

January 2018



Carrying the Most Important Message to the World

Curt's Corner

Christmas has come and gone, but there's still plenty to celebrate. Traditionally, the Christian church has celebrated and feasted for 12 days *after* Christmas -- up until Epiphany on January 6. That's a far cry from our culture, which seems to celebrate Christmas nonstop during December, and then shifts its focus to New Years on December 26. I hope you'll take time to continue celebrating Christ's birth this month.

There are several items worth celebrating as a church. This year, we sent over 600 boxes to children around the world. This week, we got an email from a family in Quito, Ecuador, thanking us for the boxes their children got. You'll see some of their pictures on page 5. That's a great reminder of how your donations to Operation Christmas Child throughout the year will touch families in ways we'll never know. Thanks to Gale Chaisson, Kristie Gee, Linda Moore, and to many of you for your commitment to making this happen!

I'm also grateful to Jaclyn Peck for her leadership in the Christmas production, *O Night Divine*, at the Rockville Center last month. It involved dozens of families in the community -- some from our church, and many from outside our church -- and was a great blessing to our community.

I'm grateful to Adam Phlegar for his leadership in *Joy to the Word: A Christmas Celebration* and in our Christmas Eve Service. Those two services were catalysts of renewal for our souls this Christmas. We are blessed to have Adam's leadership, though I may start screening his Christmas Eve children's sermons.

As we look to the new year, let me highlight two things: First, we'll begin a new sermon series, *The Way: Radical Teachings of Jesus*, on December 31. For the next eight weeks, we'll be studying some of the most profound teachings of Jesus -- teachings that will transform the way we live if we take them to heart. I hope you'll join us.

Secondly, our Children's Bible Blitz is back. Our children had a great time at the Fall Bible Blitz, so we're going to offer a Winter Bible Blitz as well on February 4, 11, 18 at 5:30 pm. Each night will include a snack supper, games, music, dancing, and crafts -- all centered around a Bible study. More information and sign up will be available online.

There's a lot to celebrate -- both in our church and in our lives. I hope you'll take time to thank God for the ways He's working this month.

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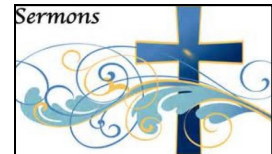
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Miss a sermon?

Sermons are online at
www.goochlandchurch.org



Prayer Request

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

If you are receiving the prayer requests and would like to be removed from the list, email Anne. with this request.



MULTI-PURPOSE CHAIR SCHEDULE

We need volunteers to set up chairs for the 8:45am service for the month of January and March. If you feel God leading you to help, please let the church office know what month you would like to help.

January - Webb Family
February -
March -

Children's Ministry**Winter Bible Blitz:**

This is a free, fun-filled evening for children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Beginning February 11th 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.

Snack Supper will be provided for the children. Register at:
<https://www.goochlandchurch.org/children>

"O' Night Divine"**Christmas Pageant**

What a wonderful afternoon of worship for the entire Rockville Community to be a part of. A huge "thank you" goes out to Jaclyn Peck as she was the mastermind behind this worship experience. Thank you to the Children's Choir, the Celebration Ringers, and Sanctuary Choir for participating in such a powerful worshipful experience.

Music Ministry**Joy to the World!****A Christmas Celebration**

A special "thank you" goes out to all those that made the Joy to the World, Christmas Celebration Service such a wonderful and special evening. The Sanctuary Choir, the Celebration Ringers, the Praise Team, Children's Choir, and the readers did a phenomenal job creating a powerful and worshipful experience. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the time and energy put into this service. I am thankful for the folks at GBC and your commitment and love.

Youth Ministry**Youth in the New Year**

There will be some changes to the Youth Group Schedule for the 2018 calendar year.

1st Sunday of each Month -

Fellowship Night: games, snack supper, activities, and more

2nd Sunday of each Month -

Life Skill Night: We will be learning a variety of life skills throughout the course of the year that everybody should know how to do.

3rd Sunday of each Month -

Service Project Sunday: We will go out into the community and volunteer with a variety of different organizations.

4th Sunday of each Month -

Hot Topics Conversation: We will dive into the hot topics and wrestle with the Christian response to these hot topics.

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.

Recently my daughter Kelly needed to have an MRI done. Due to faulty equipment and a cumbersome bureaucracy she was on her third attempt at getting it done. In addition, the idea of lying perfectly still for up to an hour in an enclosed space was not exactly at the top of her list of things to do. On this third attempt, she asked me to go with her. Rather than wait in the waiting area, I filled out the same forms she did and went with her into the MRI room. They gave her a pair of glasses that allowed her to look out over her feet. I sat on a stool at her feet. She made it through without a problem.

I sat there, perfectly still for about an hour. When she opened her eyes and looked into the mirror, I was there. Each and every time. In essence I did absolutely nothing. I did not even move. Yet, according to her, my presence helped get her through it.

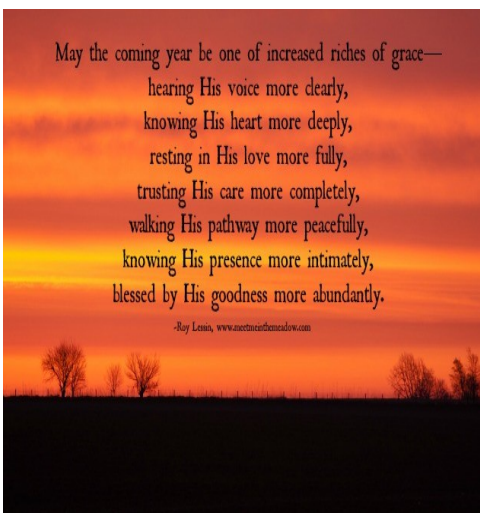
Each of you have a deacon that wants to be there for you. We may not be able to cure what ails you or magically make your problems go away. We certainly don't have all the answers. But we do want to be there for you. Even if just to sit with you for a bit.

We all need someone from time to time to just be there for us. We have a wonderful pastoral team, but they can't do everything. Please consider your deacon (or any of the deacons) as your first line of communication to a Church family that wants to be there for you.

From SMAT....

As we start the year 2018, let us be open to new ministry opportunities and opportunities of personal growth.

We are so grateful for the dedication and leadership of our Pastors!





2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



A Story To Tell To The Nations

In December we observe a season of prayer and giving for those who serve telling the story of Jesus to All Nations. Prayer and giving go hand in hand to carry out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 - *"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age."* We are compelled to follow this commandment and invest in a ministry that has eternal impact. Our missionary speaker shared the cost many endure if they become believers. He also provided statistics about the multitudes who have never heard the name Jesus because there is no witness in so many nations. During this season of giving and praying we support the IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the CBF Global Mission Offering. Designated envelopes for both these offerings may be found in your financial packet or in the foyer. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us give generously and pray without ceasing that all the nations of the world may come to know Jesus and His saving grace. Our goals for these offering are:

IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal - \$5,500

Received as of 12/24 - \$7,085

CBF Global Missions Goal - \$1,000

Received as of 12/24 - \$1,155

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

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

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

Not been to JOY Club?
Come!!

January's Meeting

January 24th

Lunch: Homemade Soup and Desserts
by Volunteers.

Salad provided by the JOY Club

Program: "Getting Your Ducks in a Row"

Speaker: Andrew Morehead with
Bennett Funeral Home

Any questions please call
John Webb at 334-9270.

Christmas Pictures

Build a Manger



Children's Choir



More Christmas Pictures



A family in Quito, Ecuador, who received an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox from GBC



Prior to Christmas, a group from church enjoyed a visit with Bill Barr, 93, at the Legacy in Staunton, VA.



First snow of the year - December 10th

Property Updates

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Since the Property Maintenance fund was established in November, 2015 the church has been able to accomplish a number of needed projects that the yearly operating budget cannot support. These projects include the replacement of the 10-ton heat pump that serves the west wing classrooms (\$14,700), repairs to the church van (\$3,400), and painting of 29 exterior doors and railings (\$3,400).

Recently, the church authorized the structural stabilization of the sanctuary east foundation wall (\$8,682.50) and the insulating of the sanctuary crawl space area at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. These two projects will also be funded from Property Maintenance which currently has a balance in excess of \$18,000.

Additionally, during the November 15, 2017, business meeting the church voted to allocate \$20,000.00 for the repair or replacement of the sanctuary carpet. Recent received budget information from a carpet contractor suggests that the existing carpet could be replaced for approximately \$16,000.00. This is a turn-key estimate with the carpet matching the quality of the previously installed carpet with a higher grade carpet pad being used.

The Building and Property Committee has also identified a number of major maintenance needs along with those expressed by church members. These worthwhile projects would traditionally depend on Property Maintenance to fund this work. The church has faithfully given to this fund in the past and we hope you can sustain your giving as we address the various maintenance needs of our facilities.

Motions Passed at the Called Business Session on 12/10

The Building and Property Committee moved that the church accept the cost proposal dated December 6, 2017 by JES to stabilize the floor joists of the sanctuary on the east side. Work to include installation of 5 concrete footings, 5 adjustable steel screw columns and a 33 LF beam with steel angles at each floor joist for a cost of \$8,682.50. Funds for the project will come from Property Maintenance funds. Building and Property Committee moved that the committee obtain at least 3 cost proposals to install 6 mil poly on the ground and 6" R-19 insulation throughout the sanctuary crawl space area (approximately 2,228 sq. ft.). If the lowest bid exceeds \$4,000.00, the committee will seek further approval from the church before proceeding with the work. Funds for the project would come from Property Maintenance fund.



**UPCOMING EVENTS
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 - 5:45pm
Praise Team Practice - 6:30pm
Youth Group - 6:30pm
Bible Studies - 6:30pm

Thursdays

Exercise Class - 7:00pm

**In addition to our Regularly Scheduled Services
and Activities**

January 7 - The Lord's Supper

January 8 - Church Council @ 7:15pm

January 9 - Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm

January 10 - Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:45pm

January 10 - Building and Property Meeting

January 15 - Deacon's Meeting @ 7:15pm

January 17 - Music Ministry Meeting @ 5:45pm

January 18 - Messenger Deadline

November

Sunday School

Attendance

Preschool	5
Children	8
Youth	8
Adults	65
Average	86

November Financial Report

General Fund	\$14,201.00
Weekly Average	\$3,550.00
Budget Requires	\$5,557.64

Property Maintenance	\$1,075.00
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January Schedule

GREETERS

07 8:45 Russ Starke	11:00 Jim Allen
14 8:45 Gwen Padgett	11:00 Gayle Stanley
21 8:45 Betsy Alvis	11:00 David Angel
28 8:45 Chad Bordewyk	11:00 Shannon Wilson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

07 8:45 Wayne Melton	11:00 John Webb
14 8:45 David Angel	11:00 Jim Fields
21 8:45 James Melton	11:00 Jim Allen
28 8:45 Youth	11:00 Anne Henley

Contemporary 8:45am Service Ushers

07 Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor,
David Denton
14 Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl,
Allen Bowles, David Denton
21 Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols,
Cliff Hyman, Dwight Grissom
28 Youth

Traditional 11:00am Service Ushers

07 Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
14 Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
21 Forest Webb & Kevin Richardson
28 Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY SCHEDULE

07 8:45 - Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks, Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 - Hope Webb, Frankie Melton
14 8:45 - Infant - Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Kari Phlegar, Susan Angel
21 8:45 - Infant - Rachel Keller, Cecilia Bowles, Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 - Phyllis Henley, Mila Spaulding
28 8:45 - Infant - Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding, Barbara Chisholm,
Carolyn Heath
Sunday School - Betsy/Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 - Kitt & Robert Townsend, Erin Henley

**Traditional 11:00am
Responsive Reading**

07 John Webb
14 Jim Fields
21 Lee Proffitt
28 Teri Frank