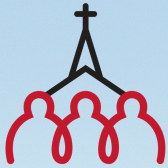


# News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



## LAUGHTER

I love to laugh, and I love the sound of laughter in our congregation. One of my favorite things is to watch our youngest children see each other for the first time on Sundays or Wednesdays and run and give hugs accompanied by big giggles.

I also love the laughter around our Wednesday night dinner tables and around our second Sunday youth tables. I love the laughter outside of my office when the preK students are waiting to be picked up.

God gave us the gift of humor, and it is one of the subtle marks of a healthy congregation.

We have built in two more opportunities to laugh together this May with a special Wednesday night presentation from Dr. Mark Biddle on "Humor in the Bible". You will hear some things that got lost in translation but were meant to be quite comical!

We will also end our spring Wednesday nights with fun and games in the pavilion. I appreciate every planned and unplanned opportunity to celebrate God's gift of laughter together!

Laughing Together,  
Melissa Fallen

### THIS MONTH AT GABC

- 5/1 *Stretch and Stride Begins*
- 5/3 *The Great Family Campout*
- 5/6 *House, Grounds, & Properties Meeting*
- 5/12 *Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast*
- 5/15 *Last Wednesday Night Dinner Celebration*
- 5/21 *Lunch Bunch*
- 5/28 *Deacons' Meeting*

# CHURCH NEWS

## Thank you

Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers. Thank you also for all the calls, cards, and visits and especially your prayers for our family. Your love for us is truly appreciated.

Love and blessings to all,  
Edward Burnett & Family

## Wednesday Night Dinner

**May 1** - Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers

**May 8** - Fried chicken, Kids: same

**May 15** -BBQ and fixings

## Preschool

The GABC Preschool is currently taking applications for their 2024-2025 school year. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please email Debbie Gordon at [glenallenbaptistprek@verizon.net](mailto:glenallenbaptistprek@verizon.net).

## Backpack Packing

Mark your calendars for our next backpack packing dates. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on May 13 (note: this is a change) for an hour of fun and fellowship.

## Lunch Bunch(es)

Lunch bunches continue on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30am Ladies meet at O'Charley's on Brook Road. Guys meet at Kitchen 33. Please contact Brenda Anderson or Matt Davidson if you have any questions.



## Requests for Reimbursements/Payments

As recommended by our auditor and approved by our Stewardship Committee, vouchers to request reimbursement for expenses related to a ministry project or payment of a bill need to accompany all such requests. These vouchers are available in the magazine rack on the wall to the right of the mailboxes across from the choir room - look for the bright yellow label. The process is simple!

- 1) Fill out the form.
- 2) Attach receipts and any other supporting documentation.
- 3) Have the form signed by the team leader/committee chair/ministry area leader.
- 4) Place it all in the mailbox labeled "TREASURER."

If you have questions or need help locating the forms, contact Dawn Lee, [dawn.lee@comcast.net](mailto:dawn.lee@comcast.net) or 804-920-1528.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Wednesday Night Programs

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Mark Biddle on **May 1** to lead us on a fun presentation of Humor in the Bible! Join us for fun and laughs at 6:15pm.

On **May 8**, we will have representatives from our partner schools with us to celebrate the work of our first year of school partnerships. Come hear about the exciting work that we have been a part of this year!

On **May 15**, we will have a night full of fun and games to celebrate the end of the school year. Join us in the pavilion at 5:45pm for a BBQ dinner and 6:15pm for fun!

## Stretch and Stride

Beginning May 1, we will make use of our nature trail with a "Stretch and Stride" group. Meet Dr. Fallen weekly on Wednesdays at 9am in the pavilion for a time of stretching, walking, and conversation.



## Bible Study

Beginning May 1, Matt Davidson will lead a small group in the pavilion on Wednesdays at 9:45am. See Matt for a handout.

## Sunday School Class Summer Hiatus

Our children, youth, and New classes will take a break from Sunday School this summer. Our last day will be May 19 and we will resume in August. We will have plenty of other opportunities for fellowship and learning this summer! The Ruth Fidelis, Genesis, and Open Door Classes are all available for adults throughout the summer.

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Matt Davidson and friends will be hosting a breakfast at 8:30am on May 12. Everyone is welcome!

## Lamb's Basket

70 Pounds of food were delivered last Thursday! Thanks to all who contributed to this mission. Donations may be left in the armoire in the Welcome Center.

## Congratulations!

Both of our Associate Pastors graduate this May. Darie Lee will receive her Graduate Certificate in Elementary Education from VCU on May 11 and Ann Carter will receive her Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary on May 25. And yes, both will remain in their current roles at GABC!







# May '24 Youth NEWS



## **Weekly Activities**

As the school year winds down, so do our regular weekly activities. They will all return in mid-August, but we will slow things down as we enter this season of rest and play. Stay tuned for a summer calendar!

### **Second Sundays**

Our final Second Sunday of the school year is on the Third Sunday (the Second Sunday is Mother's Day) May 19. Join us for Sunday School and worship, and then stay for lunch and fun!

### **Sunday School**

Our last Sunday School class of the school year is May 19th, so be sure to join us as we finish up the Old Testament.

### **Wednesday Nights**

Our last Wednesday for the school year night is May 15, which will be a cookout and Family Fun Night. Hope to see you there!

## **Mission Madness**

Last weekend, we joined with 14 youth groups from across Virginia to participate in a missions weekend in Chesapeake. Our Glen Allen youth served at Agape Feast Homeless Outreach and learned about how to notice needs in our community and get to work to meet those needs. We also had fun eating, playing and worshipping together!

## **Summer Travel Opportunities**

### **Passport Camp**

On June 16, five youth girls and I will hit the road for Passport Camp at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. We will spend a week learning about ourselves and God, exploring our giftedness, and discovering what makes our hearts sing!

### **Together for Hope Arkansas Mission Trip**

July 6-12 in Helena, Arkansas. Cost: \$125 per person/\$300 family max + travel  
This is such a fun family trip. I am looking for one more family to join our GABC team! Let Ann know if you are interested.





## Preaching Schedule:

5/5 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
*Faith, Hope, and Love*

5/12 1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
*A Mystery Revealed*

5/19 Acts 2:1-4  
*Does Pentecost Matter?*

5/26 Psalm 29  
*The Voice of the Lord*

# CHILDRENS MINISTRY

# VBS!

Vacation Bible School

Glen Allen Baptist Church  
3028 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

June 10-13  
5:30-7:30pm  
Supper provided

Ages 4yrs - 5th grade



Register at:  
[tinyurl.com/GABCVBS2024](https://tinyurl.com/GABCVBS2024)

Questions:  
[darie@glenallenbaptist.org](mailto:darie@glenallenbaptist.org)

## VBS Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to make VBS a successful week for the children in our church and community.

Please complete the google form at:

[tinyurl.com/GABCVBSVolunteer2024](https://tinyurl.com/GABCVBSVolunteer2024) to volunteer or email

[Darie@glenallenbaptist.org](mailto:Darie@glenallenbaptist.org).

## Choir

Not only does our choir rehearse each Wednesday night and lead in worship each Sunday morning, but we also have fun and enjoy spending quality time together. On Sunday, May 5, we will head over to O'Charley's for lunch after church, where not only will food nourish our bodies, but our time and laughter together will nourish our souls. Join us in the funnest choir in town!