

News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



TEAMWORK

As many of you know, I am the JV girls basketball coach at Deep Run High School. Our season runs from mid-November to mid-February, so right about now is one of my favorite parts of the season. The girls know each other much better so their early morning practices are more lively and fun than back in November. They know our plays and are playing at a higher level than the first few games of the year. When the team comes together well, I love to watch and admire their work!

I am writing this on the heels of our deacon ordination and installation service as well as our quarterly business meeting. When I look around at church life now, I feel the same sense of joy that I do when I see my basketball team coming together. Of course, our purpose is very different at church, but when I see children welcomed into worship and extending their hands of blessing to deacons, I see teamwork. When I see a growing choir joyfully coming together to lift their voices in worship leadership, I see teamwork. And when I see our deacon body leading our constitution and bylaws rewrite in healthy and visionary ways, I see teamwork.

That kind of teamwork will guide us well into the future as we seek to live God's kingdom here on earth. I am so grateful to serve on this team together with you!

Serving Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

2/12 Scout Sunday

2/19 Men's Sunday

2/22 Ash Wednesday

*2/23 GABC Anniversary
of Founding in 1868*

2/28 Deacon's Meeting

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

Dear GABC Church Family,

Your cards, calls, gifts, and meals meant so much to me while recuperating from leg surgery, but I truly believe that your prayers, love, and support are the reason that I have recovered so quickly! I know that I am truly blessed to be working with you all. You all are beautiful examples of God's love.

Thank you so much for being you and for all the kindnesses you show me each and every day,
Kay Landry

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and expressions of concern during my knee replacement surgery and recovery. Thanks as well to the volunteers who helped me get to PT when Linda was not driving. I appreciate the words of encouragement and inquiries about my progress. The knee is slowly getting better and I hope to be driving again soon.

Matt Davidson

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

February 1 - Chicken Tetrizzini, vegetable, garlic bread stick, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets, chips and fruit

February 8 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets, chips and fruit

February 15 - Fried Chicken, mac and cheese, vegetable, salad bar, dessert

Kids: same

February 22 - Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert

Kids: cheese pizza



Boy Scouts

In February of each year Glen Allen Baptist Church celebrates nationally renowned Scout Sunday, to recognize the values and life skills that are taught through Scouting programs of Troop 795. On Scout Sunday, the members and leaders of Troop 795 recognize their accomplishments and extend thanks to their charter organization, Glen Allen Baptist Church for its continued support over their long history.

In 1937 Glen Allen Baptist Church was issued a Charter for Boy Scout Troop 39 with Rev. W. Roy Carner as pastor and C. Howerton Parsons, Sr. as Scout Master. This troop under the sponsorship of the Church continued for 41 years of unbroken service to God and Country.

In 1953 the Scout Lodge was built under the leadership of Walter Heenan, with George H. Moody as deacon chairman of Glen Allen Baptist Church (yes, that George H. Moody, of Moody Middle School fame and the George H. Moody Scholarship name sake), Earl Eckert, and Pastor Elmer Stone West, Jr.

The RF&P Railroad donated materials including a boxcar that was taken apart for lumber, and a door, formerly used on a dining car belonging to the railroad. This same door served as the original main entrance to the Scout Lodge.

In 1964 side rooms were added to the Scout lodge. Boy Scouts that helped with this project included David Stone and his father, Robert Stone, Bruce Eckert and his father Earl Eckert, and Forrest Melton.

Boy Scout Troop 795 was chartered in 1995 and is now led by our own Trey Booker as Scoutmaster.

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Small Groups

On February 1, 8, and 15, we will spend three weeks "Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus" in an adult study written by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). We will kick off Lent with our Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 6:30pm. Following that, small groups will begin again on March 1. One group will continue the CBF study and another will do a Lenten study. Chet Smith will lead a large group on prayer.

Children's Ministry

I cannot believe February is here!

I have had so much fun getting to know the children at GABC. So far my favorite times with them have been praying together in my office and children's sermons! They might say their favorite thing is getting a treat from my candy jar!

Thank you so much for your support in my first few weeks on staff - especially your prayers for Rusty and our family with the passing of his father.

I am excited that the children will be learning the same lessons as the adults on Wednesday nights as we go through 'Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus'. We will gather in my office around 6:30 for our time together that will include stories, games, crafts, etc. The more 'structured' time will end around 7pm so those who need to can get home and get ready for bed. However, I will have some random games to play with any one who needs their children to remain in a children's activity while adult and youth studies are wrapping up.

Parents - I am trying to create a Birthday Board in my office. Would you help me by sending me an email (darie@glenallenbaptist.org) with your child's/children's name and birthday?

Ways to help support GABC children...

- Volunteer for Children's Church - there is no planning required and you get the added bonus of interacting with the children in the church
- Pillows - I would like to add some pillows in my office for the children to sit on when we meet. I am looking for pillows that are 14-18" square. If you are willing to donate a pillow or two, please let me know. Pillows can be any color, new or used (in good condition), store bought or homemade.

Lastly, many of you have asked what I want your children to call me. I have been Miss/Mrs. Darie for my entire career. I want them to know that I am their Pastor, but I still like to be called "Mrs. Darie". And don't worry if you mispronounce my name (it rhymes with Marie), I answer to most anything that is close:)

If you ever need anything or have any questions about the Children's Ministry. Feel free to reach out to me via email or phone.

In Christ's Service,

Mrs. Darie

Save the Date!



It's never too early to plan for fun, family, and fellowship! Please save May 5 - May 6 for The Great Family Campout. Details will follow...

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

What a warm welcome you have given David and me as we have made this move from First Baptist to Glen Allen Baptist Church. Your kindness and generosity has been confirmation that this is exactly where God wants us to be. Thank you for making this feel like home already! As I approach my one "monthi-versary" here is what is happening in youth and music:

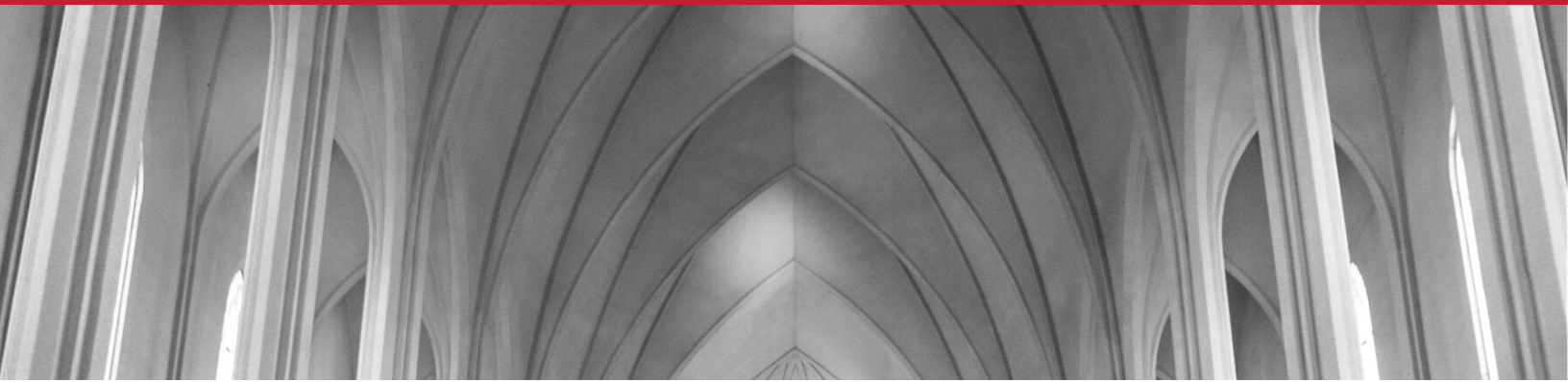
Youth

My very first goal is to meet and get to know the youth who are a part of our Glen Allen Baptist Church family. On Wednesday nights at 6:30, we meet in the youth room and spend our time getting to know each other through games and conversations about life and faith. In our brief time together, I have learned that service is very important to our youth. So March 17-19, I will take our youth to Newport News, VA for Mission Madness, a CBF weekend retreat that focuses on sending youth out to do mission work in the community. I hope we can get a good number of youth to go so we can build our friendships and form our faith together. The more the merrier! If you want more information about the weekend, please email me at ann@glenallenbaptist.org.

Music

True Confession: I was a little nervous about coming to Glen Allen after spending 30 years at First Baptist where everything in worship was very formal and polished. I always loved worshiping at First Baptist and wondered if I would enjoy worshiping somewhere else. Well, I had no reason to be nervous. I love worshiping here! From the first moment of my first worship service here, I knew that this was going to be a beautiful place to worship. You have such a sweet spirit, your worship is authentic and from the heart, and I feel right at home. I am not longing for worship at First Baptist (shhhh....that's our little secret) and I look forward to worship here each Sunday. Thank you for inviting me to lead music in worship and for having such a wonderful, joy-filled choir for me to lead. Choir rehearsal is FUN and each member is so dear. Our hour together on Wednesday night leaves me feeling refreshed and energized as we build community and make beautiful music together. You are welcome to join us!





SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preaching Schedule:

- 2/5 *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*
Empowered
- 2/12 *1 Corinthians 1:10-17*
The Right Foundation
- 2/19 *Men's Sunday*
- 2/26 *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*
Trying to Be Like God

Sunday School Valentine's Exchange

Send some kind words to someone at GABC this February! On Sunday, February 5th, you'll find all the supplies you need to write, decorate and send a valentine or two. Spend a few minutes during Sunday School filling out some Valentine's notes to folks in our church. You can:

- Send a note to someone you haven't had a chance to see in a while
- Share an inspirational scripture verse with a friend
- Tell someone they did a great job
- Introduce yourself to a new family or member (we will provide a list of some of our newest members and families)
- Send a warm welcome to our new staff

On February 12th, our kiddos will deliver the valentine cards to recipients. This is a great way for our church to make cross-generational connections. When the kids deliver a valentine, they will have a question for you to try to get to know you better. If you're so inclined, try to get to know your delivery messenger better with questions like:

- What is your favorite activity to do after school or on the weekends?
- What do you like best about coming to church?
- What's your favorite Valentine's candy?

Would you rather go on a roller coaster or go to the beach?

Not going to be here on February 5th?

We'll also have valentine supplies on tables at Wednesday Night Supper on February 8th. Or make your own at home and drop it in the box outside the church office at your convenience. We'll make sure they get delivered!