

JUNE 2018

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

In our sermon series Finding Pentecost, we've been talking about recognizing the Holy Spirit's presence among us. That begins with slowing down and looking for evidence of the Spirit's work, because oftentimes in our busy culture, we only see the things for which we're looking. There's a lot to be said for taking time each day to slow down and center ourselves on the things of God.

Still, sometimes I meet people who are seemingly obsessed with discerning the voice of God. "How do I know if God's Spirit is speaking to me, or if I'm just making this up in my head?" There are some good litmus tests for that: Does what you're hearing align with the teachings of scripture? Does it align with what God is telling other trusted Christians? Does it align with church tradition? Does it make sense? If God is calling you to something, chances are it will be confirmed through others, through the church, and/or through the teachings of scripture.

But for me, trying to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit is part of a bigger picture. One of my favorite authors, Dallas Willard, suggests that we should focus less on trying to hear individual messages from God and focus more on developing an ongoing, personal relationship with God. Because when we have a strong relationship with someone, we're more likely to understand them anyway. Think

about your best friends – oftentimes, you know them so well that you know what they think before they even say anything.

If you want to be the kind of person who hears God's Holy Spirit leading you in your life, start by nurturing your love for God. Our highest calling is to love God with all of our hearts, souls, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Because, as Dallas Willard writes in his book *Hearing God*, "Only our communion with God provides the appropriate context for communications between us and him." (p. 42)

One way you can nurture your relationship with God is by serving God. And we've got plenty of ways you can serve at Goochland Baptist Church this summer! We still need volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School (July 16-19). If you're musical, we can use you in worship. If you handy, we'll use you to help keep up our building. If you've got a green thumb, we can use you in the garden. If you like kids, consider helping in the nursery. If you can teach, we're always looking for new teachers.

God's Spirit is at work all around us. My hope is that you'll find a way to prioritize going deeper in your relationship with God through service, through study, and through prayer. When we commit to deepening our relationship with God, we find ourselves best situated to hear and understand God's Holy Spirit.



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SERVE @ GBC:

If you call GBC home and would like to learn more about serving here, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/serve-gbc.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

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

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Rev. Adam Phlegar
Pastor to Families

Deacon Minutes

Gayle Stanley

There's a song I've been listening to recently titled "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury. As I've listened to the lyrics, I've struggled with the description of the "reckless love of God". When you think of God's love, would you ever consider it to be reckless? Instead wouldn't you think of His love as overwhelming, never-ending, steadfast, unending? I don't know about you, but I've never thought of God as reckless in anything He has done.

I looked up the word "reckless" and learned the definition is: without thinking or caring about the consequences of an action; rash, careless, impulsive. Do those sound like words that describe God?

In the song, the bridge says "There's no shadow you won't light up, mountain you won't climb up, coming after me. There's no wall you won't kick down, lie you won't tear down, coming after me."

By the standards of this world, climbing mountains and tearing down walls seems pretty reckless. And yet, as the song says, God is willing to be reckless for us. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that this idea isn't new. The life of Jesus is full of actions many of us might consider reckless, even by today's standards. Think about it:

- Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath.
- Jesus cast out gamblers from the temple.
- Jesus befriended lepers and prostitutes.
- Jesus met with the woman at the well.
- Jesus allowed himself to be killed, even knowing he'd done no wrong.

All of these choices were made out of a love beyond measure, with little regard for the consequences. If that's what it means to love recklessly, maybe we need a little more of that in our lives as well.

ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar



Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at this year's **Summer Celebration Cookout**. Family fun activities include games, a bounce house, and bonfire. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship with our GBC family and to show hospitality to our community. Be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Dinner will be a "potluck" style meal, where the church will provide the main course of hamburgers and hotdogs, and we invite you to join in the celebration by bringing one of your "signature" dishes. Sign up for a dish at www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar.



CHILDREN:

Mark your calendars for the week of **July 16th-20th** as we will be hosting our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **Rolling River Rampage** where we will invite children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of lifetime with God. Along the river, the children will discover that life with God is an adven-

ture full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. We will have energetic music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories to help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace. For more information or if you are interested in registering a child or signing up to volunteer, visit www.goochlandchurch.org/calendar.

YOUTH:

Summer Mission Trip Updates

The Youth will be going to **Houston, TX** for our **Summer Mission Trip** to help with Hurricane Relief efforts. The dates for the trip are **June 22nd-29th**. Please continue to lift up the people of metro-Houston in prayer as we anticipate what God will be doing through the youth and adults from GBC. Also, pray for the participants from GBC that they will experience God through these acts of service. This week will be full of exciting encounters and God will be doing wonderful things in the lives of these youth. Thank you for the opportunity to lead these youth on such an amazing adventure.

Youth Sunday Schedule

June 3rd - Fellowship Sunday: Bring a friend, partake in a snack supper, play some games, and enjoy the great fellowship of other youth.

June 10th - Hot Topic Conversation Sunday: We will dive into the hot topics and wrestle with the Christian response to these hot topics.

June 17th - NO Youth Group - Father's Day

June 24th - NO Youth Group - Summer Mission Trip

MAY WAS A GREAT MONTH TO CELEBRATE

In early May we held our **GBC Youth Missions Charity Golf Tournament** at The Hollows Golf Club, where we had **9 teams of golfers, 30 sponsors, and raised an amazing \$5,413.83**. Also, in early May, we wrapped up our **Spring Bible Blitz**, where we had **14 kids total** attend this three day event. Both were big successes. Thank you GBC family for praying, playing, sponsoring, donating, and volunteering your time to these events.



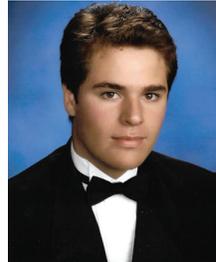
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

Join us **Sunday, June 10th @ 8:45am & 11:00am** as we recognized our graduates, as well as celebrate their accomplishments and future endeavors.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Hannah Hobson
Patrick Henry High School
She will attend Christopher Newport University in the fall as part of the Presidential Leadership Program.



Forrest Webb
Goochland High School
J. Sargeant Reynolds.
He will attend VCU in the fall and plans on Majoring in Business Management.

COLLEGE & GRAD SCHOOL GRADUATES



Callie Alvis Carter
Radford University
Doctorate of Physical Therapy



Evelyn Brett Alvis
Virginia Commonwealth University
Summa Cum Laude
She double Majored in Painting and Printwork and Art Education.



Christian Frank
Virginia Tech



Laura Sale
Virginia Commonwealth University
Bachelor of Science
She majored in Mechanical Engineering with Minors in Physics and Mathematics.



Claire Wilson
Christopher Newport University

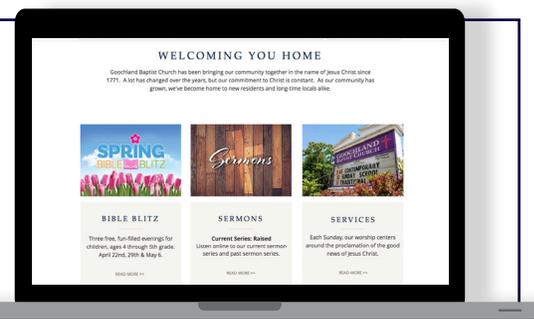


Clay Wilson
Virginia Tech

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Dover Association Mission Emphasis

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of the work of the 66 churches in Dover Association. Prayer guides, as well as special Dover Association offering envelopes are available at the entrance to the Multipurpose Room in the Family Life Center and in the foyer to the Sanctuary. If you have a financial packet, use the special yellow envelope designated to make a gift to support this ministry. Community ministries by our Dover Churches are among items supported by this May offering. GBC's Brown Bag Ministry which provides weekend food for some of our Goochland students has been the recipient of a grant from Dover Association on two occasions.

GBC goal - \$1,000

Received to date - \$840.00

Food Pantry - Summer Needs

Goochland Baptist ministers to the hungry in our community through the Neighbors Food Pantry which is housed at St. Matthews United Methodist Church. We join other churches in the community to provide staple goods for the pantry. Current needs are: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fruits and vegetables. When you shop for groceries, would you consider purchasing an extra item for the food pantry? Leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center. They are taken to St. Matthews each Thursday.

As the school year comes to an end (Goochland's last day will be Tuesday, June 5 and others in the area will end a few days later), students will not be receiving meals through the school lunch program and our Brown Bag ministry for weekends. We expect the number of families needing assistance from the food pantry to increase during this time. The Goochland Baptist Family has served the Lord faithfully through this ministry for several years, and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

JOY Club

June 27th @ 10:30am

Special Guest: 4 The Lord Southern Gospel

Lunch: Covered dishes and desserts.

Who? 55 and over **When?** 4th Wednesday of each month @ 10:30am **What?** We promise great programs, good food, and super fellowship time! Not been to JOY Club? **Come!!**
Any questions please call **John Webb at 334-9270.**

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team



To all of our fathers!

The essence of the FATHER'S role
Is to mirror God's own heart
And to value instruction in God's ways
With the grace that God imparts
Every father needs God's wisdom
To carry out his role
As the tower of strength and support,
For each fragile heart he holds
And there's no greater reward in life
For a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the Lord
With integrity and grace.
—unknown

BETTER THAN EVER FIFTY PLUS RETREAT

Date: October 22-24, 2018

Place: Eagle Eyrie Baptist
Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA

Cost: \$150

It's time to make your reservation for the **Senior Adult Retreat at Eagle Eyrie**. Total individual cost is **\$150**. A **\$50 deposit** by check is needed prior to **July 1st** to make your reservation. The **\$100 balance** must be paid by **September 15th**, also by check.

If you would like to pay in full with one check, please do so by paying **\$150 prior to July 1**. Must pay by check made out to **GBC Joy Club** and give to **Jackie Powell** or mail to **Jackie Powell, P.O. Box 182 Rockville, VA 23146**. Please call **Jackie Powell at 804-516-4821** with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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
 Adult Bible Study - 6:30pm

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- June 3** The Lord's Supper @ 8:45am & 11:00am
 Baptisms @ 11:00am
 Youth - Fellowship @ 5:30pm
- June 6** Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm
 Building & Property Committee @ 6:30pm
- June 10** Graduate Recognition @ 8:45am & 11:00am
 Youth - Hot Topics @ 5:30pm
- June 12** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- June 13** Summer Celebration Cookout @ 5:30pm
- June 17** NO Youth - Father's Day
- June 18** Deacon Meeting @ 7:15pm
- June 20** Music and Worship Meeting @ 5:45pm
- June 21** July Messenger Deadline
- June 22-29** Youth Summer Mission Trip
- June 24** NO Youth - Mission Trip
- June 27** JOY Club @ 10:30am

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 03** 8:45 Gayle Stanley
11:00 Jim Allen
- 10** 8:45 Shannon Wilson
11:00 Chad Bordewyk
- 17** 8:45 Russ Starke
11:00 Gwen Padgett
- 24** 8:45 Betsy Alvis
11:00 Jim Allen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 03** 8:45 Wayne Melton
11:00 John Webb
- 10** 8:45 David Angel
11:00 Jim Fields
- 17** 8:45 James Melton
11:00 Jim Allen
- 24** 8:45 Youth
11:00 Anne Henley

RESPONSIVE READING

- 03** 8:45 Erin Kruschwitz
11:00 John Webb
- 10** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
11:00 Jim Fields
- 17** 8:45 Kristie Gee
11:00 Joyce Fallin
- 24** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
11:00 Teri Frank

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Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 03** Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor, David Denton
- 10** Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl, Allen Bowles, David Denton
- 17** Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Dwight Grissom
- 24** Youth

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Traditional 11:00am Service

- 03** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 10** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 17** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 24** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY

- 03** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks & Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 10** 8:45 Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, & Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb & Susan Angel
- 17** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles & Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 24** 8:45 Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding & Barbara Chisholm
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley

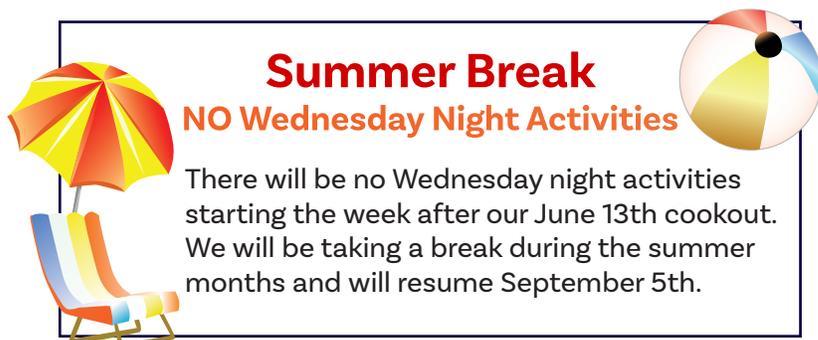
If you are not currently serving somewhere at GBC on Sunday mornings and would like to learn more about opportunities to serve, please email Goochlandchurch@gmail.com.

April 2018

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	6
Children	6
Youth	6
Adults	73
Monthly Average	91

April Financial Report
General Fund: \$27,196.00
Property Maintenance: \$1,010.00



Summer Break
NO Wednesday Night Activities

There will be no Wednesday night activities starting the week after our June 13th cookout. We will be taking a break during the summer months and will resume September 5th.

July Messenger
Deadline is June 21

Please bring articles and/or photos to the church office or email to Goochlandchurch@gmail.com.