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Carrying the Most Important Message to the World.

Curt's Corner

According to Thom Rainer, 65% of churches in America are declining or are growing more slowly than the community in which they meet. Sixty-five percent! One common trend among the healthiest churches today, though, is that they're focused outward. They exist to serve those outside of church doors. They focus on being a blessing to their neighbors. As I've studied the history of Goochland Baptist Church, it's obvious that Goochland Baptist has made a concerted effort to reach out and bless our community.

I'm really excited about opportunities Goochland Baptist Church has to focus outward and to add value to our community over the next couple of months. On October 29, we'll hold our annual Fall Festival -- rain or shine! We're expecting a good crowd of costumed kids for hot dogs, games, and lots of candy! If you can help by opening your trunk for trunk or treat, or by donating candy, please contact Adam. I'm grateful to our children's committee for their work in coordinating this year's festival.

On November 5, we'll begin Fall Bible Blitz for children. Adam and our Children's Committee have designed the Fall Bible Blitz to incorporate the elements kids love the most -- Bible story, music, crafts, and rec. I think our children will have a blast as they learn about Christ together. Please help us spread the word to invite families in our community to join us for our children's Fall Bible Blitz.

I'm grateful for those who've already volunteered to help out with the Fall Bible Blitz: Susan Angel, Brett Alvis, Windsor Egolf, Phyllis Henley, Carol Starke, Kit Townsend, and Shannon Wilson. We still need more volunteers, so contact Adam to add your name to the list.

On Sunday, November 26, we'll be blessed to hear from Nik and Ruth Ripken, missionaries who've served all over the world. They are good friends of mine and tremendous speakers. I hope you'll plan on joining us that Sunday.

Finally, we'll have a whole host of Christmas activities during the month of December. On Sunday night, December 17 we'll host our annual Christmas program, *Joy to the World: A Christmas Celebration*. If you'd like to sing in our Sanctuary Choir or play handbells with the Celebration Ringers, please contact Adam. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45pm. The Celebration Ringers rehearses on Sundays from 3:00-4:00pm. We'll have our Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24.

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities this season for Goochland Baptist to bless our community. Please help us invite your neighbors to be part of these special seasonal events.

"Remember,
our Message is not
about ourselves;
we're proclaiming
Jesus Christ,
the master"

The Apostle Paul
II Corinthians 4:5-6

Sunday, November 5



**Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 15
6:30pm**



Children's Ministry

Fall Festival - please see page 3 for more information

Fall Bible Blitz:

The Miracles of Jesus

Beginning this Fall, we are offering The Fall Bible Blitz. This is a free, fun-filled evening for children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Beginning November 5th and running for three consecutive Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm, the children will participate in a number of activities such as learning a new Bible story, creating exciting crafts, singing and dancing, playing awesome games, and so much more. Dinner will be provided for the children.

Build a Manger:

On December 3rd, we will have a Build-a-Manger workshop from 5:30-7:00pm. Together, parent(s) and child(ren) will build a life-size manger to help celebrate Christmas at home. We provide the food (dinner for the participating families), the materials, and the tools. Dinner will start at 5:30pm and the build will start at 6:00pm.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group Schedule

Oct. 29th Sunday – Fall Festival from 4:00-7:00pm

Nov. 1st Wednesday @ 6:30pm–

Week #2: Social Media

(Self-esteem)

Nov. 5th Sunday @ 5:30pm – Youth

Group in Basement - Topic: Bud-

dhism

Nov. 8th Wednesday @ 6:30pm -

Week #3: Social Media

Nov. 10th-12th – Fall Retreat

Nov. 12th Sunday @ 5:30pm -

Youth Group in Basement

Nov. 15th Wednesday @ 6:30pm –

Week #4: Social Media

Nov. 19th Sunday @ 5:30pm–

Youth Group in the Basement -

Topic: Judaism

Nov. 22nd – NO Youth Group

(Thanksgiving Week)

Nov. 26th Sunday @ 5:30pm – Youth Group in Basement -

Topic: Christianity

Nov. 29th Wednesday @ 6:30pm – Advent

Dec. 3rd Sunday @ 5:30pm– Build a Manger with Youth and Children

Fall Retreat:

Mark your calendar for Nov. 10-12 as the youth will venture to WaterMarks Camp in Scottsville, VA. This will be an exciting weekend filled with worship, games, activities, and so much more. Please sign up by Oct. 29th and include a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The total cost of the trip is \$80 per person. Contact Pastor Adam with any questions.



The Church on the Web: Check out the updated Church Website at www.goochlandchurch.org. You can also check us out on Facebook at Goochland Baptist Church. We will provide updates, event information, and much more.

I firmly believe it is not a coincidence that Thanksgiving follows closely after Election Day. So much negativity, name-calling and mud-slinging, and that's just the Christians. The candidates take it to an even higher level. It's so wonderful when it finally comes to an end that thoughts of giving thanks roll easily into the mind.

It's been going on for quite a long time, but it seems the climate in our political process and society in general has progressively gotten worse and worse with each passing year. This time of year I typically go through two or three TV remote controls because I have worn out the mute button.

Our pastor has been speaking to us lately about being a City on a Hill and not putting our light under a bushel basket, but letting it shine for all the world to see. I have appreciated his messages and am trying to incorporate them into my life. I find it frustrating though, trying to figure out how to shine in this climate. I am singing This Little Light of Mine, but it seems to be drowned out by all the yelling and meanness going on.

I have always strived to be an informed and involved citizen and I will not stop. My involvement, however, must be guided by my faith. I am not talking now about issues, stances or parties. I am talking about how we are involved, being a light. Paul tells us in Galatians, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Couldn't our political process use more patience, kindness and self-control?

I firmly believe the Christian voice in society will not be heard as long as it shouts, belittles and demeans. If, however, we strive to be a light to the world and do so with gentleness, goodness, love and peace, our voices will be heard. Our individual voices may get drowned out, but together we can be heard. Sing with me now - This little light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . .



Goochland Baptist Church

Sunday, October 29, 2017

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Come join us for a **FREE** time of fellowship for the family!



For the Younger Kids: **INFLATABLE JUMP HOUSE WTH SLIDE**



An **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE** for the Older Kids

They can ALL enjoy the playground, crafts, bikes and scooters, toys for digging, etc.



For Youth and Adults: **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**



Supper Served at 5:00
Hot Dogs & Chili with Sides



TRUNK OR TREAT to begin at 6:00

Children are welcome to wear costumes—just make sure they are safe for the play time.





Missions Alive



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party!
Sunday November 12th
12:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

THANK YOU SHOEBOX ASSEMBLERS!

We appreciate everyone who came out to assemble shoeboxes on October 3rd!

Special thanks to Lee Profit who assembled 100 all by herself!

600 shoeboxes have been assembled, labeled and are ready to pack on November 12th!



MULTI-PURPOSE CHAIR SCHEDULE

November - Paul Nuckols

December - Dwight Grissom

SMAT

Join us in celebrating the following birthdays in November!



Pastor Curt Kruschwitz
Monday, November 13th
Erin Kruschwitz
Tuesday, November 21st
Tammy Johnson
Friday, November 24th



We would like to say how thankful we are for our church family and for the leadership of our two Pastors, Curt and Adam!



MINISTRY THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY

In Matthew 25, we read: v. 35 "for I was hungry and you gave me food,; v. 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?'" v. 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly, I will tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY - Our church supports the community Food Pantry which is housed at St. Matthews United Methodist Church/. At this time they are serving about 60 families on Thursday evenings. Current needs are: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Please leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center. They will be delivered to St. Matthews on Thursday of each week.

JOY CLUB NEWS:

Who?/ 55 and over??
NOT BEEN TO JOY CLUB??
Come!!

Fourth Wednesday of each month -
10:30 A.M.

We promise great programs, good food, and super fellowship time!

November Meeting

November 8

***note date change**

Program: "Lil" Ronnie Gospel



Lunch: BBQ furnished by JOY Club.
Members bring desserts!!!

December Meeting

Friday, December 8

***note date and time change**



JOY Club Christmas Banquet

Fellowship 5:30

Dinner 6:00

Cost: 10:00 per person

***Open to the entire church & guests**

Entertainment:

True Spirit Gospel Band

Meal will be Salmon or Prime Rib.
Pay by check and note food choice in Memo section. (If ordering Prime Rib please note rare, medium or well done). Make check payable to JOY Club. John Webb will be accepting checks until Sunday, November 26th.

Any questions please call
John Webb at 334-9270.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In addition to our Regularly Schedule Services
and Activities

Sundays

Contemporary - 8:45
Sunday School - 10:00
Traditional - 11:00

Wednesday

Family Dinner 5:45
Bible Studies - 6:30

November 1 ~ Building & Property Committee 6:30

November 5 ~ Daylight Saving Time
(Set clocks back a hour)

The Lord's Supper

November 6 ~ Church Council 7:15

November 8 ~ JOY Club 10:30

***Please note date change**

November 10 - 12 ~ Youth Retreat @ Watermark

November 12 ~ OCC Shoebox Packing Party 12:00

November 13 ~ Pastor Curt's Birthday

November 14 ~ Olive Riddell Circle 2:00

November 15 ~ Business Meeting 6:30

November 16 ~ Messenger Deadline

November 20 ~ Deacons Meeting 7:15

November 22 ~ NO Wednesday Night Activities

November 23 ~ **Thanksgiving** (Office Closed)

November 24 ~ Tammy's Birthday

**September
Sunday School
Attendance**

Preschool	4
Children	8
Youth	10
Adults	65
Average	87

September 2016 79

September Financial Report

General Fund	\$18,209.37
Weekly Average	\$4,552.00
Budget Requires	\$5,557.64

Property Maintenance \$135.00

November SCHEDULE

GREETERS

05 8:45	Russ Starke	11:00	Cheryl Sale
12 8:45	Cheryl Sale	11:00	John Webb
19 8:45	Russ Starke	11:00	Jim Allen
26 8:45	Ralph Claytor	11:00	John Webb

OFFERTORY PRAYER

05 8:45	Wayne Melton	11:00	Jim Fields
12 8:45	David Angel	11:00	Jim Allen
19 8:45	James Melton	11:00	Gwen Padgett
26 8:45	Youth	11:00	John Webb

Contemporary 8:45am Service Ushers

05	Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor, David Denton
12	Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl, Allen Bowles, David Denton
19	Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Cliff Hyman, Dwight Grissom
26	Youth

Traditional 11:00am Service Ushers

05	Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
12	Al Henley & Kevin Richardson
19	Bob White & Jerry Anderson
26	Misty Colgin & Betty Bower

NURSERY SCHEDULE

05 8:45	- Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton	
11:00	- Kari Phlegar, Frankie Melton
12 8:45	- Infant - Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar	
11:00	- Misty Colgin, Hope Webb, Susan Angel
19 8:45	- Infant - Rachel Keller, Cecilia Bowles, Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School - Courtney Marsh	
11:00	- Phyllis Henley, Courtney Marsh, Jaclyn Peck
26 8:45	- Infant - Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding, Barbara Chisholm, Carolyn Heath
Sunday School - Brett Alvis & Erin Henley	
11:00	- Kitt & Robert Townsend, Erin Henley

Traditional 11:00am

Responsive Reading

05	Cheryl Sale
12	Jim Fields
19	Teri Frank
26	John Webb