

MARCH 2026

The Messenger



CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

As we watched the Winter Olympics this year, one theme kept recurring: you don't become an Olympian overnight. World-class athletes like we witnessed in Milan and Cortina aren't just born. Instead, they emerge after years of training, commitment, and sacrifice.

In the same way, faithful disciples of Jesus don't just emerge overnight. As we prepare for Easter this Lenten season, we're studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is essentially an invitation to be transformed by Christ and live in God's kingdom on earth. But Jesus makes it clear in the sermon: we aren't transformed into his disciples overnight. Living in God's kingdom requires following him. It requires a change of heart. And it requires practice.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is immensely practical: Jesus gives real-world advice for how to deal with parts of everyday life: anger, anxiety, greed, and lust. He gives us new ways to deal with our enemies, to deal with our own sense of pride, and to deal with the trials life brings. He teaches us new ways to pray.

And then at the close of the sermon, he invites us to try them. And to me, that's what ties the entire sermon together. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-27. "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the

winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

In other words, we're invited not just to learn about Jesus' moral teachings. We're invited to try them out for ourselves - to do what he says. When we do, Jesus says, something happens. We're changed from the inside out. We're strengthened. Just like an athlete is formed into an Olympian through countless hours of training, we're formed into disciples in God's kingdom when we practice the things Jesus preaches.

There are plenty of opportunities at Goochland Baptist to help you learn how to follow Jesus as a disciple this Lenten season: my kingdom practices group on Wednesdays at 4:30, Bob Kruschwitz' study on wisdom from the desert fathers on Wednesdays at 7 pm, and the Lenten devotional guide - as well as the normal small groups and Sunday School classes. But the biggest growth comes when we actually practice what Jesus preaches. What is Jesus calling you to do that will help you follow him better? Whatever it is - do it! Because that's how we become better disciples. And that's how we live in God's kingdom on earth.



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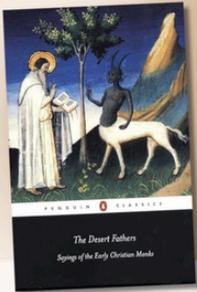
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5 WEEK BIBLE STUDY SERIES ON
THE DESERT FATHERS

PRESENTED BY:
DR. BOB KRUSCHWITZ



They Have
Unspeakable Joy:
Encountering the Desert
Christians

FOLLOWING COMMUNITY TABLE
ON WEDNESDAYS

FEB 25 - MAR 25
7:00 - 8:00 PM (MPR)

KINGDOM
PRACTICES

FROM THE SERMON
ON THE MOUNT

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm
Seekers Classroom (NLB)



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COME JOIN US

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



Mar 4th | Brown Bags

*We'll put together bags of food to help our neighbors in need
at Goochland Elementary School*

Mar 11th | "Breeze" Training

*Our own Gwen Padgett will provide a tutorial of our
church app that can help make life easy breezy!*

Mar 18th | Brown Bags

*We'll put together bags of food to help our neighbors in need
at Goochland Elementary School*

Mar 25th | "The Power of Yes...And..."

*Our own Rev. Sharon Condrey will share her breakout session that
she presented at the HerMission Conference this past fall.*



Lent Devotionals Available Now!*

If you would like to experience Lent with the use of a daily devotional guide, **The Sanctuary for Lent: 2026** is provided by GBC.

You can pick one up in the foyer of the Sanctuary or New Life Building.

**Limited quantity available while supplies last.*

GBC Adult Ministry Presents

Social Graces LET'S SHARE A MEAL!

Fellowship with and get to know others in our church family by joining a "Social Graces" group. Our new season begins this spring!

Sign up for your new group today!

RSVP at www.gochlandchurch.org/adults or by leaving a message with the church office at (804) 749-3522.

See Karen Evans for more information.

BOWLING *-Night-* APRIL 7TH

@BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP

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

For more info see Karen Evans

Note: due to spring break, we are bowling on 1st Tuesday of the month for this month only!

SAVE THE DATE! GBC FAMILY SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY 19 - 25, 2026

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
PARTNERSHIP IN
-NICKELSVILLE, VA-

CONTACT KEVIN JAMES, MILA SPAULDING OR BRANDON ARNOLD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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GBC 101

*A pop-up Sunday School class for those interested
in learning all things GBC!*

SUNDAYS, MARCH 8TH - 29TH
@ 10:30 AM (IN THE COVE)

Contact Sharon Condrey or Pastor Curt for more info

Caught in the Act!*

**John Webb, Garrett Webb, Wayne Melton, Justin Lingerfelt,
Kyle Edwards, Kevin James, Gerry Nuckols & Patrick Smith**



The winter weather our area experienced at the end of January kept us from meeting in person for 2 weeks. A special thank you to the men who came out and cleared our icy parking lot so we could regather for worship on February 8!



**These deeds were submitted by Susan Angel. Caught someone in our church family doing something praiseworthy? Submit that person's name and a description of their good deed(s) to office@goochlandchurch.org, so that they can be recognized in our monthly newsletter.*

Celebrate Easter with us at GBC

Children Participation

IN PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Children of all ages are invited to help lead in worship
Sunday, March 29
by carrying palm branches.



Come join us for our

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00pm (Sanctuary)



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5th - following worship*
all ages welcome!

*Please drop nut-free candy donations in the collection bin located in the New Life Building



FLOWERING *the cross*



DURING WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

The tradition of flowering the cross on Easter symbolizes the new life and resurrection of Jesus. The cross, a symbol of death, is transformed (flowered) into a symbol of hope and eternal life.

Please bring a flower(s) to help transform the cross on Easter Sunday during worship.





- Mar 3** Susan Mason
- Mar 5** Vicky Parrish
David Purcell
- Mar 7** Betsy Alvis
Betty Meador
- Mar 10** Jean Johnson
- Mar 14** Shannon Wilson
- Mar 17** John Audia
Sheila Claytor
Diane Proctor
- Mar 20** Keith Spaulding
- Mar 21** Brandon Arnold
- Mar 22** Kathy Nicholas
Jason Dunlavey
- Mar 24** DeAnne Shelton
- Mar 25** Pat Alvis
- Mar 27** Hallie Mae Henley
- Mar 26** Dennis Alvis
- Mar 29** Landon Walsh
- Mar 30** Jackie Ford
Greg Proctor
- Mar 31** Nate Arnold
Dawson Bailey

March Sunday Serving Schedule

GREETERS

- MAR 1** Josh Padgett & Juanita Mack
- MAR 8** Janet Myers & Justin Lingerfelt
- MAR 15** Gayle Stanley & Carla Yuen
- MAR 22** Gale Chaisson & Jim Fields
- MAR 29** Dwight & Lois Grissom

USHERS

- MAR 1** James Melton, David Denton, Hope Webb & Jim Fields
- MAR 8** Wayne Melton, Diane Proctor & Karen Evans
- MAR 15** John Webb, Brian Miller & Tyler Gill
- MAR 22** Gwen Padgett, Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
- MAR 29** Jim Fields, Justin Lingerfelt & George Koch

GOOCHLAND
CARES
Free Clinic and Family Services

Mar Volunteer Day:

Saturday, Mar 28th
@ 8am - 10:30am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com

GBC Seniors



Center Season

**THE FRIENDSHIP AND MUSIC OF
LORETTA LYNN AND PATSY CLINE**



On February 8, some of our seniors went to the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen to see "The Friendship and Music of Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline" performance. Afterwards we had dinner at Franco's Italian Restaurant.



Senior Outing:

On February 12 the Seniors met at the Wood & Iron Restaurant for a wonderful lunch and conversation!



A Birthday Celebration!!

Celebration of Stuart Melton's 93rd birthday on Sunday, February 22 !!



February JOY Club:

Goochland Community Officer, Mark Goyne had a presentation on "Senior Safety & Scams."



Thursday 3/12 @ 11:30 am
The Fishin' Pig in Innsbrook
Bus will leave GBC @
11:00 am



NO March Joy Club
Be on the lookout for our
April programming

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

www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults

Meet Your Deacons

Greetings from your 2026 Deacon Team! Along with Janet Koch and Carla Yuen, we welcome Juanita Mack, Wayne Melton and Josh Padgett as deacons this year. Our deacon ministry format is divided into teams that allow them to minister to our church family in various ways.



Janet Koch , Celebration Team,

Contact: jsmith12510@comcast.net

"I was born and raised in Indiana and most of my family still lives there. I grew up in a Baptist church - my parents were very involved in our church. I'm here to serve Goochland Baptist Church as best I can." Janet lives with her husband (George) and enjoys playing golf. She also enjoys exercising, baking and working in her flower gardens.



Carla Yuen, Celebration Team

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"I was raised in Salem, Va at the Virginia Baptist Children's Home, which is now called Hopetree." She was married to John Yuen for 35 years. They raised 3 amazing kids of their own plus 2 extra. Carla retired from the Supreme Court of Virginia and now owns and operates a family FedEx franchise. Finally, Carla notes, "I was the first person to join Goochland Baptist Church under the leadership of its new and very young pastor Curt Kruschwitz. And I'm so glad I did."



Juanita Mack, Greeter Team

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"I grew up in Mount Airy, NC, in a peaceful, small community environment. My childhood was filled with family and church, both of which I loved and treasured. Our family church was established by my great grandfather in 1916, and when he was no longer able to serve, my uncle became our preacher and remained their until his death a few years ago. After church, many families and friends came to my grandparent's home for lunch. The food was blessed and everyone enjoyed time together. Many stayed all afternoon, into the evening. My love for small town familiarity filled with kind and caring people who love God and each other is what attracted me to Goochland Baptist Church. It reminds me of home. My family here in Goochland is small. My daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter live in Oilville and I am blessed to have them close by."



Wayne Melton

Team: Pastoral Care Team

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"I started attending Goochland Baptist Church in 1962 soon after I was born. I have been attending ever since. I have served as a Sunday School teacher, as a deacon in prior years, and I have worked in the kitchen for thirty plus years. I look forward to serving the church as a deacon for the next few years and I hope I will be able to work closely with each of you as we serve together. Outside of church, I enjoy golfing, hunting, fishing, traveling, and gardening."



Josh Padgett, Online Outreach Team

Contact: joshbpadgett@gmail.com

Josh grew up at Goochland Baptist Church, where his parents and grandparents were married and where he was baptized in 1997. Also in 2001, against stiff competition he was crowned Elvis Impersonator Champion of Goochland Baptist church, to this day, remains officially undefeated and undethroned. This church has been foundational in shaping his faith and his life. Josh is currently studying theology through the Appalachian School of Theology as he continues to grow spiritually. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve his home church and honored to step into the role of deacon.

MARCH 2026 PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Alvis – health concerns

Hunter Bailey – Recovering after the first round of cancer treatment while celebrating the birth of their second child, Preston Blaine Bailey

Allen Bowles -- at home

Gale Chaisson – health issues and is recovering from recent toe surgery

Eva Childress – recovering from recent hospitalization

Ralph Claytor – recovering at home after back surgery

William Hicks – recovering well after stroke

Scott Hobson -- has multiple myeloma

Judy Johnson – in memory care facility

Connie Jones -- heart and lung issues

Ellen Melton – Radiation for breast cancer will be Mon-Fri, 2/5-2/26. Please pray that the adrenal glands insufficiency is temporary.

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

Diane Proctor - recovering well after a heart attack

Lee Proffitt – returned to St. Mary's Woods

David Purcell – ongoing health issues

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

Ronnie Dunlavey (friend of Clay Nuckols) – doctors had to extend amputation to above knee

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

Jimmy Hauk (Karen Evans' brother-in-law) – is undergoing chemotherapy

Will Hicks (son of William and Lila Hicks) – surgery scheduled for tomorrow to address back pain

Kimberly Ann Hill (friend of Mike Nicholas) – cancer has returned and spread to lymph nodes

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

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

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) – surgery on Thursday

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

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

Diana Shelburne – pulmonary issues

Sara Small (Connie Jones' granddaughter) – just received cancer diagnosis

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

Tyler Trice (friend of Ray Waldrop) – health concerns

Mark Troy (former GBC member) – diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). His address is PO Box 159, Barren Springs, Virginia 24313