

JULY 2020

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

This summer hasn't gone by anyone's plans, but I've been so proud of our Goochland Baptist family's flexibility and willingness to try new things over the past few months. From Zoom Bible studies to a contactless food drive to outdoor worship, our church family has still worshipped, studied, served, and given back to the community - even in these unprecedented days for our time. I've been especially grateful for the opportunity to see so many of you in our outdoor worship services the past few weeks. Each week, your presence is a powerful reminder of the hope and resilience that Jesus Christ brings each one of us. I'm grateful for Gayle Stanley and the Music and Worship Committee's role in planning the services. And I'm grateful for our deacons help in providing a warm welcome and direction to people as they drive in. We're continuing in my sermon series, "Don't Waste a Crisis," in which we'll explore ways that God may used the events of the past several months to make us more like Jesus Christ.

If you don't yet feel comfortable gathering in-person, we understand that. We hope the weekly online worship services will help you connect with our church family when you can't be there in person. You're also welcome to join our *Just Mercy* book study online on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Wednesday, July 1 will be our second gathering, and we hope you'll join us then. I've found Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy* a helpful guide to understanding some of the racial tensions from a Christian's perspective. Each week, we'll have important conversations on the book and on scripture as we seek God's wisdom in our role in

bringing healing to our community and to our nation. I hope you'll join us for these important conversations.

It's no surprise that out of an abundance of caution, our in-person Vacation Bible School has been cancelled this summer. However, I'm grateful for Crystal Waldrop's creative leadership in securing online VBS material. We plan to send out online VBS content that allows families to do Bible stories, crafts, music, and games at home. We'll send it out the week of July 27. If your family didn't sign up for VBS, but you'd like to take advantage of this at-home VBS opportunity, you may sign up at www.goochlandchurch.org/children. Feel free to invite friends!

Know that our Regathering Team is still meeting to consider the safest ways for us to regather as a church family. For the time being, our plan is to continue holding outdoor worship services and offering up our pavilion for socially-distanced Sunday School and small group gatherings. (To reserve the pavilion, contact Jennifer at goochlandchurch@gmail.com.) As things change - which I'm sure they will - we'll let everyone know of new plans.

As we've seen over the past few months, even as things all around us change, we can be confident in this: Jesus Christ and his love for us will not change. I truly believe that he wants to use this unusual season to help us grow as individuals and as a church family. I hope that you'll find ways to watch and listen for the Spirit's presence in your lives - and ways you can help others do the same. May God bless you this July!



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July is the month when we celebrate our freedom as a country. We celebrate freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and our God-given freedom as human beings under our flag. My prayer is that from this month and here forward, we will truly appreciate the freedom we have as Americans. I want to see us gather around a grill, be with family and friends, watch fireworks, enjoy the beach and just have a sense of normality. I think that our months apart as a church, other than Zoom or conference calls, has strengthened our faith, our love for God, and our closeness as a fellowship. As I have talked amongst my church family in our physical absence from the confines of Goochland Baptist Church, I realize that the technology is in no way a substitute for actual fellowship as Jesus intended. We are disciples and are lost without it.

The good news is God walks with us in all aspects of life and he is all-knowing. We can use these last few months of trial as a teaching from God to cling to our faith, grow as a church and as a fellowship. I pray this month we are all back at church at full strength. I pray that we are truly thankful for God's grace and love, so we may give back to him all the love as a full strength fellowship. In May, Goochland Baptist Church blessed our community by having a food drive for Goochland Cares. We donated 2600 lbs of food to help those who are in need and those who were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This crisis has broken the lives of so many and left a different way of life in its wake for all us, even if some of the fortunate ones didn't feel its fury. I think this is a special time when prayer means so much, and the hope that it brings will mean as much as the material items that we need to live with. Is prayer the blood over the door, such as in Exodus 12:13? I think so, it is our protection and hope in a futile world where nothing is certain but God's love.

I have spoken with those deacons who helped at the food drive, and we all agreed that the blessings we shared helping our neighbors together in-person made the absence away from one another just a little less bitter. I know when we are all together again, you will feel the same way.

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

GBC Student Ministry

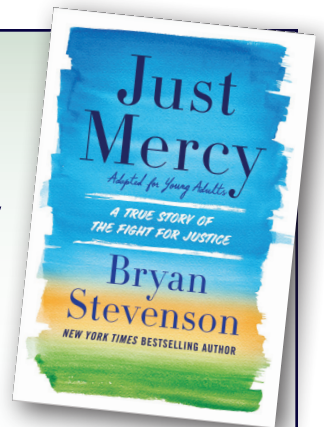
Kelly Anderson

As we head into another month, I'm hopeful that we can begin to have some small in person gatherings with our middle and high schoolers soon. Even though these past three months have been extremely challenging, I'm grateful for technology and I am grateful that we have the resources where we are able to gather outside while practicing social distancing. I hope during this season that our students have been able to lean into the Lord and have been able to see and experience him in new ways. While putting events on the calendar has been a challenge during this season, here are a couple of ways to stay in touch.

Wednesday night zoom gatherings: This past week we started a book study going through the young adult version of "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. In this time of social unrest and in the wake of racial injustice, we are exploring what God is saying to us and how He is calling us to respond through the lens of Stevenson's story. We meet via zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6PM. You can find the link in your email.

Student Summer Book Study

Wednesdays
at 6:00pm



Middle and High School Students & Parents are invited to join us weekly for our online discussion. *Just Mercy* (the young adult version) is available on Amazon. Contact Kelly Anderson for more information and Zoom login.



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From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

Our Happiest
Birthday Wishes go to...
Our Communications and Administrative Coordinator,
Jennifer Russell, on the 11th.



BOLT Online VBS @ GBC

We are so excited to announce that VBS WILL BE HAPPENING this year! With one modification, though. Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, we're bringing VBS to your kids.

July 27th-29th

This summer, we'll be using a quarantine-friendly VBS called BOLT. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to perform with your family at home. It's so simple and great for kids 5 and up. Even middle and high school kids can enjoy it!

When you register you will receive access to all of the above plus daily email reminders and updates July 27th-29th. Be sure to tell your neighbors, friends and family and register today.

www.goochlandchurch.org/children

Mission Emphasis

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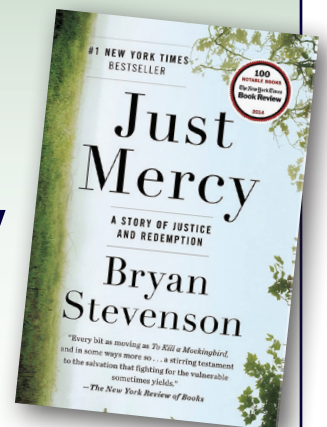
Goochland Baptist Church is helping provide meals for seven families whose children attend South Anna Elementary School at this time. Your regular gifts to our church offering make this possible! Every two weeks, Shannon Wilson picks up basic supplies and food that will feed the family for the next couple of weeks.

One of the families told the South Anna Elementary administration that "Everything that we got today in our package is so amazing. We needed every bit of what was given to us! Please pass along our thank you's. Our child is so excited about all the veggies and mixed fruit cans. You're such a blessing to us, thank you so much for helping us."

Thank you for giving online or mailing checks as an offering towards Goochland Baptist Church's regular offering. Not only do these offerings help cover regular operating expenses of the church, but they also help us bless families in our community – like these at South Anna Elementary School.

Adult Summer Book Study

Wednesdays
at 7:00pm



Join us Wednesday nights as we read New York Times Bestseller *Just Mercy*, written by a Bryan Stevenson, an African-American lawyer inspired by his faith in Jesus.

Each week, we'll consider how scripture informs Stevenson's work – and how we can work towards justice, reconciliation, and modeling the hope of Christ in our world today.

Just Mercy is available on Amazon.

Zoom login is emailed weekly.

Email goochlandchurch@gmail.com
for more information

JULY 2020

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Join us for our outdoor worship, Sundays at 10:00 am in front of the sanctuary.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

July 7	Garrett Webb
July 10	Morris Nuckols Sandra Nuckols
July 11	Susie Grant
July 13	James Melton
July 16	Sara Hyman Elizabeth Bowers Elizabeth Brown
July 17	Adam Henley
July 18	Aimee Dabney Claire Wilson Clay Wilson
July 19	Cecilia Bowles
July 23	Audrey Nuckols
July 24	Chad Bordewyk
July 27	Susan Angel
July 28	Angela Bassett Paul Irvin
July 30	Doug Brandmahl



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OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES

GBC is holding a 30-40 minute worship service at 10:00 am on Sundays.

- Pastor Curt will preach from the top of the sanctuary steps.
- Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
 - Everyone will practice social distancing – please stay at least 6 feet from others outside your family.
 - Everybody is encouraged to wear a mask. Please bring one with you from home. If you don't have a mask, we'll have extra masks available.
 - Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

Those who would like to worship from their car may pull up in front of the sanctuary to our drive up area. (A greeter will show you where to park.)

- Please turn your car's engine off and roll down your windows.

The Breezeway will be reserved for those who might need more level ground and shade.

Who should attend?

- Only those who feel comfortable worshipping outdoors should attend.
- If you have had a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please worship with us online instead.

What should I bring?

- Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on.
- Bring your Bible.
- If you'd like to give to our church offering, there will be a box in which you may place your offering. For the safety of our tellers, we are only accepting check – no cash or coins, please.
- Bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

What will I touch?

- Only your own chair.
- We will not be passing anything out (bulletins, hymnals, plates etc.)
- When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we'll offer pre-packaged elements that you can pick up from a table or you may bring your own.

Will the buildings be open?

- The New Building will be opened for bathrooms. Sanitized bathrooms will be available for use, but all other rooms will be closed and off-limits.

What if I'm not comfortable regathering in-person?

- It's ok – we get it! Please don't come unless you feel comfortable.
- We will still offer online worship Sunday mornings on YouTube and Facebook. It will include the same message Pastor Curt preaches in person.
- Zoom Sunday School will be offered online for children.

What about bad weather?

- In the event of bad weather, the service will be canceled by 8:00 am on Sunday morning.
- Our website and Facebook will indicate cancellations. In addition, an automated phone call will go out to the church family indicating outdoor worship has been canceled.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our medical professionals, first responders and others whose work requires contact with large numbers of people during this time of social distancing. Please continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Please pray for the police officers, fire fighters, and all public servants in our church family – that they remain safe and would be examples of hope as they work for the common good of our community.

Allen Bowles—health issues

Ann Bowles—has a mass on her lung and is on oxygen.

Doug Brandmahl—health issues

Joyce Carlton

Jackie Eby—Brookdale

Janet Faudree—health concerns

Barbara Fillion

Carolyn Heath

Waverly Heath—Lakewood Manor

Selma Herweyer

William Hicks—home recovering after hospital stay.

Scott Hobson—continued prayers that his cancer remains low and continues to respond to treatment.

Connie Long

Daphne Longenecker—partial foot amputation on 6/24.

Hazel Melton

Rebecca Michels—health concerns

Linda Moore—home

Mike Nicholas—back surgery on July 27th and 28th.

Sandra Nuckols—home

Bob & Adelaide Stanley—Bob is at home on Hospice.

Mary Stanley—Beth Shalom

Wanda Waldrop

Bob White—health concerns

Julia White

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Lynne Andrako—Janet Koch's friend, cancer treatment

Breana—daughter of Jordan Padgett's coworker who has a growth on her brain

John Bartlett—Linda Moore's brother.

Meg Brooks (leads our exercise class)—mother is home from the hospital and is grateful for the prayers.

Jim Crews—(Carla Yuen's neighbor & friend) had a cancerous tumor removed from his neck.

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

Janice Hanner—undergoing treatment, pancreatic cancer

Daniel Hick's mother

Margaret Holland (a member of the community) she suffered a stroke

Jimmy Kavalieratos—Lisa Smallwood's father. In the hospital after a heart heart attack.

Mary Anne Lawson—(Gwen Padgett's cousin) having trouble with shoulder that was repaired.

Jane Melton—pancreatic cancer (Member of Joy Club)

Rebecca Michels' Mom

Rebecca Michels' Nephew, **Berkeley Kellum**, LCH cancer

Roger—Linda Moore's uncle.

Joyce Morgan (cousin of Phyllis Toney)

Anne Nuckols, widow of Lawrence Nuckols and sister-in-law of Iris Nuckols—health concerns

Gwen Padgett's cousin Nancy—multiple health concerns and her husband Eddie had a small stroke

Wayne Parent (Hazel Melton's Brother in Law)

Mrs. Calvin Porter diagnosed with non hodgkin's lymphoma. She will begin chemo 1/13/20. Her husband just passed recently.

Rhonda Powell—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer

Lee Proffit's sister in law, **Pearl Turman**, bladder cancer

Lee Proffit's brother, **Raiford Turman**, home

Tami Ricketts Mom had a fall

Janet Siceloff—(Amy Robinson's grandmother's caregiver) cardiac catheterization

Sue Snead (friend of Ann Bowles)

Violet Spence—Linda Gibbs' sister

Brian Sweeney (Kevin Dunne's nephew)—kidney failure

Barbara Tester—received a good report from her surgery follow up visit.

Andrea and Joe Willis—family member of Jim Fields neighbors have tested positive for COVID-19.

Sharon Wood—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues

Tom Zaninno (friend of Daphne Longenecker)—fell and injured neck

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