

AUGUST 2018

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

I've never been big into plays. When I was in college, I went with a group to New York City, and we were given tickets to see the Broadway play *Annie Get Your Gun*. I never could get into it. I took a nap in the second act.

But I married a woman with more refined tastes. She likes plays. So to celebrate our anniversary this summer, we took the Amtrak up to Washington DC for a couple days. While we were there, Erin got to check off another item from her bucket list: we watched the Broadway play *Hamilton* at the Kennedy Center. A modern retelling of the life of Alexander Hamilton, the play reveals how an illegitimate child from the Caribbean immigrates to the United States and becomes one of our nation's founding fathers.

To my surprise, I really enjoyed it! The music was outstanding, the acting superb, and the message was inspiring. Those actors had spent hundreds of hours learning lines, hitting notes, and perfecting their choreography to inspire us with the American dream: if an illegitimate child born in a foreign country can become a founding father of America, we too, can make a difference in our country.

As we walked back to our hotel that night, I thought how all of us are like those actors. In God's eyes, we're all lead actors in this great drama of life. In the creation story of Genesis 1, we read, "So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them."

You and I are created in the image of God. Quite literally, that suggests we're the face of God to this world. God knew that he wouldn't always be present on earth in human form. But if God isn't always present in bodily form, at least we are! Just like the actors in a Broadway show dedicate their lives to showing the world a new story, God created us to show the world himself. If your life were on a stage for the world to see, how would it point others to Jesus?

Many of you helped us show children in our community who Jesus is this past week during Vacation Bible School. Over 90 children participated! These children and our church family raised over \$1400 for our Brown Bag Ministry. I'm grateful for Crystal Waldrop's leadership and for all the volunteers who participated.

In August, you'll have the opportunity to show an entire school the love of Jesus. We learned that Goochland Middle School has a number of students who don't have the resources to properly prepare for the school year. We're collecting money and supplies to stuff backpacks that the school can give to students who need them. Over the next three weeks, we'll be collecting supplies. On the evening of Wednesday, August 22, we'll pack the backpacks to deliver to the middle school. I hope you'll help out.

There are a myriad of ways your life can reflect the image of God this month. What is God calling you to do next?



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FLOWERS FOR AUGUST:

If you you would like to donate flowers for the month of August, please contact Hope Webb at 804-396-0646.



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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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz
Pastor

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Pastor to Families

Thank You GBC!

We are so blessed to be remembered by such a loving and caring church family. Your prayers and cards and calls brought us tremendous peace and comfort.

Please continue to pray for us as we face the future without one who was with us for so long.

- God Bless You,
Joan & Ken Stalls



I wanted to extend a thank you to Goochland Baptist Church for welcoming me the week of VBS and allowing me to volunteer. It has been quite some time since I have stepped foot in a church, but everyone at GBC was so warm and friendly and welcomed me with open arms and for that I thank you.

- **Rebecca Rainey**



Thank you so much for all of the cards and the continued thoughts and prayers in this tough time as I grieve the loss of Pauline. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated.

- In Christian Love,
Butch Thurston and Family

ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar

CHILDREN:

Vacation Bible School was a huge success again this year. We went on a white-water rafting adventure and experienced the ride of lifetime with God. We saw approximately 90 children come through the doors and take a ride through the Rolling River Rampage. Along the river, the children discovered 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 had energetic music, exciting science experiments, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that were designed to help the kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace. A special thank you goes out to the numerous faithful volunteers that gave of their time, energy, and resources that made VBS such a huge success this year. We also must give thanks to Crystal Waldrop for being such a dedicated VBS Director. VBS could not take place without the love and support of this church family. We will continue to pray for the children, their families, and the volunteers.

YOUTH:

Youth Summer Mission Trip

After being back in town for several weeks, we have had lots of time to reflect on the week that we spent in the greater Houston area. What a true blessing of a week this was. The youth

worked extremely hard throughout the course of the week to make repairs to several homes, to clean up debris, to hang drywall, and to assess houses that still need work. The work that the youth accomplished was so much more than just home repairs and cleanup. The people that we worked alongside of have had a difficult year. They saw their possessions, their homes, their lives turned upside down in the matter of minutes. Many of the families had not only lost their possessions, but they had lost all sense of hope. The youth and chaperones from GBC did an amazing job of sharing God's hope and love with the people of Dickinson County, Texas. Since we have returned to Goochland, I would like to encourage all of us to continue to lift up the people of the greater Houston area in prayer. I would also like to encourage each and every one of us that serving Christ is not a once a year thing. We do not need to wait on the next summer mission trip to serve the "least of these". But instead, we need to make the daily choice to serve "the least of these" in our community, so that others can share in the love and hope that only God can provide. Thank you to the family at GBC for the support, the prayers, the resources, the love, and the encouragement. Now let's all continue to serve Christ in all that we say and do, during every moment of every day.

Holy Yoga

MONDAYS
Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27
7:00-8:00pm

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

YOUTH AUGUST SCHEDULE

- Wed., Aug. 1st Bassett's House from 5:30-8:30pm
- Sun., Aug. 5th Fellowship Night from 5:30-7:00pm
- Wed., Aug. 8th Egolf's House from 5:30-8:30pm
- Sun., Aug. 12th Service Project Sunday from 5:30-7:00pm
- Wed., Aug. 15th Kruschwitz's House from 5:30-8:30pm
- Sun., Aug. 19th Life Skills Sunday from 5:30-7pm
- Wed., Aug. 22nd End of the Summer Cookout 5:30-7:30pm

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to the following for donating your time and talents to this year's Vacation Bible School:

Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis, Cindy Alvis, Emmy Alvis, David Angel, Susan Angel, Caroline Basset, Caroline Betcher, Wynn Burr, Gale Chaisson, Misty Colgin, Melanie Crutchley, Winsor Egolf, Willie Hall, Erin Henley, Phyllis Henley, Denise Huff, Dabney Hyman, Curt Kruschwitz, Erin Kruschwitz, Daphne Longenecker, Bronwyn Mitchell, Carlyn Mitchell, Meleah Mitchell, Hannah Molnar, Linda Moore, Audrey Nuckols, Kelly Nuckols, Dee Parrish, Jaclyn Peck, Adam Phlegar, Kari Phlegar, Rebecca Rainey, Brie Roberts, Ally Sargent, Lindsey Sargent, Lisa Smallwood, Mila Spaulding, Carol Starke, Heather Stewart, Audrey Taylor, Marta Velasco Sevilla, and Crystal Waldrop.

For more VBS photos, visit www.facebook.com/GoochlandBaptistChurch.



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CONGRATULATIONS!



Beau Logan Strabley

Born on July 8th
to parents Alex and Skyler
Strabley and big sister Audrey.

He was 8.1 lbs and 21 inches long.
We rejoice with the family
including Grandpa Doug
Brandmahl, the Hicks and Gees.

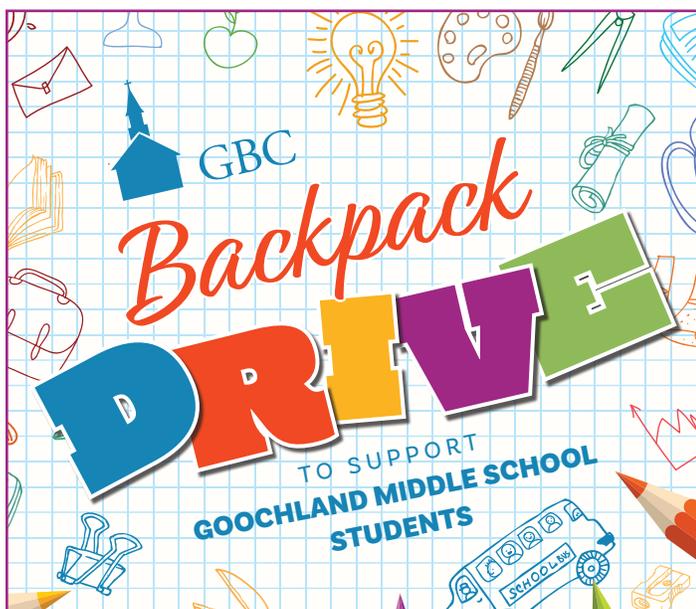
JOY Club

August 22nd @ 11:30am
NO MEETING AT CHURCH

Eat out at Pickel Barrel. Lunch is at 11:30am.
Everyone pays for their own meal.

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.



DONATIONS DUE: AUGUST 19TH

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END OF SUMMER COOKOUT



GBC

- FOOD • FAMILY FUN
- PACK-THE-PACKS
- FALL PREVIEW

Join us for dinner, an outreach project and a preview of
our Fall Wednesday Night Activities starting Sept. 5th.

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Help us be witnesses in Goochland County, VA and to the ends of the earth.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

JULY



AUGUST



SEPT.-OCT.



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Deacon Minutes

Betsy Alvis

I suspect the goal of most mothers is to raise children who become independent, hardworking, and confident adults. As a mother of four girls, however, I am particularly upset and confused by what society has done to our view of women. It seems as if everyone, including myself, assumes all women should be skinny to be conventionally beautiful. Have you ever noticed how incredibly difficult it is to pay another woman a compliment and have her authentically accept it? I have. Very few women and perhaps even men are completely satisfied with their looks. We pick ourselves to death, so to speak. Our hair is too curly or too straight. Our eyes are too small or the wrong color. Our feet too big, too stubby; And no matter how skinny others may see us, we are constantly weighing ourselves or calling ourselves “fat.” Even when we tell someone, “You look like you have lost weight,” most women will say, “No I haven’t, or I still have so much more to lose.”

We can blame it on Barbie, we can blame it on the media, but it all just really doesn’t make sense. If God created us in his image, and he picked us to be exactly the way we are, shouldn’t we rejoice in our own unique creation? After all, God doesn’t make mistakes.

We can and should control what we say about ourselves and others, because our children are listening. How can our children build good self-esteem, if we, as their role models, are constantly putting ourselves down with statements such as, “I am having a bad hair day, I need to lose a few pounds, I wish my stomach was flat, etc.”? You get my drift right?

I took my girls recently to see the movie, *I Feel Pretty*. As with most movies these days, there is always something I wish was portrayed differently, but overall this movie had a great underlying moral, especially for young women. We should love ourselves and view ourselves as pretty. When we see ourselves as pretty, others will too. True beauty radiates from the inside out. So the next time someone pays you a compliment, just reply with an authentic, “Thank you very much,” and remember God made you, and you are beautiful and wonderful in every way imaginable.

Psalms 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

A special thanks to all of our church staff—**Pastor Curt, Pastor Adam, Jennifer and Waverly**—for everything you have done, and are doing, to keep our church moving ahead for the Kingdom. We appreciate your leadership and that you are using your many talents here at GBC.

A thought for us as members:

You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

Rabindranath Tagore

Let’s jump in and each offer our gifts in the ministries of His church.

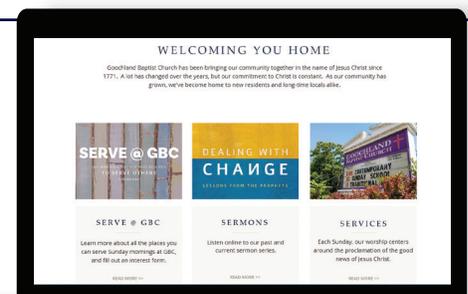


Do you remember where you were when hijacked airplanes crashed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon on 9/11? It’s amazing how one moment can be etched into our memories and change the direction of a country. In the same way, there are certain moments in the biblical story that have changed the way we relate to God. During the month of August through early September, we’ll examine turning points in the Bible. As we study them, we’ll discern biblical wisdom that will help us as we face turning points in our own lives.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

Contemporary - 8:45am
 Sunday School - 10:00am
 Traditional - 11:00am
 Youth Group - 5:30pm

MONDAYS

Holy Yoga Classes - 7:00pm

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

- Aug. 1** Youth - Bassett's House from 5:30-8:30pm
 Building and Property Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Aug. 5** Lord's Supper @ 8:45 & 11:00am
 Youth - Fellowship Night @ 5:30pm
- Aug. 8** Youth - Egolf's House from 5:30-8:30pm
- Aug. 12** Youth - Service Project @ 5:30pm
- Aug. 13** Church Council @ 7:15pm
- Aug. 14** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- Aug. 15** Youth - Kruschwitz's House from 5:30-8:30pm
- Aug. 16** Messenger Deadline
- Aug. 19** Youth - Life Skills @ 5:30pm
- Aug. 20** Deacons Meeting @ 7:15pm
- Aug. 22** JOY Club Meeting @ 11:30am, Pickel Barrel
 End of Summer Cookout @ 5:30-8:30pm

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 05** 8:45 Betsy Alvis
 11:00 Russ Starke
- 12** 8:45 Chad Bordewyk
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 19** 8:45 Russ Starke
 11:00 Gwen Padgett
- 26** 8:45 Shannon Wilson
 11:00 David Angel

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 05** 8:45 Wayne Melton
 11:00 John Webb
- 12** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 John Webb
- 19** 8:45 James Melton
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 26** 8:45 Youth
 11:00 Anne Henley

RESPONSIVE READING

- 05** 8:45 Russ Starke
- 12** 8:45 Audrey Taylor
 11:00 Barbara Fillion
- 19** 8:45 Kristie Gee
 11:00 Erin Kruschwitz
- 26** 8:45 Lynne Keegan
 11:00 Teri Frank

USHERS

Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 05** Ralph Claytor, David Denton, Raymon Roberts, Keith Spaulding
- 12** Allen Bowles, Doug Brandmahl, David Denton, Keith Spaulding
- 19** Dwight Grissom, Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Brie Roberts
- 26** Youth

USHERS

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 05** Robert Nuckols & Jerry Anderson
- 12** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 19** Kevin Richardson & Al Henley
- 26** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY

- 05** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks & Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 12** 8:45 Cheryl Sale & Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb & Susan Angel
- 19** 8:45 Cecilia Bowles & Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 26** 8:45 Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding & Barbara Chisholm
Sunday School Betsy & Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley

June 2018

Sunday School Average Attendance

Preschool	5
Children	8
Youth	12
Adults	73
Monthly Average	98

June Financial Report

General Fund: \$23,035.36
Property Maintenance: \$800.00

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.

Multipurpose Room Chair Schedule

The following classes are scheduled for setting up chairs in the Multipurpose Room before Sunday service.

August	September	October	November	December
New Class	Fellowship	Open	Seekers	Discovery
Led by Wayne Melton	Class Led by Russ Starke	Class Led by Ed Hayes	Class Led by Kari Phlegar	Class Led by Erin Kruschwitz