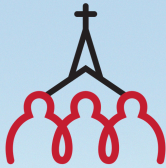


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



REBOOT - WHAT'S NEXT?

Last month, we shared the exciting news of our \$15,000 Reboot grant. A lot of background work is happening this summer to maximize the investment of those dollars early this fall. Our goal is to reboot church to be a better version of ourselves than we have ever been so we can have a greater impact for God's kingdom. We have enlisted the following 10 outstanding leaders who will aid us in leading groups:

Gwen Carlson, Bev Cocke, BJ Crowder (youth), Mary Daniels, Cheryl Ender, Allen Jenkins, Mark Parent, Tom Steinruck, Susan Taylor, and Leigh Anne Weinstein (children)

In August, you will have an opportunity to sign up for one of these groups at a time that works for you. You will have 8 weeks to complete 4 studies together, 1 fun activity together, and 1 community engagement activity together. The goal throughout this time is to (re)build fellowship, grow spiritually, and engage our community in new ways. AND we have \$15,000 to spend doing just that! We will celebrate God's work together on November 3.

In the months to come, we can spend our time focused on filling pews, offering plates, and committees or we can focus first on building the kingdom and I guarantee the other pieces will follow. As I take some vacation time for rest and renewal, I am eager to get back to the good work happening at GABC and seeing how God will work among us in this new season of church life!

Rebooting Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

July 4 - Independence Day

July 12, 4 pm - Ruth Fidelis Class meets in Pavillion

July 14, 12 pm - Pastor's Study

July 20, 3pm - Children's Summer Study and Fun Day

July 21, 5:45 pm - Family Night Dinner

July 21, 6:30 pm - Quarterly Business Meeting

July 22-24 - Youth Mission Trip

July 26, 4pm - Ruth Fidelis Class Meets in Pavillion

July 27 3pm - Children's Summer Study and Fun Day

July 28, 12 pm - Pastor's Study

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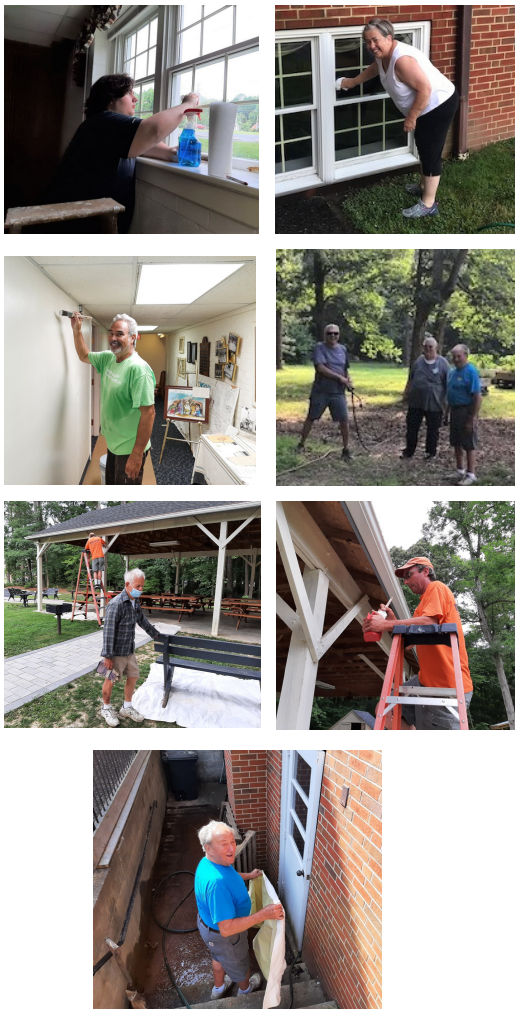
Welcome New Members

We are excited to welcome Chet and Nancy Smith on transfer of their membership from a sister church. You can find their contact information in the online church directory. Welcome Chet and Nancy!



Church-wide Work Day

Thanks to Gary and Mary Daniels, Buddy Anderson, Ian and Duncan Carlson, Kirby Smith, Mark Mantiplay and Forrest Melton for all of your hard work, power washing, painting and window washing on church-wide work day.



Boy Scouts Unit Volunteer Recognition Award



The Cardinal District of the Boy Scouts of America includes scouting units in Goochland, Hanover, and Henrico counties. Each year a volunteer who has worked especially hard to benefit scouts in their unit is recognized for these efforts. These distinguished volunteers are honored and presented with a Unit Volunteer Recognition Award during the district's annual Recognition Dinner. This year's recipient is the Scoutmaster of our own Boy Scout Troop 795, Trey Booker. Congratulations, Trey!

Pastor's Summer Bible Study

We've had a great time this summer exploring Ezra and what it teaches us about our own rebuilding following the pandemic. We have two remaining sessions on July 14 and 28. We will meet at 12:30pm in the pavilion or bring your lunch and join us at noon. This study will continue to lay the groundwork for Project Reboot and will prepare us for an August sermon series on Nehemiah.

Summer Fish Fry



New Church Custodian

Please welcome Bob Cotton as our new Church Custodian as of July 1. Bob enjoyed a long, successful career in the international business world and looks forward to remaining active in his role with Glen Allen Baptist Church.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Esther Thompson in the death of her sister, Iva Hifiker, in NY on May 30.

Thank You

Dear Dr. Fallen & GABC Family, Thank you so much for the texts, thoughts, prayers, and cards. Your kindness and expressions of support in the passing of my sister were very heartfelt and meant so very much. The Lord's goodness to us never fails. Thank you.

-In Christian Love, Esther & Al Thompson

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Lois Faw in her death in her June.



Children's Summer Activities 2021

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

What: It has been a long time since the kids of GABC have had the opportunity to have fun and see each other. These activities were designed for our littlest GABC friends through 5th grade, but we welcome families! Instead of VBS this year, we are going to do 3 different play dates to have fun together and celebrate God's light! For these events, children can be dropped off, or you can stay and participate too!

Where: All events are outdoors at the pavilion and playground! Masks are suggested, but not required, since we will be outside and socially distant. We hope you will join us!

When: Tuesday, July 20th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. We can shine God's light of joy!

- We will do water activities & popsicles! Come prepared to get wet!

Tuesday, July 27th 3:00-5:00 p.m. We can shine God's light of faith! Craft Activities & Popsicles

- We will decorate bags for lunches the youth serve the homeless, Tie Dye a shirt, and decorate our church garden beds.

Tuesday, August 3rd 3:00–5:00 p.m. We can shine God's light of love! More Water Activities & Popsicles

- Fun together with more water activities, playground, and blow up water slide!

For more information, contact Jaime Tonello, jaimetonello@gmail.com.

Annual Youth Yard Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to make extremely generous donations towards our annual youth yard sale. We are overwhelmed and humbled in the ways that this will help our kids attend future mission trips. We are in the planning stages of hosting our annual yard sale for this fall. *At this time we unfortunately cannot take any more donations because we are out of storage space!* What a great problem to have. Thank you again for all you do to help our youth.

YOUTH NEWS

What a year! Our youth have made it through the 20-21 school year and this is an accomplishment in itself. As we return to some normalcy as a GABC Youth Group, we are still taking precautions as we know most of our children and youth have not been vaccinated at this point. I am delighted to let you know about our own "mission trip" that we are hosting right here at GABC. The last 2 summers have resulted in four cancelled mission trips and this was a way we could have something for our youth. We have 22 folks signed up to attend/chaperone this event coming up on July 22-24. We will have evening activities as well as mission activities during the day, with the culminating event of feeding the homeless on Saturday morning. Our theme for the trip is "Rejuvenate and Restore" as our goal is to rejuvenate our youth and restore our faith after a long year and a half. As we prepare for this event, please keep the group in your thoughts and prayers.

-Dr. B.J. Crowder

Preaching Schedule:

- 7/4 *Guest Preacher - Rev. Sara Hubble*
- 7/11 *Guest Preacher - Justin Pierson*
- 7/18 *2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Place or Person?*
- 7/25 *Ephesians 3:14-21 Fulness of God*

Sunday School Teachers:

- 7/4 *Matt Davidson*
- 7/11 *Allen Jenkins*
- 7/18 *Linda Davidson*
- 7/25 *Michael Duke*

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is taking a break from Zoom Sunday School for the summer. This will give our families and children's teachers a chance to rejuvenate away from the computer! We thank you for your support during the past 15 months.

Adult in-person Sunday School continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. most Sundays. We continue to meet through Zoom as well. We are currently studying Job. We hope you will join us either in person or through Zoom.

Sunday School books are available in the vestibule and on the bench outside the pastor's office.

Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School program.

Ruth Fidelis Class

The Ruth Fidelis class will meet July 12 and 26 in the pavilion at 4:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome.

MISSIONS NEWS

Christmas in July! The Missions Committee will be collecting coats this Fall for an assigned Title 1 school. I have found some great buys on Amazon. There may be great buys on the internet and store sales. Be on the lookout for coats to help keep children warm this Winter.

Continue to support Lamb's Basket this Summer. Children are out of school and do not have school lunches and breakfast to depend on. Thank you for the 178 lbs given in June. We were also able to give 17lbs of produce the last week of June!

