

JULY 2023

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

My father-in-law gave me Alex Ker-shaw's book *The Bedford Boys* to read. I was so enthralled; I had a hard time putting it down. It tells the story that many of you already know — how an entire generation of young men in Bedford, VA made great sacrifices to serve our country in World War II. Many of you have been to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia! For me, though, reading their stories and learning how their sacrifice affected an entire community gave me a renewed appreciation for the freedom that our country experiences. That's something that I'll celebrate this July 4. I hope that one day our entire world will be able experience that freedom.

But as we've all observed, freedom alone doesn't guarantee a meaningful life. You and I both know plenty of people in our midst who, although they're free, are miserable. Despite our freedom, many in our country are enslaved: enslaved to habits, addictions, and choices that keep bringing their lives down. They have the freedom to vote, to make their own choices, and to a large extent, determine our own destiny. But this political freedom alone doesn't save us.

Paul writes in Galatians 5, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Even if we live in freedom, we can still find ourselves enslaved, Paul suggests: slaves to sin, to shame, to worldly desires. But according to Paul, true freedom comes from Christ and choosing to follow him. Or as Paul

says, by "walking in the Spirit." We walk in the Spirit when choose to listen to God's Holy Spirit, which brings *love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. When we follow this Spirit's leading in our lives, we experience the fruits of the Spirit. And that's when we experience true freedom in this world.

And that's the church's mission: to live in Christ's freedom ourselves and to point others to it.

We'll be exploring the freedom that Christ offers on Wednesday nights this month during Vacation Bible School. As you've heard, we'll be offering VBS on Wednesday nights starting July 12. Though the Wednesday night format is different, we'll be offering our children the same Bible stories, games, and crafts that we've always offered. I'm so grateful for the leadership of Heather Stewart and Pastor Sharon — and for so many of you who have signed up to help. Please invite your neighbors and bring your kids and grandkids! New this year is VBS programming for youth and adults, too. This will truly be a family event. Register at [www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org).

There's a lot we have to be grateful for as we celebrate our country's freedom this month. But let's not forget that freedom in Christ is what truly sets us free. Paul's encouragement to the Galatians is good encouragement for us: *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* (Gal 5:25) It's by living in step with the Spirit that we find true freedom.



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## Deacon Minutes

*Teresa Kessler*

Summer is here. For most kids it means a break from school, maybe sleeping in a little later in the morning, not having to finish homework every night, and not having to think about school for a couple of months. For others, summer brings a time to plan get aways. Some plan a vacation to the beach, to the mountains, or to a new destination. Many visit with family out of town during the summer. Yes, summer means time off, vacations, and a chance to change our routines.

But remember, Goochland Baptist does not go on vacation during the summer. The church remains open on Sundays to welcome people for a time of learning and fellowship. The ministries of the church must be funded.

- GBC will offer VBS to children and adults on Wednesday nights from July 12–August 9. This will be an opportunity to serve. Whether helping with the free dinner offered each week, helping with the children attending VBS, or attending the adult VBS, there is a place for everyone. Please find a way that you can support VBS this summer. Even if you can't attend every week, make a commitment to join when you can.
- Remember your giving. Don't let your summer plans interrupt your giving routine. GBC counts on you during the entire year.
- Look for opportunities to be a witness for Christ. You may find yourself in new and exciting places this summer, surrounded by people you don't normally interact with. Remember to show Christ's love and share Christ's love whenever you can. God may be placing you in a particular situation for a reason. Be mindful of that as you engage with those around you.
- If you meet someone that needs a church home, invite them to visit GBC. You plant the seed or extend the invitation and trust God to take it from there.

Have a safe summer. Make a lot of wonderful memories. Be faithful to God through daily time with Him, fellowship with other believers, be faithful in your giving, and plant seeds of God's love and goodness.

## SHARON'S UPDATES

*Sharon Condrey*

Doing something new is always a bit scary. Planning for something that we have never before experienced is not always an easy task. We try to anticipate every circumstance and need but the unanticipated can always trip us up. We worry about making mistakes, about not measuring up to expectations, or about stepping out of our comfort zones. However, doing something new is also very exciting. It shakes us up, generates fresh thoughts and ideas. It encourages us to look at situations from a different perspective. We imagine a new "what if" that lies beyond our fears and worries... what if this is amazing!

This is the soundtrack of my thoughts as GBC prepares for it's first weekly, night-time VBS which begins July 12th. As Heather Stewart and I are coordinating this first-time effort, our hopes and prayers are for an amazing experience. We have already seen God at work in the response of the congregation to our call for volunteers. In addition to our GBC children, we have children registered from the community. We have adults registered to share in an evening meal, a time of study, and a time of mission activity. We ask that you continue to pray for the VBS program- that seeds of faith will be planted and hearts transformed.

Having VBS in the evening is different for GBC, but as I envision it, I ponder these new what-ifs:

- What if some of these children have never attended VBS because their parent's work schedule could not accommodate a daytime VBS?
- What if studying the same stories during their Bible study time, parents and children leave the church having discussions about what they have learned?
- What if those who were able for the first-time to volunteer for VBS (because it did not conflict with a work schedule) discover a God-given passion and purpose through their time at VBS?

There are so many what-ifs that could be asked! But I will finish with this one – What if we surrender it all to God, with the full expectation that God will use our VBS to transform lives in ways that we cannot even begin to imagine!



### Summer Youth Gatherings

Rising 6th-12th grades are invited  
**Mondays, 6-8pm**  
At the Spaulding's

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

## Youth Summer Missions

The Youth will be volunteering with the following local ministries this summer:

**The Richmond Tool Bank**  
[www.richmondtoolbank.org](http://www.richmondtoolbank.org)  
 July 12th and July 20th  
 4:30-7:30 pm

**Wings of Hope**  
[www.wingsofhooperanch.org](http://www.wingsofhooperanch.org)  
 July 25th (times TBD)



## 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:

**July 2** | I Can Trust God's Promises for My Family

**July 9** | God Cares about My Life

**July 16** | I Can Trust God with My Life

**July 23** | God Never Leaves Me

**July 30** | I Can Ask God for Help



<b>July 6</b>	Eva Childress
<b>July 7</b>	Garrett Webb
<b>July 8</b>	Lindsey Sargent
<b>July 10</b>	Morris Nuckols Sandra Nuckols
<b>July 11</b>	Susie Grant
<b>July 13</b>	James Melton
<b>July 16</b>	Elizabeth Bowers Elizabeth Brown
<b>July 17</b>	Adam Henley
<b>July 18</b>	Aimee Dabney
<b>July 19</b>	Cecilia Bowles
<b>July 23</b>	Audrey Nuckols
<b>July 26</b>	Shane Grissom
<b>July 27</b>	Susan Angel
<b>July 28</b>	Angela Bassett Paul Irvin



**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.**



JULY 2023

# FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10  
@ 6:35 PM



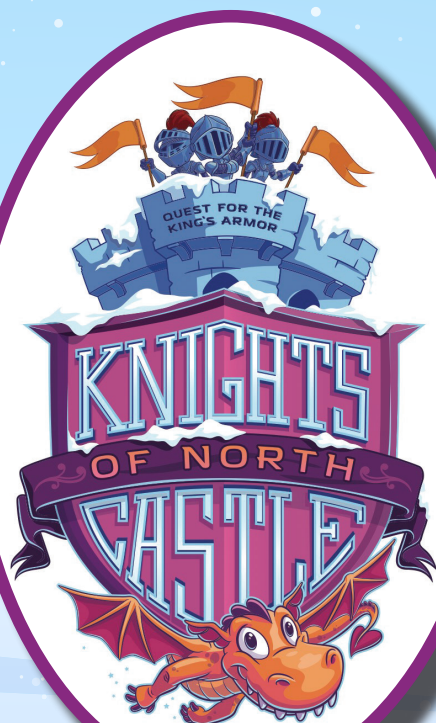
# BOWLING *-Night-*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29  
@ BOWL AMERICA SHORT PUMP



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

\$5.69/game per person • \$5.49/ shoe rentals



## 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**

**Registration Opens May 8th**  
**[www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org)**

Contact Heather, [hrwaldrop87@gmail.com](mailto:hrwaldrop87@gmail.com)  
or Sharon, [sharcondrey@gmail.com](mailto:sharcondrey@gmail.com) for more  
information and volunteer opportunities.



## GBC Summer Kick-off

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and joined us for our 2023 Summer Kick-off Cookout in June.





## JULY SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

### GREETERS

JULY 2	Justin Lingerfelt & Teresa Kessler
JULY 9	Jessica Stanley & Diane Proctor
JULY 16	Teresa Kessler & Gale Chaisson
JULY 23	Ed Hayes & Lynn Hayes
JULY 30	George Koch & Janet Koch

### USHERS

JULY 2	Hope Webb & Cameron Bassett
JULY 9	Diane Proctor & Justin Lingerfelt
JULY 16	Elizabeth Bowers & Nicole Lingerfelt
JULY 23	Jean Fields & Gerry Nuckols
JULY 30	Amy Robinson & George Koch

## GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

**Volunteer Day!**  
**Saturday, July 22**  
**8 am-10:30 am**

Contact Shannon Wilson,  
[shannonwilson3@mac.com](mailto:shannonwilson3@mac.com)



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



The Adult Ministry Committee

**NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We are planning a talent show for September,  
but need at least 5 acts to register.

Share your talents and register today at

[www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org)

## GBC Seniors

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



▲ **June JOY Club** Josh Wortham shared his love of gospel music on the piano. Lunch was Slow-Cooked Beef Pot Roast provided by Kitchen 33.



◀ **June Senior Outing** For the June Senior Outing we took a cruise boat from Reedville to Tangier Island where we enjoyed lunch at Lorraine's Seafood Restaurant and then toured the island.

# JOY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 26TH AT 10:30 AM**

**Gwen Padgett will give a presentation  
of her recent trip to Israel.**

*Meal TBD. Members, please bring desserts.*



### SENIOR OUTING:

The July Senior Outing will be on **Thursday, July 20** for lunch at the County Seat Restaurant in Powhatan at 11:30 a.m. The bus will leave the church at 11:00 am.

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

**Any questions please call John Webb at 804-334-9270.  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/senior-adults)**



# JULY 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**—returned to Beth Shalom following recent hospitalization.

**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 Jones**—heart and lung issues

**Connie Long**

**Hazel Melton**—recovering from stroke at home.

**Wayne Melton**—recovering from knee replacement surgery at home.

**Rebecca Michels**—Recent scans show that cancer has continued a slow growth, so Rebecca is now exploring several drug trials. Please pray that she is led to the right drug trial.

**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.

**Don Powell**—receiving in-home nursing care

**Amy Richardson** (Gwen Padgett's aunt)—is in remission and doesn't need chemo or maintenance drugs. Please pray that she stays in remission. Recently, she's had some struggles with vertigo. Please pray the vertigo goes away.

## 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.

**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.

**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.

**Jimmy Fincham** (husband of former member, Sherry Fincham [Hughes]) - just started dialysis and is on a donor list for kidneys and pancreas

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

**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)—cancer.

**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 is unable to move her ankle or foot. The nerve pain is unmanageable. Pray they allow her to stay in rehab at Sheltering Arms as long as it is beneficial and that she recovers fully..

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

**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)—stable for now.

**Ashley May** (friend of Brenda French lives in Alabama)—completed chemotherapy.

**Barbara Mays** (Dee Parrish's mother) - in a hospital skilled care unit for physical therapy after a successful knee surgery on Friday, April 14.

**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.

**Nancy Rapalee** (Joy Club member)—has pneumonia. Her husband Jim's blood pressure keeps dropping.

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

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

**Shirley** (friend of a Joy Club member) - has very aggressive bone cancer.

**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.

**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 treatment for neuropathy.

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