

NOVEMBER 2022

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

“Without vision, the people perish,” it says in Proverbs 29:18. The author is suggesting that we thrive as we follow God’s leadership in our lives.

And that’s why I’m so excited. For the past 10 months, we’ve held listening sessions, we’ve prayed around dinner tables, and most recently on October 2, we held our Town Hall. Together, as we discussed what you’ve told me at our listening sessions, it seemed clear to us that God was leading Goochland Baptist Church in a particular direction. Together, we affirmed the vision statement that will guide our church for the next three years: *Goochland Baptist Church is a family connected by God’s love, empowered by Christ’s grace, and sent out by God’s Spirit, for the good of our community and beyond.*

This vision statement is a culmination of much prayer, discussion, and discernment. In the years ahead, it will guide us as we consider how we can best follow Jesus. As it indicates, three tasks will be paramount: connecting our church family with one another in the kind of community that only Jesus offers, empowering one another to be confident followers of Jesus in a changing world, and sending out one another to bless our communities and communities all over the world. We believe this is God’s call for Goochland Baptist Church.

Our new vision statement has already inspired us. Our Food Service Committee decided to offer Brunswick Stew to take home at last month’s Fall Festival in an effort to connect with our neighbors. Our Missions Committee planned a “Fall Family Fun (With a Purpose)” evening last week, where our children and youth made blessing bags and learned

the importance of giving back to the community. And this month, the New Sunday School class (led by Wayne Melton), decided to prepare and host a free community Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 26, open to the first 80 guests from our church or community who reserve a seat. (More information on page 5.)

We’ve already started strong in reaching out to our community through the Fall Festival last month, thanks to the hard work of Kitt Townsend and our Children’s Committee. This is just the beginning. I hope you’ll join in me in prayerfully asking God how he might want to connect us, empower us, and send us out to make a difference in the months ahead. Let Pastor Sharon or I know. We’ll share ideas with our committees and trust God to lead us to new ways of serving and blessing our neighbors.

Mark your calendar for our special Christmas play, Mary’s Hope Chest, on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm in the MPR. It’ll feature our own church family acting and singing and leading us in worship together. We’re grateful for one of our own, Jessica Stanley, for writing the play.

In addition, you won’t want to miss our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24. It’ll be a night filled with the beauty of carols and candles as we celebrate the mystery and miracle of Christmas.

This is a special time of year, and an exciting time for our church family. Our family is blessed to be part of it, and I trust that as you connect with us this season, you will be, too!



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Deacon Minutes

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One of the best compliments that Goochland Baptist Church receives is that the people are so welcoming and friendly. The best compliment anyone can receive is that they are friendly, we strive for that, and it is a secret until a visitor comes and sees it for themselves. For over 250 years Goochland Baptist Church has seen a multitude of warm, caring and God loving Christians enter and leave these doors in our Sanctuary and buildings on our campus. It still continues today, even among all the uncertainty, divisiveness and turmoil among us, we still offer a refuge of the never ending promise of God's eternal hope.

In the latest series of Deacon Minutes, you have seen, we have spotlighted some of our church members, in this month's article I would like to highlight the service of Jim Fields. Jim has been a member of our church for 36 years; he has served as a Deacon for 12 of those faithful years serving God. He was guided to Goochland Baptist by his wife Jean, who insisted that Jim would not be a proper Christian until he attended church. They share the love of 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

I know all of us have had a friendly conversation with Jim and have a fond place in our hearts for him. He was one of the first members of the church I met when my father attended here, and he was a dear friend of his and remains one of mine. Driving a truck for 40 years, he now hunts, fishes and spends time with family. The most important gifts Jim has received from God while attending Goochland Baptist are direction of life, meeting great people and having a chance and opportunity to serve God firsthand.

As we attend church this Sunday and thank God for his grace and love, look around at all who make our Sunday service happen, and remember that all who serve were put here by God at that minute in time, for you and for me.

SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

In the listening sessions that I attended after I joined GBC, I heard repeatedly a desire to reach parents and their children with the good news of Jesus Christ. We know the best foundation a child can receive is through learning about Jesus and his love. We also know that parents are the primary disciple-makers in their children's lives. Our goal as the Church is to come alongside parents to partner with them in the disciple-making journey.

Towards this goal, we are extremely blessed at GBC with an active Children's committee which is committed to planning the best for our children. We are blessed as well with strong Sunday School teachers whose passion is to teach of God's love especially as it is expressed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The addition of Children's Church has been a blessing to both the children and their parents. The children learned how to GROW in their relationship with God by Getting quiet with God, Reading God's word, Opening their hearts, and Worshipping God. Each memorized Psalm 63:1, "God, you are my God. I want to follow you."

Children's Church will be continuing past the pilot period. We still need people to lead lessons and to assist. If you believe that the children need a Christ-centered foundation and that they are the future of the church, please make an investment in that future by reaching out to me and volunteering in this important ministry!



The graphic features a background of colorful handprints in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. In the upper right, there is a red silhouette of a church with a steeple, followed by the text "GBC" in red. Below this, the words "Children's" and "CHURCH" are written in large, colorful, outlined letters. Underneath, the phrase "You're Invited:" is written in bold red text. The main invitation text follows: "Children 5 years of age through 5th grade are invited to join us following Pastor Curt's Children's Sermon." Below that, it states "Children will be learning the following 'Need to Know' truths:" followed by a list of dates and topics: "November 6 – God Sees and Knows Me", "November 13 – God is Good in All He Does", "November 20 – God is Always Right", and "November 27 – God is in Control". At the bottom, it includes a "Memory Verse" section with the text: "Lord God, with your great power, you made the Earth and the sky. There is nothing too hard for you to do. Jeremiah 32:17".

Children's CHURCH

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Family Fun with a Purpose

Family Advent Candle for 2022

Preschoolers, children, youth, and their families are invited to make a “2022 Family Advent Candle” to use for the season of advent.

Join us **Saturday, Nov. 19th, 5:00 p.m.** at GBC in the Multi-purpose room. Dinner and all the materials provided.

Please RSVP to Mila Spaulding, mila.spaulding@gmail.com or Erin Henley, holstein523@gmail.com by Sunday, Nov 13th so adequate supplies and food can be provided. This event is sponsored by GBC Sunday school.



NOVEMBER YOUTH NIGHTS

Youth gatherings on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:00 p.m. provide a space for youth to connect, read scripture and apply it to their lives and enjoy some recreational time. Discussions in November will cover the following topics:

November 6

God Talk [Prayer]

November 13

So Nobody's Perfect [Sin]

November 20

What me, Worry? [Worry]

November 27

The Devil Made Me Do It [Temptation]

NOVEMBER Happy Birthday! BIRTHDAYS

- November 1** Callie Carter
- November 2** William Chaisson
- November 3** Barbara Chisholm
- November 7** Michael Sale
- November 9** Kevin Richardson
- November 10** Scott Carter
- November 12** Crystal Waldrop
- November 13** Linda Gibbs
Gerry Nuckols
Curt Kruschwitz
- November 18** Lois Lane
Heather Waldrop
- November 19** Abigail Arnold
- November 21** Erin Kruschwitz
Alexandra Sargent
- November 26** Mickey Meador
Linda Mawyer
- November 28** Blake Dabney

*Join us for this beloved tradition
as we celebrate the mystery
and miracle of Christmas!*

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24

5:30 PM in the Sanctuary

WELCOME

New Members Stuart and Brenda Durrett.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Thanks to all who helped out and participated in our October events.



SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- November 6** Diane Proctor & Jeff Parrish
- November 13** Jeff Parrish & Amy Robinson
- November 20** Teresa Kessler & Diane Proctor
- November 27** Betsy Alvis & Angela Bassett

USHERS

- November 6** Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
- November 13** Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
- November 20** Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
- November 27** Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols

Fall Family Fun (With a Purpose)



Mary's Hope Chest

Years after the wondrous events that took place in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph reminisce as they sort through a chest of times lovingly stored and saved over the years. Through narrative and song, they share the story of Jesus with a new generation.



SUNDAY
December 11
5:00 PM | MPR



COMMUNITY Thanksgiving MEAL

SATURDAY, NOV. 26, 1:00 PM (MPR)

Goochland Baptist Church is providing a free traditional Thanksgiving meal for our community. Our church family is invited, and everyone is encouraged to invite a neighbor to help make this a community event.

Reservations can be made on our website or by calling the church office at 804-749-3522.

Seating is limited – 80 meals will be prepared. RSVP by Friday, November 18.

SUNDAY Connect

SUNDAY EVENINGS

SUNDAYS 5:00 PM-5:50 PM

FAMILY DINNER 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S MUSIC, MISSIONS & MOVEMENT

Children ages preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Susan Angel for a time of music, mission activities and games.

STUDENT MINISTRY GATHERING

Students ages 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to gather for Bible study, games, and fellowship.

BIBLE READING GROUP

Join Pastor Curt and Ellen Melton as they facilitate a discussion group that is reading the bible, from Genesis to Revelations, together in one year. At the meetings we will reflect on the week's readings. 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:

11/6/2022

2 Corinthians 4-
Ephesians 2

11/13/2022

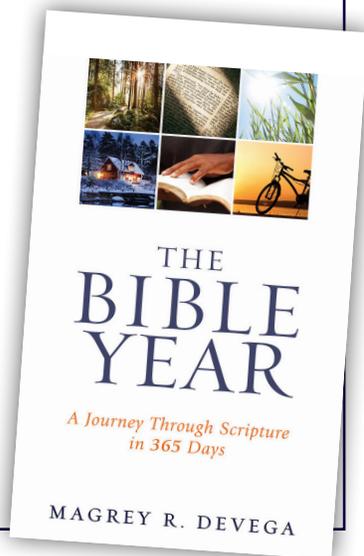
Ephesians 3-1
Thessalonians 3

11/20/2022

No Meeting

11/27/2022

1 Thessalonians 4-
James 2



The "Giving Map"

"The Lord said to them...you will receive power...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:7-8**

Add extra joy to your celebration of Jesus' birth through this special opportunity to give to those in need - in his name! Whether it is giving to CARITAS to impact Richmond residents in need, to Disaster Relief to help this year's flood victims from SW VA to Kentucky to Florida, or to one of the partnerships around the world established by Virginia Baptists, help yourself and family/friends focus on giving the gift of compassion this Christmas.

During November and December, the "Giving Map" will allow our church family to choose from a variety of monetary gift options with a range of price points, each designed to meet a practical need around the world. As needs are "purchased", the ornament depicting that particular need will be moved from the map to a Christmas tree AND the "purchaser" will also be given an identical ornament for their personal tree OR to give as a gift in honor of someone else.

The GBC Missions Development Committee will provide a giving guide that you can look over and prayerfully consider where your personal "...Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth" will be for Christmas 2022.





JOY
CLUB
Annual Banquet

Friday, December 2
Fellowship & hors d'oeuvres
@ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
Entree: Chicken Cordon Bleu
Cost: \$10/person.
Please pay by check only.
Entertainment:
"Hanover Harmony."
*Please RSVP to John Webb
at 804-334-9270 no later than
Sunday, November 27.*



▲ For the October JOY Club we had dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary in lieu of our monthly meeting at church.

● **NO MONTHLY JOY CLUB MEETING OR SENIOR OUTING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.** ●

JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
16TH @ 10:30AM** (Note date change)

**Musical entertainment will be provided by
Shannon Gibson Brown accompanied by
Joshua Wortham, "A Tribute to Patsy Cline."**

*Meal provided by the Pickel Barrel.
Membership requested to bring desserts.*

SENIOR OUTING:

November's Senior Outing we'll be visiting the Virginia War Memorial on Veteran's Day, **Friday, November 11th at 11 am**. There will be a ceremony and a video with a guided tour afterwards. Lunch will be at the Cracker Barrel. The church bus will leave the parking lot that morning at 10:15 am.

**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**

NOVEMBER 2022 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—returned home following rehab after his surgery.

Frances Bradshaw—at the Laurels Convalescent Center.

Eva Childress—recovering from a recent fall.

Jackie Eby—living 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.

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 Rebeccas has begun the more difficult chemo again.

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

Barbara Orrock

Daisy Purcell—blood sugar issues

Amy Richardson (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—is in remission (although the cancer may return) and has one more chemo treatment scheduled in November.

Mary Stanley—placed on hospice care at Beth Shalom.

Wanda Waldrop— cancer has recurred and Wanda has begun chemotherapy once more. The family requests no calls, meals, or visits—just prayers!

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; has been sent from VCU to Houston, TX for potential treatment.

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

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

Heiko Buehring (friend of Justin Lingerfelt).

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).

Danielle Dunkum (Pastor Sharon's cousin's 23 year old daughter)—on a ventilator after a terrible automobile accident last week.

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

Raymond Fields (brother of Jim Fields)—has taken a turn for the worse, will likely be put on hospice soon.

Lorelai French (almost 3 year old granddaughter of Brenda French)—fell and broke her leg.

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

Charlie and Marty Gilbert (friends of Gale Chaisson)—Charlie has diabetes issues and Marty has significant back pain after a recent fall.

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

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!

Maggie Vaughan Lawrence (Brenda French's friend, a wife/mother in her 30s)—Awaiting biopsy results after scans showed one small spot of cancer on her liver.

Phillip Nicklas (husband of Brenda French's friend in Washington DC)—received stem cell transplant at UVA. Side effects of chemo are bad. Plans to be discharged from the hospital this Sunday if blood looksok. For those of you with cancer / blood knowledge his neutrophils need to be 500 x 3 days before he can go home. Right now they are very low. His Hgb and platelets are also very low. Him and his wife are thankful for our praying church.

Jason Novak (son of Steve Novak)—recovering from COVID complications.

Neal Purcell (David Purcell's brother)—hospitalized for blood pressure issues.

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

Tami Ricketts' mother has breast cancer at age 91.

Chick Sweeney (Kevin Dunne's brother-in-law)—has been hospitalized with 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.

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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