

MARCH 2019

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

I am still marveling at the miracle of new life. Every time I see Nathan wiggle his tiny fingers, or every time I see Matthew stare his bulging, blue eyes into the distance and yawn his miniscule mouth, I'm amazed at the life that has been born. Even though they came earlier than we anticipated, we are so grateful to God for the safe births of Nathan and Matthew. We can't wait to get to know them - and we can't wait to introduce them to their church family!

According to Scripture, God is the author of life. But the miracle of life doesn't just come at birth. Our God is in the business of bringing new life to people and communities at all stages along the life journey. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," Jesus says in John 10:10. And that's what he does. He heals the sick, gives sight to the blind. He rescues those on the margins and helps the hopeless find hope. In fact, Jesus offers new life to everyone.

Jesus brings new life to churches, too. As we begin this season of transition, please join me in thanking God for Pastor Adam Phlegar's almost 11 years of ministry at GBC. And please join me in praying that God would lead the right person or people to help guide our community of faith in the future.

I will be working with our Administrative Committee as we begin to search for ministry personnel. In the short-term, I'm grateful to everyone in our church family who has stepped up to help ensure that our ministry doesn't suffer in the slightest follow-

ing Adam's resignation. In particular, I'm grateful to Betsy Alvis, Angela Bassett, Phil Egolf, Jacklyn Peck, and Scott and Callie Carter for offering to lead our youth. Pastor Adam provided strong leadership not only for our youth, but also in our children's and music ministries. (If you're interested in helping with youth or children, please let me know!) In the immediate future, we will begin looking for an interim minister to help us in the short-term. At the same time, we'll be considering the church's direction and trying to anticipate what our greatest ministry needs over the next 3-5 years will be. As we do that, we'll begin a formal search process for a new minister or ministers. As we enter a new chapter of life at Goochland Baptist, please pray with me that God will lead the right people to us.

I'm so grateful to Phyllis Henley, Shannon Wilson, Gwen Padgett, Amy Robinson, Diane Proctor and many others for their help in putting together the Valentine's Tea and Bingo gathering as well as Pastor Adam's send off last weekend. Both brought people together to celebrate God's grace in really special ways. I'm grateful for all the people in our congregation who use their gifts and skills to bring life at the church.

As we celebrate new life in our own household, I'm equally excited about the new life that is coming to Goochland Baptist Church. God has guided this congregation for some 240 years, and I trust that he has really good plans for us in the future. Thank you for being part of them.



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FLOWERS FOR MARCH:

If you you would like to donate flowers for the month of March, please contact **Lois Grissom at 804-883-5532** or **Phyllis Henley 784-3433**.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you are not currently receiving prayer requests by email and would like to be a part of this ministry, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

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Pastor

Deacon Minutes

Jim Fields

Simon Peter

Flawed but Faithful Disciple

Simon Peter is the most mentioned of all the disciples in the Bible combined. By Peter's actions, he sheds light on Jesus. He helps us see the true significance of Jesus. In the gospels, we see Peter as a flawed disciple, one who seeks to follow Jesus - yet one who is also confused, afraid, and faltering. Peter saw Jesus as the son of the Living God. He saw Jesus feed 5,000 and make a man to see. Peter was a fisherman by trade. He fished in the Sea of Galilee, but he never fished far from the shore. But when Jesus told him to cast the nets way out, they caught more fish. In the Gospels, Peter denied Jesus, so he had to pay the price. But in the long haul, Jesus did forgive Peter - and he also commissioned Peter to keep serving. We, too, are like Peter and John. We are disciples, too. We're flawed, too, but Jesus will forgive us time after time. My prayer is that each of us will be disciples this year. May God bless us all.

GBC YOUTH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY NIGHTLIVE

Sunday Nights @ 5:30pm

Join us every Sunday night and bring a friend for Dinner, Games, and Bible Study.

Wednesday Nights @ 6:15pm Youth Bible Study (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th week)

Choices - Everyday we're given countless opportunities where we can be honest or we can be less than honest. For the month of March, we'll consider the choices we make in how honestly we present ourselves to others.



A NOTE FROM Sunday Night Youth Leaders

GBC Youth,

We are so excited to lead y'all in youth group on Sunday nights during this transition period. Some of the fondest memories Scott and I have growing up was spent with our youth groups. We both come from different youth group backgrounds and feel God calling us to share our lives with each of you. We hope you all will embrace our time together as we aim to share numerous laughs, strengthen our friendships, and ultimately grow deeper in love with Christ. With that being said we would love to try a new form to Sunday nights to include dinner as a family, games, and a bible study. We look forward to seeing you all on Sundays and bring your friends!

Love,
Scott and Callie Carter

Mission Emphasis

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 3-10, 2019

SENDING HOPE is the emphasis for our Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for "home" missions this year. 1 Peter 1:3, "He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

We are called to pray and to give to tell the world about God's gift of His only son and His gift of eternal life. Envelopes for this offering are found in your financial packet and are available at the Welcome Table in the Multipurpose Building and the Sanctuary. This offering will be received during the month of March.

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Offering - 100% - supports more than 5,000 missionaries across the U.S. Territories and Canada. A daily prayer guide is also available and will enable you to pray for a different area and missionary family each day this week.

GBC's goal for this offering is \$2,500.

WINTER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal, hearty soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauces. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry in our community. Leave your donations in the box under the coat rack in the Multipurpose Building.

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

We have been so blessed to have **Jennifer Russell**, our Communication and Administrative Coordinator, with us for the past year! Jennifer has added her many gifts to our Administrative Team. Because of her competence, additional tasks have been added to her responsibilities. We are so grateful for her sense of mission.

THANKS to Waverly Heath for faithfully serving as our Church Administrator for 21 years this month!



We hope you can join us for
food, fun, games, entertainment & friends.

Menu: Lasagna, Gluten Free Lasagna,
Salad, Bread, Cookies, Brownies, Gluten
Free Desserts, Tea, Lemonade & Coffee.

Please contact your deacon to RSVP!

ON THE WAY: WEDNESDAYS @ GBC

Join us every Wednesday in March @ 5:30pm
for a home-cooked family dinner
and our after dinner activities:

March 6th

Mission Project - no-sew blankets for CJ's Thumbs Up,
an organization who provides assistance to families in
the RVA area with chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

March 13th, 20th & 27th

Children's Music & Missions
Youth Bible Study - Choices
Adult Bible Study - Ruth & Esther

JOY
CLUB
MARCH 27TH
@ 10:30am

Music by Donald Coles
Lunch: Covered dishes and desserts by members

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.

MARCH 2019

WELCOME MATTHEW & NATHAN!

Matthew & Nathan Kruschwitz were born last week to Pastor Curt & Erin Kruschwitz.
We look forward to meeting them and welcoming them to the GBC family.



BEST OF LUCK ADAM!

On Sunday, February 24, we celebrated Rev. Adam Phlegar and his new ministry at the Richmond Community ToolBank. We are so grateful for Adam's 10 years of service at GBC, and we are excited for him for this opportunity.



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 - 5:30pm
 Prayer - 6:10pm
 On The Way Activities - 6:15pm
 Praise Team - 7:00pm

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Mar. 3** Lord's Supper @ 8:45am & 11am
- Mar. 6** Pastor's Book Study @ 4:15pm
Building & Property Committee @ 6:30pm
- Mar. 11** Church Concil @ 7:00pm
- Mar. 12** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- Mar. 13** Pastor's Book Study @ 4:15pm
Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Mar. 18** Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Mar. 20** Pastor's Book Study @ 4:15pm
Music and Worship Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Mar. 21** March Messenger Deadline
- Mar. 23** Deacon Dinner @ 5:30pm
- Mar. 27** JOY Club @ 10:30am
Pastor's Book Study @ 4:15pm

Multipurpose Room Chair Schedule

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

March	April
Open Class Led by Ed Hayes	Seekers Class

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 03** 8:45 Jim Fields
11:00 Betsy Alvis
- 10** 8:45 Angela Bassett
11:00 Jim Allen
- 17** 8:45 Shannon Wilson
11:00 Phil Egolf
- 24** 8:45 Chad Bordewyk
11:00 Russ Starke

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 03** 8:45 Wayne Melton
11:00 John Webb
- 10** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Fields
- 17** 8:45 James Melton
11:00 Jim Allen
- 24** 8:45 Youth
11:00 NEED
- 31** 8:45 NEED
11:00 Selma Herweyer

RESPONSIVE READING

- 03** 8:45 Lynn Hayes
11:00 John Webb
- 10** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
11:00 Jim Fields
- 17** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 Barbara Fillion
- 24** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
11:00 Teri Frank
- 31** 8:45 NEED
11:00 NEED

USHERS

Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 03** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, Raymon Roberts, Keith Spaulding
- 10** Allen Bowles, David Denton, Keith Spaulding, NEED
- 17** Dwight Grissom, Gerry Nuckols, Glenn Nuckols, Brie Roberts
- 24** Youth
- 31** NEED

USHERS

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 03** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 10** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 17** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 24** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers
- 31** Hope Webb & Frankie White

NURSERY

- 03** 8:45 Winsor Egolf, Jaclyn Peck & Maggie Arnold
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 Susan Angel & Frankie Melton
- 10** 8:45 Cheryl Sale, Crystal Waldrop & NEED
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 - Misty Colgin & Hope Webb
- 17** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles, NEED & NEED
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Brett Alvis
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 24** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, NEED & NEED
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis
11:00 Kitt Townsend & Erin Henley
- 31** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, NEED & NEED
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 NEED & NEED

SERVE @ GBC

1st Service Ushers & Nursery, 2nd Service Offertory Prayer & Responsive Reading.

February 2019

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	3
Children	10
Youth	7
Adults	73
Monthly Average	92

February Financial Report

General Fund: \$40,079.92

Property Maintenance: \$2,015.00