

MARCH 2020

The Messenger



CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

Sometimes in modern Western thought, God is reduced to an idea or a concept. For some, God is what we call whatever gives us courage or our inner source of strength. For others, God is nothing more than a philosophical concept: some call God the "first cause," the original source of all life. While there may be some value in thinking transcendently, it's important to remember that in the Bible, God is an actual being. Even more than that, God sent his son into the earth to fully reveal who God is to the world. God sent his son in the flesh to a real place, to a real point of human history, to interact with real people. In Jesus Christ, first century Galileans experienced God with their five senses: sight, touch, smell, taste and hearing. For the five Sundays of Lent, I'll be preaching a new sermon series entitled *Sensing the Good News*. We'll explore texts where people sensed God with their five senses. We'll study their experiences and be reminded of how we can sense God today, too. For God is more than an abstract concept; God is a being who created us in love and longs to be an active part of our lives today.

This spring holds some new exciting opportunities for the church. This Wednesday night, March 4, we'll have a new intergenerational

activity after supper called "This is My Story." We'll be having some fun interviews with folks from a church family (children, youth, parents, and grandparents) about their experiences in life and faith. It'll be a fun way to get to know folks whom you might not normally encounter. I hope you'll plan on coming.

In addition, our children's committee is hosting a Parents' Night Out on Saturday, March 14 from 4:30-8:30 pm. Parents in our church and in our community are invited to drop their children (0-12) off for a fun night of games, supper, and a movie. This is a great way that we can bless the parents in our community. I hope you'll help us spread the word about it.

Finally, I've been grateful to work with this year's Administrative Committee as we explore hiring new staff. I'm hopeful that we'll be able to hire some additional staff in the weeks ahead. I think they'll help us expand our offerings both in the church and in the community, as we endeavor to follow God in his mission to redeem creation and make all things new. My hope is that God will show us ways that we can show people that God isn't just a philosophical concept, but a loving, living, and active part of our lives today.



GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH
EST. 1771

FLOWERS FOR MARCH:

If you would like to donate flowers for the month of March, please contact **Lois Grissom** at **804-883-5532** or **Phyllis Henley** at **804-317-1945**.



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.

Address:

2454 Manakin Road
Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103
Church Office: 804-749-3522
Church Fax: 804-749-4510

Email:

Goochlandchurch@gmail.com

Website:

www.goochlandchurch.org

Facebook:

GoochlandBaptistChurch

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Kelly Anderson
Minister to Students

Deacon Minutes

Chad Bordewyk

Isn't it a great feeling that God is always there to comfort you! He's there for you in times of sadness, illness, helplessness, anger and the list goes on. Hurt and pain are guaranteed in this world we live in. Jesus tells us that we will have trouble but that we can take heart because He has overcome the world! (John 16:33) Through scripture we can be comforted by knowing that God is faithful and is always looking over us. He truly cares and is our protector and comforter in times of need. Whatever is going on in your life, there is always a Bible verse that will speak to you and the circumstance that you are going through. Below are a few verses to help comfort you in time of need.

Deuteronomy 31:8: *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

Psalm 23:4: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Joshua 1:9: *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

We are fast approaching Spring and Summer which is the busiest time in the life of our student ministry. I encourage you all to keep our students in your prayers as they continue through their school year. I especially encourage you all to pray for our high school seniors as they make decisions about what's next after high school. This can be a very stressful time so we pray that they will experience the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding even when life feels really chaotic for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, March 21: Please mark your calendars for Mission Possible 2020. Mission Possible is an all-day event that sparks our imaginations and invites us into new and creative ways to be on mission with God held on the campus of Randolph Macon College. This event is for people of all ages. For more information, please contact Kelly Anderson or visit www.missionpossibleva.com.

Wednesday, April 1: Come out and support our GBC students at 5:30pm as we have breakfast for dinner. This will be a great time of fellowship as we have delicious breakfast food taking place during our usual Wednesday night On The Way gathering. All proceeds from this dinner will go towards the Impact Mission trip in Danville VA July 19-25. For more information, please contact Kelly Anderson.

Saturday April 4: This will be a service day for our students as we gather and serve some faithful members of our church family. We will be heading over to the home of Ann and Allen Bowles to help with some landscape and yard work around their home. We will arrive at their home around 9:00AM to begin working. In the afternoon after work is completed, we will head over to Drive Shack for a fun outing to end the day.

Saturday April 18: Our GBC students will be heading to Washington DC for the day on a portable faith trip. We will be looking at the ways God has worked throughout history and the ways He is continuing to work and how we find ourselves in His story today. We will be driving up to northern VA on the church bus and taking the metro into DC from Springfield. We will be making stops at the capitol building, Union Station, and the National Portrait Gallery. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 which will cover transportation and lunch in DC. Students should bring \$10.00 to cover metro fee and additional money for souvenirs.

Sunday School schedule: Starting March 1, the student ministry Sunday school class will begin reading through the book of James.

Sunday night gathering: Join us for our Sunday evening student ministry gathering from 5:30PM-7:00PM. We will continue reading through the book of Exodus.

student
MINISTRY

www.gochlandchurch.org/students
Instagram: @gbcvastudents

Mission Emphasis

SEASON OF PRAYER AND GIVING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

In March our prayer and giving emphasis is on telling those in North America the good news of salvation. Our theme this year is "It's All About the Gospel". Did you know 363 million people from 350 language groups and more than 14 religions in North America have no relationship with Jesus?

100% of your gifts to Annie Armstrong offering for North American missions goes to support thousands of missionaries serving here. Prayer guides are available at the Welcome Table in the Multipurpose Room and Sanctuary. Pray each day for those who are telling the Jesus Story here at home. Use the special envelopes in your financial packet or one of the envelopes provided in the foyers of both buildings. Pray without ceasing and give generously. **Our goal for this offering: \$2,500.00**

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

We have been truly blessed to have Jennifer Russell, our Communication and Administrative Coordinator, with us for two years! We are so grateful for her sense of mission.

Music & Worship Needs

Music and Worship committee has identified several needs. Would you prayerfully consider the following:

-AV Team members for the first service. It's our hope that we can have a rotation in place so each team serves one Sunday per month. If you are interested, please talk with Mike Sale to learn more.

-Are you interested in providing special music for our worship services whether it's a solo, women's trio, men's quartet? If so, please contact Barbara Fillion.

-Do you play the piano or organ? If so and you are willing to fill in on an occasional basis at the 11 am service, please contact Susan Angel.

ON THE WAY: WEDNESDAYS @ GBC

Join us **Wednesdays @ 5:30pm** for a home-cooked family dinner and our after dinner activities:

March 4

Intergenerational Worship Experience, "This Is My Story." GBC family of all ages will share their stories through interviews conducted by Pastor Curt and Kelly.

March 11, 18 & 25

Children's Music & Missions, Student Ministry & Adult Bible Studies.

www.gochlandchurch.org/wednesday-nights

JOY CLUB

MARCH 25th @ 10:30AM

Presentation of "Thomas Jefferson"
actor with Richmond Discoveries.
Lunch: Covered Dishes & Desserts.

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

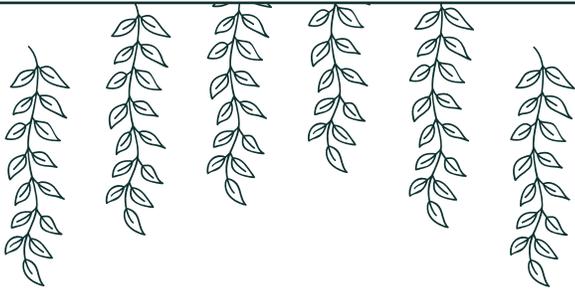
www.gochlandchurch.org/senior-adults



MARCH SENIOR OUTING

On **Thursday, March 19th**, our senior adults will be going to lunch at Michie Tavern, near Monticello. We'll be leaving the church parking lot at **10:30am** and arriving approximately at **11:30am**.

RSVP to John Webb at 804-334-9270.



THANK YOU

The past 6 months have been very difficult on our family when our brother-in-law Ricky Simmons became terminally ill with a multitude of major organ failures and was admitted to MCV. Ricky and his family lived 100 miles from MCV and even though he was a Christian it was a logistical challenge for pastoral care. We met with Pastor Curt many times for thoughtful prayer/guidance and on Saturday, February 1 at 345pm. The doctors advised Ricky had literally moments to live. All the family had gathered around Ricky's bedside and I contacted Pastor Curt who met us, without hesitation, to provide a very peaceful, solemn prayer with family. Ricky passed the next day. I believe Pastor Curt went above and beyond as compared to others. Both Kathy and I are so thankful to be in such a caring church and a Pastor who we have full confidence. We felt compelled for others to know how blessed we are to have Pastor Curt, who is so important to our family and this loving church. (*Ya'll probably already knew this*).

—Mike & Kathy Nicholas

Thank you to church leaders

John Webb & Jim Fields

The family of Ricky Simmons expresses their deep gratitude to John Webb and Jim Fields who attended the funeral of our brother-in-law in Roanoke Rapids North Carolina on February 7, 2020. It was so important to us when leaders of Goochland Baptist Church made an unselfish effort to provide condolences in our time of deep sorrow. We are so blessed to call both of them friends.

—Mike & Kathy Nicholas

A decorative background featuring a repeating geometric pattern of black and gold shapes, resembling stylized fans or triangles, set against a dark background.

COME
HAVE A
ROARING
GOOD
TIME

**Saturday, March 21st
at 5:30pm**

*Dinner & Live Jazz Music
hosted by GBC Deacons.*

RSVP to your deacon
by March 14th.

A background featuring a large, dark cross with a white church icon at its base, set against a purple and blue gradient.

SENSING *The Good News*

 GBC

Sometimes we're tempted to reduce God to a philosophical concept or an abstract ideal. In the scriptures, though, God is revealed as an actual, living being. And because God wants to be more than abstract concept in our lives, he's revealed himself most fully through his son Jesus Christ. During the five Sundays of Lent, we'll look at ways that people sensed God with the five senses: touch, sight, smell, taste, and hearing. Together, we'll explore ways we can do the same.



Women's Mini Retreat

@ Ridge Baptist Church

Saturday, March 14th
9:00am-12:00pm

Please RSVP by March 6th
www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar
or at one of the sign ups!

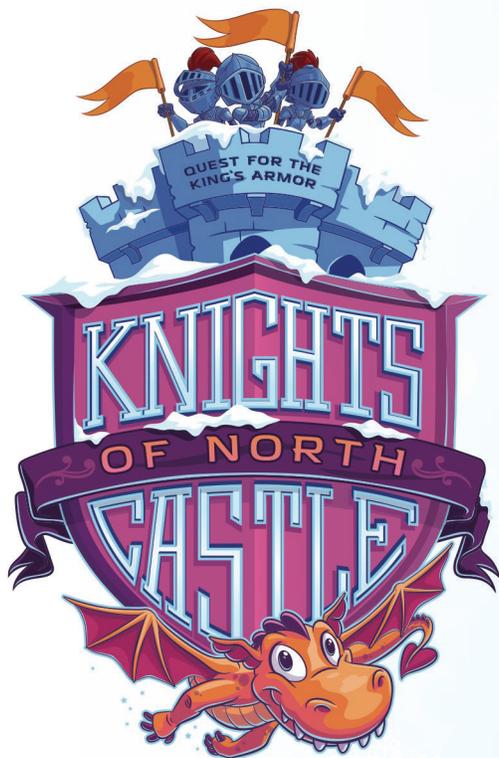
Sponsored by: Dover Baptist Association

**PARENT'S
NIGHT OUT.**



Saturday, March 14th
4:30pm-8:30pm • Ages 0-12

Register @
www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar



VBS @ GBC

July 27th-31st • 9am-12pm

This year during Vacation Bible School, we will be joining the King's knights on a quest to a hidden land of snow and ice. We will be exploring how to put on the armor of God and to use his strength in our lives.

Come 'Armor Up' with us this summer as we embark on this epic quest of Truth!, Justice!, Peace!, Faith!, and Salvation!

Registration will open May 2020
age 3 years - completed 4th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

Contemporary - 8:45am
 Sunday School - 10:00am
 Traditional - 11:00am
 Student Fellowship - 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. 1** Lord's Supper @ 8:45am & 11:00am
- Mar. 4** Building & Property Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Mar. 9** Deacon Meeting @ 6:00pm
Church Council @ 7:00pm
- Mar. 11** Children's Ministry Committee Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Mar. 14** Women's Mini Retreat @ 8:00am
Parent's Night Out @ 4:30pm
- Mar. 19** Senior Outing to Michie Tavern @ 10:30am
- Mar. 21** Dining With Your Deacon @ 5:30pm
- Mar. 25** JOY Club @ 10:30am

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 01** 8:45 Chad Bordewyk
11:00 Angela Bassett
- 08** 8:45 Shannon Wilson
11:00 Jeff Parrish
- 15** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 Phil Egolf
- 22** 8:45 Jim Fields
11:00 Keith Smallwood
- 29** 8:45 Gwen Padgett
11:00 Shannon Wilson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 01** 8:45 Wayne Melton
11:00 John Webb
- 08** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Fields
- 15** 8:45 James Melton
11:00 Stuart Melton
- 22** 8:45 Youth
11:00 **NEED**
- 29** 8:45 Lois Lane
11:00 Selma Herweyer

RESPONSIVE READING

- 01** 8:45 Lynn Hayes
11:00 John Webb
- 08** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
11:00 Jim Fields
- 15** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 Michael Nicholas
- 22** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
11:00 Keith Smallwood
- 29** 8:45 Daphne Longenecker
11:00 **NEED**

USHERS

Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 01** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, George Koch, Keith Spaulding
- 08** Allen Bowles, David Denton, George Koch, Keith Spaulding
- 15** Dwight Grissom, George Koch, Gerry Nuckols, Glenn Nuckols
- 22** Youth
- 29** George Koch, Jeff Parrish, **NEED**

USHERS

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 01** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 08** Jerry Anderson & Mike Nicholas
- 15** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 22** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers
- 29** Hope Webb & Frankie White

NURSERY

- 01** 8:45 Maggie Arnold, Dee Parrish & Kitt Townsend
Sunday School Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis
11:00 Susan Angel & Frankie White
- 08** 8:45 Crystal Waldrop & Cheryl Sale
Sunday School Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis & Nancy Nelson
11:00 - Maggie Arnold & Hope Webb
- 15** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles, Sandy Fisher & Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis & Nancy Nelson
11:00 Phyllis Henley, **NEED**
- 22** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, Kitt & Robert Townsend
Sunday School Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis & Nancy Nelson
11:00 Erin Henley, Kitt & Robert Townsend
- 29** 8:45 Erin Henley, Mila Spaulding, Lisa Smallwood
Sunday School Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis & Nancy Nelson
11:00 Sandi Fisher & Crystal Waldrop

Multipurpose Room Chair Schedule

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

March	April	May
Open Class	Seekers Class	New Class

JANUARY 2019

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	5
Children	9
Youth	4
Adults	63
Monthly Average	81

January Financial Report

General Fund: \$27,520.55
 Property Maintenance: \$6,281.00