

JUNE 2020

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

Ten weeks ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit Central Virginia, most of us envisioned a cheerful day when the pandemic would be past us and we could return to church as normal. The latest guidance from our state and the CDC, though, have confirmed that things will not look "as normal" when we return.

The good news, though, is that our Regathering Team has developed a plan to allow those who feel comfortable regathering to do so very soon. Many of you took our online regathering survey or filled out a paper copy of that same survey. I hope you'll look at the results of that survey on the next page.

You'll notice that our church family has a variety of comfort levels when it comes to regathering. As a result, our priority has been to do as much as we can to ensure safety as our church family gathers in-person again.

In order to ensure safety, our initial in-person gatherings will be outside. We have a beautiful pavilion behind the kitchen that can be utilized for Sunday School and small group gatherings. (Some classes have indicated they're ready to regather - and they'll begin next week. Sunday School teachers may contact the church office to reserve the pavilion for a class gathering.)

In addition, our Regathering Team is finalizing plans for outdoor worship. Church members will be invited

to bring their own lawn chair or blanket to sit on - or if they'd rather, sit in their car with the windows rolled down. Our hope is that our outdoor Sunday morning worship experiences will begin in the middle of June. We will send out more details as soon as the date is finalized.

Whenever we regather, it will feel different. Our Regathering Team will always follow guidelines from the CDC as well as state and local officials. That means folks will be asked to remain 6 feet apart from those not in their nuclear families at all times. Everyone will be encouraged to wear a face mask while outside, and face masks will be required should you go into the building to use the restroom. (We'll have some extra if you need one!) There will be no congregational singing, as singing has been shown to escalate the spread of COVID-19. Nor will there be passing around plates, bulletins, or food.

We know that not everyone is comfortable gathering in these conditions. Please hear our plea: don't come if you're not comfortable! If being outside or wearing a mask doesn't sound appealing to you, please join us in our online worship opportunities. In addition, if you have a fever, a cough, or shortness of breath, please stay home! Because we anticipate a large number of our church family are not yet comfortable with in-person gatherings, we will continue offering

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online worship opportunities in the future.

Whether you choose to join us in-person or online, know that I'm grateful for you. Your response to our food drive last weekend was incredible. GoochlandCares is so appreciative of our church's contribution. I'm grateful for your financial giving – it's enabled us to continue ministry both in our community and across the state. And I've thoroughly enjoyed our online gatherings over the past two months – I've sensed God's Spirit working through them. Some people have talked about churches being "closed" over the past ten weeks. That's not the case for Goochland Baptist! Though our building has been closed, our church has been alive – worshiping, giving, loving, and blessing those in need.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and fervent in prayer," Paul writes in Romans 12:12. Whether you worship with us online or gather in-person with us this month, Paul's exhortation is a good reminder for us all: Jesus Christ offers us hope, gives us patience, and promises to meet us in prayer – regardless of the circumstance. I hope you'll take heart in that this month.

GBC Student Ministry

Kelly Anderson

This summer certainly looks different for student ministry. No one could have anticipated a summer with no mission trips and no spontaneous bowling or movie outings for fellowship. As we enter into a new month, I'm so grateful for the ways we have been able to stay connected through Zoom and Instagram. During times like this, remaining connected is so important.

This year, we have four students graduating from high school and I am so excited for the ways God will lead them into this next chapter of their lives (see our graduates on page 5). I am hopeful that we can gather together soon and have some sort of

celebration in person. In the meantime, I want to encourage you to keep these graduates in your prayers. Pray for encouragement as they finish out this year. Pray for wisdom as they finalize decisions for after graduation. Pray for their families as they watch their loved one's journey into this new season.

Even though this June certainly looks different from past Junes, this is a time to celebrate accomplishments and send some of our church family out into the world to use their talents, skills, and passions to bring the Kingdom of God into the here and now.

Regathering Survey Results

In early May we sent out a regathering survey to our congregation to get their feedback. We received 80 responses. Below are the responses we received to two of the questions we asked. For full survey results, visit www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-9H8ZXKNN7/.

As churches are allowed to resume meeting in person by local governments, which of the following best describes your attitude towards returning to church?

25.64%

I'll return at the first opportunity you give me.

29.49%

I'll return at the first opportunity, but with some concerns and precautions.

29.49%

It may be quite awhile before I return.

15.38%

Not sure.

What type of gathering would you be most comfortable attending?

29.49%

A gathering of 10 or less.

17.95%

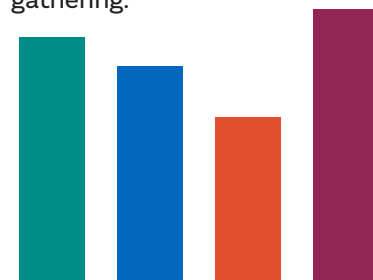
A gathering of 30 or less.

15.38%

A gathering of 50 or less.

37.18%

I'm comfortable with any gathering.



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays Nights Online

7:00 pm a real-time gathering for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

Sunday School Online

10:00 am for children & parents.

10:45 am for adults.

Login info is emailed out weekly. To be added to the email list email goochlandchurch@gmail.com or call 804-749-3522.

Deacon Minutes

Kristie Gee

Coronavirus, Pandemic, Covid-19, I think for most of us these are new words to our vocabulary. This ordeal has incited fear, uncertainty, depression and anxiety among many. It has caused the entire world to search for answers and hope and for many - Jesus.

Jesus never shied away from storms and we as his representatives should not either. This crisis gives us the opportunity to help, encourage and pray for those that need to find Christ. We may be the only person that can make a difference in a person's life.

For myself, working in a profession considered as "essential", I have continued to interact with a few people and the "virus" has opened the door to some wonderful conversations about what God's plan could possibly be during this unprecedented time.

One I enjoyed the most was with a gentlemen that we report to on our project. After professing that I knew where I was going when I left this world, he asked me what church I attended. For some reason, not only did I give him the name of our church, I proceeded to give my whole testimony about how God had impacted my life.

We had several commonalities in our backgrounds and Christian walks in regard to church and our marital pasts. He shared with me that he had not grown up in the church or had even accepted Christ when his wife decided to end their marriage. Devastated by this event but trying to carry on with life, one day, he had a thought that he would just like some crunchy peanut butter. Later that day when his ex-wife arrived to deliver the children to him, she came to the door and said they had some extra groceries and would he like them. He accepted and when he opened the bag, there was a large container of crunchy peanut butter. He was amazed that God knew his desire and reached out to him with something as simple as peanut butter. And, what a sense of humor God must have as He had the ex-wife's new boyfriend purchase it. This loving act led him to church and accepting Christ.

I know for many, myself included, unwanted, devastating or frightening events in life are often required before we will take the full step to follow Christ completely.

Many people are desperate right now and don't always know how to find Jesus. We need to be prepared when God brings that person into our path. 2 Timothy 1:7-8 states, *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.*

Christian organizations say that volumes of people are turning to Christ now during this pandemic and we need to be ready to help show the way. Jesus wants everyone to know Him. In Revelation 3:20 He says, *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

Jesus loves us and cares about our every need - even down to jar of crunchy peanut butter.

Mission Emphasis

SOUTH ANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Goochland Baptist Church is helping provide meals for seven families whose children attend South Anna Elementary School at this time. Your regular gifts to our church offering make this possible! Every two weeks, Shannon Wilson picks up basic supplies and food that will feed the family for the next couple of weeks.

One of the families told the South Anna Elementary administration that "Everything that we got today in our package is so amazing. We needed every bit of what was given to us! Please pass along our thank you's. Our child is so excited about all the veggies and mixed fruit cans. You're such a blessing to us, thank you so much for helping us."

Thank you for giving online or mailing checks as an offering towards Goochland Baptist Church's regular offering. Not only do these offerings help cover regular operating expenses of the church, but they also help us bless families in our community - like these at South Anna Elementary School.

COVID-19 MASKS

Medical facilities all over our country have reported shortages of medical supplies, and our local health clinics are no exception. As a result many facilities are now putting out a call for donations of homemade masks and gowns.

These homemade masks are simple to make. While not nearly as effective as the N-95 masks for preventing someone from catching COVID -19, they are effective at keeping a sick person from spreading COVID -19. Giving a sick patient a homemade mask helps clinics save the medical grade masks for the health care providers. For this reason, we building a collection of homemade masks to hand out to patients at local rural health clinics. Instructions and a how-to video can be found at www.goochlandchurch.org/outreach-opportunities. For more information, you may also contact the church office at 804-749-3522.

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

We wish a Happy Father's Day
to all of our fathers—
especially to Pastor Curt.

*"An Earthly Dad who is
led by the Heavenly Father,
is a priceless treasure."*



GOOCHLANDCARES FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to our Contactless Food Drive to support GoochlandCares Food Pantry on Saturday, March 30th. And thank you to our deacons for hosting this event and making it a huge success!



OUTDOOR GATHERINGS AT GBC

Starting in June

Sunday School

Some Sunday School classes are electing to meet in the pavilion behind the kitchen starting next week. Check with your Sunday School class teacher to see if your class has scheduled a time to gather!

Outdoor Sunday Morning Worship

We hope to begin outdoor worship in front of the sanctuary in mid-June. Once our regathering team has finalized the details, we will send them to the church through mail, email, and phone.

For both our outdoor Sunday School gatherings (check with your class teacher to see if your class has scheduled a time!) and our outdoor worship (beginning mid-June - we'll send you details), please be ready to do the following:

- Bring a lawn chair to sit on.
- Stay 6 feet from anyone outside your nuclear family.
- Refrain from touching anyone or passing objects (food, Bible, pens, etc.)
- Refrain from singing.

In addition, we are strongly encouraging our church family to wear face masks for our in-person gatherings out of respect for the neighbor.

If you have a fever, a cough, or shortness of breath, please stay home and worship with us online!



Sunday Sermons Online

Facebook and Youtube Sundays @ 9:00am.

You can also watch past sermons at

www.goochlandchurch.org/sermons

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

June 1	Peggy Marquis
June 2	Gwen Padgett
June 5	Lois Grissom
June 6	Kristy Murren
June 8	Wayne Ford
	Jordan Padgett
June 10	David Dabney
June 11	Jeff Parrish
June 12	Hannah Hobson
June 14	Misty Colgin
	Amy Robinson
June 16	Tami Ricketts
June 20	David Denton
June 23	Allen Colgin
June 25	Duncan Taylor
June 27	Owen Murren
June 30	Rick Murren



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020... HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



"My faith has grown through the mission trips at GBC!"

Faith Bordewyk

Patrick Henry High School

Faith will be attending High Point University in the Fall to study business and pursue the pre-dentistry field.



"From participating in mission trips and helping out with Brown Bag Ministry, GBC has helped me see how blessed I truly am. By also having a close church family it makes me excited to come to church every Sunday and Wednesday to see everyone!"

Hannah Molnar

Homeschooled

Hannah will be attending Longwood University in the fall and majoring in biology secondary education.



"Goochland Baptist Church has impacted my faith journey in such a big way. Throughout my years at Goochland I have committed myself to Christ and in big part due to the wonderful people I have met at church like Adam Phlegar and Doug and Sherry Brandmahl. I will forever hold a special place

in my heart for the memories in the youth basement playing ping pong and the mission trips I have taken through this wonderful Church."

Mallory Bordewyk

Patrick Henry High School

Mallory will be attending Clemson University in South Carolina, majoring in health sciences or graphic communications.



"Goochland Baptist Church has impacted my journey in my faith because I've been a part of the church community since I was born and everything I know about God and the Bible was taught to me by my church family."

Kelly Nuckols

Patrick Henry High School

Kelly will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall and majoring in graphic design.

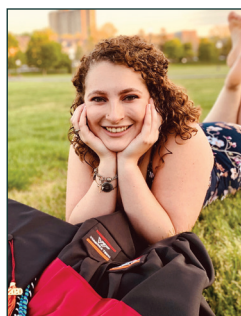
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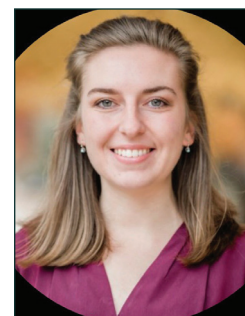
Georgie Alvis
Virginia Tech



Mark Nuckols
Virginia Commonwealth University



Haley Sale
Virginia Tech



Erin Wilson
Virginia Tech

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our medical professionals, first responders and others whose work requires contact with large numbers of people during this time of social distancing. Please continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19.

Allen Bowles—health issues

Ann Bowles—has a mass on her lung and is on oxygen.

Doug Brandmahl—health issues

Joyce Carlton—she has returned to her nursing home from the hospital and is no longer showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Jackie Eby—Brookdale

Janet Faudree—health concerns

Barbara Fillion

June Frick—brace has been removed, knee cap is healing.

Carolyn Heath

Waverly Heath—Lakewood Manor

Selma Herweyer

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

Connie Long

Daphne Longenecker—recovering at home after toe debridement.

Hazel Melton

Rebecca Michels—health concerns

Mike Nicholas—broken back and getting treatment

Sandra Nuckols—home

Bob & Adelaide Stanley—Bob is at home on Hospice.

Mary Stanley—Beth Shalom, no longer has COVID-19. Thank you for your prayers!

Wanda Waldrop

Bob White—health concerns

Julia White

Family & Friends of GBC Members

Lynne Andrako—Janet Koch's friend, beginning cancer treatment

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

John Bartlett—Linda Moore's brother.

Meg Brooks' (leads our exercise class)—mother is home from the hospital and is grateful for the prayers. She is working on regaining strength.

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

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

Janice Hanner—undergoing treatment, pancreatic cancer

Claudia Hicks, Ebu Brown's sister

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

Jimmy Kavalieratos—Lisa Smallwood's father. In the hospital after a heart heart attack.

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

Nelson Lipscomb—Hazel Melton's cousin, health issues

Jane Melton—pancreatic cancer (Member of Joy Club)

Rebecca Michels' Mom

Rebecca Michels' Nephew, **Berkeley Kellum**, LCH cancer

Roger—Linda Moore's uncle.

Joyce Morgan (cousin of Phyllis Toney)

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. She will begin chemo 1/13/20. Her husband just passed recently.

Rhonda Powell—friend of Daphne Longenecker, has esophageal cancer

Frank Proctor—Diane Proctor's cousin-in-law, is in critical condition in ICU due to COVID-19. Please pray for his healing.

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

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

Janet Siceloff—(Amy Robinson's grandmother's caregiver) cardiac catheterization

Sue Snead (friend of Ann Bowles)

Violet Spence—Linda Gibbs' sister

Brian Sweeney (Kevin Dunne's nephew)—kidney failure

Barbara Tester—received a good report from her surgery follow up visit.

Shannon Tyler—Bailey Anderson's mom

Andrea and Joe Willis—family member of Jim Fields neighbors have tested positive for COVID-19.

Sharon Wood—Hazel Melton's sister, health issues

Tom Zaninno (friend of Daphne Longenecker)—fell and injured neck

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