

MARCH 2023

The Messenger



CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

Spring is one of my favorite times of year, because new life is emerging everywhere. The trees begin to open up, flowers start to bud, and birds return from the south. It's like everything that's dead wakes back up.

It's fitting, then, that we observe Easter in the spring. Because Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead reminds us that we, too, can find new life. The parts of our lives that have been dulled can be reawakened. The parts of our lives that have felt dead can receive new life. That's the promise of Easter. That's the essence of our faith.

New life is a gift from God, but there are some things we can do that will help us receive it. That's the point of Lent. Lent is a season of self-examination, a time for us to do some spring cleaning in our souls. Each Sunday in Lent, I'll be preaching on the eight deadly thoughts that our spiritual forefathers and mothers identified. As we learn to recognize these thoughts in our own lives, we'll be able to unlearn the habits they foster and replace them with habits that help us receive God's new life. In addition, we're giving away free Lenten devotionals that are found in the foyers of both the Sanctuary and New Life Building. We'll be having a special Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 6 in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm that will help us prepare for the new life of the resurrection. I

hope you'll take advantage of these offerings in preparing for Easter.

Our Easter service will be at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 9. Following the service, we'll have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and photo booths for families and individuals as well. It'll be a festive morning as we celebrate the promise of new life that Christ brings.

They'll be other festive opportunities between now and Easter, too. Many of you have come to Community Table, our new Wednesday night dinner offering to the community. I lead a Bible Study at 4:30 pm on Wednesdays, and we have dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a short program designed to connect us with each other and with what's going on in our community. Check out the schedule of events for Community Table in March on page 5.

Mark your calendar for Bowling Night, too. On Monday, March 20, we'll rent out four lanes at Bowl America Short Pump from 6:00-8:00 pm. You, your family, and even your friends are invited to join us for a night of friendly fun and competition. RSVP on our website.

There are plenty of ways to connect with your GBC family this season. Just as important, though, is connecting with God and preparing for Easter. May God use this season to help you prepare for the new life God wants to bring you.



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Deacon Minutes

Diane Proctor

This segment of the Messenger is to spotlight members of the church. Over and over again, we've discovered that it's hard for everyone to know everyone. So, we thought we'd take the opportunity to spotlight both new and long-time members of the Goochland Baptist Church family.

This month we are putting the spotlight on Mickey and Betty Meador. They joined the church on Christmas day in 1988 along with their children. Betty and Mickey have been married for 55 years. They were high school sweet hearts from Tucker High School. I have known Betty & Mickey since I started coming to Goochland and was introduced to them through Sunday School class. Not until I spoke with them recently did I know that Mickey has been going by an alias. His given name is (are you ready?) Nelson. When I asked Mickey how he got the name of Mickey, he couldn't tell me.

Betty has deep roots to Goochland Baptist Church. Betty's grand parents are descents of Rubin Ford who was our first ordained pastor of the church. Betty's grandmother along with 2 other ladies donated the painting behind the baptistery along with curtains, which the curtains have been replaced since then. This lovely painting still remains today, and is the first thing you see when you enter the sanctuary.

If you see these high school sweet hearts roaming the halls of the church, give them wave and introduce yourself.



SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter. It is a time of preparation for the coming of Easter. Many choose to fast during this period, to give up something- chocolate, coffee, social media time - something of significance that one may have become too reliant on. Too often, the act of fasting is the beginning and the end of our activity of preparation; we do not follow through on the purpose behind the fast - to focus and rely more on God. Through fasting, we are allowing a fresh space in which we can encounter God.

What spiritual practice can occupy this space for you? While this is important at an individual level, I believe that this period of preparation also offers opportunities to build family practices that focus on God. Consider what you can do together as a family that will build your relationship to God. Here is an idea from Christian author, Traci Smith:

Candle Prayer Time* - This prayer practice allows the family to share in prayer time without worrying about finding the "just right" words or feeling the pressure of including everything and everyone for whom they want to pray.

1. Parent and child (or the whole family) gather in a dim or dark room and light a candle.
2. Say, "This candle burning is our prayer. Just as the light fills up the dark room, we know that our prayers are lifted up to God. Let's sit here for a minute and watch the candle and know that our prayers are known by God, even if we don't know what we want to say or how to say it."
3. At the end of a minute or so say, "Now we are going to end our candle prayer. I will blow out the candle and we will all say 'Amen.' We will know that God heard our prayer."

**This practice excerpted from the book Faithful Families: Simple Practices for Daily Family Life by Traci Smith. Published by Chalice Press, 2017. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

MARCH SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

March 5	Teresa Kessler & Justin Lingerfelt
March 12	Diane Proctor & Amy Robinson
March 19	Jessica Stanley & Justin Lingerfelt
March 26	Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields

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March 5	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
March 12	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
March 19	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
March 26	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols



March 5	Victoria Parrish David Purcell
March 7	Betsy Alvis Betty Meador
March 14	Shannon Wilson
March 17	John Audia Sheila Claytor Diane Proctor
March 18	Ida May Nelson
March 20	Rebecca Michels Keith Spaulding
March 21	Brandon Arnold
March 22	Kathy Nicholas Craig Williams
March 23	Ginger Dyson Audrey Taylor
March 25	Pat Alvis
March 26	Dennis Alvis
March 30	Jackie Ford Jessie Stewardson
March 31	Nate Arnold



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:**

March 5 – Love does not want what belongs to others

March 12 – Love is not rude

March 19 – Love does not keep track of wrongs

March 26 – Love is not happy with evil

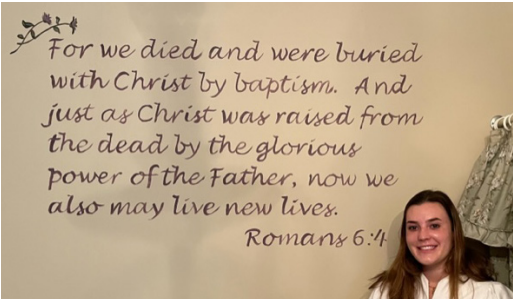


Do you knit/crochet OR do you want to learn? If providing caps for chemo patients or blankets for babies in a NICU sounds like a ministry you would like to be a part of please let Erin Kruschwitz know. You can also pick up a hand-out with more information in the foyers of the sanctuary and MPR building.

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GBC Baptism

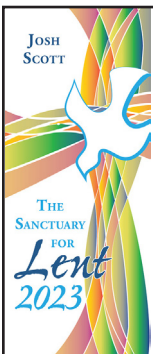
We celebrate the baptism of Randolph Macon freshman Caroline Bassett, who was baptized on February 12, 2023.



Lenten Small Group Study

Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm

If you've found Pastor Curt's current sermon series on unlearning the eight deadly thoughts stimulating, join us every Wednesday leading up to Easter. We'll be diving deeper into these eight deadly thoughts, how they manifest themselves in our lives, and how with God's help, we can unlearn the destructive habits they create.



Pick Up Your
FREE Lent Devotional
in the Sanctuary and in the
New Life Building.

Lent begins February 22, 2023.

BOWLING -Night-

MONDAY, MARCH 20
@ BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP



RSVP Today at:

[goochlandchurch.breezechms.com/
form/bowl32023](https://goochlandchurch.breezechms.com/form/bowl32023)

GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!

Saturday, March 25
8 am-10:30 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

Community Table

At our February 15th Community Table, we prepared brown bag lunches for students at Goochland Elementary who may need some extra food to take home on weekends. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Dinner at 6:00 pm | Activities at 6:30 pm

Each week, we'll have a delicious, home-cooked meal, followed by an activity, including presentations from relevant community guests, games, creative projects, and in-house service projects designed to serve the local community.

Dinner is \$4/adult, \$1/child, maximum \$15.00/family

Goochland Baptist welcomes our community together on Wednesday nights to connect with neighbors, discover resources and events throughout Goochland and Hanover, and give back to our community together.

March 2023 Calendar

March 1st First Response CPR/AED
Introduction from Goochland Fire and Rescue.

March 8th Ice Breaker Night – learn something new about your neighbors.

March 15th Mission Night – Giving Back to Goochland Elementary School's teachers.

March 22nd Bingo Night

March 29th Game Show Night – join us in our game show studio (MPR) where you're the contestant.

**Please RSVP to reserve meals
for you and your family at**

www.goochlandchurch.org/communitytable.

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April 6 at 7:00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us for a special worship service to take us back to Jesus' final night with his disciples. As we re-experience Jesus' final hours with his disciples, we'll consider the impact of that last night in our own lives.



Easter Sunday

April 9 | 9:30 am.
Worship Service

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and photo booth.





▲ February JOY Club - Bill Lewis with "Gospel Glory" ministered to us through his music and evangelism. Lunch was Fried Chicken or Liver & Onions provided by the Pickel Barrel. We celebrated Stuart Melton's 90th birthday with cake and ice cream!

◆ For the February Senior Outing we had a delicious lunch at Joe's Inn in Bon Air.

JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 22ND @ 10:30AM**

**Entertainment will be
"4 The Lord Trio" gospel group.**
*Fried Fish lunch will be provided by the Pickel Barrel.
Members, please bring desserts.*



SENIOR OUTING:

The March Senior Outing will be on **Thursday, March 16.** The bus will leave GBC at 11 am. and heading to Red Lobster for lunch.

RSVP to John Webb at 804-334-9270 due to a head count being necessary.

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

MARCH 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—returned home following another broken hip.

Frances Bradshaw—at the Laurels Convalescent Center.

Eva Childress—recovering from a recent fall.

Frank and Janet Faudree—health concerns.

Linda Gibbs—back at Beth Shalom following recent hospitalization. Has a new infection. Pray that her new antibiotic works.

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

Scott Hobson—has multiple myeloma.

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

Connie Long

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Rebecca Michels—Recent test results show that radiation is working to shrink treated spots; however, there are 2 new spots, so Rebecca has begun the more difficult chemo again.

Linda Moore—recovering from successful hand surgery on February 1.

Don Powell—receiving in-home nursing care

Daisy Purcell—blood sugar issues

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—got good labs last week that show the cancer marker is almost normal; hopes to start a maintenance drug that will keep her in remission.

Wanda Waldrop—cancer has recurred and Wanda has begun chemotherapy once more. Wanda is ready to receive phone calls now, but please, still no visits.

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.

John Bartlett—Linda Moore's brother

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

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

Danielle Dunkum (Pastor Sharon's cousin's 23 year old daughter)—recovering at home after accident.

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

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

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

Kelly Harris (Jimmy and Brenda Allen's daughter) - released from hospital and recovering at home.

Stephen Hill (brother of good friend of Gwen Padgett)—cancer.

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

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)—is not losing heart; she's encouraged by good reports for recent scans. More scans to follow...

Ashley May (friend of Brenda French lives in Alabama) - has breast cancer and cannot start chemo until she get clearance from a cardiologist. She is 40 years old.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—His body is now rejecting his stem cell transplant.

Neal Purcell (David Purcell's brother)—at home recovering from hospitalization.

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.

Eddie Richardson (Gwen Padgett's uncle)—recovering at home after recent hospitalization.

Elaine Roberts (wife of former pastor, Allen Roberts) - hospitalized (and later released) after blood pressure and pulse issues last week.

Wilma Rushing (Brenda French's 94 year-old mother)—adjusting well in the nursing home. Thanks for the cards and prayers.

Frank Shields (Pastor Sharon's son-in-law) - recovering from recent stroke.

Audrey Stalls (Pastor Ken Stalls' granddaughter)

Chick Sweeney (Kevin Dunne's brother-in-law)—recovering at home from a "minor" stroke which mainly affects his speech which he finds very stressful, which drives his blood pressure beyond healthy limits.

Brian Sweeney (son of Chick, see above)—continues to wait for a kidney transplant.

Mae Toler (Al Henley's sister) - has broken her hip and moved into rehab.

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

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

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

Our sympathy to...

To the family of Robert "Bobby" Melton, who passed away on March 1, 2023. Please pray especially for his mother, Fannie Lou, and his sister, Frankie..

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.