

AUGUST 2023

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

It was really good to get away this month. Erin and I took the boys to join her family on an Alaskan vacation to celebrate her parents' 50th anniversary. I'm grateful to the church for allowing us to go, and I'm grateful to Pastor Sharon and David Angel for filling the pulpit so aptly in my absence.

One of the highlights of the trip for me was getting to go dog-sled-ding. Alaska is known for the Iditarod, a 900 mile dog sled race across the state each October. The sled-drivers, called mushers, guide a team of 12-14 dogs through ice, blizzards, and wind chills approaching -100°F in an effort to win the race. While we are on the trip, we got to meet one of these dog-sled teams, and they taught us how to be mushers!

The thing that fascinated me the most was how the mushers put together their team of dogs. They don't just look for the fastest huskies out there. If a team was made just of the fastest dogs, the mushers told us, it'd never win. That's because there are variety of skills needed in a successful Iditarod team. Slower, strong dogs are used as wheel dogs to carry more of the weight and watch ahead for obstacles. Team dogs are selected to help set the pace. Swing dogs are picked for their communications skills - they communicate with the musher about necessary speed and

directions. Each dog plays a role on the team, but they must all use their gifts together for the team to be successful.

That reminded me of the analogy Paul uses to talk about the church in 1



Corinthians 12. He says that each Christ-follower is part of the "body of Christ." All of us have different gifts that are needed for the church to live up to its calling. "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?" Paul writes.

In other words, each of us has God-given gifts that are necessary for the church to thrive. The church isn't at its best when 3-4 people do everything. It's at its best when everyone contributes, using their God-given gifts to help the church thrive and reach its community.

Many of those gifts have been on display in VBS! We have a great host of volunteers, doing everything from cooking to serving to cleaning, to leading, to acting, and to singing. Our boys, like all the other kids, had a blast at VBS this week. It was a good reminder of how strong our church can be when we step up together to use our God-given gifts. Thanks to all of who've helped out.

Whether its on cooking on Wednesday nights, teaching, praying, watching

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Deacon Minutes

David T. Angel

There was a rural pastor who, every afternoon at 2:23pm, would climb into his car and drive a half mile up the road to the railroad crossing. There he would pull over to the side of the road and wait for the 2:25pm eastbound freight train to come barreling past. Once the long line of cars had rumbled past, the pastor would turn his vehicle around and head home. This went on day after day and month after month. It was a strange ritual his parishioners were at a loss to explain. Finally, the deacon body got together and asked their pastor to explain his strange routine. The pastor replied, "I just need to see something move that I don't have to push".

There is not a pastor alive who does not understand this anecdote. In every church, the needs and opportunities are unlimited. There is so much to do. So much that needs to be initiated. So much that needs to be organized. So much that needs to be maintained. So much that needs to be fixed. The list goes on and on.

Churches are not like most organizations. There is no hierarchy of authority. There is no chain of command. No one is the boss and no one gets paid or promoted. At the end of the year, no one is presented with a plaque or a gold watch. In a church, we depend on those who seek no power or monetary gain.

There are scores of people who show up to make Goochland Church happen. They teach Sunday School. They cook meals. They fix broken stuff. They maintain our grounds. They manage the cemetery. They work in Vacation Bible School. They administer our financial resources. They visit our home bound. They organize and maintain various ministries. They assist with our worship service. On and on we could go. Most of these efforts are unseen and rarely affirmed. Fortunately, these individuals are motivated by a spiritual imperative that bubbles up from within. We call it a God thing.

For all of you (and you know who you are) who work so hard behind the scenes to make it all go round, please know that you are appreciated. You are God's hands and you are God's feet and, quite frankly, God couldn't do it without you. That's the way it works.

SHARON'S UPDATES

Sharon Condrey

As I write this, GBC has had three Wednesday night VBS sessions, and thus far it has been a truly special experience. On Wednesday nights, the atmosphere in our church was alive with the joyous laughter and exuberant energy of our young attendees. With the theme "Quest for the King's Armor" (Ephesians 6:10-18), we embarked on a journey of discovery about how to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Our dedicated teachers and volunteers brought the Bible to life with engaging lessons, creative crafts, and enjoyable activities. Each night was filled with valuable teachings and moments of joy for the children, leaving a positive impact on their spiritual growth.

The successful launch of our VBS nights has been made possible by the tremendous support and participation of our dedicated church members. One of the most remarkable aspects of this year's VBS has been the remarkable number of volunteers who stepped forward to offer their time, skills, and unwavering dedication to make the event a grand success. We have been truly blessed to have a large number of church members volunteering in various capacities, ranging from leading small groups, organizing activities, preparing delicious dinners, and providing logistical support.

As we reflect on the meaningful experience of this year's VBS, we are inspired to continue fostering a sense of community and love within our church. The success of this event motivates us to explore more opportunities to serve and support one another.

Let us carry the spirit of VBS forward, embodying the teachings of Christ in our daily lives, and extending kindness and compassion to those around us.

Thank you for being an integral part of our church family, and we look forward to creating more cherished memories together.



Rising 6th-12th grades are invited

Mondays, 6-8pm,

Through Aug. 14 at the Spaulding's

Contact Mila with any questions, 804-305-7506.

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children, or serving on a committee, there are plenty of ways that our church needs you. I hope you'll consider how your gifts are needed to help our church be everything God calls us to be!



August 1	Mila Spaulding
August 4	Logan Stewart
August 5	Abigail Townsend
August 9	June Frick
August 12	Judy Johnson
August 13	Lauren MacBlane
August 14	Emmy Alvis Jessica Stanley
August 20	Linda Moore
August 21	Frances Bradshaw
August 22	Glenn Myers Gayle Stanley
August 23	Carter Dabney
August 25	Hazel Melton Amy Richardson
August 26	Lila Hicks
August 27	Phyllis Toney
August 28	Jason Bassett
August 29	Brenda Durrett



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:**

Aug 7 | God Shows Me What I Can Do

Aug 14 | I Can Choose to Do What God Says

Aug 21 | God Makes My Life Good

Aug 28 | My Life Has a Purpose



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.

AUGUST 2023

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
@ 6:35 PM

BOWLING *-Night-*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
@ BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP



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

\$5.69/game per person • \$5.49/ shoe rentals
Contact Ellen Melton at 804-305-5894
for more information.

Fall

RENEWAL



GBC

Friday, Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct. 14

Guest Preacher: Dr. Tom Stocks

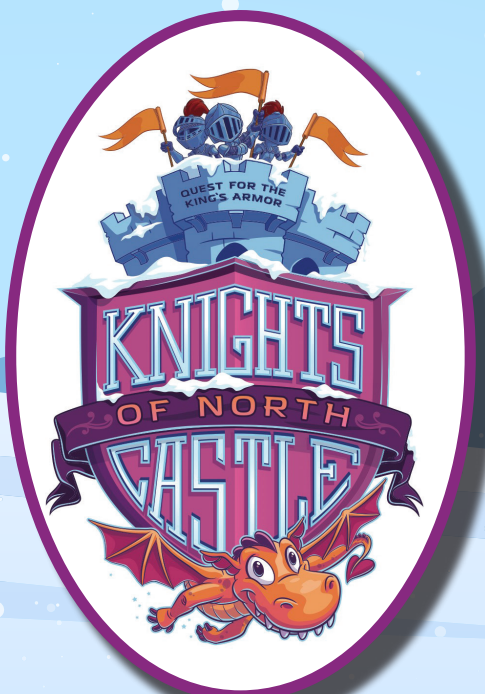
Saturday, Oct. 21 Day of Community Service

Sunday, Oct. 22 Celebration Sunday

Special Music, Food and Opportunities to Serve Our Community!

WEDNESDAY KNIGHTS IN JULY

Thank you to our volunteers who stepped forward to offer their time and skills to make this event a success.



WEDNESDAY KNIGHTS

The Quest for the King's Armor
at North Castle VBS

Weekly VBS at Goochland Baptist Church

Wednesdays, 6-8 pm

July 12 - August 9

Register at

www.goochlandchurch.org

Contact Heather, hrwaldrop87@gmail.com
or Sharon, sharcondrey@gmail.com for more
information and volunteer opportunities.

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

AUGUST 6	Justin Lingerfelt & Amy Robinson
AUGUST 13	Angela Bassett & Cameron Bassett
AUGUST 20	Betsy Alvis & Gale Chaisson
AUGUST 27	Theresa Kessler & Diane Proctor

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

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

Volunteer Day!
Saturday, August 26
8 am-10:30 am

Contact Shannon Wilson,
shannonwilson3@mac.com



Community Table will resume in Fall
after a short break. Enjoy your summer!

**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

YOUTH PROJECT
Personal Care
Bag Drive

Deadline August 20th

GBC Seniors

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



▲ **July Senior Outing** For the July Senior Outing we had 30 attend lunch at the Powhatan County Seat.

◀ **July JOY Club** Gwen Padgett shared about her recent trip to Israel.

JOY CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

at Kitchen 33 for a buffet lunch.

**Our speaker will be the Goochland
Commonwealth Attorney, Mike Caudill.**

The bus will leave GBC at 11am. Please RSVP to John Webb.



SENIOR OUTING:

The July Senior Outing will be on **Thursday, August 10** the Crossroads in Doswell. We will leave GBC at 11am.

RSVP Needed to John Webb at 804-334-9270.

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

AUGUST 2023 PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—at home.

Frances Bradshaw—at the Laurels Convalescent Center.

Eva Childress—recovering from a recent fall.

Frank and Janet Faudree—health concerns.

Linda Gibbs—at Beth Shalom following hospitalization.

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

Connie Long

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Wayne Melton—recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Rebecca Michels—has begun a new drug trial. Please pray that it is effective and that side effects are minimal.

Mike Nicholas—had a successful surgery.

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—hospitalized this weekend.

Don Powell—receiving in-home nursing care.

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 (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.

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—Suzanne is recovering from fall at Our Lady of Hope and the unexpected death of her husband, Bill.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

Kadence Jester (great-granddaughter of Stuart and Brenda Durrett)—returned home after recent hospitalization at VCU.

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.

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)—having a CT scan 7/18. Specific Prayer requests are: for a complete eradication of cancer; no fear or anxiety; peace that only God can provide and continued minimal side effects from increased medication.

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 the 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.

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

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

Audrey Stalls (Pastor Ken Stalls' granddaughter)

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

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

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

Our Sympathy...

Carolyn Heath passed away unexpectedly the last week of July.

Please email gouchlandchurch@gmail.com with new prayer requests, changes to prayer requests, or to be added or removed from our Prayer Request Email List.