

SEPTEMBER 2018

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins." (Mark 2:21-22)

When my Grandpa was a pastor, he was one of the most respected men in town. That was 70 years ago, when societal pressures dictated that everybody be in church on Sunday mornings. Back then, churches didn't have to focus on outreach. In most towns, people just came.

But times have changed. Churches today are entering uncharted territory. Gone are the days when churches held privileged status in society. Instead, most people have ambivalence towards the church. Less and less people are familiar with church culture, and stories about clergy abuse scandals only increase skepticism towards the church.

But studies also show record amounts of interest in spiritual things. Our nation is full of young people seeking a life of meaning, of connection, of divine purpose. They just aren't seeking it in the church.

I'm convinced that the church today has a real opportunity. The hope of Jesus Christ is that for which our world hungers. But people aren't just going to stumble upon us. We have to be proactive in taking the church to them. I'm convinced that successful churches in the 21st century must learn to think like missionaries. We're going to have to try some new things!

Goochland Baptist Church is

changing up our Wednesday night routine this fall. We'll still gather our family around the table for a home-cooked meal (starting at 5:30), but we're going to add something to it: mission. Each month, we'll have an inter-generational mission project for our children, youth, and grandparents (and everyone in between) to work on together. We'll actually participate in the project itself on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights each month. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, our children and youth will leave at 6:00 pm for their own hour of music and missions, while our adults will hear from a special guest on the 2nd Wednesday and participate in an interactive Bible study on the 4th Wednesday.

I'm excited for our new missional experiment. Not only will we be shifting the focus to blessing others outside our church, but we'll also be able to teach our children and young people important lessons about serving our neighbors. I hope you'll join us.

This will be the first of several experiments we'll try. October will be a big month for us: a month to focus on our future. All throughout the Sundays of October, we'll concentrate on Discovering Tomorrow Together. You'll get an invitation with more details, but we hope you'll join us as we begin to discern together what God has in store for Goochland Baptist Church.

Erin and I have only been at Goochland Baptist for 19 months, but I'm convinced that we've got a bright future with a lot to be excited about. I hope you'll join us in the months ahead as we experiment with some new ways of doing things and open ourselves to God's vision.



GOOCHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

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FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

If you would like to donate flowers for the month of August, please contact Shannon Wilson at 804-749-4924.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you are not currently receiving prayer requests by email and would like to be a part of this ministry, email Anne Henley at annechenley@msn.com.

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

Rev. Adam Phlegar
Pastor to Families

Missions Emphasis

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Be Love is the theme of this year's season of prayer and giving for State Missions. Virginia Baptist churches continue in its legacy of meeting human needs and sharing Christ. Our prayers, offerings and involvement together continues to result in transformed lives. We are admonished to *be love*.

New churches, disaster relief responses, missions education, after school ministries, summer camps and advocacy ministries with refugees are just some of the ways in which Virginia Baptists are *being love*.

As we celebrate state missions **September 17-23** and throughout the year, let us remember that Christ followers are called to love. Gifts to the **Alma Hunt** (a Virginian who was national WMU President for a number of years) **Offering** help us to love together as we live out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in actions and in truth. Prayer guides and special offering envelopes will be available during the month (or you may use the designated State Missions envelope in your financial packet). GBC's goal for this offering is \$1,650.

Thank You GBC!

I would like to thank my church family for all of the acts of kindness shown to me regarding my daughter's recent redo hip replacement. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement have helped my daughter and me tremendously. To be part of such a caring congregation is indeed a blessing.

- Elizabeth (Betty) Bowers



I would like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers as I am improving.

- Anne Henley

ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar

CHILDREN:

New Sunday School Schedule:

Starting September 2nd, our Pre-K 4's through 5th grade students will be working with what we are calling the **Children's Team for Sunday School!** Team Members are Phyllis Henley, Carol Starke, Shannon Wilson and Susan Angel, and we are looking forward to having your children involved!

We are trying to integrate some of the features and format that the children love from VBS, but doing it within the time frame of our Sunday School. To learn more, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/children.

Wednesday Night Schedule:

We hope that GBC children will join us on Wednesday nights for our church family dinner @ 5:30pm and our activities focused on mission @ 6:15pm. For more information, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/wednesday-nights.

Fall Bible Blitz:

This is a free, fun-filled evening for children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Bible Blitz will be held Sunday evenings **5:30-7:00pm on Oct. 7th, 14th, and 21st**. Children will participate in a number of fun activities such as learning a new Bible story, crafts, singing, dancing, playing games, and so much more. Snack supper will be provided for children.

Fall Festival:

Save the date for **Sunday, October 28th** for this year's Fall Festival. We will have an exciting evening for the entire community. Activities include: dinner, games for children and adults, Trunk or Treat, and so much more. We

hope that you will join us for this fun-filled evening of food, fun, fellowship, games, and so much more.

YOUTH:

Field Day of the Past

Please mark your calendar for this year's "Field Day of the Past" the weekend of **Sept. 21st-23rd**. Throughout the weekend, the youth will participate in this event in order to raise funds to help offset the cost for Fall Retreat, Summer Mission Trip, and more. We will be selling baked goods and drinks throughout the weekend. This is a great way to get the name of GBC out into the community, spread the good news to people we encounter, and generate fund for the youth program. Visit www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar to sign up.

Fall Retreat:

Mark your calendar for **Nov. 9th-11th** for this years Youth Fall Retreat. The cost of the trip is \$90 per student. This includes lodging, food, transportation, and activities. More details will be coming soon!

September Schedule:

Sept. 2nd No Youth Group
Sept. 9th Fellowship @ 5:30pm
Sept. 16th Service Project @ 5:30pm
Sept. 21st-23rd Field Day of the Past
Sept. 30th Hot Topics @ 5:30pm

GBC ON THE WEB:

Check out our Church Website at www.goochlandchurch.org. You can also check us out on Facebook @GoochlandBaptistChurch. We will provide updates, event information, and much more.

Multipurpose Room Chair Schedule

The following classes are scheduled for setting up chairs in the Multipurpose Room before Sunday service.

September
 Fellowship Class
 Led by Russ Starke

October
 Open Class
 Led by Ed Hayes

November
 Seekers Class
 Led by
 Kari Phlegar

December
 Discovery Class
 Led by Erin
 Kruschwitz

BACKPACK DRIVE & PACK-THE-PACKS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Backpack Drive and came out to your Pack-the-Packs End of Summer Cookout. With your help, we successfully purchased and packed 40 backpacks. Below is a Thank You Note we received from Goochland Middle School,

Dear Gale Chaisson & Goochland Baptist Church,

On behalf of the students, faculty & staff of Goochland Middle School, thank you so much for your generosity and service! Thank you for thinking of us and helping those who need it most.

Sincerely, All of us @ GMS



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Discovering
T O M O R R O W  T O G E T H E R

Join us Sunday mornings this October as we begin a discernment process to discover the next chapter God wants to write for Goochland Baptist Church — and how you fit in!

Deacon Minutes

Shannon Wilson

Have you experienced trials in your life? We all have! Being a Christian does not mean that your life will be easy or free from pain, heartbreak, or depression. What it does mean is that Jesus will be with you every step of the way. God wants us to deepen our faith and to cry out to Him for help and He will strengthen us. Yes, in this world we will have trouble. *"But take heart, sweet friend. Greater is He who is in me than He who is in the world!" (1 John 4:4)*

As we all know even trials and tribulations are not without purpose. If we choose to surrender to our Savior, He will take every pain and bring purpose to our lives. He uses the trials of this life to mold us into His image, to teach us about His great love and faithfulness toward us. How do we let Him have His way? By fixing our eyes on Him, not on our troubles and always remembering to look up!

If there was one person in the Bible that knew trials it was the Apostle Paul. I am sure he was in anguish upon being shipwrecked for days. He was seeking to take the gospel of Jesus to the uttermost parts of the world but in this situation he was detained. Why didn't God stop the shipwreck? Because, if he had Paul would have never become the man and leader that God intended!

At times and in some circumstances we may be somewhat reliant on ourselves and may be hesitant to relinquish control over our situation at hand. We must learn to trust God and to have faith in knowing that He has great plans for us. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)* God has a plan for each of us and our journey along the way will prepare us and shape us for His glory!

Help us be witnesses in Goochland County, VA and to the ends of the earth.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

SEPT.-OCT.



This Fall:
**Operation
Christmas Child**

goochlandchurch.org/outreach-opportunities

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

PRAY for our STAFF and Church Volunteers as they lead our church in new ministry opportunities this Fall!

September

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you are not alone.

Give so that you may receive.

See goodness in others.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Elizabeth and Brian Taylor on the birth of

Luke Holman Taylor

Born August 17 (10 lbs)

Congratulations to big brother Duncan and grandparents Audrey and Ralph Taylor!

JOY Club

September 26th @ 10:30am

Special Guest: True Spirit Gospel Band
Lunch: Meal by Donna Word, \$4 per person.

Who? 55 and over

When? 4th Wednesday of
each month @ 10:30am

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

Not been to JOY Club? **Come!!**

Any questions please call
John Webb at 334-9270.

FALL @ GBC

We are so excited about all that is going on in the life of the church starting this month. Make sure to stay up-to-date on all that is happening by visiting our website: www.goochlandchurch.org, following us on Facebook @GoochlandBaptistChurch, and stopping by our Welcome Center located at the entrance of the new building.



MONDAYS • 7-8pm

Starting September 10th

A 5-week foundations of yoga class for all skill levels. Each week, participants will weave the basics of yoga with scripture.

www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar

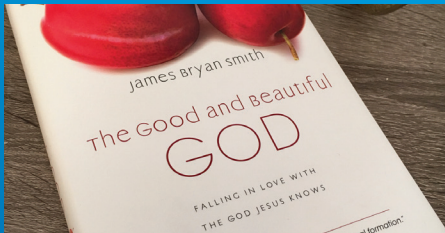


TUESDAYS • 7-8:30PM

Starting September 18th

An 8-week support group, led by Lynne Hughes, for individuals navigating a life transition or grief. Registration and a \$50 fee required.

www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar



WEDNESDAYS • 4:15PM

Starting September 12th

Pastor Curt will be leading a 10-week book study on one of his favorite books for deepening your relationship with God: "The Good and Beautiful God" by James Bryan Smith.

www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar



WEDNESDAYS • 5:30-7PM

Starting September 5th

Each week, we'll gather around the table as a church family and then participate in mission focused activities for all ages.

www.goochlandchurch.org/wednesday-nights



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS (1ST & 3RD) • 7-8PM

Starting September 6th

GBC is offering the seven session, Women's Bible Study "We Saved You A Seat" by Lisa-Jo Baker, which can be purchased at Lifeway or Amazon.

www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar



CHILDREN'S FALL SCHEDULE

Starting September 2nd

There are so many new things going on this Fall in GBC Children - new Sunday School schedule, Wednesday Night Activities, and Fall Bible Blitz.

www.goochlandchurch.org/children

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 Practice - 7:00pm

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Sept. 2** The Lord's Supper @ 8:45 & 11:00am
- Sept. 5** Building & Property Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Sept. 6** Women's Bible Study - "We Saved You A Seat" @ 7:00pm
- Sept. 10** Holy Yoga @ 7:00pm
 Church Council @ 7:15pm
- Sept. 11** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- Sept. 12** Pastor's Book Study @ 4:15pm
 Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm
 Business Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Sept. 17** Holy Yoga @ 7:00pm
 Deacons Meeting @ 7:15pm
- Sept. 18** Life Transitions/Grief Support Group @ 7:00pm
- Sept. 19** Music and Worship Meeting @ 5:45pm
- Sept. 20** Women's Bible Study - "We Saved You A Seat" @ 7:00pm
- Sept. 21** GBC @ "Field Day of the Past"
- Sept. 23**
- Sept. 24** Holy Yoga @ 7:00pm
- Sept. 25** Life Transitions/Grief Support Group @ 7:00pm
- Sept. 26** JOY Club @ 10:30am

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 02** 8:45 Gwen Padgett
 11:00 Chad Bordewyk
- 09** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 Betsy Alvis
- 16** 8:45 Gayle Stanley
 11:00 Shannon Wilson
- 23** 8:45 Jim Allen
 11:00 Russ Starke
- 30** 8:45 Russ Starke
 11:00 Jim Allen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 02** 8:45 Wayne Melton
 11:00 John Webb
- 09** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 Jim Fields
- 16** 8:45 James Melton
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 23** 8:45 Youth
 11:00 Brian Taylor
- 30** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 Selma Herweyer

RESPONSIVE READING

- 02** 8:45 Russ Starke
 11:00 John Webb
- 09** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
 11:00 Jim Fields
- 16** 8:45 Kristie Gee
 11:00 Joyce Fallin
- 23** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
 11:00 Teri Frank
- 30** 8:45 Amy Robinson
 11:00 June Frick

USHERS

Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 02** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, Dwight Grissom, Raymon Roberts
- 09** Allen Bowles, Doug Brandmahl, David Denton, Keith Spaulding
- 16** Dwight Grissom, Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Brie Roberts
- 23** Youth
- 30** Waldon Chisholm, Dwight Grissom, Glenn Nuckols, Cliff Hyman

USHERS

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 02** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 09** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 16** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 23** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers
- 30** Hope Webb & Frankie White

NURSERY

- 02** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks & Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 09** 8:45 Cheryl Sale & Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb & Susan Angel
- 16** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles & Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 23** 8:45 Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding & Barbara Chisholm
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley
- 30** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, Cliff Hyman, and Billie Massie
Sunday School Betsy Alvis
11:00 Jaclyn Peck

July 2018

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	3
Children	8
Youth	11
Adults	62
Monthly Average	84

June Financial Report

General Fund: \$20,714.00
Property Maintenance: \$1,275.00

SERVE @ GBC

If you are not currently serving somewhere at GBC on Sunday mornings and would like to learn more about opportunities to serve, please email Goochlandchurch@gmail.com.