

NOVEMBER 2021

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

November is always a time of year for us to reflect on everything for which we are thankful. I'm grateful that Thanksgiving is built into our annual calendar, because especially in difficult seasons like our country has endured over the past couple of years, we tend to lose sight of the many ways that we're blessed.

This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for the many ways that our church family has rallied together to help our church minister effectively. Even though our church has a smaller staff than we're used to, we've still been able to function effectively, thanks to the time and effort of our church family. In particular, I'd like to thank the many folks who've given of their time and resources to help us minister, like our Wayne Melton and our Kitchen Crew, who prepare up to 100 meals each Wednesday night for both dine-in and take-away. Lila Hicks, who isn't a member of the Food Services Committee, has helped out by making desserts.

Others have helped out with our building. Phil Egolf has mowed the church's lawn consistently all summer and fall. George and Janet Koch maintain our gardens. Jeff Parrish has taken initiative to make sure our church building looks great for our 250th anniversary. Gwen Padgett has put out some plaques and old pictures around the sanctuary to remind us of the great cloud of witnesses that have come before us at GBC.

Angela Bassett is coordinating what promises to be a really special Christmas program on Sunday, December 12 at 5:30 pm entitled, "A GBC Christmas: Past

and Future" We'll celebrate the birth of our savior just as the first members of Goochland Baptist Church did 250 years ago.

As we've transitioned back to in-person gatherings, a wonderful group of ladies have worked hard to ensure that our children learn the Bible and receive age-appropriate childcare. Thanks to Brett and Betsy Alvis, Susan Angel and Erin Henley, Cindy Alvis, Phyllis Henley, and Maryanne Henley for their leadership in Sunday School. Thanks to Mila Spaulding, Nancy Nelson, Crystal Waldrop, Heather Waldrop, and Wanda Waldrop for their help in the nursery. Special thanks to Susan Angel for leading our children every Wednesday night.

In addition, Kitt Townsend and the children's committee came together to organize our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. That's a great outreach to the community.

Mila Spaulding has done a lot of work in coordinating our mission efforts and ensuring that our donations get to the appropriate places. Shannon Wilson has been a consistent liaison in our partnership with Goochland Cares.

Our worship services would certainly not be the same without Jackie Ford's leadership at the piano every Sunday. David Angel and Kurt Flaig have been faithful to lead us each week in song. Lois Grissom and Phyllis and Maryanne Henley ensure that we worship with beautiful floral arrangements each Sunday. Not many people know that Hope Webb comes into the office each week

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GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH
EST. 1771

PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.



WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Kelly Anderson
Minister to Students

Food Team Ministry

Diane Proctor

The goal of the Food Ministry is to provide meals for those in need who are dealing with issues or a crises in their lives.

Food will be provided in several ways. A home cooked meal, gift cards, go to restaurant and pick up a meal or you can donate money for a meal to be made or purchased.

We have several people signed up and looking for others who are willing.

If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Mike Nichols or Diane Proctor

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller.

GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

In our student gatherings, we have been focusing on the Matthew 25:31-46, most famously called the story of the sheep and the goats. In this passage, there is a lot of richness that can be found, especially as our students seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives. In this passage, we are challenged to see Jesus in the people that we interact with every day, whether it be classmates, teammates, teachers, coaches, etc. My prayer for our students as we journey together through this passage is that the love of Jesus moves them out into their communities, being the salt and the light wherever they go. I also pray that that this passage will move us into a posture of mission, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities.

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to print and fold our bulletins.

There are undoubtedly others whom I've left off: committee members, Sunday School teachers, those delivering food to shut-ins, and the quiet, behind-the-scenes volunteers whom we may never identify. We're grateful for them too.

A church is not its building. A church is comprised of the people who worship together. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it," Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12. All of us have a role to play in the Body of Christ, and the church is at its best when we all play them. This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for those who have given of their time, talents, and resources to help GBC function as the Body of Christ and continue to spread Christ's love, even in difficult times.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Our GBC Post Office opens Sunday, November 28 and closes Sunday, December 19.

Watch for details in the December Newsletter and Sunday School Classrooms.

student MINISTRY NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Student Sunday Gatherings Sundays @ 5:00-7:00 pm

A time of fellowship and Bible Study.

Student Sunday School Sundays @ 10:30 am-11:15 am

Join us after worship on Sundays in the youth room.

Student Wednesday Gathering Wednesdays @ 6:15-7:00 pm

We will have a brief devotional time following our Wednesday evening dinner.

Lunch & Fellowship Sunday, November 7 @ 11:30-1:30 pm

This will be the first of our monthly lunch & fellowship times immediately following our Sunday school hour.

Kings Dominion Saturday, November 20 @ 5:45 pm-8:30 pm

We will be going to Kings Dominion as they kick off their winter fest event for the season. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45pm and head to Kings Dominion, returning back to church by 8:30pm. Please RSVP to Kelly by Monday November 15 if your student(s) plan to attend.

**Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS
or visit www.goochlandchurch.org/students.**

SERVE

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- November 7** Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
- November 14** Angela Bassett and Jim Fields
- November 21** Mike Nicholas and Jeff Parrish
- November 28** Diane Proctor and Jim Fields

LEAD USHER

- November 7** Jim Fields
- November 14** Stuart Melton
- November 21** John Webb
- November 28** Gwen Padgett



**LIVE
STREAM**

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

To watch, visit [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search “**Gochland Baptist Church**” or follow the link at www.gochlandchurch.org and in our weekly emails.

JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM



Food Team

We make sure that anyone in our church family going through a challenging time (illness, surgery, etc.) gets meals taken care of for a week. If you love to cook and would be willing to make a meal to help someone in need, we need your help. If you can't cook, but can buy restaurant giftcards, we need you, too!

Transportation Team

We make sure that our church family has transportation needs taken care of. Whenever someone needs help getting to a medical appointment, the drug store, or any other appropriate need, members of our transportation team provides rides as it fits in their schedules. If you enjoy driving, we need your help!

Connection Team

We provide opportunities for our church family to connect at a deeper level, and we provide opportunities for those in our community to connect with our church. If you have the gift of hospitality or have the gift of gab, or if you love making new folks feel comfortable, we need you.

To sign up for a Ministry Team, contact the church office or sign up in the notebook in the foyer of our sanctuary. You do not need to be a member to join a ministry team. You just need a passion for serving and a desire to help!



**A GBC CHRISTMAS:
PAST AND FUTURE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5:30 PM
Program will be outside.
Rain/inclement weather date December 19.

GBC has been standing since 1771. For 250 years our church has been proclaiming the same message. Take a look through the years at Christmas's past in our church. This entertaining, historical and insightful program will outline how GBC has stood strong in our community for 250 years, all while supporting the same message of Christ being born and died for us.



**TRANSPORTATION
MINISTRY TEAM**



We now have a group of individuals who are anxious to provide transportation help to those who need this service for essential needs. This might include doctor/dentist appointments, grocery store runs, prescription pickup, and other appropriate requests. The earlier you make your request the more likely one of these individuals can adapt their schedule to accommodate your need. Please feel free to contact these volunteers directly. If that is not possible, you may contact the team coordinator, Phillip Surprenant, and he will do his best to find coverage for you.

Remember, these individuals have expressed a desire to help you so do not be afraid to contact them if they can be of assistance.

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Phillip Surprenant
(Team Coordinator)
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Connie Jones
804-216-7404

Pete Omiecinski
804-908-3144

John Webb
804-334-9270

October JOY Club

The October Joy Club featured Marc Holma as the "Thomas Jefferson" actor from Richmond Discoveries.



Senior Outings

On October 7, our seniors went on the Buckingham Branch train ride from Charlottesville to Staunton and had lunch at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant. Then on October 19, they had lunch at Michie Tavern near Monticello.



JOY CLUB

NOVEMBER 17 @ 10:30AM

Gospel Music by Hanover Harmony
Lunch: Homemade soups and desserts furnished by volunteers. Salad furnished by JOY Club.

November Outing:
Bella Sicilia Italian Restaurant on Monday, Nov. 22.
We will leave the church at 11:30 and be there by noon. Please RSVP to John Webb.

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

JOY CLUB

Christmas Banquet

Friday, December 3

Fellowship: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Entertainment: Gospel Music by Smokey Wilson

Meal: Grilled Pork Loin Roast

Please RSVP to John Webb at 804-334-9270 by **Sunday, Nov. 21.** This event is open to the entire church and guests.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

TAKE-OUT or IN-PERSON



Wednesdays @ 5:45-6:30 p.m.

In The Multipurpose Room. Join us for each week for a time of good food and great fellowship.

6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
Youth Gathering

6:30 p.m. Pastor Curt will lead a short devotion and prayer time.

Dinners cost \$4.00/adult or \$1.00/child.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- November 1** Callie Carter
- November 2** William Chaisson
Kelly Nuckols
- November 3** Barbara Chisholm
- November 7** Mike Sales
- November 9** Kevin Richardson
- November 10** Scott Carter
- November 12** Crystal Waldrop
- November 13** Linda Gibbs
Curt Kruschwitz
Gerald Nuckols
- November 18** Lois Lane
Heather Stewart
- November 19** Abby Arnold
- November 21** Erin Kruschwitz
Alexandra Sargent
- November 26** Linda Mawyer
Mickey Meador
- November 28** Blake Dabney

GOOCHLAND CARES

Free Clinic and Family Services

NOVEMBER NEEDS

- Green Beans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing Mix
- Contribution towards purchasing turkeys

(Make donation payable to GBC and note it is designated for Goochland Cares)



Please have at GBC by Sunday, November 14. Delivery to GoochlandCares will be made on November 15 in order to give them time to distribute to families prior to Thanksgiving. **Contact Shannon Wilson, shannonwilson3@mac.com, or Mila Spaulding, mila.spaulding@gmail.com with any questions.**

2021 FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2021 Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat. Thank you to all our our GBC family who served, prepared food and handed out candy. We had a lot of fun and unique trunks this year.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Allen Bowles—health concerns.

Debbie Dunlavey—is recovering well from her surgery at home.

Jackie Eby—still at Brookdale, but Brookdale has been renamed called Vitality Living West End.

Janet Faudree—health concerns.

Linda Gibbs—moved to the medical care unit, Beth Shalom.

Carolyn Heath—home at Dogwood Terrace from rehab.

Scott Hobson—the infection in his foot has persisted; please pray it would heal.

Connie Long

Daphne Longenecker—recovering from successful surgery 10/26.

Hazel Melton—recovering from stroke at home.

Rebecca Michels—Praise that CT scans showed no additional cancer spread. Some existing spots show growth, so Rebecca is returning to traditional chemo.

Linda Moore—has been back at church recently.

Vicky Parrish—returned home from Beth Shalom.

Lee Proffitt—her husband, Jim, has been moved to Beth Shalom and is in hospice-care.

Adelaide Stanley—PT at her new residence at Beth Shalom.

Mary Stanley—Beth Shalom.

Jessie Stewardson—skin cancer removed from her nose.

Wanda Waldrop

Bob White—health concerns.

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Tim Atkinson (friend of Glenn and Janet Myers)—has been placed on hospice after suffering from cancer. Pray for comfort for Tim and his wife, Julie.

John Bartlett—Linda Moore's brother has C-Diff.

Julia Beaver (friend of Janet Myers)—has Crohn's Disease and significant weight loss.

Roger Bourgeois (Linda Moore's uncle)—exposed to Covid. Has other health issues and cares for a disabled daughter.

Doug Brandmahl—health issues.

Perry Brooks (Linda Gibbs' brother-in-law) has come home from the hospital and is recovering from COVID-19.

Diandra Camacho—prayers for arthritis and its treatment.

Donna Campbell (friend of Wanda Waldrop)—hospitalized for COVID-19, but is improving. She's off the ventilator but is still receiving oxygen. Her husband has fully recovered.

Ralph Chasteen—friend of Carla Yuen's.

Jason Dyson (45 year old son of Ginger and James Dyson, nephew of Audrey Taylor and Lois Grissom)—returned home from the hospital.

Raymond Fields—Brother of Jim Fields, Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Audrey Geraci (Denise and Gerard Huff's niece)—Stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She is 36 years old and has three young children. Latest MRI scans showed no cancer, lesions, or scarring from treatment. They'll do PET scans in the future to make sure there's no cancer anywhere in her body.

The Gunst family (friends of the Lingerfelts)—Sidney Gunst passed away last Friday.

Clarence Hall Jr. and Carol Hall, his wife (kin to Willy Hall and Hazel Melton).

Mae Higgs (longtime Goochland Schools bus driver)—is back "at work," taking daily treatments for leukemia through November. She's grateful for the many cards and prayers she's received.

Kelly (Nancy Nelson's cousin)—colon cancer.

Neslihan Kocer (sister of Mike Nicholas' friend John Kocer)—fighting cancer and receiving chemotherapy in Turkey.

Maggie Vaughan Lawrence (Brenda French's friend in Alabama in her 30s)—lung cancer that's spread through her bones and brain. Praise God that MRIs suggest the spots on her brain are getting fewer and smaller.

James Matthews (16 month old child, grandson of Forrest Matthews, close friend of Mike Nicholas)—battling leukemia.

Fannie Melton (Frankie Melton's mother)—has macular degeneration and an infection in her eye.

Pat Michels (CJ Michels' mother)—has COVID-19.

Rebecca Michels' Mom

Dean and Michelle Miller and son Aaron (friends of Justin and Nicole Lingerfelt).

Gwen Nuckols (Iris Nuckols' sister-in-law)—recovering from surgery.

Ann Poates (wife of Mike Nicholas' best friend, Lee Poates)—health issues.

Jeannie Purvis (Sandra Nuckols' niece)—liver cancer.

The Quarels Family (family in Goochland)—Mr. Quarrels passed away from COVID-19. Please pray for his wife and five children (ages elementary to high school).

Nancy Rapalee (Joy Club member)—recovering from knee replacement and has severe heart issue.

Tami Ricketts' mother has breast cancer at age 91.

Russell (Ralph Taylor's sister's husband)—recovering from COVID-19.

Debbie Spence (friend of Janet Koch)—health issues.

Greg Toney (son of Phyllis Toney)—health concerns.

Dolly Vopelak—Ken Stalls' mother in NC is on hospice; just turned 98 years old last week.

Howard West—(family of Audrey Nuckols and Lois Lane) health issues.

Sharon Wood—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues.

Jacki Woods—(mother of Brenda French's daughter-in-law in Pittsburgh, PA) diagnosed with very aggressive small cell lung cancer. She did well with her first round of chemo. Please pray for her and Brenda's daughter-in-law, Katie French.

Our Sympathy to...

Linda Gibbs, whose brother-in-law Bobby McAllister passed away from COVID-19 last week.

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