. We are looking for loving adults to fill the following positions:

- Castle Guides - These leaders shepherd your Knights safely between stations
- Castle volunteers - Will assist wherever needs arise.
- Station Leaders - Lead the children in the activities at a given station- Craft, Recreation, Science, Assembly, and preschool.

Decorating Team members- plan, collect supplies and create an exciting space for VBS

Of course, we would love you to volunteer for all nights, but if you can only volunteer for a few, we welcome that too! If you are ready to accept this mission, contact Heather Stewart (hrwaldrop87@gmail.com) or Pastor Sharon (sharcondrey@gmail.com/804-467-9167.)

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celebrate God's grace in their lives. If you have a child in your family that you'd like to dedicate, or if you have a senior who is graduating, please contact the church office.

Change in our community is inevitable. But even as the way we do things change, our mission never changes: we're here to connect folks with God's love, empower folks through Christ's grace, and send each other out into our community to follow God's Spirit. I hope you'll help us as we try to discern the best ways to do that in the years ahead.



HAPPY Birthday TO YOU

May 1	Carla Yuen
May 2	Mackenzie Murren
May 2	Scott Ricketts
May 3	Cindy Alvis
May 8	Mike Wilson
May 10	Brenda French Roger Moore Coy Richardson
May 13	Maggie Arnold Forrest Webb
May 14	Brenda Rush
May 16	Mike Nicholas
May 17	Josh Padgett
May 18	Olivia Murren
May 19	Aubrey Lingerfelt
May 20	John Webb
May 22	George Alvis Lee Proffitt
May 23	Erin Henley Ellen Melton
May 24	Hunter Bailey Caroline Bassett Al Henley Rachel Henley
May 28	George Albert Henley
May 30	Frank Faudree
May 31	Robert Nuckols



You're Invited:

Children 5 years of age through 5th grade are invited to join us following Pastor Curt's Children's Sermon.

**Children will be learning the following
"Need to Know" truths:**

May 7 – No Family is Perfect

May 14 – I Can Be Part of a Family

May 21 – I Can Have Fun with My Family

May 28 – I Can Honor My Family



Do you knit/crochet OR do you want to learn? If providing caps for chemo patients or blankets for babies in a NICU sounds like a ministry you would like to be a part of please let Erin Kruschwitz know. You can also pick up a hand-out with more information in the foyers of the sanctuary and MPR building.

Meets first and third Mondays of each month.

MAY 2023



Child Dedication

SUNDAY, MAY 14
9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Email goochlandchurch@gmail.com if you would like to have a child dedicated.

GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

Saturday, May 27
8 am-10:30 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com



YOU'RE INVITED!

Dinner at 6:00 pm | Activities at 6:30 pm

Each week, we'll have a delicious, home-cooked meal, followed by an activity, including presentations from relevant community guests, games, creative projects, and in-house service projects designed to serve the local community.

Dinner is \$4/adult, \$1/child, maximum \$15.00/family

Goochland Baptist welcomes our community together on Wednesday nights to connect with neighbors, discover resources and events throughout Goochland and Hanover, and give back to our community together.

May 2023 Calendar

May 3rd A Holy Land Experience

Our own Gwen and Jordan Padgett will be sharing their first-hand account of their recent trip to Israel.

May 10th Game Show Night

Our Multipurpose Room will be turned into The Price is Right studio.

May 17th Caritas Richmond Service Project

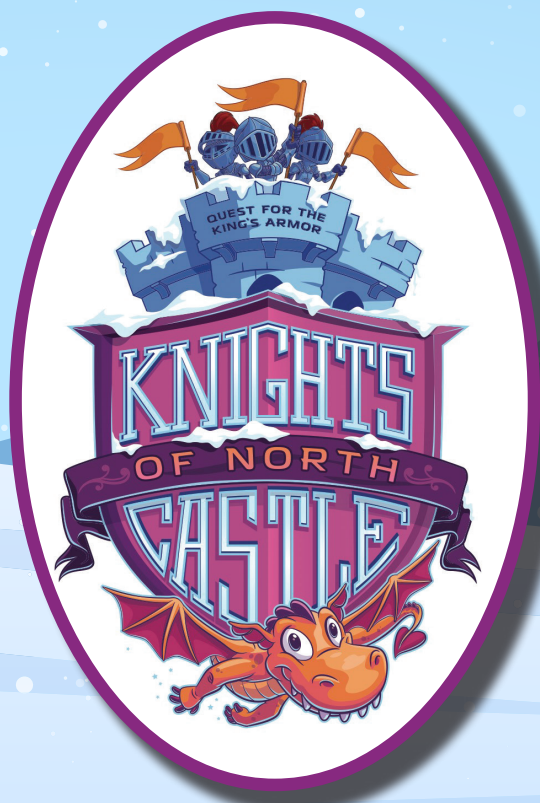
We'll be building tables for Cartias' recovery residents.

May 24th Spring Celebration

This will be our last Community Table for this season.

**Please RSVP to reserve meals
for you and your family at**

www.goochlandchurch.org/communitytable.



WEDNESDAY KNIGHTS

The Quest for the King's Armor
at North Castle VBS

Weekly VBS at Goochland Baptist Church

Wednesdays, 6-8 pm

July 12 - August 9

Registration Opens May 8th

www.goochlandchurch.org

Contact Heather, hrwaldrop87@gmail.com
or Sharon, sharcondrey@gmail.com for more
information and volunteer opportunities.



GBC

SUMMER KICK-OFF

COOKOUT

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 11AM-1PM

FOOD • GAMES • FUN

MAY 2023

EASTER SUNDAY @ GBC



GBC Seniors

Below are pictures from a few of our senior events in April.



▲ GBC seniors enjoyed having the Mount Vernon's "Young at Heart" Choir. Lunch was Fried Chicken provided by Kitchen 33.



▲ For the April Senior Outing, GBC seniors had a delicious lunch at the Michie Tavern in Charlottesville.

JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 24TH AT 10:30 AM**

**The Goochland Sheriff's Department
will have a presentation concerning
Scams and Fraud Prevention.**
Members, please bring desserts.



SENIOR OUTING:

The May Senior Outing will be on **Thursday, May 11th** for lunch at 11:30am. at Lola's Farmhouse Bistro (patio dining). The bus will leave GBC at 11:10 am.

RSVP Needed to John Webb 804-334-9270.

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

MAY 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—at home.

Frances Bradshaw—at the Laurels Convalescent Center.

Eva Childress—recovering from a recent fall.

Frank and Janet Faudree—health concerns.

Linda Gibbs—recovering from replacement surgery at the end of April.

Carolyn Heath—living at the Discovery Village at the West End.

Scott Hobson—has multiple myeloma.

Amos and Judy Johnson— have moved into Vitality Living Assisted Care. They welcome visits!

Connie Long

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Rebecca Michels—Recent test results show that radiation is working to shrink treated spots; however, there are 2 new spots, so Rebecca has begun the more difficult chemo again.

Mike Nicholas – requests prayer for surgery scheduled in late June to remove part of his large intestine.

Don Powell—receiving in-home nursing care

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—got good labs last week that show the cancer marker is almost normal; hopes to start a maintenance drug that will keep her in remission.

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Jaimie Algood (37 year old friend of Sherry Rosen, wife and mother of 3)—dealing with rare and serious form of cancer; is at MD Anderson in Houston for 31 days of chemo and radiation.

John Bartlett—Linda Moore's brother

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

Travis Brown (Pastor Ken Stalls' good friend) – melanoma.

Bill and Suzanne Coats – Suzanne is recovering from fall at Our Lady of Hope; Bill is struggling with shingles.

Wanda Coppedge (friend of Diane Proctor's son, Travis)—hit by forklift at work, has had 2 brain surgeries, and is in an induced coma.

Megan Curry and family (Nicole Lingerfelt's cousin).

Ann Dalton (friend of Jackie Ford)—has cancer which isn't responding well to chemo.

Jean Dunkum (Pastor Sharon's uncle) – heart issues.

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

Jimmy Fincham (husband of former member, Sherry Fincham [Hughes]) – just started dialysis and is on a donor list for kidneys and pancreas

Savannah Fortune (daughter of Jennifer Fortune, friend of many at GBC)—pray for her as she is on active duty in the US Navy.

Ashley Harper (Wayne and Ellen Melton's daughter-in-law) – Pituitary macro adenoma.

Bill and Virginia Hayden (Gayle Stanley's parents)—health concerns.

Stephen Hill (brother of good friend of Gwen Padgett)—cancer.

Christina Holleman (John Webb's granddaughter) – hospitalized with pneumonia and is on a ventilator, and having other serious complications.

Kadence Jester (great-granddaughter of Stuart and Brenda Durrett)—returned home after recent hospitalization at VCU.

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

Linda Kellum (Rebecca Michels' Mom)—went home at the end of April 2022.

Maggie Vaughan Lawrence (Brenda French's friend, a wife/mother in her 30s)—will be getting radiation to her hip and has a Pet scan coming up in the next several weeks.

Ashley May (friend of Brenda French lives in Alabama)—has started chemo for breast cancer. She is 40 years old.

Barbara Mays (Dee Parrish's mother) – in a hospital skilled care unit for physical therapy after a successful knee surgery on Friday, April 14.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—continues to need our prayers. Having cardiac complications from stem cell transplant. His wife Tammy needs prayers as well. She is exhausted. They have been in and out of the hospital since the fall of 2022.

Neal Purcell (David Purcell's brother)—health issues.

Jay Ramsey (William and Lila Hicks' son-in-law)—diagnosed with liver cancer. Please pray for the Jay and his wife Kim, as well as the entire Hicks family.

Eddie Richardson (Gwen Padgett's uncle)—recovering at home after recent hospitalization.

Wilma Rushing (Brenda French's 94 year-old mother)—adjusting well in the nursing home. Thanks for the cards and prayers.

Frank Shields (Pastor Sharon's son-in-law) – recovering from recent stroke.

Shirley (friend of a Joy Club member) – has very aggressive bone cancer.

Audrey Stalls (Pastor Ken Stalls' granddaughter)

Chick Sweeney (Kevin Dunne's brother-in-law)—recovering at home from a "minor" stroke which mainly affects his speech which he finds very stressful, which drives his blood pressure beyond healthy limits.

Brian Sweeney (son of Chick, see above)—continues to wait for a kidney transplant.

Dolly Vopelak—(Ken Stalls' mother in NC) on hospice; just turned 98 years old.

Jackie Woods (family member of Brenda French)—gets results of test following her second round of chemo and radiation on May 5.

Mariam Egbal Yuen (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law)—recovering from treatment for neuropathy.

Memorial Service Update

A memorial service for Kevin Dunne will be held at Goochland Baptist Church on Friday, May 12 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in our Fellowship Hall.

Please email goochlandchurch@gmail.com with new prayer requests, changes to prayer requests, or to be added or removed from our Prayer Request Email List.