

JULY 2022

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

We're almost here! Whether you've been reading the Bible with us throughout the year or simply following along through Sunday's sermons, you've likely noticed we're nearing the end of the Old Testament. In August, we'll start reading Matthew and the New Testament. If you haven't been reading the Bible through with us, but you'd like to join us as we begin the New Testament, we'd love to have you.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves! The prophets (Isaiah - Malachi) comprise almost 1/3 of the Old Testament, yet they're some of the most neglected books in the Bible. And that's because they're filled with strange names and unfamiliar places. They're not always easy to read. And yet...they may have a word from God that is exactly what we need right now.

The prophets' job was to invite Israel back to the hope God has for them. As so often happens today, Israel and Judah found themselves distracted from God's plan for them. Usually when that happened, they suffered. The prophets' invitation to return to right living with God promised a new beginning and a fresh start. We've had our own fair share of hard times over the past several years, and I'm excited to preach through the prophets

in the month of July with you. Each week, we'll examine how the prophets' words brought hope in the midst of hard times.

Personally, I feel like God has brought our church family a lot of hope lately. I'm thrilled that we called Pastor Sharon to be our Minister of Families. I've enjoyed my listening sessions with different groups in the church and excited by the ways God seems to be leading us. (I'll share what I've heard this fall at a town hall meeting.) And I'm excited by all the ways our church family has stepped up to serve. A big thanks goes out to Kitt Townsend, the children's committee, and the food service committee for such a fun Summer Celebration cook-out last month. I'm particularly grateful for the praise team that's been leading us in a song in Sunday morning worship. I'm also excited about the drama ministry that's developing and the folks who have volunteered to help in our A/V booth.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 28. The Hibachi Mobile Food Truck will be back at Goochland Baptist. They came last summer, and everyone loved it. We'll have tables set up, so that you can buy your food and eat with your friends. Invite your neighbors to join us!



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Rev. Sharon Condrey
Minister to Families

SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful welcome I have received. I wholeheartedly believe that Goochland Baptist Church is where God has called me to serve as Minister to Families, and I am excited by the opportunities here. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and to serve with you in ministry. In the coming weeks and months, I will be meeting with various committees, as well as families, getting to know the hopes and dreams that each has for their ministry area and their growth as disciples.

You might ask, what exactly is family ministry? That is a fair question. However, churches often define family ministry in different ways. Some churches approach family ministry as a program for counseling families who are experiencing troubles. Other churches focus the family ministry on developing healthy Christian homes. Yet others understand family ministry as a program to develop family-like relationships in the church. In reality, churches with family ministry programs probably have some mixture of all of the above. As I am meeting with committees and families, I will be gathering information that will help our church define its own understanding of family ministry.

A core component of family ministry is Christian education. We are very blessed to have talented and passionate teachers for our children and youth. But that is only a part of the education process. In her book, *Fashion Me a People*, Maria Harris writes, "...the church does not have an educational program; it is an educational program." I love this quote. You will hear me refer to it often. Everything that occurs within a church and within a congregation is educational. This obviously includes teaching, but also includes learning through worship, learning through community and fellowship, and learning through service. As I am meeting with committees and families, I will be assessing ways in which the church can synchronize events and ministries to take advantage of all the opportunities for the church to "be" an educational program. This is important for family ministry because such a church is the perfect environment for a family ministry that partners with parents in the discipleship of their children.

My first request of the congregation is to pray for the family ministry here at Goochland; ask for God's guidance as we move forward. This is going to be a challenging but ultimately wonderful journey; I look forward to taking it with you.

RSVP
by
July 1!

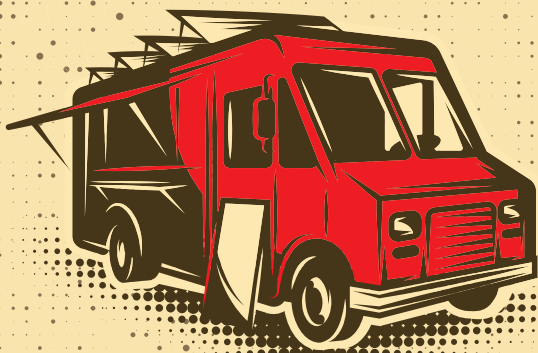
YOUTH LOCK-IN

Friday, July 8, 6 pm - 12 am

Maryanne Henley, Maryannegrace@aol.com

FOOD Truck

NIGHT @ GBC



THURSDAY JULY 28 • 5:30-7:00 PM

Join us in the GBC parking lot for
dinner from Hibachi Mobile.

Deacon Minutes

Jeff Parrish

Goochland Baptist Church has a history of a warm feeling as soon as you walk in the doors of our buildings. The spirit of Christ is not the only reason you feel this, we have many people at this church that contributes to this great sense of family, from volunteers that unselfishly contribute to our mission of spreading the word of God, and our paid administration staff that nails down this message every Sunday. I really want to turn the spotlight to our Deacons that I chair. Your Deacons are behind the scenes every day in your life, whether you realize it or not.

The Goochland Baptist Church Deacons have a family list that we worry about like our children, celebrate with, cry with, and are always there to just to chat with if you feel lonely or just feel like talking about life. We are only a phone call away if prayer is needed, and by the way, we include you in our prayers every day. I pray every member of our church would take the opportunity to serve as Deacon at least once. The feeling of serving each other is like no other volunteer position at church, the actual on the job experience that Jesus felt, he was here to serve, not to be served. I want to mention our Deacons in this minute's article this month and pay tribute the work they do to give you the full blessing of attending this church.

David Angel - Everyone knows David and the work he does behind the scenes, along with his wife Susan, their presence here is truly a blessing for all of us. From coordinating the janitorial duties to keep this place beautiful to leading us in hymns on Sunday morning, and teaching his Sunday school class, David is an asset to this church, even when he says he's not (and he will).

Betsy Alvis - Betsy was a true blessing to us when finding Deacons to serve. She has been more

valuable than she knows to all of us in her first year, and her families that she prays for and serves. The Alvis family truly incorporates our values with the love they have for each other and the way they serve the community with the Sunflower festival and Eggstravaganza. Betsy is always willing to help the church with organizing events for outreach and showing us God's love is alive and well at Goochland Baptist Church.

Diane Proctor - Diane is a second year Deacon. She is a hardworking, dedicated and is a true social butterfly the way she visits our church members that she is responsible for. Diane really represents the true duties of a Deacon, caring for those who are incapable of sometimes doing for themselves. A true bonus is her willingness to help me with notes in our Deacon meeting and keeping us informed of our families.

Teresa Kessler - Teresa is a first year Deacon. She has celebrated 39 years of marriage to her husband, Ken. They have 3 sons, Kevin, Bryan, and Jacob, who has a son, (Teresa and Kens grandchild.) She is retired from 30 years of elementary Physical Education and has been a tremendous asset to all her families she serves. We can always depend on her to be there when needed.

I would also like to give a word of thanks to Pastor Curt. A Deacon is only as good as the leader he follows in service of Christ. We Deacons truly have a leader that gives us the plan of God in the way we serve our families.

As you enter Church this Sunday, you will be greeted by a group of people that care about you as family. Jesus came to serve and so will we, in his footsteps.

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand" John 13:10

Happy
Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 6** Eva Childress
- July 7** Garrett Webb
- July 8** Lindsey Sargent
- July 10** Morris Nuckols
Sandra Nuckols
- July 11** Susie Grant
- July 13** James Melton
- July 16** Elizabeth Bowers
Elizabeth Brown
- July 17** Adam Henley
- July 18** Aimee Dabney
- July 19** Cecilia Bowles
- July 23** Audrey Nuckols
- July 26** Shane Grissom
- July 27** Susan Angel
- July 28** Angela Bassett
Paul Irvin

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Summer Kick Off Celebration

In June, GBC held our Summer Kick Off Celebration featuring activities for everyone from preschoolers to senior adults.





We celebrated Nicole Lingerfelt's profession of faith and baptism on June 12, 2022.

BIBLE READING GROUP

**Sundays 11:45 am -12:30 pm
After Sunday School**

Our Bible reading group will continue through the summer at our new time. This is an open group – anyone is welcome to join at any point during the year and continue reading with us as long (or little) as they desire. This month's readings are:

7/3/2022

No Class
(Holiday Weekend)

7/10/2022

Isaiah 24 - Jeremiah 16

7/17/2022

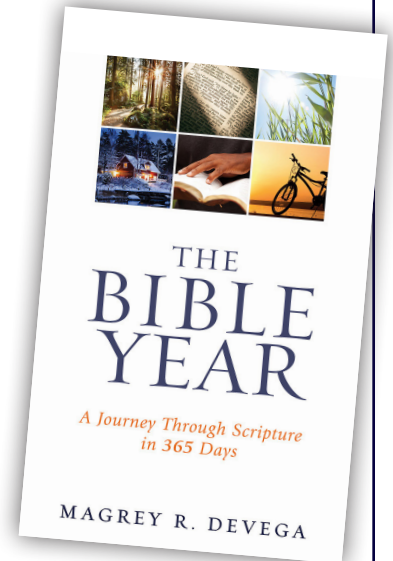
Jeremiah 17 - Ezekiel 21

7/24/2022

Ezekiel 22 - Daniel 6

7/31/2022

Daniel 7 - Amos 9



hope

for Hard Times



The prophetic books comprise almost 1/3 of the Old Testament, yet the average Christian largely ignores everything from Isaiah to Malachi. That's a shame, because the advice of the prophets may be exactly what we need to hear today. The prophets were sent by God to help restore God's people. To call them out when they got off course, and to invite them to course-correct and taste the hope God has for them. For the month of July, we'll discover that the hope of the Old Testament prophets is hope for us, too.

GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

Saturday, July 23
8 am-11 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

SUNDAY SERVE SCHEDULE

GREETERS

July 3	Jeff & Dee Parrish
July 10	Diane Proctor & Josh Padgett
July 17	Teresa Kessler & Gale Chaisson
July 24	Jeff Parrish & Betsy Alvis
July 31	George & Janet Koch

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July 3	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
July 10	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
July 17	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
July 24	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
July 31	Amy Robinson & George Koch

SERVE @ GBC

Drama Team

We are very excited to start our very own Drama Team here at GBC! This team will require many talents of all ages, so please consider this new and fun ministry team! Now, don't skip over reading this thinking it's just for "actors" we will need help in many other areas as well like; skit/play writing, directing, prop building/painting/decorating (as needed), audio visual, lighting, and over all creativity! This is not for one production but an ongoing team, it is not a commitment for each and every drama event held throughout the year. Please consider being a part of this creative and fun team! See Angela Bassett or anyone on the Music & Worship Committee for more details.

Audio/Visual Training

Interested in using your technical gifts to serve GBC? We will be holding training for anyone interested in helping in that way - also for those who have been on the AV team as a refresher. Contact Angela Bassett or anyone on the Music & Worship Committee for more info.



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www.goochlandchurch.org/serve-gbc

GBC Seniors

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

**MEN are from Mars
WOMEN are
from Venus**

BY BRENDA FRENCH 2022



▲ Brenda French provided us with a presentation for June's JOY Club.

▲ For the June's Senior Outing we had lunch at GG's Italian & Pizza Restaurant in Maidens.

**JOY
CLUB**

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY,
JULY 27TH @ 10:30AM**

We will have a "cell phone clinic" to help those that want to learn more about their phones.

Lunch will be provided by the Pickel Barrel.
Membership please bring desserts.



SENIOR OUTING:

On Thursday July 14 at 11a.m., we will tour Goochland's Historical Society and have lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Brother's Italian Restaurant in Oilville. The bus will leave the church at 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to John Webb at 804-334-9270.

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

JULY 2022 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—health concerns

Frances Bradshaw—living at the Laurels Convalescent Center

Gale Chaisson—recovering from a successful knee surgery

Pastor Sharon Condrey – praise that she's feel better.

Jackie Eby—still at Brookdale, but Brookdale has been renamed called Vitality Living West End.

Frank and Janet Faudree—health concerns.

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

Scott Hobson— has multiple myeloma. Grateful for the healing in his foot infection.

Connie Long

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Rebecca Michels—Recent scans have shown no growth or new tumors. Will do additional scans in the near future.

Linda Moore—is staying at home per doctors' instructions.

Barbara Orrock

Daisy Purcell—blood sugar issues

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—began cancer treatment on 5/24/22.

Adelaide Stanley—PT at her new residence at Beth Shalom.

Mary Stanley—Beth Shalom.

Wanda Waldrop

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Dorsey Alvis (Pat Alvis' son)—seizures and health concerns.

Ella Dyer (Jim and Brenda Allen's granddaughter)—medical issues

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

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

Roger Bourgeois (Linda Moore's uncle)—health issues and a disabled daughter.

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

Megan Curry and family (Nicole Lingerfelt's cousin)

Jamie (birth father of Rebecca Bobbitt, daughter of Kurt and Eddie Flaig)—has been diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and is waiting treatment plan.

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

Raymond Fields (brother of Jim Fields)—cancer has returned; beginning radiation

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

Shelby and Baird Godley (daughter and son-in-law of Glenn and Janet Myers, grandchildren and Glen and Judy Young)—expecting their first child in September.

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

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

Lindsey Jenkins (Brenda French's 39 year-old niece)—just placed on a liver transplant list in Atlanta, GA. Brenda's mother is living with Lindsey and her mother (Brenda's sister).

Charlotte Kanagy (2 year-old daughter of family friend of Erin Kruschwitz) – Charlotte's mother tragically passed from COVID-19 complications this past week; please pray for young Charlotte's and that she'd grow up in a strong home.

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

Maggie Vaughan Lawrence (Brenda French's friend, a wife/mother in her 30s)—rejoicing that after prayer, no cancer was found in her body.

Linda Kellum, Rebecca Michels' Mom—went home at the end of April!

Julie Marshall (friend of Brenda French and chaplain at VA Hospital)—diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma.

Bobby Melton (brother of Frankie Melton)—pray that he finds housing and grows spiritually

Steven Morris (Sheila Claytor's nephew in Prince George, VA)—started immunotherapy for his bone cancer. He's in much pain. Pray for Steven and his wife.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—is a marine who has been diagnosed with renal (kidney) cancer that has spread. He also has a form of bone marrow cancer.

Jeff Nuckols (son of Morris and Audrey Nuckols)—recovering from a successful back surgery on May 2.

Jeannie Purvis (Sandra Nuckols' niece)—liver cancer.

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.

Tami Ricketts' mother has breast cancer at age 91.

Beth Skidmore (friend of Gale Chaisson)—her six-month old grandchild is having health issues. Please pray for Beth and the child's parents, Alex and Ali Skidmore.

Marie Sutphin (sister-in-law of Janet Koch)—recovering from surgery after falling and breaking her wrist in two places.

Jimmy Van Riper (friend of Maryanne Henley) – recovering at home after hospitalization due to brain bleed. He has a long road to recovery ahead. Please pray for him, his wife, and his son.

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

CW Waldrop (brother of Ray Waldrop)—health concerns

Sharon Wood—(Hazel Melton's sister) health issues.

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

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