

MAY 2018

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

The first four months of 2018 have been difficult months for many in the Goochland Baptist Church family. Illnesses have unexpectedly popped up. We've lost some dear members who've passed away. Through it all, many of us have felt a barrage of emotions. Grief hits all of us differently...we think we're good one minute, and the next minute we're crying our eyes out. Or we're angry. Or depressed. Grief is one of those things that comes on its own time. It's not something we can rush or fight through. The best thing we can do is to acknowledge it and let it play its course. We're created as emotional beings. Grief is a gift from God that helps us process and experience those emotions.

Sometimes, it's hard to imagine moving forward. But for centuries, Christians have dealt with loss and somehow found strength to keep going. Perhaps John was thinking about this resilience when he wrote "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:9). All of us are created in God's image. We have a reflection of that true light in us. It enlightens us. God comes into the darkness of our world – and in our own lives – and brings light.

That gives me hope. I can't explain how people find strength to move forward in the midst of tragedy, but somehow God gives us strength. That's one way God raises us to new life – by lifting us up in the midst of our grief and showing us resilience that we didn't know we had. As the

psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). I pray that our church family grieves well, and that we find our refuge in God.

Even in the midst of loss, I find joy in all that is happening in our church. Our Spring Bible Blitz is off to a great start! I'm grateful to all our volunteers who make it possible. In addition, we're beginning a new spring Bible study on Wednesday nights called "Surprised By Hope." Even in churches, there's a lot of misinformation and fanciful assumptions made about the afterlife. Following acclaimed author N.T. Wright's curriculum, we'll be studying what exactly the scripture says about the life to come – and how that affects our lives today. Bring your Bibles and join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

As summer approaches, we'll start gearing up for Vacation Bible School. I'm thankful for Crystal Waldrop's leadership. I hope that you'll consider ways that you can be involved – getting the word out among your neighbors, leading a class, helping decorate, making goodies to eat, or just praying for us. VBS is a great outreach to our community.

God has good plans for you. And for Goochland Baptist Church. Know that God's light is in you and surrounds you, in the midst of darkness and in the midst of rejoicing, in the midst of difficulty and in the midst of hope. My prayer is that you'll look for the light of God, even in difficult days, and that you'll let it guide you.



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BAPTIST CHURCH
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BUSINESS MEETING:

Our next quarterly church business meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30pm



PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you are not currently receiving prayer requests by email and would like to be a part of this ministry, email **Anne Henley** at annechenley@msn.com.

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Rev. Adam Phlegar
Pastor to Families

Deacon Minutes

Chad Bordewyk

By now I hope spring is here to stay and the flowers are in full bloom. Reflecting back on Easter and remembering God's ultimate sacrifice of sending his son to die on the cross for our sins, reminds me of God's genuine love. Spring time is one of my favorite seasons to watch the regrowth of all the trees and flowers. It is also a great time to look at ourselves and see how we can start new growth in our lives for God.

Ephesians 4:14-16

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in Love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, this is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar

CHILDREN:

Mark your calendars for the week of **July 16th-20th** as we will be hosting our annual **Vacation Bible School**. This year's theme is **Rolling River Rampage** where we will invite children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of lifetime with God. Along the river, the children will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. We will have energetic music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories to help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace. Register online at www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar.



YOUTH:

Summer Mission Trip Updates

The Youth will be going to Houston, TX for our Summer Mission Trip to help with Hurricane Relief efforts. The dates for the trip are **June 22nd-29th**. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$500. Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Adam with questions.

Sunday Schedule

May 6th - Fellowship and Game Night from **5:30-7:00pm** in the Youth Basement.

May 13th - Mother's Day - NO Youth Group.

May 20th @ 5:30pm - Life Skills Sunday: We will be doing a Tool Lesson for the youth in preparation of our summer mission trip.

May 27th - Memorial Day Weekend - NO Youth Group.



SAVE THE

DATE

Summer Celebration Cookout
Wednesday, June 13th @ 5:30pm

May JOY Club

Wednesday, May 23rd

Guest: "Lil Ronnie" Harris Gospel Music

Lunch: Chicken from Wise Choice.
Bring a Dessert.

Any questions, please call John Webb at 334-9270.

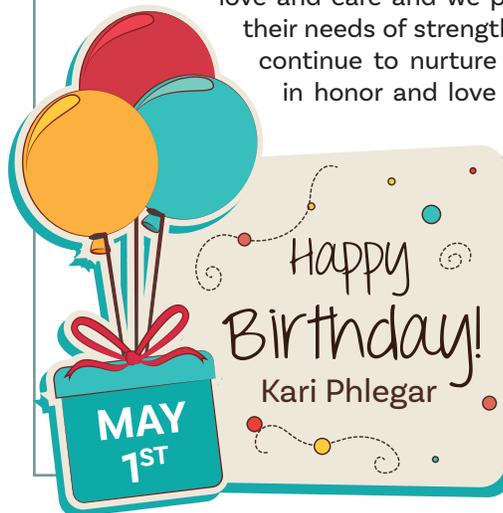
From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers,
including Kari and Jennifer!

Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You Father for our mothers. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care and we pray for them, for their needs of strength and support, to continue to nurture a family of love, in honor and love for You our God.

Lord Jesus, we call upon You to bless all mothers today and every day and to extend Your hands of grace over them.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 3

Spend time on this day praying for our community, our nation and our world.

Dover Association Mission Emphasis

During the month of May the mission emphasis is on the work of our Dover Association. Pray for the ministry of associational leaders and churches in Dover. Use the yellow envelope in your financial packet to make a special gift to support this ministry. Our goal is \$1,000.

Dover WMU Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Dover WMU will be held Thursday, May 10 at Samaria Baptist Church in Providence Forge. Jim Fields has agreed to drive the church bus for our group. This will be considered the May meeting of the Olive Riddel WMU group. We will attend only the 4:00pm session. Missionary speakers will be Pete and Angela Adkins (Standing Rock/South Dakota and Judy Bowman (Wheel Power).

Food Pantry

Matthew 25 reminds us as we serve those in need, we serve and honor our Lord. (v35) "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (v37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' (v40) "and the King will answer them. 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of those who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (RSV)

Goochland Baptist ministers to the hungry in our community through the Neighbors Food Pantry which is housed at St. Matthews United Methodist Church. We join other churches in the community to provide staple goods for this ministry. Current needs are: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fruit and vegetables and hearty soups. Leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center (to the right of the Multipurpose Room). They are taken to St. Matthews each Thursday. Thank you for serving your Lord and those in our community through your generosity.

June Messenger Deadline is May 17

Please bring articles and/or photos to the church office or email to Goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

To GBC From Burundi, Africa

In April, we received three emails from people in Burundi who received gifts from Goochland Baptist Church through Operation Christmas Child. Below are the photos they shared and one of their messages to GBC.



Hello, Family of God

It is with great pleasure and love to send you this mail. I first want to thank you for the love you all expressed in making sure that you put smiles on the faces of children who receive this gift. God bless you more.

My name is Liett Baddoo, and I have a childrens ministry in the village I moved into four years ago. It's called Caleb Angels club. I am a sunday school teacher for years now, so when my family and I moved in here, you find children walking long distances just to play about so I took it upon myself to gather them and find out what makes them walk about. Then out of that the club was formed. And to the glory of God we have been doing well. It has always been my prayer to get something the will let them stay at God's feet and your gift was an answer to my prayer. God bless you once again till I hear from you.

*Yours in lords vineyard,
Liett Baddoo*

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

Contemporary - 8:45am
 Sunday School - 10:00am
 Traditional - 11:00am
 Youth Group - 5:30pm

TUESDAYS

Meals on Wheels - 11:00am
 Exercise Class - 7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

Family Dinner - 5:45pm
 Praise Team Practice - 6:30pm
 Youth Group - 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study - 6:30pm

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- May 2** Building & Property Committee @ 6:30pm
- May 5** Youth Missions Charity Golf Tournament @ 1:00pm
- May 6** Youth @ 5:30pm
Spring Bible Blitz @ 5:30pm
- May 9** Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm
- May 10** Olive Riddell Circle to WMU Annual Meeting @ 12:00pm
- May 13** NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING
- May 14** Church Council @ 7:15pm
- May 16** Music and Worship Meeting @ 5:45pm
Quarterly Business Meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 17** Deadline for June Messenger submissions
- May 20** Youth @ 5:30pm
- May 21** Deacon Meeting @ 7:15pm
- May 23** JOY Club @ 10:30am
- May 27** NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 06** 8:45 Chad Bordewyk
11:00 Gayle Stanley
- 13** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Allen
- 20** 8:45 Betsy Alvis
11:00 Shannon Wilson
- 27** 8:45 Gwen Padgett
11:00 Russ Starke

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 06** 8:45 Wayne Melton
11:00 John Webb
- 13** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Fields
- 20** 8:45 James Melton
11:00 Jim Allen
- 27** 8:45 Youth
11:00 Anne Henley

RESPONSIVE READING

- 06** 8:45 Russ Starke
11:00 John Webb
- 13** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
11:00 Jim Fields
- 20** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 Joyce Fallin
- 27** 8:45 Rebecca Michels
11:00 Teri Frank

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Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 06** Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor, David Denton
- 13** Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl, Allen Bowles, David Denton
- 20** Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Dwight Grissom
- 27** Youth

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Traditional 11:00am Service

- 06** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 13** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 20** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 27** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY

- 06** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks & Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 13** 8:45 Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, & Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb & Susan Angel
- 20** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles & Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 27** 8:45 Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding & Barbara Chisholm
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley

If you are not currently serving somewhere at GBC on Sunday mornings and would like to learn more about opportunities to serve, please email Goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

March 2018

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	7
Children	9
Youth	7
Adults	74
Monthly Average	97

March Financial Report

General Fund: \$21,730.42
Property Maintenance: \$1,640.00

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