

MARCH 2018

The Messenger

CURT'S CORNER

Dr. Curt Kruschwitz

It's been said that no single day has affected the course of human history more than Easter. Easter Sunday still has power in many people's lives, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and God's victory over evil and all that ensnares us. But like anything in life, in order to experience the full transformative power of Easter, we must prepare for it.

The season of Lent offers ample opportunity to prepare for Easter, as we journey into our own wilderness and come face-to-face with our need for Christ. During Holy Week, Goochland Baptist will offer several opportunities for you to prepare for Easter. We will have a Holy Week devotional booklet that will offer you scripture to prayerfully engage Holy Week. In addition, we'll have a special interactive Maundy Thursday communion service that will help you relive Jesus' last days. Then, on Easter Sunday, we'll have special Easter worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 am. We hope that you will invite your family and friends to take part in all that Goochland Baptist is doing to prepare for and celebrate Easter!

Our staff will have some new help this month. We're really excited that God has led Jennifer Russell to serve as Goochland Baptist's first Communications and Administrative Coordinator. Jennifer is a delightful young graphics designer from Chesterfield. Jennifer worked for the Richmond Times Dispatch, providing them with years of layout,



Jennifer Russell

design, and graphic expertise. She's also adept at using newer forms of communication, such as social media. On top of that, she and her family are committed followers of Jesus Christ. We feel blessed that God has brought her to us. She'll play a key role in helping us strategically reach out to our community. I hope that you'll stop by the office to welcome her during her regular office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-1:30pm.

Another way we're reaching out to our community is through our Children's Bible Blitz. We just finished our Winter Bible Blitz, and it was a rousing success! Each week, we've had great groups of children from our church family and the surrounding community. I'm grateful for Adam's leadership and for all of our volunteers: Betsy Alvis, Brett Alvis, Susan Angel, Angela Bassett, Winsor Egolf, Maryanne Hawthorne, Phyllis Henley, Erin Kruschwitz, Jaclyn Peck, Kari Phlegar, Diane Proctor, Carol Starke, Robert and Kitt Townsend, and Shannon Wilson. As we reach out to the next generations, we're sowing seeds for the future.



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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.



EASTER LILIES & HYDRANGEAS:

Place your order with Lois Grissom at 804-883-5532 or Phyllis Henley at 804-784-3433 by March 20. Lilies: \$13.00 • Hydrangeas are \$15.50.

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Dr. Curt Kruschwitz: Pastor
Rev. Adam Phlegar: Pastor to Families

Deacon Minute

Gwen Padgett

Spring is almost here! YAY!!! As I write this the temperature feels like spring; however when the newsletter comes out, there may be snow on the ground. March can be very tricky but we have faith warmer weather is on the way. The verse for today for me was **Philippians 1:3-11**.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Paul's words to the church at Philippi definitely are a guide for our deacon ministry.

We pray and remember all of you. We are all in a partnership with each other as we minister to the community and each other. Please let us know whenever you need prayer or help with anything. We are here to serve! Continued Blessings!

ADAM'S UPDATES

Rev. Adam Phlegar

CHILDREN:

Winter Bible Blitz was a HUGE success! We enjoyed three Sundays where we learned about the Creation story, Noah, and Moses through exciting games and recreation, creative crafts, and energetic song and dance. Thank you to all the children who participated and the volunteers who helped make the Winter Bible Blitz a success. Stay tuned for updates about a Spring Bible Blitz!!

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 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.

YOUTH:

Thank you for all those that came out and supported the youth during the Potato Bar and Bingo Fundraiser. We raised a total of \$1,560 that will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Trip. THANK YOU!!!

Youth Summer Mission Trip Updates

The Youth will be going to Homestead, FL for our Summer Mission Trip to help with Hurricane Relief efforts. The dates for the trip are June 22nd-29th. There is a \$150 non-refundable deposit due to Pastor Adam by March 6th to reserve your spot. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$500. Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Adam with questions.



Winter Bible Blitz



Sunday Schedule

March 4th – Fellowship Sunday: Meet at church at 1pm for an afternoon of bowling at the Short Pump Bowling Alley. \$12.50 per person. Invite a friend

March 11th – Life Skills Sunday: We will be assessing Career Opportunities/Possibilities for each youth.

March 18th – Hot Topic Conversation Sunday: We will dive into the hot topics and wrestle with the Christian response to these hot topics.

March 25th – Service Project Sunday: We will be working with Community Food Collaborative which is an urban agriculture nonprofit in Richmond. We will meet at 12:30pm and make our way to the job site. We will be back around 5:30pm.

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.

From SMAT...

Staff Ministries Appreciation Team

We have so much to celebrate this month of March...we hardly know where to start!!

WELCOME to Jennifer Russell, our Communication and Administrative Coordinator! Jennifer lives in Chesterfield County with her husband and two children, a 5 year old and a 17 year old. She is a committed Christian who is excited about using her graphics expertise to help get the word out in our community about the opportunities for worship and ministry that Goochland Baptist has to offer. We feel that she will be an excellent addition to our Administrative team!

THANKS to Waverly Heath for faithfully serving as our Church Administrator for 20 years this month!

THANKS to Pastor Adam Phlegar for serving with us for 10 years this month! (Where has the time gone?) Adam first came to serve as our Youth Minister and the church later moved to make him full-time as our Associate Pastor with concentration on Families and Music. It has been exciting to see Pastor Adam ordained, married to Kari, become the father of two children, Olivia and Josh, and share his love for the Lord as he serves faithfully at GBC. We are grateful for his service.

Thanks to all of our wonderful church staff for the work you are doing for the kingdom!



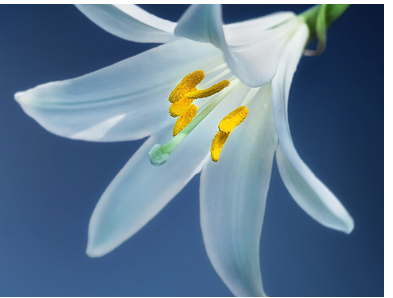
Food Pantry

Matthew 25 reminds us as we serve those in need, we serve and honor our Lord. (v35) "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (v37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' (v40) "and the King will answer them. 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of those who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (RSV)

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 this ministry. Current needs are: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fruit and vegetables and hearty soups. Leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center. They are taken to St. Matthews each Thursday. Thank you for serving your Lord and those in our community through your generosity.

Rockville Community

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



Easter Sunrise Service will be held **April 1, 2018, 7:00am**
at the **International Learning Center.**

Come and join speaker Rev. Ken Stalls and others in the community to celebrate. Please stay for refreshments following the service.

Season of Prayer

for North American Missions (March 4-11)

ON MISSION HERE AND NOW is the emphasis for our Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for "home" missions this year. "We must not love with words or speech, but with truth and action. (1 John 3:18 HCSB)

Jesus taught us to love. John 3:16 tells us "For God so loved the world (and that begins at home) that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." This calls us to minister to those in Goochland, Hanover, Virginia and all over our homeland, as well as around the world. We are called to pray and give for this ministry. Envelopes for this offering are in your financial packet and available in the Family Life Center and Sanctuary. This offering will be received during the month of March.

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Offering - 100% - supports more than 5,000 missionaries across the U.S. Territories and Canada. A daily prayer guide for the week will be handed out with your bulletin on March 4 which will enable you to pray for a different area and missionary family each day.

NOW IS THE TIME - "The people who live in darkness have seen a great light and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned." (Matthew 4:16 HCSB)

GBC's goal for this offering is \$2,500.

Joy Club

March Meeting: March 28th

Topic: "Senior Fraud Prevention" by Better Business Bureau

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!!

Lunch: Covered dishes and dessert.

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

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

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class - 7:00pm

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- March 7** Building & Property Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- March 11** Youth - Life Skills @ 5:30pm
- March 12** Church Council @ 7:15pm
- March 13** Olive Riddell Circle @ 2:00pm
- March 14** Children's Ministry Meeting @ 5:30pm
- March 18** Youth - Hot Topic Conversation @ 5:30pm
- March 19** Deacon's Meeting @ 7:15pm
- March 21** Music Ministry Meeting @ 5:45pm
- March 25** Youth - Service Project with Community Food Collaborative. Meet @ 12:30pm
- March 28** JOY Club Meeting @ 10:30am
- March 29** Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm

January 2018

Sunday School Attendance

Preschool	4	Adults	61
Children	8	Average	85
Youth	12		

January Financial Report

General Fund	Property Maintenance
\$15,288.01	\$840.00

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

GREETERS

- 04** 8:45 Gwen Padgett
 11:00 Chad Bordewyk
- 11** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 Betsy Alvis
- 18** 8:45 Gayle Stanley
 11:00 Shannon Wilson
- 25** 8:45 Jim Allen
 11:00 Russ Starke

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 04** 8:45 Wayne Melton
 11:00 John Webb
- 11** 8:45 David Angel
 11:00 Jim Fields
- 18** 8:45 James Melton
 11:00 Jim Allen
- 25** 8:45 Youth
 11:00 Anne Henley

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Contemporary 8:45am Service

- 04** Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor, David Denton
- 11** Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl, Allen Bowles, David Denton
- 18** Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Cliff Hyman, Dwight Grissom
- 25** Youth

Traditional 11:00am Service

- 04** Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
- 11** Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
- 18** Forest Webb & Kevin Richardson
- 25** Jean Fields & Betty Bowers

NURSERY

- 04** 8:45 Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks, & Jaclyn Peck
- Sunday School** - Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
- 11:00** - Kari Phlegar & Frankie Melton
- 11** 8:45 - Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, & Meleah Mitchell
- Sunday School** - Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
- 11:00** - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb, & Susan Angel
- 18** 8:45 - Rachel Keller, Cecilia Bowles, & Erin Kruschwitz
- Sunday School** - Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
- 11:00** - Phyllis Henley & Courtney Marsh
- 25** 8:45 - Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding, & Barbara Chisholm
- Sunday School** - Betsy & Brett Alvis, & Mila Spaulding
- 11:00** - Kitt & Robert Townsend & Erin Henley

RESPONSIVE READING

Traditional 11:00am

- 04** John Webb
- 11** Jim Fields
- 18** Lee Proffitt
- 25** Teri Frank



THANK YOU TO OUR DEACONS...

for all your hard work in preparing a delicious church-wide dinner on Saturday, March 3, 2018. And thank you to everyone who helped make it possible and to all who came out.