

NOVEMBER 2020

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."*

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul suggests that Christ's followers have a treasure in "jars of clay." In Paul's day, clay jars were used as frequently as cardboard boxes are today - and they were just about as safe! He's reminding us that even though we're fragile, feeble, broken people, God's power lives within us and enlivens us even in the most difficult situations.

The challenges of a pandemic, an election year, and uncertainty surrounding our future have provided challenges for us personally and as a church family. But when you think about it, the ministries of GBC haven't changed at all over the past seven months. We've gathered to worship (online and outside), we've prayed for one another, we've served our community, we've studied and taught the scriptures together, and we've reached out and cared for the vulnerable among us. Over the past month, I've talked with four different people who are interested in baptism. God is at work, despite a challenging year!

While it isn't a return to normalcy, it sure felt good to worship indoors last week. I'm grateful for the hard work our Regathering Team has put into establishing guidelines that will help us worship inside more safely. You can read about them on page 5. We will continue to worship in the Multipur-

pose Room at 10:00 am for foreseeable future. As someone with health concerns of my own, I know that not everybody is comfortable worshiping inside. Know that we want you to follow your convictions and prevalent medical advice. If you're not ready to worship inside, we hope you'll join us online.

I'm grateful for Kelly's work with our students over the past months, too. He and the Youth Council have planned a fun scavenger hunt in Short Pump later this month. Students and parents, I hope you'll read about that on page 2.

But perhaps I'm most grateful for the way our church has continued to serve our community. We've partnered with Goochland Cares to provide them with their highest-priority needs right now. They're doing an incredible job serving the most vulnerable in our community, and I'm grateful for our help in that. You can read our collection schedule on page 4.

Some of you have asked how the pandemic will affect our Christmas programming. Our Christmas celebrations will undoubtedly look different this year, but we're planning creative and meaningful ways to celebrate Christ's birth. Angela Bassett is directing an outdoor Christmas program, *The Story of Angels*, that will be held on Saturday, December 12. If you feel comfortable coming, I hope you'll join

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### PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).



### WEEKLY EMAILS:

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and Sunday sermons and would like to, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).

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Pastor

**Kelly Anderson**  
Minister to Students

## Deacon Minutes

Kristie Gee

Thankfully, 2020 is nearing an end. It has been a very challenging year for our country with Covid, quarantines, riots, political differences, financial hardships for many, closings and uncertain futures for businesses, fires, hurricanes and such.

November will be a busy month as we cast our votes in the presidential election, show honor to those who have served our country and celebrate Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for and are so fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world.

The blessings I am most thankful for are:

1. Freedom to worship openly:  
*2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*
2. Grace of God: *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God*
3. God's promise of eternal life: *1 John 2:24-25 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.*

May your Thanksgiving be filled with many blessings and much joy!

*Psalm 100: 1-5 A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

## GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

As we head into a new season, I'm reminded of the words in Acts 2:41-47.

41Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

When we enter into this time of rebuilding and reorienting, this passage tells us what it means to be the church. Church is not just a building, it is not just our weekly student ministry gatherings, but it is a way of life deeply rooted in the way and life of Jesus. We as the student ministry strive to cultivate a sense of belonging through the core values in this passage: We learn and grow together, we pray together, and we have fun and fellowship together. Simply put.... We do life together.



### Sunday School @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

In the Multipurpose Room after Indoor Worship Service. Please bring your own Bible and masks must be worn at all times while inside the church building.

### Wednesday Nights @ 6:00-7:00 pm

In the Multipurpose Room. Please bring your own Bible and masks must be worn at all times while inside the church building.

### Youth Scavenger Hunt - November 21st

At Short Pump Mall from 2-4 pm. We will meet outside the Dicks Sporting Goods.

[www.goochlandchurch.org/students](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/students)

\*\*Please note that all of our youth ministry gatherings will adhere to CDC guidelines and rules that have been set forth by our GBC regathering team\*\*

**OUTDOOR  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, December 12 at 5:30**  
Rain date Sunday December 13th

**CASTING CALL!**  
No speaking parts, just playing a part in a scene while a narrator tells the story of Jesus' birth.  
Any age can participate! No rehearsals, simply show up early the day of the program.

If interested in participating, please contact **Angela Bassett** at **804-852-4803** or [angela.bassett772@gmail.com](mailto:angela.bassett772@gmail.com).

## **CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE**

Starts Friday 11/27/20 • Ends Friday 12/11/20  
A box will be available for you to drop off your cards; no sorting this year.

Delivery will start 12/15/20 by method to be determined.  
No cards will be accepted after 12/11/20.

More ways to give at [www.goochlandchurch.org/give](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/give)



**ONLINE**



**MAIL/MAIL SLOT**



**TEXT TO GIVE**



**BILL PAY**

**From SMAT...**  
Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

**Happiest of Birthdays to...**  
Pastor Curt on November 13th and his wife Erin on November 21st!

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us for it. If you feel like being part of it, you can read more on this page. We also will have Christmas Eve service(s). We're currently monitoring the first few weeks of Indoor Worship to help plan the Christmas Eve service. We'll have the details for you next month.

The year 2020 has sent unprecedented challenges our way, but Goochland Baptist Church has found ways to not only continue in ministry, but to thrive. We've been reminded that our power doesn't come from ourselves, but from Christ. May God remind you of his strength this month.

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## Memory Stones Dedication

On Sunday, October 4 the AGAPE class held a memory stones dedication in honor of three dear class members that went to be with the Lord in December 2019 & January 2020. The memory stones are located in front of the walkway between the New Building and Sanctuary.



Join us online **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** for a real-time gathering for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. Login info will be emailed out weekly. This fall, we'll be taking a look at what the Bible says about prayer: how it works, new ways to pray, and how to develop a deeper prayer life.

To be added to the email list or learn more, email [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com) or call 804-749-3522.

## GBC is partnering with Goochland Cares for...



### Donation Sundays:

If you feel led to donate, please bring the needed items on the distinguished Sunday below.

- **Sunday, November 1st** personal hygiene items (toothbrush/toothpaste, diapers, feminine products)
- **Sunday, November 8th** toilet paper, tissues (packages or individually wrapped), antibacterial/hand sanitizer

[www.goochlandchurch.org/outreach-opportunities](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/outreach-opportunities)

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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| November 1  | Callie Carter                                   |
| November 2  | William Chaisson<br>Kelly Nuckols               |
| November 3  | Barbara Chisholm                                |
| November 4  | Madison Brown                                   |
| November 7  | Mike Sale                                       |
| November 9  | Kevin Richardson                                |
| November 10 | Scott Carter                                    |
| November 12 | Crystal Waldrop                                 |
| November 13 | Linda Gibbs<br>Curt Kruschwitz<br>Gerry Nuckols |
| November 18 | Lois Lane<br>Heather Stewart                    |
| November 19 | Abby Arnold                                     |
| November 21 | Erin Kruschwitz                                 |
| November 26 | Linda Mawyer<br>Mickey Meador                   |
| November 28 | Blake Dabney                                    |
| November 29 | Hannah Nuckols                                  |

Sunday  
Sermons Online

Facebook and YouTube  
Sundays @ 8:00 am.

Listen to past sermons at  
[www.goochlandchurch.org/sermons](http://www.goochlandchurch.org/sermons)

# Guidelines for Indoor Worship

Established by the Goochland Baptist Church Regathering Team

## We will be doing the following in an effort to keep our church family safe:

- Sanitizing frequently touched surfaces (including doorknobs and bathroom fixtures)
- Offering hand sanitizer and face masks upon entrance to the church
- Refraining from passing things (bulletins, offering plate, Lord's Supper)

## Each person will be asked to do the following:

- Wear a facemask at all times while they're inside the church building. (Children under age 2 do not need facemasks.)
- Practice social distancing, remaining at least six feet apart from those outside your immediate family.
- Refrain from bringing food or drink into the church building.
- Use the bathroom before or after the service, but remain in your seat once you've been seated for worship. (Worship will be approximately 45 minutes long.)
- Visit with our church family outside of the church building after the service.

## Worship itself will look different.

- In an effort to reduce traffic, an usher will show every individual or family to their seats. (We will seat from the outside of the rows moving in.)
- Ushers will leave four seats between each individual or family unit to ensure over 6 feet of social distancing.
- At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.
- We will not pass the offering plate, but there will be a box at the entrance of the Multipurpose Room for our church family to drop their offerings into.
- We'll have music, but there will be no congregational singing.
- Children may come forward for the children's sermon and sit on pre-arranged mats to ensure social distancing.
- We will not be printing out bulletins. Instead, we'll use the monitors to guide the service.
- Our pastor will preach behind a clear shield and exit the building immediately after the service, so he can greet you safely outside.

## Who shouldn't worship indoors?

- If you have a fever, cough, or sore throat, please stay home and worship with us online.
- If you or someone in your household has been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home and worship with us online.
- If for any reason, you're not comfortable with the guidelines the Regathering Team has established, please stay home and worship with us online!

*We will continue to monitor state and local guidance concerning COVID-19 and will make necessary adjustments to our worship guidelines as needed.*

## Goochland Baptist Church Regathering Team

*Kelly Anderson  
David Angel  
Susan Angel  
Angela Bassett  
Kristie Gee*

*Elizabeth Hobbs  
Curt Kruschwitz  
Erin Kruschwitz  
Jeff Parrish  
Mila Spaulding*

*Gayle Stanley  
Russ Starke  
John Webb  
Shannon Wilson*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allen Bowles**—health concerns

**Ann Bowles**—her cancer has spread and she has started chemo treatments.

**Doug Brandmahl**—health issues

**Debbie Dunlavey**—cancer

**Jackie Eby**—Brookdale

**Janet Faudree**—health concerns

**Barbara Fillion**

**Linda Gibbs**—home

**Carolyn Heath**

**Selma Herweyer**—recovering from knee surgery at home.

**Lila Hicks**—recovering from knee replacement

**William Hicks**

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

**Connie Long**

**Daphne Longenecker**

**Hazel Melton**

**Rebecca Michels**—After her chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, pathology reports indicated very small amounts of cancer in several lymph nodes. She's been referred to Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York, where she hopes she'll get some specialized treatment. Please pray that the cancer can be contained and eliminated. Please pray for Rebecca, CJ, Kendall, and Tanner as well.

**Linda Moore**

**Iris Nuckols**

**Lee Proffitt**—home recovering from heart surgery.

**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.

**Evelyn Brightwell**—Jim Fields' sister, had a heart catheterization and a stint put in.

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

**Roger Foster** (friend of Mike Nicholas and retired Henrico County police officer) has terminal cancer.

**Audrey Geraci** (Denise and Gerard Huff's niece) stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She is 36 years old and has three young children.

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

**Janice Hanner**—undergoing treatment, pancreatic cancer

**Glenda Hite**—childhood friend of Diane Proctor, has Alzheimer's and has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

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

**Jane** (Richard Ciofoni's former work associate) is terminally ill and preparing to meet the Lord.

**Nancy Kindervater**—(Jeff Parrish's brother's mother-in-law) has a brain tumor and was told she only has a month to live.

**Omer Lutfi Kocerhis**—(father of Mike Nicholas' close friend) cancer that is spreading.

**Curt Kruschwitz's grandfather**—in Hospice Care.

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

**Rebecca Michels' Mom**

**Roger**—Linda Moore's uncle.

**Darlene Morris** (Hazel Melton's sister) is in ICU at Memorial Regional Hospital

**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.

**Rhonda Powell**—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer

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

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

**Tami Ricketts' Mom** had a fall

**Sue Snead** (friend of Ann Bowles)

**Brian Sweeney** (Kevin Dunne's nephew)—has completed all but a few tests prior to being put back on the list for another kidney transplant.

**Juliana Timmerman**—(Kevin Dunne's GREAT granddaughter) born premature

**Dolly Vopelak**—(Ken Stalls' mother in NC)

**Nell West**—(Aunt of Audrey Nuckols and Lois Lane) recovering from surgery

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

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