# News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



# **SMALL GROUPS**

We started the year talking about how to get healthier spiritual lives in 2022. To that end, we formed a Small Group Team to guide the work of deeper spiritual development. This team got to work quickly, providing us with a first round of small groups you will see on page 4 of this edition. This is largely in response to our Reboot program which showed us the power of small groups to transform our community.

This team is working towards a goal of providing small groups that help us know Jesus deeper and make him known to our community. In the long-term, they hope to weave this into the fabric of GABC life so that we are constantly challenged to dig deeper into scripture while in fellowship with others from GABC. Some of these groups will also branch off into mission work.

How do you fit in? Well, first and foremost, participate! As their work unfolds, they will provide you with a calendar of offerings to help you plan which studies fit your schedule and your interest. The deepest spiritual growth happens when we are in conversation with others over topics that matter the most. Make that commitment to one another.

Secondly, pray for this group. Team members include: Cheryl Ender & Jill Cole (co-chairs), Beth Jones, Brian & Dawn Lee, Eric Mawyer, Janet Melton, Mark Parent, and Susan Taylor.

Growing Together, Melissa Fallen

#### THIS MONTH AT GABC

February 2&9 - Winter Bible Study

February 6 - Boy Scout Sunday

February 16 - Small Group Kick Off

February 20 - Men's Day

February 23 - GABC 154th birthday

# **CHURCH NEWS**

#### Welcome New Members

Please welcome Barbara Swingle and Elaine Wiley to the GABC fellowship! Barbara will be baptized later in February and Elaine joins us by transfer from Sycamore Baptist in Franklin, VA. You can find their information in the GABC online directory. https://servantkeeper.com/directory/gabc/login

## Scholarships

The George H. Moody Scholarship fund is now available to active members of the Glen Allen Baptist Church or descendants of an active member. Applicants must reside in Henrico, Hanover or Richmond. This scholarship is awarded in memory of George H. Moody for college or seminary students. The sum is to be divided equally among the applicants. Requests for scholarship must be made by April 1, 2022. Applicants should send a letter of introduction, including the school they plan to attend and their plan of study. All applicants need to call the church office for an application packet.

The Henry L. Quarles Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student attending the University of Richmond. Applicants should send a letter of introduction including their plan of study. All applicants need to call the church office for an application packet. The deadline is March 1, 2022.

#### The Hepler Scholarship

The Dover Baptist Association sponsors the Hepler scholarship each year. If you would like more information please find it on their website:

https://doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship

## Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs

February 2: Meatloaf and chicken nuggets for the kids
February 9: Lasagna and chicken nuggets for the kids
February 16: Pizza, salad bar, dessert - Complimentary Meal
February 23: Chick fil a sandwiches, salad bar, dessert - Complimentary Meal

Dr. Scott Spencer, Professor of New Testament, will lead our Wednesday Night Winter Bible Study "Open Bible: Open to God" on 2/2 and 2/9. Join us at 6:30pm in person or on Zoom for Bible Study and at 5:45pm for dinner.

## **Ministry Coverage**

Dr. Fallen will be traveling on retreat from February 8-15 and will not have phone or email access. If you need assistance, please contact B.J. Crowder, the church office, or your deacon.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Children's Sunday School will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Leigh Anne Weinstein has planned some fun lessons and activities. If you have any questions, please email her at leighanne.collier@gmail.com.

Adult Sunday School continues to meet at 9:15. Come at 9:00 to fellowship, and enjoy donuts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Classes offered are:

**Open Door Class** – Room 305 – Matt Davidson teaching – Matt uses Smyth & Helwys Formations Series. Lessons for February focus on Noah

**Genesis Class** – Room 311 – Michael Duke and Glenn West teaching – This class uses the Explore the Bible Series from Lifeway. They will be studying the book of Daniel this month.

Ruth Fidelis Class (for women) – Room 312 – Donna Washington teaching – Donna uses Smyth & Helwys Connections Series. Their focus this month is on growing in discipleship.

Women of the Bible Class – Fellowship Hall – Linda Davidson teaching – This class is using the book Women of the Bible Speak. Although having the book is helpful, it is not necessary to learn about some amazing women. In February, we will be learning about Hannah, Deborah, Jael, and others.

If you have any questions about the adult classes, please contact one of the teachers or email Linda Davidson at linsaledav@comcast.net.

Our youth are currently not meeting on Sunday mornings but continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30.



#### Preaching Schedule:

- 2/6 John 2:1-11 Eat, Drink, and Be Mary
- 2/13 B.J. Crowder preaching
- 2/20 Men's Day
- 2/27 Luke 6:39-49 You First

## **SMALL GROUP NEWS**

Have you been missing the fellowship that comes from being part of a small group? Do you desire to help others get to know this man called Jesus? Are you eager to deepen your faith and serve our community better? Are you ready to make an investment in your spiritual growth? Well do we have Good News for you! Small groups are back. These sessions begin on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30pm and have 12 spaces each. Check out your options below:

The Good and Beautiful Community - Cheryl Ender (FULL)

The 21st Century Christian: Following Jesus Where Life Happens - Melissa Fallen Journeying Through Grief - Chet Smith Open Bible Study - Matt Davidson and Roger Collier

Please sign up on our website (glenallenbaptist.org/small-groups) or through the church office.

#### **CPR Class**

John Crosby will offer a CPR class on February 26 from 2-4pm and February 28 from 6:30-9pm. Please sign up on our website (glenallenbaptist.org/small-groups) or through the church office.