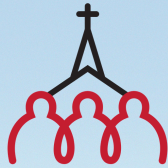


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



\$15,000 REBOOT GRANT

Over the last year, we have been forced to unplug from our normal rhythms and routines of church ministry due to the global pandemic. As we are emerging from that experience, now is the time to think about how we will plug back in or *reboot* church for the next chapter of mission and ministry.

A few months ago, I began working on a grant to help us do just that. The central question at hand was "How do we get back to church (better)?" I submitted a grant proposal to Columbia Seminary and am very excited that we were awarded a \$15,000 gift to help us reboot church in a post-pandemic world.

How will we do this? Well, first and foremost, we'll do it together! Each and everyone of you will have opportunity to invest this money in (re)building our fellowship and reaching our community while building a deeper faith.

I am thrilled about the opportunities ahead of us to reboot as a better version of GABC than we have ever been so we can reach more and more people for God's kingdom.

Eric Mawyer, our lay leader for this project, and I will share more details throughout the summer. In the meantime, be praying about our faithful stewardship of these dollars to build God's kingdom. Please join in our summer Bible study on Ezra (see next page) and our August sermon series on Nehemiah to see how the people of Israel "rebooted" after a long period of exile. I'm grateful to be on this exciting journey with you!

Rebooting Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

*June 2, 9, 16 12:30 pm,
Pastor's Bible Study*

*June 13 Graduation
Sunday*

*June 19 House &
Grounds Workday*

*June 23 Summer Fish
Fry*

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Bible Study

As we lay the groundwork for Project Reboot, this summer, we will explore how the people of Israel rebooted their work after a period of exile. In the pastor's Bible study in June and July, we will study the book of Ezra followed by a sermon series on the book of Nehemiah in August. Bible study dates are as follows at 12:30pm in the pavilion if it's not too hot!: June 2, 9, 16 and July 14 and 28. Bring lunch and join us at noon if you would like extra fellowship!

Church-wide Work Day

We Need You! The House & Grounds Committee will have a church-wide work day on Saturday, June 19, 2021 beginning at 9 am to spruce up our church for reopening. We have quite a few painting projects that need addressing. Bring your paint brush. If you don't have one, we will provide one. For planning purposes, please reply to markmantiplay@gmail.com if you can help.

Your Gifts Matter

With the summer season upon us, it's as important as ever to keep up with our tithes and offerings. Many key ministries happen in the summer and are dependent on strong giving. If you would like to set up a secure one-time or recurring payment, please go to our website at glenallenbaptist.org/give or scan the QR code below.



Fish Fry and More! - June 23

Dr. Biddle will return on June 23 for the Fish Fry to finish his session on Understanding Your Bible. That evening we will also unveil the next steps of Reboot Church 2021! See you at 5:45pm on 6/23.

Wood Shed Project

We are happy to have a new woodshed that was the Eagle Scout project of Colin Hudson, of our Troop 795. It was built on May 1, by 12 of our Boy Scouts, ranging in age from 13 to 17.



Hats off to a Great PreK Year!

Thanks to our preschool workers for their tireless work in such an unusual year! They implemented all the guidelines to faithfully care for children in our community!



CHURCH NEWS

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Benita Rockeman in her death on April 30, 2021.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Tommy Duke in his death on May 11, 2021. He was previously a member of GABC and is the cousin of Michael Duke.

Thank You

Thank you and your team for hosting our semi-annual meeting at Glen Allen Baptist on Sunday! The music, audio-visual assistance and greeters were so welcoming, flexible and vital to making our meeting a success. I enjoyed hearing how the church has come together to provide food for the community and the relationship you are building with refugee families in your community!

Blessings,
Maria Lynn, Dover Baptist Association

A Full Spring at GABC...



Deacons Meetings began again in person at the pavilion.



Dr. Mark Biddle talked to us about the origins of the Bible.



The Weinsteins "Garage School" came over to work on the garden beds.



Neil Zahradka shared about why community gardening matters and how we use it to build community.

Our last Wednesday night of the spring with the Kona Ice Truck!



Kate Ayers of ReEstablish Richmond shared about caring for refugees in our area.

Preaching Schedule:

- 6/6 *1 Samuel 8:4-22
We Want a King*
- 6/13 *Grad Sunday*
- 6/20 *2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Home Base*
- 6/27 *2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Eagerness*

Sunday School Teachers:

- 6/6 *B. J. Crowder,
in person and Zoom*
- 6/13 *Matt Davidson,
in person and Zoom*
- 6/20 *Donna Washington,
in person and Zoom*
- 6/27 *Michael Duke,
in person and Zoom*

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School continues to meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. through Zoom.

Adult in-person Sunday School continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall most Sundays. We continue to meet through Zoom as well at 9:00 a.m. We begin a study of Job and Ecclesiastes the first Sunday of June. 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.

The Ruth Fidelis class began meeting in May in the pavilion. In June they will meet on June 7 and 21 at 4:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please contact Donna Washington.

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

MISSIONS NEWS

June is the start of Summer. Folks are traveling, taking vacations, going out of town. Before you leave home, clean out your pantry and make donations to Lamb's Basket.

Donations can be placed on the rolling cart under carport at Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support.

ReEstablish Richmond Breaking Bread Event

Kate Ayers shared a great Wednesday night program on ReEstablish Richmond, where she taught us about the work they are doing to help with refugee resettlement in our area. If you would like to participate in their Breaking Bread event virtual cooking experience, check out their website: <https://reestablishrichmond.networkforgood.com/events/28192-breaking-bread-a-virtual-cooking-experience>