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## Carrying the Most Important Message to the World.

### Curt's Corner

One of the most poignant images in the Bible is of a potter and the clay. In both the Old and New Testaments, God is likened to a potter, and we are likened to clay that God shapes. To me, this is one of the most beautiful and hopeful images in the Bible -- that God can take our misshapen lives and mold them into something useful, something productive, and something beautiful.

The truth is -- all of us are misshapen. We're shaped by countless other people, events, and ideas -- some of which directly rival God. Oftentimes, we're not aware of these influences. We're being pushed and pulled in 100 directions, and we're not even aware of it.

The beauty of it, though, is that God can take the influences in our lives and use them to shape us for God's purposes. For the next four weeks, I'll be continuing our sermon series called Shaped. Each week, we'll be looking at a different influence in our lives -- and how God can take whatever else has shaped us and use it in a life-giving way. We've already looked at how family and friends shape us. In the weeks ahead, we'll examine how God can use

our work, our dreams, our habits, and our wounds to shape us more into his image. I hope you'll join us.

I also hope you'll join us for Vacation Bible School from July 17-22 from 9:00-12:00 each morning. VBS was a favorite part of my childhood, and I'm glad that Goochland Baptist takes it so seriously. Please help us spread the words among families in our community. We still need volunteers, too, so please contact us if you can help. I hope to see you there. (I've been asked to dress up as a superhero each morning, so you'll want to see that!)

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"Remember,  
our Message is not  
about ourselves;  
we're proclaiming  
Jesus Christ,  
the master"

The Apostle Paul  
II Corinthians 4:5-6



Office will be closed

Adam

**Sunday School:** The High School Youth Sunday School class will be taught by David Angel they have begun a new series exploring contemporary challenges and the Christian response. Doug and Sherry Brandmahl will be co-teaching the Middle School Youth Sunday School class. They will be studying people throughout the Old Testament.

**Summer Mission Trip:** The youth went to Gatlinburg, TN during the week of June 25th-30th. We worked with a variety of different organizations to better the community for Christ. We helped in a food pantry, organized an office space, did fire relief work, and more. If you are interested in hearing about the adventure, please join us for dinner and “recap” on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the Multipurpose Room. The youth will be serving dinner. This is a free meal and I hope you will be joining us to hear how the youth made a significant impact to the people of Gatlinburg, TN.



**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendar for July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is “Hero Central” where we will take kids on an awesome adventure alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes.



We will help them discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. We will have epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! Stay tuned for more details!

**Wednesday Night Youth Group:** The youth group will be venturing out during the summer months to houses of congregation members. The July schedule is:

**July 5<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Mission Trip Recap (dinner included)

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Alvis house from 5:30-8:30pm – dinner is provided, bring a swimsuit

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>:** Vacation Bible School – 9am -12pm daily. Middle School will participate in VBS, High schoolers will be volunteer leaders.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Brandmahl’s house from 5:30-8:30pm – dinner is provided, bring a swimsuit

**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Bassett’s house from 5:30-8:30pm – dinner is provided, bring clothes you are okay with getting dirty

**Nursery Volunteers:** We are in need of five adult volunteers to fill some vacancies in our Sunday morning nursery. We have an exciting bunch of infants and toddlers that would love to spend Sunday mornings with you! If you are interested in volunteering one Sunday a month, please let Adam know!



**The Church on the Web:** Check out the updated Church Website at [www.goochlandchurch.org](http://www.goochlandchurch.org). You can also check us out on Facebook at Goochland Baptist Church. We will provide updates, event information, and much more.

#### Upcoming Worship Schedule:

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Combined Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary; Sunday School at 9am

**July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Regularly Scheduled Sunday Morning Services

**July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Regularly Scheduled Sunday Morning Services – VBS Kickoff

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Regularly Scheduled Sunday Morning Services – VBS Recap

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Regularly Scheduled Sunday Morning Services

Pictures from youth mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN







## Missions Alive

Thank you to all who came out to support the .

### Operation Christmas Child

### Sweet Frogs

### Fundraiser. A

total of \$136.23 in sales were generated which will provide a rebate to GBC of \$27.25. Funds will be added to the GBC Shoebox Fund.



## Dover Baptist Association Grants for Local Church Ministries

Completed applications for qualifying Church Ministry Grants must arrive at the Dover office by July 31. One or more ministries that connect to or serve the people of our community are eligible for the Leslie & Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Association Missions Grant. For further information, go to: <http://doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/church-challenge-grant-program>

or contact Kristie Gee at 804-337-1896 or [kgee@donleyinc.com](mailto:kgee@donleyinc.com)

## Deacon Article Ralph Claytor

### MAKING THINGS RIGHT

A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps (proverbs 16:9)

Maybe you read the story about a local resident faced with difficult conditions when he was 20 who ran from a restaurant without paying 37 years ago. He recently sent a check to the one remaining store in the chain for the price of dinner. When contacted he said that he was a Christian and has had this on his conscience. The sense of guilt for what he did never left him and he hoped the money would be used to help someone else.

The story is familiar although usually not so tragic or dramatic. We do something when we are children or young adults without getting caught and we remember from time to time with still a bit of a guilty feeling. I still remember that little thing in fifth grade that I knew was wrong. But I also know my mistakes continued over the years, one after another. I know the bible tell us that: We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. (James 3:2).

But how do we make things right. We ask God for forgiveness, but sometimes that isn't enough. Sometimes relationships are damaged. Sometimes barriers remain that make doing the right thing difficult and it is necessary to rebuild relationships. We find more in Matthew 5:23-24: So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

The good news is that we are not alone when we need to make things right. God is always with us and we pray for his guidance. We are also fortunate to have a caring church family with Pastor Curt and Pastor to counsel us when needed.

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans (Proverbs 16:3)



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017

For the month of July, we are collecting:

**217 Brush and Comb sets**



Please place your monthly collection items in the bin in the hallway of the Family Life Center.

## Dover WMU Spiritual

**Enrichment Retreat August 10, 2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

New Highland Baptist Church

9200 New Ashcake Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Dinner (Adults \$7.00 & Children \$4.00) Make dinner reservations with DWMU Treasurer, Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147 by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7 PM – Program Speakers: Zachary Green (Cru at Virginia Tech) and the Hope Team WMUV Human Trafficking. Nursery will be provided



will be held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>! More details to follow.

## SMAT



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who are working to make this VBS a special time for each child in attendance!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to wish Pastor Adam a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY on the 19<sup>th</sup>!



### MINISTRY THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY

In Matthew 25, we read: v. 35 "for I was hungry and you gave me food;" v. 3 "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** - With school out and some needy children not getting lunch at school, there are increased needs for our Neighbors Food Pantry. When you shop for your family groceries this week, would you consider picking up an extra item for the Food Pantry which is housed at St. Matthews United Methodist Church? Just leave these in the box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center at any time when you are at the church. These are taken to St. Matthews on Thursday each week. Your continued support makes this ministry possible. Some suggested needs: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetable. Thanks.

Matthew 25 reminds us as we serve those in need, we serve our Lord. Your continued ministry is a witness to your caring and the community thanks God for each of you.

### JOY CLUB NEWS:

What?/ 55 and over??  
NOT BEEN TO JOY CLUB??  
Come!!

Fourth Wednesday - 10:30 A.M.  
We promise great programs, good food, and super fellowship time!

**July 26**

**Program:** Amy Ladd - Gospel Music



**Lunch: Cookout / In**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips  
furnished by JOY Club.

Bring dessert!!!!

**August 23**

**\*NO REGULAR MEETING AT CHURCH**

Eat out at Golden Corral

Lunch is at 11:30. Let Jean Fields know if you want to ride the church bus...it will leave church at 11:00

**\*everyone pays for their own food**

Any questions please call John Webb at 334-9270.



### MULTI-PURPOSE CHAIR SCHEDULE

July - Jim Allen and Mickey Meador

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2 ~ The Lord's Supper

July 4 ~ Fourth of July (Office closed)

July 5 ~ Building & Property Committee 6:30

July 11 ~ Olive Riddell Circle 2:00

July 16 ~ Decorate for VBS 9:00-12:00

July 17 - 21 VBS 9:00-12:00

July 17 ~ Deacons Meeting 7:15

July 19 ~ Adam's Birthday

July 20 ~ **Messenger Deadline**

July 26 ~ JOY Club 10:30

Music & Worship 5:45

### May Sunday School Attendance

Preschool	4
Children	9
Youth	19
Adults	69
Average	97

May 2016 77

### May Financial Report

General Fund	\$17,486.70
Weekly Average	<b>\$4,371.00</b>
Budget Requires	\$5,557.64

Property Maintenance     \$720.00

## July SCHEDULE

### GREETERS

<b>02 Combined Services</b>	<b>10:00</b> Ralph Claytor
<b>09 8:45</b> Russ Starke	<b>11:00</b> Cheryl Sale
<b>16 8:45</b> John Webb	<b>11:00</b> Jim Allen
<b>23 8:45</b> Kristie Gee	<b>11:00</b> Cheryl Sale
<b>30 8:45</b> Ralph Claytor	<b>11:00</b> Russ Starke

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

<b>02 Combined Services</b>	<b>10:00</b> Wayne Melton
<b>09 8:45</b> David Angel	<b>11:00</b> Gwen Padgett
<b>16 8:45</b> James Melton	<b>11:00</b> John Webb
<b>23 8:45</b> Youth	<b>11:00</b> Jim Fields
<b>30 8:45</b> Kevin Dunne	<b>11:00</b> Russ Starke

### Early Service Ushers

**02 Combined Services at 10:00**

**09** Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl,  
Allen Bowles

**16** Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols,  
Cliff Hyman, Dwight Grissom

**23** Youth

**30** Waldon Chisholm, Glenn Nuckols,  
Cliff Hyman

### Late Service Ushers

**02** Robert Nuckols, Al Henley,  
Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor

**09** Forrest Webb & Kevin Richardson

**16** Bob White &

**23** Misty Colgin & Jean Fields

**30** Frankie White & Hope Webb

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**02 10:00** - Winsor/Phil Egol, Frankie Melton,  
**Sunday School** - Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton

**09 8:45 - Infant** - Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, Meleah Mitchell  
**Sunday School** - Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar

**11:00** - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb, Susan Angel

**16 8:45 - Infant** - Rachel Keller, Cecilia Bowles, Erin Kruschwitz  
**Sunday School** - Courtney Marsh

**11:00** - Phyllis Henley, Courtney Marsh, Jaclyn Peck

**23 8:45 - Infant** - Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding, Barbara Chisholm  
**Sunday School** - Angela Hobson

**11:00** - Kitt & Robert Townsend,

**30 8:45** - Mila Spaulding, Cliff Hyman, Billie Massie  
**Sunday School** - Sara Hyman

**11:00** Sara Hyman, Jaclyn Peck, Kari Phlegar

### Theme Verse

**02** Kari Phlegar

**09** Gwen Padgett

**16** John Webb

**23** Jim Fields

**30** Russ Starke