

JUNE 2026

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

I suspect most of you pray to God every day, but how often do you praise God? The people of God, throughout Scripture, praise God. The Psalms are full of psalms of praise. But be honest... how often in your prayers do you praise God? My own prayers, I must admit, are filled more with my personal requests: "bless our family," "help this person," "guide me in this, Lord." But I've been reading a gem of a book lately: Ellen Davis' book, *Getting Involved with God*. And in her writing about prayer, she says that "Praise does more for us than it does for God." That intrigued me.

Praise, Davis suggests, aligns our minds with reality as God created it. We think life is all about us. Praise reminds us it's about God. We think we're most important. Praise reminds us that the glory belongs to God. We tend to think we're in control. Praise reminds us that God is greater than we are. Simply put, praise reorients us, so that we can see the world as God sees it.

Davis suggests using the Psalms as a guide to prayer, as well as one-line prayers that have been used in worship throughout the ages: "Blessed are you, O King, for you bring forth food from the earth." Praying praises like this, in the moment, can anchor us in God's reality. You can say a prayer of praise when you see beauty, when you

experience grace, or when you see God's work in action. I'd encourage you to try it sometime. I've found these short prayers of praise to be helpful in re-orienting me to the reality of God around me.

As we begin summer, we have a lot to be thankful for. I'm particularly excited for the churchwide picnic on Saturday, June 6. The church is providing fried chicken, and we're asking our church family to bring sides and desserts to share. It will be fun for the whole church family. In addition, I'm excited about the summer mission trip - I can't wait to travel with our church family to be a blessing in the mountains of Nickelsville, VA. VBS is coming Sundays in August.

Summers look different around here: there's no Community Table, but there are other ways to connect and serve. Perhaps the warm weather and a different rhythm are additional things for which we can give praise to God. Try that this month - giving praise to God in short prayers throughout the day as you see fit. I think if you keep your eyes open, you'll discover that we have more to praise God for than we sometimes think!



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Goochland Baptist Church

Summer Church Picnic

Saturday, June 6 @ 4:30pm

*Fried chicken provided by Adult & Children's Committees,
members asked to bring a side or dessert to share!*



2026

Graduate Recognition

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
@ 9:30 AM

If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, we want to recognize them!

Send a picture along with graduation details and future plans to the GBC office at office@goochlandchurch.org



BOWLING
-Night-
JUNE 30TH

@ BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP

Join us
every 5th Tuesday*
of the month @ 6:00 pm

Spectators Welcome!

RSVP with Karen Evans



Coordinator Corner with Children's Coordinator Teresa Kessler

GBC will host VBS, "Illumination Station", the first four Sunday mornings in August. Children, ages 4 through rising 6th Grade, will come to the sanctuary for worship. After the children's sermon, the children will be escorted to the Cove for VBS which ends at 11:30. Children 3 and younger will go to the nursery. Teachers will use VBS materials for stories, music, and crafts.

VBS offers a wonderful ministry for our children as well as a tremendous opportunity for outreach. By offering VBS on Sunday mornings, we have the opportunity to invite children and families to our church that may not be attending a church regularly. While children will be learning through VBS materials, parents and older siblings can attend the worship service and visit a SS class. This gives us a chance to get to know the families and help them learn about GBC.

How can our church family help prepare for VBS?

- 1) PRAY for the volunteers, children, and families that will attend our church.
- 2) VOLUNTEER TO HELP in VBS on these Sunday mornings in August:
 - We need volunteers to assist teachers as we work with children.
 - We need people to prepare snacks.
 - We need persons willing to rock babies and tell them Jesus loves them.
 - We need volunteers to assist toddlers as they move to rooms to participate in music and arts and crafts.

If you can't commit to work all four Sundays in August then commit to one or two Sundays - WE WILL FIND A PLACE FOR YOU WHERE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE.

- 3) INVITE children and families to attend VBS at GBC. You can do this with a personal invitation and/or sharing on your social media.

Please contact Nicole Lingerfelt, Susan Angel, or Teresa Kessler if you can help. We need to know as soon as possible so that we can finalize our plans and preparations for VBS. Thank you for loving the children at our church and supporting this ministry to help them KNOW and GROW, so they will be equipped to GO and share their faith with others.

Thank you,
Teresa Kessler (GBC Children's Coordinator)

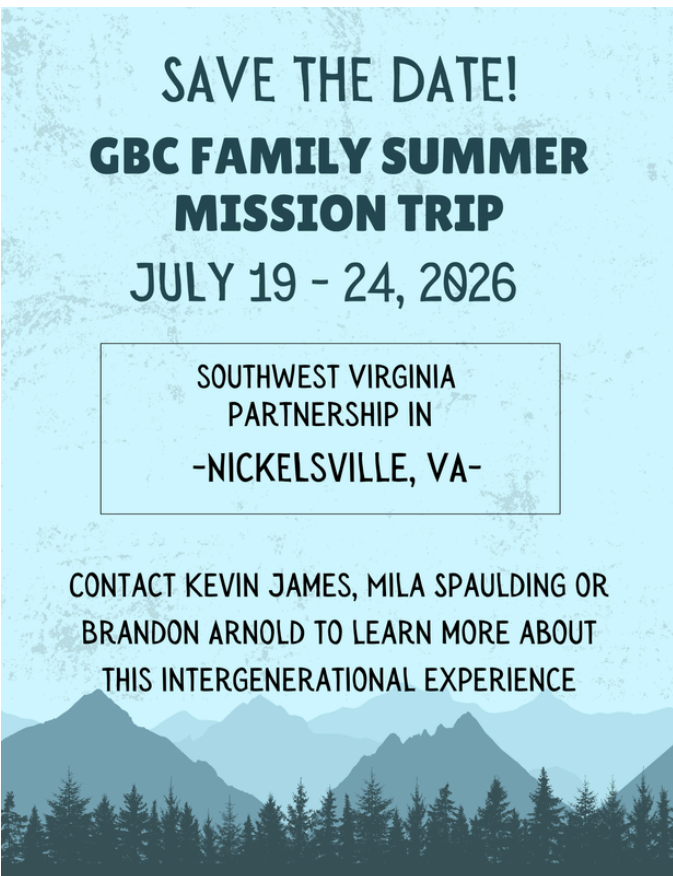
Sundays in August
GBC VBS
9:30 - 11:30 am

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.





Thank you to all those who gave to the May Food Drive for GoochlandCares, GBC collected 250 lbs of food for our local community!





- Jun 1** Peggy Marquis
Luke Stewart
- Jun 2** Gwen Padgett
- Jun 5** Lois Grissom
- Jun 8** Jordan Padgett
Carmen Palacio
- Jun 9** Wade Condrey
Marvin Evans
- Jun 10** David Dabney
- Jun 13** Leslie Hepburn
- Jun 14** Ava Henley
Janet Myers
Amy Robinson
- Jun 16** Tami Ricketts
- Jun 20** David Denton
Stuart Durrett
Connie Jones
- Jun 21** Daisy Purcell
- Jun 24** Tyler Gill
- Jun 26** Maryanne Henley
Justin Lingerfelt

June Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- JUN 7** Gale Chaisson & Brenda Denton
- JUN 14** Emma Arnold & Diane Proctor
- JUN 21** Lois & Dwight Grissom
- JUN 28** Lynn & Ed Hayes

USHERS

- JUN 7** James Melton, David Denton & Hope Webb
- JUN 14** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
- JUN 21** John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
- JUN 28** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

June Volunteer Day:

Saturday, June 27th
@ 8am - 10:30am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

Parent Child Dedication

We continued a GBC tradition of holding Parent-Child Dedication on Mother's Day Sunday



Community Table 25-26

We had another successful Community Table season, thanks to the kitchen crew, our community partners, speakers, and event planners who made it all possible for us to gather each week to build and serve community.



GBC Seniors



We enjoyed our meal and company at the Wood Grill Buffet in Charlottesville, VA.



Thursday 6/11 @ 11:30 am

The Grapevine
(Glen Allen, VA)

Bus will leave GBC @
11:00am



Thursday 6/25 @ 10:30 am

"Blessings & Lessons"
Presentation by Brenda French

**Chicken provided, members
bring side/dessert**

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

JUNE 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Allen Bowles -- at home

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Marvin and Karen Evans – praise that their great-grandchild, McKenna King, was born safely

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Connie Jones -- heart and lung issues

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

Carrie Braxton (friend of Mike Nicholas) – end of life issues

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

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.

Kim Ramsey (William and Lila Hicks' daughter) – recovering after surgery

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

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

Tom Rockcharlie (husband of Ann James' best friend) – diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer

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) – health concerns

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