

JULY 2018

# The Messenger

## CURT'S CORNER

*Dr. Curt Kruschwitz*

Before the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven, he told his disciples his plan for them. "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) In other words, Jesus was telling them, "You'll proclaim the good news of the kingdom everywhere: in your hometowns, in your neighboring communities, and in places on the other side of the world."

Earlier this year, our church council put together a Missions Task Force to think strategically about how Goochland Baptist participates in God's mission to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. Aside from our ongoing support of St. Matthews Food Pantry and the Brown Bag Lunches for Goochland Elementary School, we wanted to concentrate our efforts on critical mission opportunities around us. This verse came to the forefront of our conversations and has guided our plans for mission this year. You'll have opportunities to participate in mission here, in our neighboring communities, and around the world.

Starting this month, we'll focus on where we worship: our church. Vacation Bible School is one of our greatest outreaches to our neighborhood each year, and we've already got a good group of children signed up for VBS (July 16-20). But to make it work, we need your help! We still need volunteers to do everything from teaching, to helping in the kitchen, to leading stations. In

addition, we have a list of supplies needed to help turn our church into Rolling River Rampage Adventure camp for children. You can find a full list of supplies needed under "Mission Opportunities" on page 5 of this newsletter. Please take a look around your house to see if you have anything we can borrow! Your help will enhance our witness to local children and families, as we teach about a God who goes with us as we "pass through the waters" of life.

In July and August, we'll focus on serving our surrounding community. Gale Chaisson has talked with local schools and discovered that while the elementary schools receive backpacks and supplies from local churches, Goochland Middle School doesn't receive any of that. To help our middle-schoolers in our community, we'll focus our efforts after Bible School on collecting backpacks and school supplies for our neighbors at Goochland Middle School.

This fall, we'll turn our attention to the "uttermost ends of the earth" through Operation Christmas Child. We have a number of boxes to fill, and we'll invite church members to help fill these boxes and send them to children across the globe.

Our witness will be strengthened when we all pitch in where we can. I hope that you'll participate in Goochland Baptist's efforts to be witness "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost ends of the earth."



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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](http://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](mailto:annechenley@msn.com).

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Pastor

**Rev. Adam Phlegar**  
Pastor to Families

## Deacon Minutes

David Angel

### *The World I Grew Up In Is No More*

I am a child of the 50's. The world I grew up in is no more. On Saturday mornings, after a quick bowl of mortar thick Cream of Wheat, Mom turned us out into the world. We descended into the ravine to muck around in the creek, catching crawfish behind their claws and, if we were lucky, using them to terrorize neighborhood girls. Little boy genes sucked us into the most pugnacious of endeavors like "king of the mountain" and tackle football, free of the nuisance of prissy protective padding. As if by coincidence, our bellies would announce the lunch hour and we would blow into the house for a quick baloney sandwich and a fist full of butter cookies. And then, it was off to rejoin the battle. It would be pitch black and supper time before we trundled ourselves home, ravenous and spent. On Halloween night, pillow cases in hand, we would plunder the neighborhood, vying to see which of us could amass the most exorbitant pile of cheap candy. When we noticed porch lights snuffed out, we knew it was time to head home. I never recall any indication that our neighborhood was anything other than the bucolic wonderland that I have certainly romanticized. There was, it seemed, nothing to fear. Yes, the world I grew up in is no more. Today, it seems, we dare not allow a child to wait for the school bus without adult supervision. Prime time TV celebrates abhorrent values. School shootings seem to occur on a weekly basis. An unfiltered internet, offers endless portals into the darkest catacombs of the human heart.

Obviously, I am not an authority on parenting. But when I consider the vast disparity between the world I grew up in and the world of today, I am tempted to despair. How do you raise healthy and morally grounded children in such a world? I am grateful that my despair, these days, gives way to hope. In my years at Goochland Church, I have watched as so many of our families have sent out into this world some of the finest young adults I have encountered. In spite of the "darkness" that would so easily steal them away, these families have raised kids who demonstrate discipline, sound judgement, wisdom, and openness to the "still small voice" of God. There is no substitute for "fleshing out" in real life the spiritual values we proclaim and these parents have done just that. I commend them. As a church, we have invested much time, effort, and resources in seeking to support and complement their efforts. I commend you. It may or may not "take a village" to raise a child but I am grateful that we all can have, at least, a small part in this most holy enterprise.

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS @ GBC

July 16-July 20

## ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar

### 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 a lifetime with God. Along the river, the children will discover that life with God is an adventure 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.goochland-church.org/calendar](http://www.goochland-church.org/calendar).

### YOUTH:

The Youth spent the week of June **22nd-29th in Houston, TX** doing disaster relief work. They worked on a variety of different projects. Photos and more info about the trip

can be found in this newsletter and on our Facebook page @GoochlandBaptistChurch. Please continue to lift up the people of metro-Houston in prayer as they rebuild their lives, and pray that they experience God through these youth and adults from GBC. Also, continue to pray for the participants from GBC that they will experience God through these acts of service. Thank you for the opportunity to lead these youth on such an amazing adventure.

### July Youth Schedule

**July 1st** - Fellowship Sunday: Bring a friend, partake in a snack supper, play some games, and enjoy the great fellowship of other youth.

**July 8th** - Service Project Sunday - Sole Hope

**July 15th** - Life Skills - Resume Building

**July 22nd** - Hot Topic Conversation Sunday: We will dive into the hot topics and wrestle with the Christian response to these hot topics.

**July 29th** - NO Youth Group

GBC  
YOUTH  
MISSIONS

## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED AT GBC

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Summer Celebration cookout on **Wednesday, June 13th**. There was a lot of great food, great fun and fellowship. Enjoy your summer with family and friends, and we will resume our Wednesday evening activities on September 5th.



**Invite neighbors, family, and friends!**

Vacation Bible School is  
**July 16th through July 20th**  
**9am-12pm**  
 and we need your help to make  
 this year a success.

Pick up postcards at the church office or on Sunday morning to invite neighbors, family, and friends with kids, ages 3 to rising 8th graders.



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## GBC YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

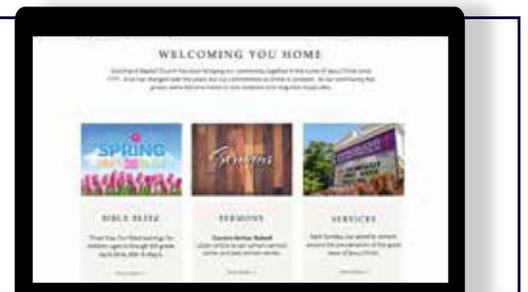
Thank you GBC youth and adult chaperones who spent June 22-June 29 in Houston, Texas helping with hurricane relief efforts. Our team worked along side **Wins For Warriors Foundation** ([www.winsforwarriors.org](http://www.winsforwarriors.org)) and **Galveston County Long Term Recovery Group** ([www.galvestoncountyrecovery.org](http://www.galvestoncountyrecovery.org)) assessing and repairing storm damage at area homes. Thank you GBC family for your prayers and financial support. For more photos, visits us on Facebook @GoochlandBaptistChurch.



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## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Vacation Bible School Needs

VBS is still in need of volunteers. Visit [goochlandchurch.org/calendar](http://goochlandchurch.org/calendar) and click on "More Info" under Rolling River Rampage VBS for more information and to sign up to serve.

Also, VBS is in need of a few items for decorating that you may have laying around the house. You may drop off any of the items listed below to the "Jungle Room" any time between now and **July 8th**. Please clearly label your things so we can properly return them. Feel free to contact **Jaclyn Peck at 804-370-2895, [jaclynpeck@yahoo.com](mailto:jaclynpeck@yahoo.com)** for more information or if you have other items that would be a good fit for "Rolling River Rampage".

- **Fake Christmas Trees** (green, any size, lights not necessary)
- **Inflatable Rafts**
- **Oars**
- **Quantities of Kraft Paper**, like the kind used as packing material (donation)
- **Plastic Blue Tablecloths**, single or roll (donation)
- **Large Cardboard Boxes** (donation)
- **Paper and Plastic Grocery Bags** (donation)
- **Any other items that go with our theme**

#### Important Dates:

**July 8** VBS Volunteers Meeting @ 12:00pm  
(lunch provided)

**July 14** Decorating the church for VBS  
@ 8:00am-12:00pm

### Food Pantry Needs

Gochland 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.

## From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

Please pray for our staff  
and everyone involved in  
VBS the week of July 16-20.



OUR HAPPIEST

*Birthday Wishes*

GO TO...

Our Communications and  
Administrative Coordinator,  
**Jennifer Russell**, on the **11th**

and

Our Associate Pastor with concentration  
on Families and Music,  
**Rev. Adam Phlegar**, on the **19th**.

## THANK YOU GBC Family

I want to thank you for praying for me. I appreciate it very much. Because of that I feel I am doing much better. I would want you to know that my wife and I are praying for you too.

- Jim Pinkley

## JOY Club

July 25th @ 10:30am

**Special Guest:** Amy Ladd - Gospel Music

**Lunch:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Chips  
furnished by JOY Club. Bring Dessert!!!

**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**.

**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**

Praise Team Practice - 6:45pm  
 Youth Group - 6:30pm

**THURSDAYS**

Exercise Class - 7:00pm



**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- July 1** The Lord's Supper @ 8:45am & 11:00am  
 Youth - Fellowship Sunday @ 5:30pm
- July 4** Office Closed
- July 8** VBS Volunteers Meeting @ 12:00pm (lunch provided)  
 Youth - Service Project Sunday Sole Hope@ 5:30pm
- July 9** Church Council Meeting @ 7:15pm
- July 10** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- July 14** Decorating the church for VBS @ 8:00am-12:00pm
- July 15** Youth - Hot Topic Sunday @ 5:30pm
- July 16** Vacation Bible School begins @ 9:00am
- July 19** Messenger Deadline  
 VBS Commencement Party @ 6:30pm
- July 22** Youth - @ 5:30pm
- July 25** JOY Club @ 10:30am
- July 29** No Youth

**SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE**

**GREETERS**

- 01** 8:45 David Angel  
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 08** 8:45 Gwen Padgett  
 11:00 Gayle Stanley
- 15** 8:45 Betsy Alvis  
 11:00 Russ Starke
- 22** 8:45 Chad Bordewyk  
 11:00 Shannon Wilson
- 29** 8:45 David Angel  
 11:00 Gwen Padgett

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- 01** 8:45 Wayne Melton  
 11:00 John Webb
- 08** 8:45 David Angel  
 11:00 Jim Fields
- 15** 8:45 James Melton  
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 22** 8:45 Youth  
 11:00 Anne Henley
- 29** 8:45 David Angel  
 11:00 Selma Herweyer

**RESPONSIVE READING**

- 01** 8:45 Russ Starke  
 11:00 John Webb
- 08** 8:45 Audrey Taylor  
 11:00 Jim Fields
- 15** 8:45 Kristie Gee  
 11:00 Joyce Fallin
- 22** 8:45 Lynne Keegan  
 11:00 Teri Frank
- 29** 8:45 Russ Starke  
 11:00 Teri Frank

**USHERS**

*Contemporary 8:45am Service*

- 01** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, Raymon Roberts, Keith Spaulding
- 08** Allen Bowles, Doug Brandmahl, David Denton, Dwight Grissom
- 15** Dwight Grissom, Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Brie Roberts
- 22** Youth
- 29** Waldon Chisholm, Dwight Grissom, Glenn Nuckols, Keith Spaulding,

**USHERS**

*Traditional 11:00am Service*

- 01** Jean Fields & Jim Fields
- 08** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 15** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 22** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers
- 29** Hope Webb & Frankie White

**NURSERY**

- 01** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks & Jaclyn Peck  
**Sunday School** Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton  
**11:00** Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 08** 8:45 Cheryl Sale & Meleah Mitchell  
**Sunday School** Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar  
**11:00** - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb & Susan Angel
- 15** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles & Erin Kruschwitz  
**Sunday School** Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding  
**11:00** Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 22** 8:45 Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding & Barbara Chisholm  
**Sunday School** Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding  
**11:00** Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley
- 29** 8:45 Mila Spaulding, Cliff Hyman & Billie Massie  
**Sunday School** Betsy Alvis  
**11:00** Jaclyn Peck



**SERVE @ GBC**

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](mailto:Goochlandchurch@gmail.com).

**May 2018**

**Sunday School Average Attendance**

Preschool	4
Children	5
Youth	8
Adults	69
Monthly Average	86

**May Financial Report**

**General Fund:** \$16,450.11  
**Property Maintenance:** \$360.00

**Summer Break**

**NO Wednesday Night Activities**

We will be taking a break from Wednesday Night Activities during the summer months and will resume September 5th.