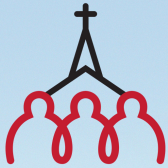


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



WHO IS JESUS?

In the next few weeks, we approach one of the highest and holiest moments of our faith. As we make our journey to remember the crucified and risen Christ, I invite you to consider some key questions raised in Scripture.

From the moment Jesus enters Jerusalem in Matthew's gospel, the question emerges, "Who is this?" (24:10) We will wrestle with this question on Palm Sunday in greater detail, but I hope this month, you spend some time answering that question for yourself.

Is Jesus the Savior of your life? I hope so but if our theology stops there it is as if the moment of Easter was solely about saving our souls from an eternal hell and had no impact on our day-to-day lives.

Is Jesus the Lord of your life? That question demands far more of us than a simple walk down the aisle and a trip through the baptistry. That question leads us to an empty tomb where a risen Christ has a lot to say about how we live our lives in the here and now and not simply in the afterlife.

I hope this Easter, we all reflect on how to make Jesus the Savior *and* Lord of our lives each and every day forward!

Easter Blessings,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

- 4/2 Palm Sunday*
- 4/6 Maundy Thursday Dinner*
- 4/9 Easter Sunrise Service*
- 4/9 Easter Sunday*
- 4/12 Ukulele Concert*
- 4/19 Quarterly Business Meeting*
- 4/25 Deacon's Meeting*
- 4/26 Arkansas Mission Information Night*

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

Dear Glen Allen Church Family,
Hodges and I wish to thank you for the Wednesday night dinner of Lasagna, salad, and this "Oh so delicious" coconut cake. God bless the hands that cooked and delivered this wonderful meal. We feel very much loved and missed and we miss seeing everyone of you.

In Christian Love, Renate & Hodges

Thank you for all you've done!

From the staff, students, and parents of Longdale Elementary School

Wednesday Night Programs and Dinner Menu

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Meal reservations required

April 12 - BBQ and Fixings, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Hot Dogs

6:30pm Ukulele Concert in the pavilion

April 19 - Meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets

6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting

April 26 - Roasted Pork Loin, Potato Casserole, vegetable, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets

6:30pm Ann Carter leads on the upcoming Helena, Arkansas Mission



Maundy Thursday Dinner

Maundy Thursday is fast approaching! This special event will be held at GABC, Thursday, April 6th. Please sign up on one of the signup sheets found throughout the church, dinner is by reservation only. We will gather in the sanctuary for a brief time at 5:45 p.m. and proceed together to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. We hope you can join us for this special meal.

Easter Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday morning, April 9, our local church association will gather at Hunton Baptist Church for a sunrise service at 7am followed by a continental breakfast.

Flower the Cross Easter Sunday

You're invited to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday morning to flower the cross in front of the church. This will be an outward sign of life and celebration to our neighboring community!



You're Invited

The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale will present a concert on Saturday, April 29 at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, located at 5351 Pole Green Road in Mechanicsville. This concert is open to all - we hope you can come!



Children's Ministry

THANK YOU!!!!!! To everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! It may have been rainy and gloomy outside, but there was so much excitement and energy inside it was easy to forget about the weather! We had a great group of children and families in attendance. But, the day was such a huge success because of all the people who showed up to help with all the things that needed to be done to get ready!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Children and Family Events!

May 5-6 – Family Campout

July 9-12 – Vacation Bible School

In Christ,
Darie

Save the Date!



Join us for The Great Family Campout on May 5-6. The sign up form is live on our website: <https://glenallenbaptist.org/the-great-family-campout>

Mission News

Thanks to all who supported our last Lamb's Basket donation – we donated 126 pounds of food! Lamb's Basket food collection continues and with the decrease in Covid related food benefits, they need your help now more than ever. We usually go once a month to make our donation.

Thanks to all of your generations donations to the USO pancake breakfast. We collected about \$750 worth of money and snacks to share.

A Message from Ann Carter... Youth Ministry & Music

Youth

Two weeks ago, five Glen Allen Baptist youth and three adults (thank you Rusty Lee & Jill Cole!) joined 12 other Virginia churches in Newport News for CBF Virginia's annual Mission Madness event. The highlight of the weekend was our time spent together, building and strengthening our relationships with each other through worship, service, time around the table, and those in-between times where we just had fun together.

The central focus of the weekend was service together as a youth group. In the morning, we drove to Williamsburg where we worked with an organization called "For the Girls" which is an organization that supports women with breast cancer. While we helped them clean up from past events and prepare for future events, we heard their story about the need they saw in their community and how a few women stepped up to meet that need. Now, "For the Girls" supports hundreds of women and their families as they journey through diagnoses, treatment, and recovery. In the afternoon, we helped pack 12,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger (shout out to Rusty!). GABC students formed their own packing team and worked together to help meet the goal. And even more impressive, they stuck around after and helped Rusty load the truck for his next event.

Trips like this are so important to youth ministry, where we get out of our comfort zone, spend time working, playing, and living together strengthening not only our bonds of Christian friendship but our relationship with God.



Music

Our wonderful church choir is hard at work preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter! We are excited to share in worship what we have been learning and all the ways we have been stretching and growing together as an ensemble!

As we enter into the season of Easter, the choir will be learning some new music to help lead in worship and we welcome new members! We would love to have you!

Come hear stories from Helena, Arkansas on Wednesday, April 26th

On April 26 the Wednesday night program is all about Helena, Arkansas. You will have the opportunity to hear from people for whom Helena, Arkansas and Together for Hope is an integral part of their lives.

You will have the opportunity to hear more about:

- the mission in Helena
- the work we will do
- the people of Helena
- how it has changed lives -both in Richmond and in Helena

We will welcome special guests who will share their own personal stories about Helena:



Cari DuVal who raised her children going to Helena



Claire Carter who grew up going to Helena



Ira Nealy who grew up in Helena

Trip Details:

Dates: July 15-21 (if you choose to drive, add a day or so - it's a 13 hour drive)

Cost: \$125 per person for program costs for the week. There is a family rate as well.

Transportation: additional cost - participants can drive or fly.

Housing: Stay in local church for \$25 per person (air mattresses, shower trailers, full kitchens, living space). Hotels run \$75-\$90 per night.

Meals: Most meals included. Exceptions: travel, breakfasts, Sunday lunch, & Monday dinner.

Together for Hope Arkansas has opportunities for all ages. Here is how you can participate:

Swim Camp (VBS with Sports): camper (ages 6-12), group leader, teach Bible, crafts, music, sports, or be a swim instructor.

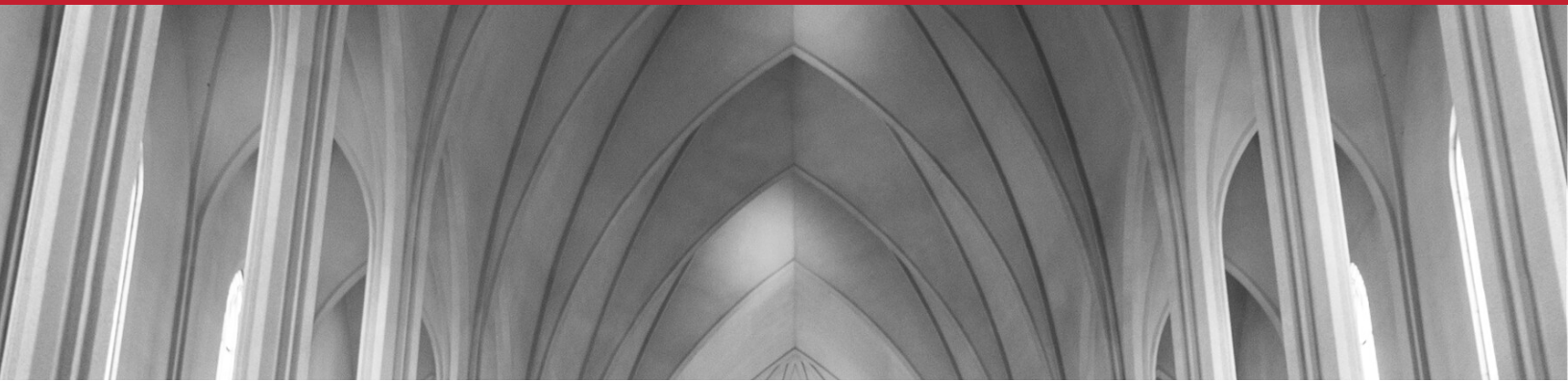
Preschool Camp: group leader, music teacher, camper (ages 3-5)

Construction: on local homes, churches, and businesses

Blessings Ministry: meet needs of folks around town, visit shut-ins, serve food to camp.



Reach out to Ann Carter if you are interested or if you want more information.



Preaching Schedule:

- 4/2 *Matthew 27:11-54
Who Are You?*
- 4/9 *John 20:1-18
Close Enough?*
- 4/16 *Acts 2:14a, 22-23
Peter's Profession of
Faith*
- 4/23 *1 Peter 1:17-23
Imperishable and
Enduring*
- 4/30 *John 10:1-10
Tuning Our Ears*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Spring! Our adult focus for April is Easter.

Our Adult Sunday School classes continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Some of us enjoy coffee and donuts in the Welcome Center before heading to our classes.

Genesis class continues their study of the book of John 12-21. They are studying how Jesus prepares himself and His disciples for His death on the cross.

Ruth Fidelis Class' emphasis this month is "Easter Opportunities." Scripture will come from Matthew 21, John 20, and Acts 2. All women are welcome.

Open Door Class will be studying "Easter and Onward." Scripture comes from Luke, I Corinthians, Acts, and Revelation. Everyone is welcome.

We have two classes for our children age 3-grade 5. They also enjoy donuts before heading to their classes. They enjoy a lesson and have music time. We would love for your children to join us! Come early for donuts and coffee in the Welcome Center!

