

FEBRUARY 2021

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

Over the past year, leadership experts across the world have been emphasizing that organizations, companies, and businesses with the ability to pivot are the ones who will thrive in the midst of this pandemic. Think about basketball. If a basketball player is dribbling the ball towards the basket, and an opponent blocks their path to the basket, they'll often stop and pivot on one foot to get a better look at the basket. A pivot is a change of direction to get to the goal.

Churches are learning to pivot, too. We're changing some things while pursuing the same goal. We still lead our community to worship. We're still teaching the Bible. We're still serving our neighbors and taking care of the vulnerable. We're still blessing our community. But we're learning to do these things in different ways.

I'm grateful for two pivots Goochland Baptist has made over the past month. First, I'm grateful for the creativity of our Food Service Committee in designing and implementing a plan to make and package to-go dinners on Wednesday nights. Many of you have enjoyed our church's trademark down-home cooking these past couple of weeks. If you haven't, I hope you'll try picking up one of these meals. Menus are published through email each week and announced on Sunday morning. If you'd like to pick up a to-go meal on Wednesday night for you or your neighbors, please call or text Wayne Melton (804-380-4528) by 9:00 pm Monday night.

Second, we've begun to live stream

our in-person 10:00 am worship on YouTube on Sunday mornings. We've had some hiccups with our equipment along the way. However, we've solved all of the known problems, so we think you'll see the streaming quality improve. I hope those of you who are not yet ready to come back to in-person worship will enjoy worshipping with your church family online. You'll see and hear everything: the announcements, prayers, music, and sermon. Kelly Anderson has done a lot of work to make this happen, and I'm grateful for his help.

Undoubtedly, we'll need to make more pivots in the future. You should have received a copy of our Regathering Team's updated COVID-19 protocol. (If not, it's on page 4 of this month's Messenger.) With the increased spread of COVID-19 since the holidays, we want to do everything reasonably possible to keep our church family and community safe. In consultation with the Chickahominy Health District, we've taken steps to ensure that we do what we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at Goochland Baptist Church. If you've attended Goochland Baptist in person and have tested positive for COVID-19, please let us know, so that we can take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our church family.

Pivoting is not always easy - for organizations or for individuals. Still, the Bible reminds us that God's power is often seen most clearly in situations when God's people's plans change...when they

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

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



### WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).

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Pastor

**Kelly Anderson**  
Minister to Students



## GOOCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH TURNS 250

GBC will celebrate it's  
250th anniversary this fall.

**We need folks to help plan our  
celebration!** If you'd like to join our  
250th Anniversary Task Force,  
email Pastor Curt at  
**curtgbc@gmail.com.**

## GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

As we head into the Spring, I'm hopeful that we will be able to return to some sense of normalcy. We are looking forward to Summer as we hope to have our summer mission trip this Summer. The date for the Summer mission trip this year will be June 27th-July 3rd and the location is in Danville VA. Our housing will be on the campus of Averett University and they will provide all of our meals except for our free night. If your student(s) are planning on attending, the \$100.00 deposit will be due to Kelly Anderson no later than Sunday February 21st. You can pay by cash or by check made out to Goochland Baptist Church. The entire cost of the trip is \$300.00 per student. We never want money to be a factor for students to not attend our summer mission trip so we do have scholarships available as well. I'm looking forward to this opportunity this year because I greatly missed our trip last year. These trips are a wonderful opportunity for students to connect and serve together.

### Sunday School @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

In the Multipurpose Room after Indoor Worship Service.

### Wednesday Nights @ 6:00-7:00 pm

In the Multipurpose Room.

**Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS**

**or visit [www.goochlandchurch.org/students](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/students).**

\*\*Please note that all of our youth ministry gatherings will adhere to CDC guidelines and rules that have been set forth by our GBC regathering team\*\*

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pivot. Think about the Israelites – their wandering in the desert was a pivot, but it provided the time for them to know God better. Or when Jesus' disciples realized it was lunch time, but there was little food to be found in the crowd around Jesus, they had to pivot. Jesus asked them to bring any food they could find, and they brought five loaves and two fish. With that, God's power was revealed. Paul's life took a sharp pivot on the Damascus Road, and it transformed Paul's life and gave him new purpose. We see God's work in new ways when we pivot for God. I hope we'll keep our eyes open for new displays of God's power and God's truth in these uncertain times. Because some things never change: God's love can always inspire us. God's grace always makes us new. God's peace always transcends circumstance. Even as some of our normal ways of doing things change, we're still pursuing the same goal: to worship God, to serve our community, and to love the world. My hope is that now, as we pivot, we'll be able to see God more clearly.

It's not too late!

**REGISTER TODAY**



## From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

We rejoice that **Pastor Curt** has faithfully served our Goochland Baptist Church family for **four years!** We look forward to his continued leadership in the years to come.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER TO GO

**To reserve your meals, call or text**

Wayne Melton at 804-380-4528 by Monday at 9:00 PM.

**ON THE WAY:**  
WEDNESDAYS @ GBC

*Online*

Join us online **Wednesdays at 7 pm** for a real-time gathering for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

To be added to the email list or learn more, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com) or call 804-749-3522.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

<b>February 2</b>	Cindy Claytor
<b>February 3</b>	Waldon Chisholm Billie Massie
<b>February 6</b>	Kevin Dunne
<b>February 8</b>	Dan Bowers Steve Rosen
<b>February 9</b>	Cheryl Sale
<b>February 10</b>	Mert Henley Courtney Marsh
<b>February 11</b>	Teresa Kessler
<b>February 13</b>	Allen Bowles
<b>February 14</b>	Jim Allen Jerry Anderson Virginia Cernac Winsor Egolf
<b>February 16</b>	Ralph Claytor
<b>February 19</b>	Matthew Kruschwitz Nathan Kruschwitz
<b>February 22</b>	George Koch Stuart Melton
<b>February 25</b>	Carolyn Heath
<b>February 26</b>	Meleah Mitchell
<b>February 27</b>	Leah Grissom
<b>February 28</b>	Mark Nuckols Sherry Rosen



## GBC February Mission Project Mission Partner: CARITAS

\$10 donations will provide essential kitchen items for an individual or family starting their life in a new home.

**GBC Goal:** \$300 to provide essential kitchen items for 30 individuals or families.

**How to Participate:** Donations can be made through offerings given to GBC and designated for "kitchen items".



# LIVE STREAM

**SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM**

To watch, visit **Youtube.com** and search "**Goochland Baptist Church**" or follow the link at [www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org) and in our weekly emails.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Goochland Baptist Family:

As you're well aware, the COVID-19 virus is spreading through our community more quickly than ever. Positivity rates are up, and just about everyone knows someone who has tested positive. Our Regathering Team met this week to reevaluate Goochland Baptist's response to the pandemic. From the beginning, our Regathering Team has remained committed to the importance of corporate worship (Isaiah 43:21), the importance of human connection (Genesis 2:18), and the importance of caring for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us (1 Corinthians 12:22). These values guide our decision-making.

We know that not everyone is comfortable with in-person worship in a season like this. In fact, for many of church members who are more vulnerable to COVID-19, it's best to worship from home. However, our Regathering Team has decided to continue worshipping in-person following the guidelines we established last fall, including wearing masks over the nose and mouth and social distancing.

**We want to be clear with our church family about our response if someone who attends worship tests positive for COVID-19.** Pastor Curt has talked with the Chickahominy Health District to make sure the Regathering Team's response aligns with the best practices for our region. What's outlined below is our plan to try and keep everyone as safe and informed as possible.

**First and foremost, if you've attended GBC in-person activities and test positive for COVID-19, please contact Pastor Curt or your deacon ASAP.** We will never share the identity of persons with COVID-19 with the church family without their consent. By letting us know of your COVID-19 diagnosis, you allow us to do everything reasonably possible to protect the greater church family.

When we learn that someone who has tested positive attended one of our in-person gatherings within the last 14 days, we will take the following actions:

- **First**, we'll contact everyone who attended the event with the person who later tested positive for COVID. We keep records of who attends every in-person gathering to aid in contact tracing.
- **Second**, following the guidance of the Chickahominy Health District, we'll advise everyone who attended an in-person gathering with someone who tested positive for COVID to talk to their primary care provider and get tested for COVID-19. Most providers recommend taking the send-off test, which is much more accurate than the rapid test.
- **Third**, if we are aware that specific people were in close contact with the person who tested positive (i.e. sat near, had a conversation with), we will let those particular people know that they were in close contact with someone who tested positive. The Chickahominy Health District recommends folks who were in close contact with an infected person self-quarantine for seven days, even if they get a negative COVID-19 test result. Research suggests that people who test negative sometimes still transmit the virus, especially if it was a false negative.
- **Fourth**, following the direction of the Chickahominy Health District, we will cancel the next week's service to allow a full 14 days between services. For example, if we have someone who tests positive in our Sunday morning worship service, the next Sunday's worship will be online only.

If you have any questions about our protocol, please don't hesitate to reach out. Hopefully later this year we'll turn a corner and we can return to some form of normalcy. Until then, you can be assured that we will do everything reasonably possible to keep you informed of potential exposures to COVID-19. It's our prayer that you stay healthy, and that God's presence sustains and guides you in this season. Please let us know if we can help in anyway.

Sincerely,  
GBC Regathering Team

# Guidelines for Indoor Worship

Established by the Goochland Baptist Church Regathering Team

## We will be doing the following in an effort to keep our church family safe:

- Sanitizing frequently touched surfaces (including doorknobs and bathroom fixtures)
- Offering hand sanitizer and face masks upon entrance to the church
- Refraining from passing things (bulletins, offering plate, Lord's Supper)

## Each person will be asked to do the following:

- Wear a facemask at all times while they're inside the church building. (Children under age 2 do not need facemasks.)
- Practice social distancing, remaining at least six feet apart from those outside your immediate family.
- Refrain from bringing food or drink into the church building.
- Use the bathroom before or after the service, but remain in your seat once you've been seated for worship. (Worship will be approximately 45 minutes long.)
- Visit with our church family outside of the church building after the service.

## Worship itself will look different.

- In an effort to reduce traffic, an usher will show every individual or family to their seats. (We will seat from the outside of the rows moving in.)
- Ushers will leave four seats between each individual or family unit to ensure over 6 feet of social distancing.
- At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.
- We will not pass the offering plate, but there will be a box at the entrance of the Multipurpose Room for our church family to drop their offerings into.
- We'll have music, but there will be no congregational singing.
- Children may come forward for the children's sermon and sit on pre-arranged mats to ensure social distancing.
- We will not be printing out bulletins. Instead, we'll use the monitors to guide the service.
- Our pastor will preach behind a clear shield and exit the building immediately after the service, so he can greet you safely outside.

## Who shouldn't worship indoors?

- If you have a fever, cough, or sore throat, please stay home and worship with us online.
- If you or someone in your household has been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home and worship with us online.
- If for any reason, you're not comfortable with the guidelines the Regathering Team has established, please stay home and worship with us online!

*We will continue to monitor state and local guidance concerning COVID-19 and will make necessary adjustments to our worship guidelines as needed.*

## Goochland Baptist Church Regathering Team

Kelly Anderson  
David Angel  
Susan Angel  
Angela Bassett  
Kristie Gee

Elizabeth Hobbs  
Curt Kruschwitz  
Erin Kruschwitz  
Jeff Parrish  
Mila Spaulding

Gayle Stanley  
Russ Starke  
John Webb  
Shannon Wilson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allen Bowles**—health concerns

**Ann Bowles**—her cancer has spread and she has started chemo treatments.

**Doug Brandmahl**—health issues

**Debbie Dunlavey**—cancer

**Jackie Eby**—Brookdale

**Janet Faudree**—health concerns

**Barbara Fillion**

**Linda Gibbs**—home.

**Carolyn Heath**

**Selma Herweyer** - moving to memory care unit for PT, OT, and speech therapy

**Lila Hicks**—recovering from knee replacement

**William Hicks**

**Scott Hobson**—continued prayers that his cancer remains low and continues to respond to treatment.

**Janet Koch** - knee replacement surgery next week

**Connie Long**

**Daphne Longenecker**—home and recovering from her hospital stay.

**Hazel Melton** - visiting a surgeon about vision problem

**Rebecca Michels**—Please pray that the cancer can be contained and eliminated. Please pray for CJ, Kendall, and Tanner as well.

**Linda Moore**

**Shirley Poore**—Sunrise of Richmond

**Lee Proffitt** - husband Jim was hospitalized last week for fall; has now transferred to Beth Shalom for rehab

**Adelaide Stanley**

**Mary Stanley**—Beth Shalom

**Wanda Waldrop**

**Bob White**—health concerns

**Julia White**

### **Family & Friends of GBC Members**

**Jackson** - Diane Proctor's five year old grandson, tested positive for COVID-19

**John Bartlett**—Linda Moore's brother.

**Roger Bourgeois**—(Linda Moore's uncle) exposed to Covid. Has other health issues and a disabled daughter he cares for.

**Jim Crews**—(Carla Yuen's neighbor & friend) had a cancerous tumor removed from his neck.

**Roger Foster** (friend of Mike Nicholas and retired Henrico County police officer) has terminal cancer.

**Audrey Geraci** (Denise and Gerard Huff's niece) stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She is 36 years old and has three young children.

**Clarence Hall Jr. and Carol Hall**, his wife; kin to Willy Hall and Hazel Melton

**Janice Hanner**—undergoing treatment, pancreatic cancer

**Kelly Harris** (Jim & Brenda Allen's daughter)—Health concerns

**Glenda Hite**—childhood friend of Diane Proctor, has Alzheimer's and has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

**Margaret Holland** (a member of the community) she suffered a stroke

**Dan and Sherry Kittelson** - Kitt Townsend's newlywed brother and sister-in-law. Sherry's surgery went well last week. Soon, she'll start radiation.

**Mary Anne Lawson**—(Gwen Padgett's cousin) having trouble with shoulder that was repaired.

**Rebecca Michels' Mom**

**Jan Moritz** (friend of Richard Ciofani & Sandy Fisher)—cancer diagnosis

**Gwen Padgett's cousin Nancy**—multiple health concerns and her husband Eddie had a small stroke

**Wayne Parent** (Hazel Melton's Brother in Law)

**Mrs. Calvin Porter** diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Rhonda Powell**—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer

Lee Proffitt's sister in law, **Pearl Turman**, bladder cancer

Lee Proffitt's brother, **Raiford Turman**, home

**Tami Ricketts' mother** has breast cancer at 91.

**Sue Snead** (friend of Ann Bowles)

**Brian Sweeney** (Kevin Dunne's nephew)—has been placed on the waiting list for another replacement kidney.

**Juliana Timmerman**—(Kevin Dunne's GREAT granddaughter) born premature, had successful laser surgery on her eyes on Christmas Eve. Doctors say it was a complete success.

**Dolly Vopelak**—(Ken Stalls' mother in NC)

**Nell West**—(Aunt of Audrey Nuckols and Lois Lane) recovering from surgery

**Sharon Wood**—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues

### **Our Sympathy To:**

**The family of Shirely Poore**, who passed away in her memory care unit from COVID-19 on Sunday, January 31.

**Jean Fields**, whose great aunt Dottie Reese passed away on 1/19/21

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