

AUGUST 2019

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

When life gets complicated, what keeps you going? For me, it's in remembering what God has said and done in the past. In Psalm 119:14, the psalmist says, "I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches." Life rarely goes the way we expect it to, but at least in my own life, when I look back, I've always been able to see God's work, even in ways I didn't see at the time. God has taken lonely seasons and turned them into seasons of abundance. God has taken unexpected situations and brought joy out of them. God has worked through parts of my life that I would never have chosen for myself and brought good from them. But it's easy to forget that sometimes.

That's why all through the Bible, we're taught to remember. To remember how God has worked in our past. To remember God's promises, God's instruction, and God's mighty works from days gone by. For instance, all through Deuteronomy, Israel is reminded to "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, but the Lord your God redeemed you." (Deut. 15:15, see also Deut. 16:3, 16:12, 24:18, and 24:22.) Because in remembering how God has worked in the past, we find hope for the future. That is certainly true for me. Remembering how God has worked in the past gives me confidence in God for the future. Remembering is a spiritual act.

And it's true for our church, too. As

we embark on a new season for our church, we can trust that the God who established Goochland Baptist Church in 1771 will guide us into a good future. We can trust that God will bring people to help us, and that God will show us who God wants us to be in the days ahead. Our job is to watch and listen.

We've seen God's hand in some exciting ways over the past month. We had over 80 kids signed up for Vacation Bible School, and the church was decorated beautifully! Thanks to all the volunteers from our church (including our youth), these kids had a wonderful week. A special thanks to Crystal Waldrop for her leadership and Jaclyn Peck for her decorating expertise.

Our youth had a really special week serving in North Carolina. They partnered with a church from southside - and some Norwegian Baptists - to help rebuild Jones County after the hurricanes last fall. The trip would not have happened without Betsy Alvis and Angela Bassett's help. I'm grateful to them, too.

I've had some good conversations with many of you about how we think God may be calling us to serve in the future, too. I look forward to talking with more of you in the months ahead.

God is at work - not only in a personal lives, but also in the life of our church. We have good days in front of us. I'm grateful for all you do to make this such a special family of God.



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BAPTIST CHURCH
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FLOWERS FOR AUGUST:

If you would like to donate flowers for the month of August, please contact **Shannon Wilson** at **804-749-4924**.



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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Over the last few months in my line of work, I have visited with many folks looking at crops in the fields and reflecting on the weather causing what we see. So many times we wish there were more rain or more sunshine, or whatever the needs are in that moment. Why can't we get what we want when we want it? I have learned that we do not control the mysteries of weather events or numerous other things in our lives that we desire control over. I have realized that I must seek directions from God, as He blesses us every day in ways we often overlook. The complexities of our faith are not something that we need to solve like a series of math problems. Instead, these complexities are a source of continuous grace, a subject worthy of reflection and prayer. During this coming month, my wish for you is that you find peace with all that comes into your life.

Mission Empasis

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Neighbors Food Pantry currently has a need for canned meats, especially canned tuna. There is also a need for canned fruits. With school out for the summer, their numbers have increased a little. When you shop this week, consider purchasing an extra item or two to add to GBC's contribution to this community effort to feed the hungry in our area. Leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack outside the Multipurpose Room. Items are taken to St. Matthews Church each Wednesday. Goochland Baptist's faithful support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Multipurpose Room Chair Schedule

The following class is scheduled to setup chairs in the Multipurpose Room before Sunday service.

August
Seekers Class

September
Fellowship Class

October
Open Class

GBC YOUTH
Summer
SCHEDULE

August 1st @ 6:30pm
Faith Night at the Squirrels Game
Game at 6:30pm. Meet at church at 5:00pm. Please RSVP!

August 4th @ 5:30-7:00pm
Sunday Night Live
Dinner, Games & Bible Study.
(Multipurpose Room)

August 11th @ 5:30-7:00pm
Bowl America

August 17th @ 10:30am
James River Rafting
(reservations required) pack your lunch, ice cream social following

GBC Youth is for grades 6 through 12.

www.goochlandchurch.org/youth

Ask Waverly...

"Ask Waverly, he will know. Give it to Waverly, he will take care of it. Dump on Waverly, he doesn't mind."

For a very long time, these familiar mantras have been the default protocol here at Goochland Church. For over forty-five years, we have depended on the expertise, wisdom, and willingness of Waverly Heath. As Treasurer, he has kept impeccable financial records, authenticated over and over again by our church audits. As Church Administrator, he has handled the many thorny logistical issues that are inherently time consuming, thus removing these burdens from our ministerial staff. We eagerly gave all the laborious, complicated, and "hot potato" issues to Waverly, thus insuring our total dependence on him. He was happy to take care of it for us. Over the last few months, we have come to realize just how dependent we have been on him and how much, "catching up" we have before us. We will make it through this maze but it is with a renewed appreciation for all he has been doing for us for more than four decades.

Waverly and Carolyn are transitioning to an assisted living facility. We are grateful they will remain an integral part of our church. We wish them well as they make this move. And as we struggle to get a handle on all that Waverly has quietly and willingly done for us, we celebrate and thank God for his competence, professionalism, and willing spirit.



Waverly Heath

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goochlandchurch.org/give
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JOY
 CLUB

AUGUST 28TH
@ 11:30am

Join us for lunch at Pickel Barrel at 11:30am.
 There will be no meeting at church this month!

WHO? 55 and over,

WHEN? 4th Wednesday of each month @ 10:30am

WHERE? at Goochland Baptist Church. **WHAT?** We promise great programs, good food, and super fellowship time!

Any questions please call
 John Webb at 804-334-9270.

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2019 GBC Youth Mission Trip

GBC Youth

This year we traveled to Jones County, NC to do flood relief. We along with one other church, Chesterfield Community Church, were split into two groups. One group, Christian Shingle, worked on the roof of one house while the other group, Side by Side, worked on putting siding on a house. We were blessed with the opportunity to only have one other church group attend the camp with us. By having a small group, we were allowed to make deeper connections with those around us, including the camp staff, most of which were from Norway. Our nights after a hard day of work were filled with games, karaoke, dance parties, and laughter. By the end of the week everyone at the camp had grown close to each other and were sad to leave. That being said we hope to meet up with the other church and maybe even visit our Norwegian friends sometime.



New Sermon Series starting Sunday, August 11th

THE INNER JOURNEY

JONAH

OF A MAN OF GOD



Jonah may be one of the most popular children's stories in the Bible, but it's about a lot more than a whale. It's a story about a God who pursues his children, even when they run off. For the next four weeks, we'll take a look at the inner life of Jonah – and how his encounters with God changed his life forever.

2019 GBC Vacation Bible School

Crystal Waldrop

VBS 2019 saw 87 individual children throughout the week with an average attendance of 65 a day. We had 35 volunteers during the week helping out in various capacities and countless others who helped during preparation and set-up/take-down. We collected over \$600 towards our offering goal, More Than Nets, and over 160 books for the Read to the Stars program.

Thank you to all who volunteered and prayed for a successful week. The VBS ministry is only possible because our church family is willing to volunteer time and energy to help impact our youngest generation in ways that will shape them for life.



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

Praise Team - 6:30pm

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Aug 1** Youth to Faith Night at the Squirrels Game @ 6:30pm
- Aug 4** Lord's Supper @ 8:45am & 11:00am
- Aug 7** Building & Property Committee @ 6:30pm
- Aug 11** Youth to Bowl America @ 5:30pm
- Aug 12** Deacon Meeting @ 6:00pm
Church Council @ 7:00pm
- Aug 13** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- Aug 15** Messenger Deadline
- Aug 17** Youth to James River Rafting @ 10:30am
- Aug 28** JOY Club @ 11:30am

SUMMER BREAK

NO Wednesday Night Activities

There will be no Wednesday night activities in August. We will be taking a break during the summer months and will resume September 4th.

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 04** 8:45 Phil Egolf
11:00 Gayle Stanley
- 11** 8:45 Shannon Wilson
11:00 Angela Bassett
- 18** 8:45 Jim Allen
11:00 Russ Starke
- 25** 8:45 Jim Fields
11:00 Betsy Alvis

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 04** 8:45 Wayne Melton
11:00 John Webb
- 11** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Fields
- 18** 8:45 James Melton
11:00 Jim Allen
- 25** 8:45 Youth
11:00 **NEED**

RESPONSIVE READING

- 04** 8:45 Lynn Hayes
11:00 John Webb
- 11** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
11:00 Jim Fields
- 18** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 **NEED**
- 25** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
11:00 Teri Frank

USHERS

Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 04** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, Keith Spaulding, **NEED**
- 11** Allen Bowles, David Denton, Jeff Parrish, Keith Spaulding
- 18** Dwight Grissom, Gerry Nuckols, Glenn Nuckols, **NEED**
- 25** Youth

USHERS

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 04** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 11** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 18** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 25** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY

- 04** 8:45 Maggie Arnold, Jaclyn Peck, **NEED**
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 Susan Angel & Frankie White
- 11** 8:45 Dee Parrish, Crystal Waldrop, Cheryl Sale
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 - Maggie Arnold & Hope Webb
- 18** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles, Kristy Murren & Sandi Fisher
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 25** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, Kitt & Robert Townsend
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis
11:00 Erin Henley, Kitt & Robert Townsend

Thank You

To all who commit to serve regularly!
 Please contact goochlandchurch@gmail.com if you are unable to serve.

SERVE @ GBC

If you are not currently serving at GBC on Sunday mornings, we could use your help! To learn more about places to serve, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/serve-gbc.

Current Openings:

1st Service Ushers & Nursery,
 2nd Service Offertory Prayer,
 Responsive Reading & Nursery.
 See NEEDS listed above.

JUNE 2019

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	5
Children	8
Youth	7
Adults	67
Monthly Average	88

June Financial Report
General Fund: \$31,705.00
Property Maintenance: \$500.00