

JULY 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

One of my favorite parts of our family trip to Massachusetts last month was meeting so many Scottish people in Boston. The Scots took over Boston, it felt like, to support the Scottish World Cup team as they played their first World Cup match in 28 years. They were everywhere.

But the most fascinating thing was seeing how much they loved the USA. They were enamored by Fenway Park, they were intrigued by the large spread at our hotel's continental breakfast, and they loved getting to know real Americans. We talked to them every morning at breakfast.

By all accounts, it wasn't just the Scots. Soccer fans from across the globe have been falling in love with American culture. They've been enamored with Buccee's, they were in awe of Costco, and they fell in love with ranch dressing. So much so that Kraft announced they were releasing a TSA-compliant bottle of ranch dressing that fans could carry home.

And Americans have fallen in love with their new friends, too. Google the story about how the town of Lawrence, Kansas has fallen head over heels for the Algerian soccer team, who made their home base in Lawrence. Everyone in Lawrence has bought Algerian scarves or soccer jerseys. The Kansas Jayhawk pep band learned to play the Algerian national anthem. Stores throughout

Lawrence have written messages of support in Arabic on their windows! Why? Because they've become friends with their new neighbors.

It couldn't have come at a better time. We all know shifting politics has heightened global tensions and strained international relationships. But when people come to see us - when they experience our culture, when they meet normal people and discover our hospitality - it builds goodwill. It brings people together.

And that's the way God designed it. We need to be close to other people. We need to be in proximity with people who are different from us. We need each other. That's why Jesus never sent his disciples to serve alone, but always with others.

We're designed to live and serve and follow God in community. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," it says in Proverbs 27. But for that to happen, we have to come together.

The most unhappy people I know are those who sit on their phones all day scrolling Facebook and following the news. They get depressed. They get angry. They start calling everyone enemies. And it's because they never meet the people they read about.

But when people come together, when we show hospitality, when we listen to each other - like what I saw in Boston - enemies become friends. Opponents form bonds. We discover we have a lot

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BAPTIST CHURCH
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PRAYER MINISTRY:

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



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more in common than we realize.

That's how God wired us. We are created for community. We tend to think we can do it on our own, but we need each other. When we come into proximity with one another, we begin to understand how intertwined we are.

Who needs you this week? How can you help build community in your circles? Who is God calling you to reach out to? My hope is that Goochland Baptist Church will be bridge builders - that we'll extend hospitality to those around us, and show people the love of Jesus.

Because that's what we're designed to do.



**YOUNG WOMEN
& MOTHERS**
Small Group

2nd & 4th Mondays
@ 5:30 pm in The Cove



Childcare provided

See Parker Dunlavey for more info



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NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

Our new security alarm and camera system will be activated on July 1, 2026.

After-hour access will require a designated code!

Questions? See Marvin Evans



Caught in the Act!*



Thank you to **Billy Nuckols** for weeding our flower beds!



Thank you to **Billy Nuckols and Kevin James** for assembling shelving for storage in the upstairs office for Children's & VBS. And to **Keith Spaulding** for recycling the huge amount of cardboard from these two rooms!



Thank you to **William Hicks** for his help straightening and decluttering our mechanical closet so the electrical panels are clear of items. And to **Lila Hicks and Gale Chaisson** for cleaning the refrigerators.

**These deeds were submitted by Gwen Padgett. Caught someone in our church family doing something praiseworthy? Submit that person's name and a description of their good deed(s) to office@goochlandchurch.org, so that they can be recognized in our monthly newsletter.*

Sundays in August
GBC VBS
9:30 - 11:30 am

Children ages 4 years - rising 6th grade are invited to join us each Sunday 8/2 - 8/23.

Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am, pick up in The Cove at 11:30 am.



Contact Teresa Kessler about volunteering or registering your child!

SAVE THE DATE!
**GBC FAMILY SUMMER
MISSION TRIP**
JULY 19 - 24, 2026

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
PARTNERSHIP IN
-NICKELSVILLE, VA-

CONTACT KEVIN JAMES, MILA SPAULDING OR
BRANDON ARNOLD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THIS INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

See flyer on last page of this newsletter
for ways to participate from home!

WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAYS
FALL 2026

SEE YOU THEN!



**Sylvia's
Sisters**

Kit Packing Party *

Friday, August 7 @ 1-3pm
at Shineforth Campus (Firefly Hall)

Join us on site at Sylvia's Sisters HQ to assist with a
packing party. **Transportation provided from GBC
parking lot, departing at 12:15pm**

RSVP required! Contact:

Mila Spaulding - mila.spaulding@gmail.com

Martha Walsh - mwalsh20@verizon.net



**Packing Parties produce packages
that can be easily placed in a
backpack and that contain period
supplies for about one cycle.*

**summer
youth group**

*Various date, times & locations
throughout the summer.*

Contact Sharon Condrey for details!

Dinner | Games | Bible Study

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- July 6** Eva Childress
- July 7** Gloria Pollard
Garrett Webb
- July 10** Morris Nuckols
Sandra Nuckols
- July 11** Hudson Plageman
- July 13** James Melton
Mary Nuckols
- July 15** Martha Walsh
- July 16** Betty Bowers
Ebu Brown
- July 17** Adam Henley
- July 18** Aimee Dabney
Ann James
- July 19** Cecilia Bowles
- July 20** Billy Nuckols
- July 23** Audrey Nuckols
- July 26** Deegan Trezza
- July 27** Susan Angel
- July 31** Judy Lockie

July Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- JUL 5** Jean Johnson & Pauline Toney
- JUL 12** Teresa Kessler & Martha Walsh
- JUL 19** Lila & William Hicks
- JUL 26** Janet & George Koch

USHERS

- JUL 5** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb
- JUL 12** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
- JUL 19** John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
- JUL 26** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

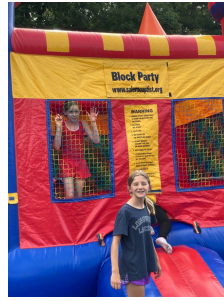
Volunteer Day!

**Saturday, July 25th,
8am - 10:30am**

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



Summer Church Picnic



GBC Seniors



▲ June Senior Outing

We had a great time and delicious meal at The Grapevine in Glen Allen, VA



▲ June Joy Club

We enjoyed a great lunch and presentation from Brenda French on “Blessings & Lessons”.



Thursday 7/9 @ 11:00 am

Olive Garden (Short Pump)

Bus will leave GBC @

10:35am

NO July Joy Club

We'll see you in August!

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

JULY 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

Hunter Bailey – finished with treatments; upcoming scans will dictate future plans

Allen Bowles -- hospitalized for recent fall and pneumonia

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Ellen Melton – PET scan revealed that Ellen is 100% clear of cancer

Hazel Melton -- has moved to Haven Assisted Living (8085 South Mayfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111)

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Morris is still dealing with foot issues, and Audrey is recovering her balance after knee issues.

Vicky Parrish – has moved to Commonwealth Senior Living

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

Jackie Clore (friend of Diane Proctor) – tests suggest she may have lung cancer

Melody Cox (daughter of Juanita Mack) – health concerns

Lonnie Denton (David Denton's brother) – serious illness

Kathy Duke (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer spread into lymph nodes

Ronnie Dunlavey (friend of Clay Nuckols) – doctors had to extend amputation to above knee

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

Will Hicks (son of William and Lila Hicks) – recovering after successful back surgery

Kimberly Ann Hill (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer is in remission. Thanks for prayers!

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; his laser gamma treatment is complete and recovery is going well

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

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

Ava Lingerfelt (Justin Lingerfelt's niece)

William Martel (13 year old friend of Garrett Webb, son of Andy and Kristi from King William County) – diagnosed with a fast-growing brain tumor and afterward lost vision in his left eye

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

Roger Moore (Linda Moore's husband) – fell and is dealing with back issues

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) -- Thankful that the cancerous spot on spine is tiny! Doctors want to watch it for the time being.

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

Mary Rivera (Daisy Purcell's sister) – health issues

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) – recovering from broken hip

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

Patricia Webb (mother of Ruth Audia and Barbara Chisolm) – moved to rehab after a series of ministrokes and a 90% blockage

JOIN OUR MISSION TRIP FROM HOME!

WAYS TO BE A PART OF THE GBC MISSION TRIP TO NICKELSVILLE, VA:

PRAY:

For the Southwest Virginia Partnership.

Founded in 2009 by three Baptist Associations (Clinch Valley, Powell River, & Wise) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) as a way to engage in ministry and mission outreach in the local area. Jan and Tony Johnson serve as the missionaries in residence and coordinate the local mission teams.



For the GBC Mission Team who will be working on a construction project, volunteering at a local food pantry/clothes closet, working with neighborhood children, and ministering at a local nursing home:

David & Susan Angel; Brandon, Maggie, Emma & Abigail Arnold; Kevin & Brenda James; Pastor Curt, Erin, Matthew & Nathan Kruschwitz; Justin & Aubrey Lingerfelt; Brian Miller; Keith Mitchell; Gia Padgett; Keith & Mila Spaulding

COLLECT ITEMS*:

Food Pantry Ministry: Canned Meats (chicken, tuna, etc)

Clothes Closet: Boys & Girls NEW underwear & socks (all sizes)

Nursing Home Bingo Prizes: Toiletries, playing cards, jewelry (necklaces, bracelets new or used), small notebooks/pads of paper, small craft kits, small bags of candy (regular or sugar free), word search puzzle books, fingernail polish, etc

*Items can be dropped off **by 7/12** in the missions bin located in the hall closet of the New Life Building. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate; please designate it for Mission Trip.

