

JANUARY 2021

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

As we begin a new year, I find it's helpful to get some perspective by reflecting on the past. Did you know that this year marks Goochland Baptist's 250th anniversary? Let that sink in for a moment. The year 2020 was a difficult year for many of us, but this isn't the first pandemic Goochland Baptist has endured. We made it through the 1918 Flu Pandemic. In fact, our church family was weathered all sorts of storms: two world wars, a civil war, and even the Revolutionary War! To me, that's a reminder of God's grace. And we will trust in that same grace to lead us to a bright future.

We have a lot to celebrate this year! Two hundred and fifty years makes us one of the oldest churches in the state – and the nation, for that matter. But more than that, we celebrate what God is doing in our church family. I'm grateful for Angela Bassett's leadership in coordinating our outdoor Christmas program, *A Story of Angels*. I'm also grateful for the 26 church members who took part in the event. Over 100 people signed up to see our church family reenact scenes around Jesus' birth. Over half of them were folks from our community. This was a small way that GBC pivoted from our regular plans to share the hope of Jesus in the midst of a pandemic.

We also celebrate the way our church family came together last month to donate suitcases, handmade tables, protein-rich nonperishable food items, bedspreads, and baby items to the most vulnerable in our community and across Richmond. The generosity our church

family shows amazes me – how we always come together to respond to needs in an effort to show God's love. The folks at Goochland Cares and Caritas were really grateful. If you want to see how our donations are being used, make plans to join us for GBC's volunteer day at Goochland Cares. On Saturday, January 9, we'll meet up at Goochland Cares on River Road in Goochland to volunteer in their distribution center that day. For more information, contact Shannon Wilson at [shannonwilson3@mac.com](mailto:shannonwilson3@mac.com).

As we begin the new year, I'll be preaching a new sermon series entitled "All Bottled Up: How Our Emotions Point Us to Jesus." All of us have been on emotional roller coasters, it seems. Many of us try to minimize our emotions, but the truth is, God purposefully made us as emotional beings. When we're able to name and recognize our emotions for what they are, they can transform our relationship with Jesus Christ. I hope you'll join us in January as we learn what scripture says about our God-given emotions.

There is still some uncertainty about the future and how long this pandemic will take hold of us. Know this, though: Goochland Baptist has weathered many storms. By God's grace, we're weathering this one, too. God has good plans for us as we turn 250. Throughout 2021, we'll spend time celebrating how God has used this church for so many years – and we'll spend time looking to the future, considering how God may want to use us in the days ahead. I can't wait.



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



### WEEKLY EMAILS:

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Pastor

*Kelly Anderson*  
Minister to Students

## Deacon Minutes

Angela Bassett

Social Distancing, wearing masks, staying home, no sports, canceled vacations, work from home, Zoom, virtual school...sound familiar? Not only did 2020 bring all of these new concepts to our every day living, it introduced us to a new way of life all together! Although it may have been a painful year on many health and social aspects, it caused me to reflect and compare Pre-Covid-19 life to life in 2020. Here are a few of my reflections:

- **I am not a fan of social distancing** - I'm a people person! I don't think that I needed quite what 2020 threw our way to figure this out about myself! It made me realize exactly how much I need friends, family, co-workers and church family around me. I will appreciate time with family and friends so much more in the future, it is a blessing and a gift.
- **It's the little things.** We have come to appreciate the little things in life so much more because life as we knew it with the world wide open for everything, any time, and any where is no longer. Just the act of going to the grocery store or picking up food from our favorite restaurant is more appreciated now. Parking Lot Church at GBC was so appreciated because at least we could get out and see our church family.
- **Slowing down.** For me, I believe that Covid-19 and all that came with it was God's way of saying to our family - "slow your roll Bassetts!". All of a sudden there was no homework, no practices, no games, nothing to rush to every night of the week. There was more time for precious family meals around the kitchen table, bike rides, watching Jeopardy together (I always lose) and just being around my family without the pressure of preparing for the next event.
- **Nature is healing.** I enjoyed my walks outside more and more, almost like daily therapy. God's beautiful gift of nature is stunning and it was awesome to watch the seasons change, demonstrating God's power, His beautiful creation that is so good for the soul. It surrounds us every day, but somehow we manage to take it for granted.

I hope 2020 has enabled you to reflect, pause and listen to God in the balance of what is happening around us each day. In Isaiah 40:31 it says; *"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* Friends, stay encouraged, stay engaged in our faith and remain hopeful in the Lord. We will emerge from 2020 better than before with renewed strength and appreciation because of God's promises.

## GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

As we head into a new year, I am excited to see the ways that God will use the student ministry. 2020 was for sure a challenging year filled with uncertainty and trying new ways to gather. I'm grateful for the ways that we were still able to remain connected throughout this year and we were able to find the ways that our stories were intersecting with the overall story of God. I'm hopeful that 2021 will bring about new blessings in the lives of our students and their families as we follow Jesus 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

Start back on January 6 in the Multipurpose Room. Please bring your own Bible and masks must be worn at all times while inside the church building.

### Parents Zoom Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm

We will be having a parents meeting on Zoom to go over the next few months heading into Winter and Spring and discuss our summer mission trip opportunity. Look for the Zoom link and an agenda in your email inbox soon.

### We are on Instagram!

**Follow us @GBCVASTUDENTS to keep up to date on what's happening in the life of our student ministry.**

**[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\*\**

# THANK YOU

Dear GBC Family:

*On behalf of the Stanley family, I would like to express deepest gratitude for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and gifts you have sent to Adelaide and Bob Stanley, both through the years and in the week since his passing. He loved this church, and though he couldn't attend towards the end, he regularly asked about and prayed for the congregation. Thank you for your kindness and the love you've shown to all of us.*

—God Bless, The Stanleys

GBC Friends:

*Effective December 31, 2020 I will no longer serve as Communications and Administrative Coordinator at Goochland Baptist Church. Instead I will take on a smaller role at GBC, continuing to create artwork for the church from home.*

*I would like to thank each and every one of you for making me feel so welcome at your church. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve GBC in this role over the last two and a half years. I have greatly enjoyed the time I got to spend here and the relationships I have formed with the members of your church.*

*I wish GBC continued growth and success serving the community and building God's Kingdom, and I look forward to seeing you all in the future.*

— Jennifer Russell

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

January 1	Dave Mitchell
January 7	Dwight Grissom
January 8	Nick Born
January 11	Glenn Melton
January 15	Julia White
January 16	Diane Anderson Janet Faudree T. Glenn Nuckols
January 22	Phillip Egolf
January 24	Dee Parrish
January 26	Jean Fields
January 27	Jeanette Irvin
January 31	Willy Hall

## From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

*Our thanks to Jennifer Russell for sharing the last 34 months with us, serving as our Communication and Administrative Coordinator! She was a great member of our Administrative Team. Jennifer used her many gifts to serve our church well and she will be greatly missed. We wish Jennifer our best as she continues to homeschool her daughter and we are grateful for her willingness to occasionally help us out with special projects when needed.*

**ON THE WAY:**  
WEDNESDAYS @ GBC

*Online*

Join us online **Wednesdays at 7 pm** for a real-time gathering for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

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



## New ONLINE Worship Opportunity

**Starting January 3**, we'll be posting a live stream of our worship service at 10:30 am on Youtube. Visit **Youtube.com** and search "**Goochland Baptist Church**". Subscribe to our channel for live streaming notifications.

Tune in on your smartphone, computer, or other smart device to watch a live recording of each Sunday's worship.

We will also post a link on our website and in your weekly emails.



Breeze is a web-based church management system, which will hold an up-to-date online directory of GBC members and attendees. It is also used for volunteer scheduling, children check-in and online giving.

**Activation Email:**

You should have received an email with the subject line, "Create Your Goochland Baptist Church Account".



From that email, click

You will be asked to create a user name and password.

If you did NOT receive an email, please email the church office at [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).

**Update Profile:**

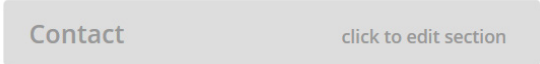


Once you are logged in, click on located top right.

This will take you to your profile page.

**Step 1:** Be sure your contact information is correct - address, phone numbers, and email address.

If not, please update this info by clicking here:



**Step 2:** Be sure your family information is correct.

If not, please email corrections to [goochlandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goochlandchurch@gmail.com).

**Step 3:** Be sure your date of birth is correct including year.

If not, please update this info by clicking here:



**Step 3:** Add education and/or work information if you would like to make that information available by clicking here:



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# 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**

**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**—still in hospital but hopes to be released soon.

**Rebecca Michels**—Please pray that the cancer can be contained and eliminated. Please pray for CJ, Kendall, and Tanner as well.

**Linda Moore**

**Shirley Poore**—Sunrise of Richmond

**Adelaide Stanley**

**Mary Stanley**—Beth Shalom

**Wanda Waldrop**

**Bob White**—health concerns

**Julia White**

### Family & Friends of GBC Members

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

**John Bartlett**—Linda Moore's brother.

**Roger Bourgeois**—(Linda Moore's uncle) exposed to Covid. Has other health issues and a disabled daughter he cares for.

**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

**Kelly Harris** (Jim & Brenda Allen's daughter)—Health concerns

**Vandra Harris** (friend of Richard Ciofani & Sandy Fisher)—hospitalized with COVID

**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

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

**Rebecca Michels' Mom**

**Jan Moritz** (friend of Richard Ciofani & Sandy Fisher)—cancer diagnosis

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

**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' mother** has breast cancer at 91.

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

**Brian Sweeney** (Kevin Dunne's nephew)—has completed all the pre-approvals to receive a kidney transplant. He is on the national registry.

**Juliana Timmerman**—(Kevin Dunne's GREAT granddaughter) She had laser surgery on both eyes on Dec 24. to correct retinopathy caused by premature birth. The doctor called the procedure a complete success.

**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

### Our Sympathy To:

**Pastor Curt & family**—Pastor Curt's grandfather, Jim Pinkley, went to be with the Lord on December 24.

**The family of Jack Pruitt**—who went to be with the Lord.

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