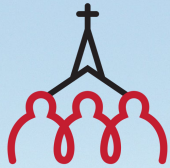


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Our Reboot groups finished their work with John 1:1-4,14. I challenged them to think about what it means for God to become flesh and dwell among us and further what it means for us now to be the hands and feet of Christ.

As we experience the joy of this Christmas season and remember the God who came to earth to live among us, I hope that ignites a fire within us to share that good news with others. Incarnational ministry means that we live as Christ would in our world today. We invest our lives in loving the world so they want to know this Jesus we follow.

This good news we celebrate at Christmas is not something we should keep to ourselves. If this baby is truly Lord of our lives, then we should be bursting with enthusiasm to share this story with our community. What ways might you share Christ with others and invite them to a deeper relationship with this baby boy who has transformed the world?

May the light of the world light a fire within us to share the good news!

Waiting Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

December 1 - Hanging of the Greens & Ice Cream Social

December 4 - Youth Christmas Party

December 8 - Wednesday Dinners Resume

December 12 - International Missions Focus

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and visits. I am doing much better now and am so grateful for all that the church has done for me.

Walter "Red" Reid

Thank you so much for your dedication to the meal ministry, your prayers, and your financial support.

Betty Jo, Moments of Hope Outreach

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome Ben Beasley to our fellowship.

If you would like to drop him a card of welcome, his address is below:

5913 Ridge Rd.

Richmond, VA 23227



Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs

Our regular Wednesday night dinners have returned! We will resume with indoor meals - take out available too - on Wednesday, December 8. On December 1, we will celebrate our Hanging of the Greens service at 6:30pm with an ice cream social to follow.

Our upcoming menus are:

Dec. 1: (no dinner) Ice cream social following Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 8: Meatloaf and chicken nuggets for kids

Dec. 15: Chicken cordon bleu and chicken nuggets for kids

Children's Christmas Party

The GABC Children's Christmas Party will be December 11 from noon-2:00 p.m. Come celebrate the reason for the season with pizza, crafts, games and treats. We will meet in the pavilion. Please RSVP on Facebook or email Leigh Anne Weinstein (leighanne.collier@gmail.com) if your kids are coming so we can have enough supplies for the crafts! We look forward to seeing all our kiddos there.

Note: this can be a drop-off event. Some parents will be staying to help, but that's not required!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Children's Sunday School

It's been great seeing so many of our kiddos in person during worship hour in the pavilion, but the winter winds are coming. For the month of December, we will continue meeting during church hour for all kids up to 5th grade but will switch to a hybrid format. For those who want to be in person, kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the worship service. (Note: anyone in the Fellowship Hall will be required to wear a mask and helpers will be vaccinated.) For those who want to join by Zoom, we will have Zoom set up as well. We have a bunch of fun activities and crafts planned for the Advent season and want to make sure each child has supplies, so please email Leigh Anne (leighanne.collier@gmail.com) to let her know if your child(ren) would like to receive a December Sunday School Supply Kit, either to use in the Fellowship Hall or at home. As was previously done, Zoom information will be sent out each week via email. We hope to see our kiddos either in person or on Zoom soon! We're also brainstorming new ideas for Sunday School for 2022 so stay tuned for more info!

Adult Sunday School continues to meet weekly at 9:15 a.m.

We currently offer four classes:

Men's Open Door – Room 305 – for men

Ruth Fidelis – Room 312 – for women

Genesis – Room 311 – for all

Bible Basics – Fellowship Hall – for all (see below)

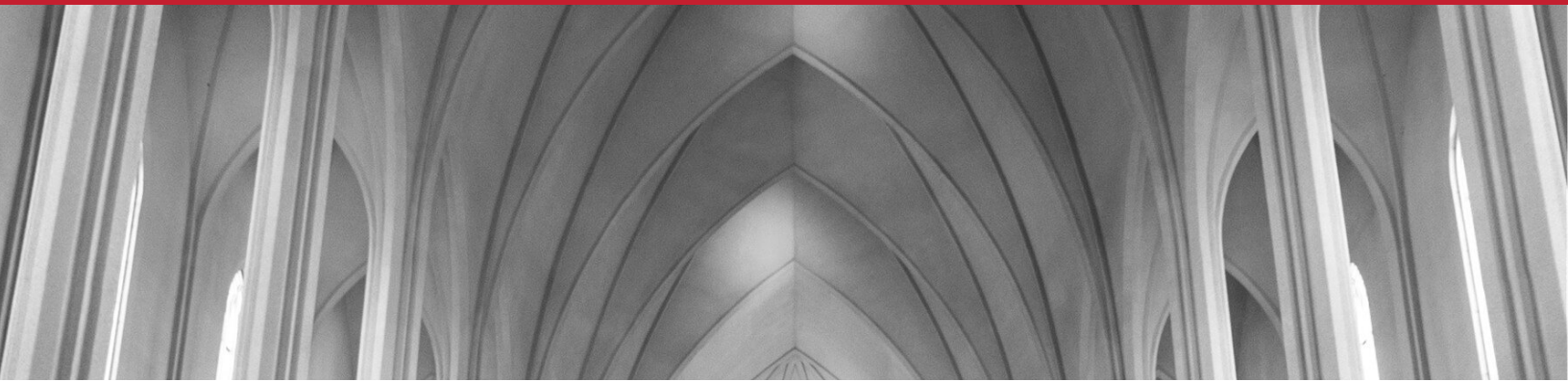
New Sunday Learning Opportunity

Through December, we will experiment with a new curriculum in our Bible Basics class at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. Many of you like the video format of our Reboot groups and this will incorporate some video elements as well as an optional weekly podcast to listen to at home. Sessions will be taught by Allen Jenkins, Eric Mawyer, and Melissa Fallen. If you haven't found a place to grow in your faith, we encourage you to try this experiment!

Breakfast

Donuts and coffee will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning December 5. We hope you will join us.

You are invited to a free "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 8:30-9:10. Menu includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Fried Apples and Pastries. The Breakfast will be followed by a Bible Study, "Let All God's Angels Worship Him" from Hebrews 1:5-2:3A led by Matt Davidson or an Advent lesson in the Bible Basics class. A traditional Bible Study by Michael Duke afterwards. If you haven't been in Sunday School, this is a good time to join us.



Preaching Schedule:

- 12/5 *Malachi 3:1-4
The Refiner's Fire*
- 12/12 *Luke 3:7-18
Where's the Love*
- 12/19 *Luke 1:39-55
Leaping for Joy*
- 12/24 *Isaiah 9:2-7
Good News: A Child is Born*
- 12/26 *Allie Osborne preaching*

MISSIONS NEWS

Coats For Kids

66 coats were donated to children at Dumbarton School. In addition each family received a spaghetti dinner and several can goods. The joy, smiles and heartfelt appreciation were endearing. The balance of coats are being donated to Biltmore Baptist Clothing Closet for distribution to the greater Glen Allen community. Truly the seed generosity of GABC will spread further than we could imagine.

Thank you for your generous donations and to all who volunteered to make this a wonderful success.

Christmas Shoeboxes

38 Children's Shoeboxes were taken to Dover from GABC on November 15th. Thank you for your generous donations of their contents as well financial donations in support of this wonderful mission organization. Each box was prayed over by Dover's staff that they would enlighten the hearts of each child receiving a box.

CBF Offering

Sunday December 12th will be CBF Offering for Global Missions Sunday. 100% of your gift to the Offering will support CBF field personnel serving in the US and around the world. Envelopes will be in the pews or designate on your offering Or at www.CBF.net/ohm.

The mission God gave us to share the Gospel has never been more important than now.

Christmas Eve

We will celebrate our annual Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm on December 24 in the sanctuary.