

OCTOBER 2021

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

There's something about nature that seems to usher me into God's presence. This past week, Erin, the boys, and I traveled to Colorado to celebrate Erin's mother's birthday. While we were there, we went up into the Colorado Rockies for a few days to do some hiking. And without doubt, every time we hiked past a stream rushing down the mountain or walked by a lake in a valley, one of the boys would get really excited and yell, "Water!" At one point, we drove across the Continental Divide. When the boys get older, these will be great educational opportunities to teach about watersheds and how the snow at the peaks of the mountains melts and runs off, forming streams, and rivers that eventually pool out into the oceans.

While we were in Colorado, I was reminded of what Phillip Yancey says about prayer. Most of the time, he says, we get the direction of prayer wrong. We start downstream, thinking first of our own prayer concerns to bring to God. We plea to God about our personal needs and wants, as if God didn't already know what we were going through. Instead, Yancey says, we should begin upstream at the source: God. When we pray, he suggests, we should start out by thinking about the things that concern God. When we do that, we realize that God already cares about everything we care about - even more than we do. God wants peace. God cares about people's wellness. God's heart breaks when we experience pain. Instead of just asking God to change our circumstances, Yancey

says, we should ask God what role we can play in God's work on earth. When we change the way we think and focus on God's desires for this world, we discover that God already cares about the things that plague us.

And we also discover that God might want to use us in his work here on earth. God cares about relationships and healthy community, for example. That's why we're offering an outdoor Fall Festival later this month - to allow children and families to have positive experiences here at church (see page 6). God cares about human suffering. That's why we continue to partner with GoochlandCares and Caritas to help resource some of the most vulnerable in our region (see page 7). God cares about our relationships with him. That's why we offer weekly educational opportunities for children and adults. Churches are at their best when they focus on the things God cares about most.

And people are, too. As you pray this month, consider starting "upstream" with the things God cares about instead of immediately pouring your requests onto God. When you do, I suspect it'll change the way you see the world. You'll see others not obstacles or hindrances, but as people created in the image of God. You'll see struggles as opportunities. You'll find that God may want to use you as part of the answer to his and your own deepest longings. God invites all of us not just to stand on the banks, but to jump right into to what God's doing!



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250 YEARS: OBSERVATIONS FROM A NEWER MEMBER

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Though we've had to postpone our celebrations, the 250th anniversary of Goochland Baptist Church is this month. We look forward to celebrating in the future, but to me, the most important question is: "What have we learned from our past?"

If you casually walk through the historic cemetery, as I often do, you'll find the names of loved ones who carried and developed the history of Goochland Baptist Church. You will see the names such as MELTON, HENLEY, NUCKOLS, ALVIS and many others who were the cornerstone of the church. When I first started attending in the summer of 2019, a wise member of the church told me to "never say anything bad about anyone" as the entire church congregation was related in some fashion either through marriage or blood kin. The first funeral I attended was in December 2019, a long term, very loved and respected Church member (Anne Henley) age 82 had passed. (I was told Anne was a member of Goochland Baptist Church for 82 years and 9 months. Puzzled, I found out her mother was also a long term member and while she was carrying Anne for nine months until her birth, regularly attended church.) Later that month (Reva Nuckols Alvis) had passed due to a lengthy illness, as did Joanne Chilton. (What a tough month for Goochland Baptist Church). Of course, I attended the service in the historic sanctuary and as the immediate families entered for the service I watched the current modern day church leaders whom I personally look up to, walk past me. I also then realized how true the statement was about all being related and not to say anything bad. I also learned that the loved ones in the Church Cemetery had taught their children what it takes to be a leader by example. It was very obvious to me, by all of the wonderful comments made at the service that the deceased members had instilled a strong church propensity which has lasted 250 years and counting.

In the early fall of 2019, I started attending the Men's Bible Study class at the invitation of its leader, John Webb. There, I learned more Goochland Baptist Church history. At each class John encourages us to make contact with church members whom were sick or ill and regularly announced names to make contact. One person I regularly volunteered to call was a 98-year-old WAVERLY HEATH. Waverly was the long time book keeper of church

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GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

Why do we worship? How does our worship impact the ways that we serve our communities as followers of Jesus? How do ancient practices of worship inform our lives in the here and now? These are some of the questions our students have been wrestling with over the past few weeks and the questions that we will continue to wrestle with through the Fall.

We have explored the prophet Jeremiah where the Lord tells his people to "seek the peace and prosperity of the city which I have carried you into exile. Pray to Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." We have also explored the idea of worship in Psalm 100: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

As we seek to explore what it means for us to worship together in community, these have been some helpful scriptures for us to turn to. Our worship is not just a once a week gathering, but our worship informs the ways we live and approach our everyday lives.



**student
MINISTRY**

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

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
Wednesdays @ 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.



Join Us Online or In-Person

To watch online,
visit **Youtube.com**
and search
“**Goochland Baptist Church**”
or follow the link at
www.goochlandchurch.org
and in our weekly emails.

In-person Sunday School
at 10:30 am.



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.

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financial records and a pleasure to know. Eventually, Waverly reluctantly gave up the reins to the church books to Keith Spaulding. When I spoke to Waverly he always had time to share his memories and tell me how it really was in the 1930's... Broad Street was a dirt path leading to a "little Sleepy town" called Charlottesville. Waverly never complained. His mind was as fresh as a 30-year-old, even though his eyes were those of a worn-out, 98-year-old. He would share with me how difficult it was to see the computer key board. He would literally put his eyes within inches of the keyboard to see what he was typing. I learned that Waverly truly loved Goochland Baptist Church without any reservations and wanted to lead by example and he did.

In December 2020, my wife and I attended the Goochland Baptist Church outdoor Christmas program, "A Story of Angels." The leader of our group we were in was led by Christmas Angel, Brett Alvis. (Also leading other groups were Christmas angels, Angela Nuckols Bassett and Betsy Alvis.) Then it hit me...there's a pattern developing here. Today's leaders were taught by church members of the past. My personal observation is that Goochland Baptist Church is God's officially authorized training center for making disciples. As Jesus demonstrates in John 13, "Leaders are servants first. Jesus taught his disciples not to emulate the rulers of the Gentiles who exercised authority over them. Instead, He taught that in order for us to be leaders, we must become servants first." As we celebrate 250 years, the one thing I've learned from our church's past is the importance of training people to be servant leaders for Jesus in the future. Let's keep doing that!

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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804-475-1433

Jim Fields
804-929-2143

Phillip Surprenant
(Team Coordinator)
202-297-6043

Connie Jones
804-216-7404

Pete Omiecinski
804-908-3144

John Webb
804-334-9270

SEPTEMBER JOY CLUB

Pictures from our September Joy Club Meeting featuring "The True Spirit Gospel Band".



JOY CLUB

OCTOBER 13 @ 10:30AM

"Thomas Jefferson" actor with Richmond Discoveries
Covered Dish & Desserts

October Outing:
Lunch at Michie Tavern near Monticello (date TBD)

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- October 5** Carol Starke
Wanda Waldrop
- October 7** Megan Audia
Kurt Flaig
Jonathan Spaulding
- October 10** Joyce Fallin
Scott Hobson
- October 11** Michael Melton
- October 15** Hannah Molnar
- October 16** David Angel
- October 17** Iris Nuckols
- October 21** Trace Townsend
- October 26** Gale Chaisson
- October 27** Laura Sale



Give To GBC!



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ENVELOPES



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[goochlandchurch.org/](http://goochlandchurch.org/give)
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OCTOBER 2021

Join us for family fun!



WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 27

DINNER 5:30-6:30 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30-7:00 PM

Register your trunk!

We need your help! We are taking sign ups for trunks for our Trunk or Treat. Sign up, decorate your trunk and hand out candy to our trunk or treaters on October 27. **Sign up in the church vestibule or by contacting Kitt Townsend at kitt23.ct@gmail.com or 804.514.7316.**

POSTPONED
NEW DATE TO COME!

250 YEARS

GBC ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

GBC Regathering Team and Church Council have decided to POSTPONE Our 250th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration that was scheduled on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Our Anniversary Committee is planning some creative ways to mark the occasion this fall. We hope to reschedule a church-wide celebration next year when our extended church family feels more comfortable attending.

www.goochlandchurch.org/250th-anniversary



Celebration of Life

SELMA HERWEYER

Goochland Baptist Church

Saturday, October 2, 2021 • 11:00AM

We'll host a service celebrating the life of Selma Herweyer on **Saturday, October 2 at 11:00 am**. Selma passed away earlier this year, but due to COVID-19, the family elected to wait before hosting a public celebration of her life.



OCTOBER MISSIONS

Richmond ToolBank: Request from ADAM PHLEGAR

This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, or Sunday School Classes. The ToolBank is working on building picnic tables for local school districts. They have been asked to build 150 picnic tables over the next several weeks. Volunteers are needed to come and build at the ToolBank.

Visit the link below to sign up date and time slot that fits your schedule. If hours need to be modified, Adam has offered to set up builds at other times to accommodate. By clicking on the link provided, you will be able to see what the picnic tables look like and see the date/time slots available.

If you are interested in participating but would like to join with others from GBC, please contact Mila Spaulding at mila.spaulding@gmail.com.

<https://www.handsonrva.org/opportunity/a0C5c00000KtP-c9EAF>

CaritasRVA:

We will be collecting funds to order the specific twin-size comforter and sheets used at the Men's Healing Place.

Financial gifts of any amount would be appreciated to go towards this immediate need. (FYI - a set costs \$50.) Financial gifts designated "for Caritas use" can be placed in the offering plate.

Contact Mila Spaulding at mila.spaulding@gmail.com for more info.

Goochland Cares:

Food Pantry Needs - We will be collecting through October the items listed below. Please place food items in the multi-purpose room next to the door closest to the playground area.

- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Canned vegetables
- Canned Chili

OCTOBER 23rd - GBC Volunteer Day at Goochland Cares. Contact Shannon Wilson at shannonwilson3@mac.com to register to volunteer or receive more info.

Clothing Needs - Clean and bagged clothing items can be placed in the white storage chest placed outside the church building and in between the sanctuary and east wing. Contact Gale Chaisson at gdchaisson@aol.com for more information.

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

October 4	Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
October 11	Angela Bassett and Jim Fields
October 18	Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
October 25	Diane Proctor and Jim Fields

LEAD USHER

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October 11	Stuart Melton
October 18	John Webb
October 25	Gwen Padgett

PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—health concerns

Debbie Dunlavy—cancer

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

Janet Faudree—health concerns

Brenda French—recovering from sinus surgery

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.

Connie Long

Daphne Longenecker—Recovering at home. Daphne welcomes cards, phone calls, and visits at this time.

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home

Rebecca Michels—Praise that CT scans showed no additional cancer spread. Some existing spots show growth, so Rebecca is returning to traditional chemo.

Linda Moore—has been back at church recently

Barbara Orrock—difficulty with hip replacement

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—PT at her new residence at Beth Shalom

Mary Stanley—Beth Shalom

Jessie Stewardson—skin cancer removed from her nose

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 cares for a disabled daughter.

Doug Brandmahl—health issues

Perry Brooks and Bobby McAllister (Linda Gibbs' brother-in-laws in Rocky Mount, VA)—both hospitalized for COVID-19

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

Jason Dyson (45 year old son of Ginger and James dyson, nephew of Audrey Taylor and Lois Grissom)—remains in ICU following COVID-19 diagnosis

Raymond Fields—Brother of Jim Fields, Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Begins radiation soon.

Barb Freeby (friend of Carla Yuen)—upcoming surgery

Audrey Geraci (Denise and Gerard Huff's niece)—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

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

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. Praise God that MRIs suggest the spots on her brain are getting fewer and smaller.

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.

Charles and Pat Michels (CJ Michels' parents)—Both have COVID-19. Charles has been admitted to the hospital, but Pat is at home.

Rebecca Michels' Mom

Dean and Michelle Miller and son Aaron (friends of Justin and Nicole Lingerfelt)

Gwen Nuckols (Iris Nuckols' sister-in-law)—recovering from surgery

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

Russell (Ralph Taylor's sister's husband)—recovering from COVID-19.

Debbie Spence (friend of Janet Koch)—health issues

Greg Toney (son of Phyllis Toney)—health concerns

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. She did well with her first round of chemo. Please pray for her and Brenda's daughter-in-law, Katie.

Our Sympathy to...

Linda Gibbs, whose grandmother Ms. Jean Brooks of Rocky Mount, VA, passed away. Funeral arrangements are pending due to Ms. Brooks' son's hospitalization for COVID-19.

The Michels family in the death of CJ's father, Charles Michels, who died in the ER from complications with COVID-19.

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.