

SEPTEMBER 2023

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

"Is it fall yet?" one of our sons randomly asked at dinner last week. "Not yet," we said, "but it will be in September." "Yippee! Fall!" he squealed in response.

I echo his sentiments. Not that I don't love summer – we've had a great one. But a new season always means change is in the air. And that's exciting.

There's a lot I'm excited about at Goochland Baptist this fall. Community Table starts again on Wednesday, September 6. Community Table was one of the highlights for us last year, as we transformed our traditional Wednesday night dinner into an event designed to bring our community together for food, fun, and service. We had a number of new visitors join us last spring -- it's the perfect place to invite your new (or old) neighbors. We've put together a schedule of events this fall that will be both fun and entertaining, as well as helpful. We'll have activities for children and youth, too. You can RSVP for your meals by calling Wayne and Ellen Melton or registering online on our website.

I'm equally excited about our Fall Renewal in October. You won't want to miss it! One of the best-loved pastors in Virginia, Dr. Tom Stocks, will be preaching the nights of October 13 and 14. Tom has pastored churches all across the state, most recently Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond.

We'll have a free BBQ dinner before worship on Friday night. On Saturday, we'll have a free ice cream fellowship after worship. The following Saturday, October 21, we'll have service opportunities designed for the entire church family to bless our community. On Sunday, October 22, we'll celebrate God's work together. My hope is that our Fall Renewal will be a real spiritual turning point in the life of our church family. Please join me in praying that God would use those two weekends in October in our lives in a powerful way.

There's more going on this month: we'll have our Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, September 10 after Sunday School. In addition, I'll be beginning my mid-week Bible study entitled "Questions Jesus Asked" on Wednesdays at 4:30 before our Community Table dinner. I'll be using Magrey DeVega's book by the same name as a guide. I hope you'll join us for both of these events.

There's a lot to be excited for this fall! My sons are excited about fall because of the cooler weather and seeing their friends at school. But I'm excited about fall because of the new life that it will bring to our church family. I look forward to worshiping and serving alongside you this month!



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DEACON MINUTES

Justin Lingerfelt

"All you need is love."

Bumper stickers, songs, wall-art, cross-stitching...entire movements embrace the phrase.

Your thoughts probably drift to the Beatles or, in my case, The Dave Matthews Band. Maybe you think of the iconic smiley face or peace sign. I'm sure Woodstock pops into some heads. I know my generation tends to the free-love, "hippie" interpretation of the phrase, nostalgic for a time we never lived.

For my part, I've come to know there are fewer phrases containing more truth than this one. But it's not about a phrase or song or picture. And it means much more than the "peace and love, dude, let's all just get along and have a great time" movement we're quick to envision.

I've lived that catch phrase. I've used it as an excuse to defile myself and others. I wasn't hurting anyone, mind you - I was just loving. Loving the moment, loving the substances, loving the company. It's all I needed. Love.

It's amazing how we can twist and mold a word into our own, comfortable definition. When I look back at that old life, and that definition, I marvel that God was not part of it, at least in my mind. I can pinpoint three things that changed that. It's hard to overstate their importance, as they've taught me what love really is and where it really comes from. I'd like to share with you what I learned.

I met Nicole in the summer of '02. I was headed downhill fast. I had ruined a long-term relationship, was a borderline alcoholic, and was on the verge of not graduating from Virginia Tech. This angel kept me from sure, and likely swift, destruction. With the timely arrival of Nicole, as well as the support of my entire family, I was able to graduate and made it home to start the next chapter. Soon after, Nicole and I attended the wedding of my brother. In proper wedding fashion, a certain set of verses from 1 Corinthians were in the order of service. I vividly remember reading them with new eyes. With Nicole at my side I know now I had received a gift, and she'd been a messenger of sorts. Love is patient and kind. It always trusts, hopes, and perseveres. It does not fail! God brought me Nicole.

When Aubrey came along, an additional understanding of love came forth. Love isn't just the fun, flowery words. Love is discipline. Discipline for father and child - it can be painful. Love is obedience. Obedience to God as well as parents. Love is listening and restraint. Ultimately this "produces a harvest of righteousness and peace," and it comes from God. God brought me Aubrey.

Finally, living with and battling addiction has opened me up to love I didn't know was possible. Unconditional love from family and friends, even strangers - especially strangers - flooded this recovering alcoholic.

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SHARON'S UPDATES

Rev. Sharon Condrey

I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the youth and children's ministry activities for the summer. We had a successful Vacation Bible School serving 23 children. The children learned about God's armor through storytelling, activities and music. There was a lot of learning in a fun-filled environment. We had an amazing turn out of volunteers over the five Wednesday nights of VBS. Volunteers functioned in so many ways:

Guided children from session to session
Led in music, craft, and science activities
Prepared, served and clean-up of meals
Preparing side dishes for the meal

The building of relationships and community experienced at VBS was priceless!

The youth had an active summer. On Monday nights, youth gathered at the Spaulding's home. We studied the Beatitudes, played games (Phase 10, anyone?), and grew closer as a group. The Townsends hosted the youth for a couple of pool party events. The youth also volunteered several days at Richmond ToolBank, an organization that lends tools to non-profit organizations. They also volunteered with Wings of Hope Ranch, a Christian-based ministry pairing rescued horses with children and teens facing challenges, free of charge. Both organizations were thankful for their assistance. If you have a chance, let our youth know how much you appreciate their summer mission activities!



DEACON | CONT. FROM PAGE 2

There have been years of loving understanding - and misunderstanding- all affecting growth. I've felt pain I didn't know I needed and found strength I didn't know I had. God allowed me affliction to show me freedom. He corrects those he loves. Angels unawares abound. In all these ways God showed me and taught me love.

All you need is love, indeed. Because GOD IS LOVE.



September 1	Wayne Melton
	Hope Webb
September 6	Janet Koch
September 10	Randy Alvis
September 11	Amos Johnson
September 14	Ray Waldrop
	Sharon Condrey
September 16	Brandon Grissom
September 22	Tanner Michels
September 25	Georgie Alvis
September 27	Don Powell
September 30	Robert Townsend
	Thomas Henley

GBC

Children's CHURCH

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:

Sep 3 | My Life has a Purpose

Sep 10 | God is Real

Sep 17 | God is Three in One

Sep 24 | The Bible is God's Word



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.

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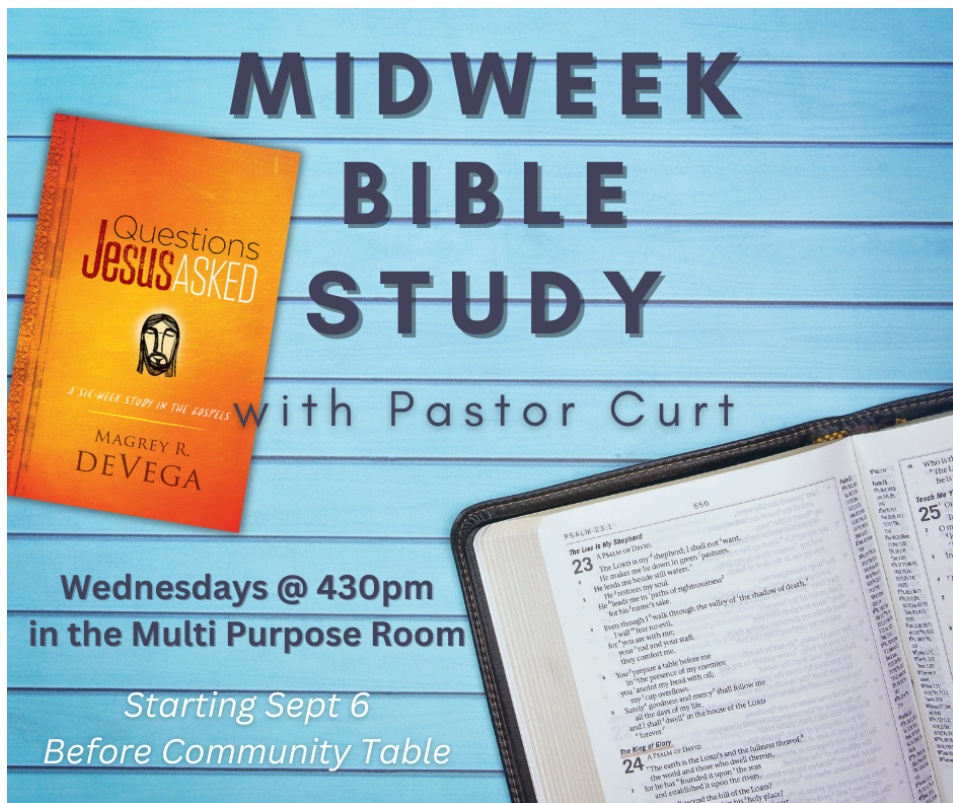
Fall
RENEWAL

Friday, Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct. 14
Guest Preacher: Dr. Tom Stocks

Saturday, Oct. 21 Day of Community Service

Sunday, Oct. 22 Celebration Sunday

Special Music, Food and Opportunities to Serve Our Community!



**MIDWEEK
BIBLE
STUDY**

with Pastor Curt

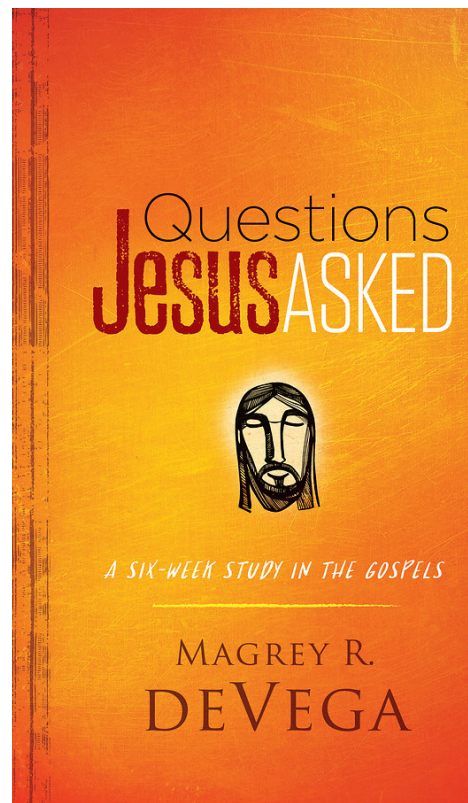

**Questions
JesusASKED**

A SIX-WEEK STUDY IN THE GOSPELS


MAGREY R.
DEVEGA

Wednesdays @ 430pm
in the Multi Purpose Room

Starting Sept 6
Before Community Table



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September Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

SEPT 3	John Webb, Gale Chaisson, and Amy Robinson
SEPT 10	Gayle Stanley, Angela Bassett, and Diane Proctor
SEPT 17	Betty Meador, Janet Koch, and George Koch
SEPT 24	Steve Novak, Justin Lingerfelt, and Amy Robinson

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SEPT 3	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
SEPT 10	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
SEPT 17	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
SEPT 24	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

**Saturday,
September 23
8-10 am**

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



Come Join Us!
on
Wednesdays Nights

Sept 6th | Pekino Night
It's Bingo with a twist!

Sept 13th | Service Night
Giving back to CARITAS Richmond

Sept 20th | Community Speaker
Chickahominy Health District

Sept 27th | Game Show Night
Our dining room transformed to a game show studio!

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END OF SUMMER FUN w/ OUR GBC FAMILY!

Thanks to all who came out, we had a great time of fellowship and fun!



GBC Seniors

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



▲ August Joy Club

We had lunch at Kitchen 33 Restaurant. Goochland's Commonwealth Attorney, Mike Caudill was our speaker. He provided information about drugs like Fentanyl and its origins, what it looks like and how it is abused.

◀ August Senior Outing

We had a delicious lunch at the Crossroads Restaurant in Doswell.

JOY CLUB

Wednesday,

September 27th @ 10:30am

**Musical entertainment by the
"True Spirit Gospel Band"**

Kitchen 33 providing fried chicken meal,
Members, please bring desserts!



SENIOR OUTING:

The September Senior Outing will be on
Thursday, September 14th at Jake's Place in Ashland. The bus will leave GBC at **11:00am.**

Please RSVP to John Webb at (804) 334-9270

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

SEPTEMBER 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles - at home

Frances Bradshaw – living at the Laurels Convalescent Center

Eva Childress – recovering from a recent fall

Frank and Janet Faudree - health concerns

Linda Gibbs – Linda is doing better after from her mini-stroke and is back at Beth Shalom

Scott Hobson - has multiple myeloma

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

Connie Jones - heart and lung issues

Lois Lane – low hemoglobin

Connie Long

Hazel Melton - recovering from stroke at home

Rebecca Michels— is thankful for good initial results from her drug trial. Some of her cancer has shrunk by 30-50%. Rebecca is grateful for the love and prayers of her church family.

Morris and Audrey Nuckols – Morris is recovering from foot surgery and Audrey has had muscular problems. Both are keeping their legs elevated most of the time.

Robert Nuckols – back home after ICU last week, but still very tired and weak

Don Powell – receiving in-home nursing care; family has recovered from COVID, but Don is still very weak. They welcome prayers but kindly ask for no visitors.

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt) - Vertigo is improving. Please keep in prayer - will see the doctor this month regarding the 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

Olivia Baker (10 yr old great niece of Betsy Alvis) – bone cancer. They are evaluating her options, but she will have surgery at the end of September.

John Bartlett - Linda Moore's brother

Larry and Debbie Barrett (parents of Robert and Kitt Townsends' good friends) – both were diagnosed with cancer in the same week

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

Travis Brown (Pastor Ken Stalls' good friend) - melanoma

Haley Caudrell (Janet Koch's great-great niece) – Eight months pregnant with both baby and mother facing issues. A C-section is scheduled for August 12.

Suzanne Coats - Recovering from back surgery last week

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

Ronald Faudree (son of Frank and Janet Faudree) – diagnosed with lung cancer

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

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

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

Kimberly Ann Hill (sister of Mike and Kathy Nicholas' good friends) – stage 2 cancer

Stephen Hill (brother of good friend of Gwen Padgett) – praise that cancer is in remission

Christina Holleman (John Webb's granddaughter) – Presumed to have compartmental nerve syndrome in her left leg due to improper positioning during her hospital stay. She has come home. There has been no improvement as of yet. Please pray for a full recovery.

James Jett (Jessica Jett-White's dad) - has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He started chemo on 7/28.

Please keep James, his medical team, Jessica (his daughter), Paul and Colter in your prayers.

Patti Jenkins (Brenda French's sister) – cancer has emerged on her lungs

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) – preparing for an upcoming MRI

Ashley May (friend of Brenda French lives in Alabama) – completed chemotherapy

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC) – doing much better

Neal Purcell (David Purcell's brother) – health issues

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

Frank Shields (Pastor Sharon's son-in-law) – still recovering from stroke but has returned to work half-time

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

Sandra Survello (friend of Tami Ricketts) – Needs prayer while taking cancer radiation treatments everyday for 8 to 12 weeks.

Nick Sutphin (Janet Koch's brother) - Recovering from eye surgery. Please be in prayer for a full recovery

Dee Sutphin (Janet Koch's sister-in-law) – Stage 4 lung cancer

Dolly Vopelak (Ken Stalls' mother in NC) – on hospice; will have her 100th birthday later this month

Jackie Woods (family member of Brenda French) – received positive lab results

Mariam Egbal Yuen (Carla Yuen's daughter-in-law) – recovering from neuropathy