

News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



GROWTH

Everyday on my loop into the church parking lot, I get a view of our blossoming garden beds. What started out as empty sacks for our PreK to fill are now tall potato plants. Seeds and small plants in other beds are sprouting radishes and carrots and tomatoes. Vines are starting to take root in our neighbor, Ken's borrowed space. Growth is easy to spot in our backyard!

But I'm also seeing some other signs of growth around GABC. I see folks stepping up to cook meals, love our PreK families, deliver veggies, cut grass for neighbors, study together, serve with children, and try new things. It always brings a smile to my face when I see our newest attendees jumping in to join these ministries as well. All of those activities are signs of a healthy church!

Summer lends itself to a different pace, but that doesn't mean growth stops. In fact, the summer can be just the time to deepen roots and invest in our spiritual growth. That investment will continue to yield spiritual fruit throughout the year. If you haven't found a place yet for growth and service, let's talk more.

I am blessed to be your pastor and to be on this journey of growth and deepening our spiritual roots together.

Growing Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

6/12 Graduation Sunday

6/19 Father's Day

6/26 Summer Book Club

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

Thank you all for sending help to take care of my yard when I was unable to do so myself. I especially thank Mark Mantiply for taking the time out to mow and weed eat the entire yard to perfection! He certainly represents the true meaning of The Good Samaritan for his help and service to me and GABC.

Sincerely, Deborah Dean

Celebration of Life

A celebration of the life of Jim Mallory will take place after worship on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Summer Book Club

As we break from our weekly programming in the summer, Dr. Fallen will lead a summer book club on the last Sunday of June, July, and August. The first will be on June 26 at 4pm. If you love to read and are interested in participating in good conversation, please see Melissa for the summer reading list. Childcare can be arranged upon request.



July is VBS Month!

Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios(TM). This summer, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will have fun while learning that we are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10) and a masterpiece in process.

We'll have three mini sessions from 5-7pm on the following Thursdays: July 7th, 14th and 21st, followed by our VBS weekend on July 30th-31st, with a goal of kids participating in the worship service on July 31st. Kids are welcome to come to any or all sessions that they can attend.

To sign your child(ren) up, visit <https://forms.gle/AJpUZMK4Mefi954E8> or email leighanne.collier@gmail.com for the link. If you'd like to help with any of these sessions, please contact Leigh Anne. We have lots of hands on (helping kids during the sessions) and hands off opportunities (set up before the sessions) and need volunteers both before and during the sessions.

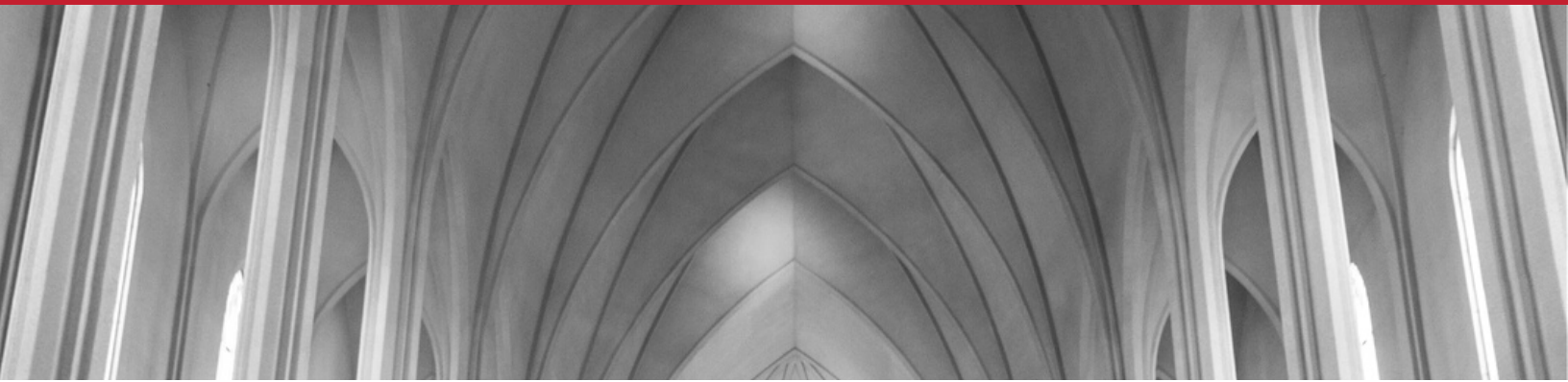
Graduation Sunday

Summer is one of the most exciting times for our students as it is filled with trips, college visits, summer jobs, and many other fun activities. It also is the conclusion of another school year. We will celebrate our GABC seniors on June 12 as part of our Graduation Sunday during worship service.

Additionally, our youth will be starting to get back into action with monthly activities including our missions with Moments of Hope and our "fun" activities.

Continue to keep our youth families in thoughts and prayer as we continue to navigate through different times. We appreciate all of the love and support from the GABC congregation.

Rev. Dr. B.J. Crowder



Preaching Schedule:

- 6/5 *Pentecost*
1 Kings 18:20-39
How Big is Your God?
- 6/12 *Graduate Sunday*
- 6/19 *1 Kings 19:1-15a*
Never Alone
- 6/26 *Luke 9:51-62*
Misunderstood
Discipleship

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Children's Sunday School will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30. The Children's Sermon will be in the sanctuary followed by a Sunday School lesson in the pavilion (weather permitting) and some playtime on the playground. If you are interested in being a helper (we have our teaching spots covered but need another adult each week), please email Leigh Anne at leighanne.collier@gmail.com, and she will send you the link to sign up.

There are new forms to complete for each child, so please plan on a few extra minutes to complete the form if you have not already done so.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays during the summer. Youth Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Adult Sunday School continues to meet at 9:15.

Classes offered are:

Open Door Class – Room 305 – Matt Davidson teaching – Matt uses Smyth & Helwys Formations Series. June lessons focus on “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Come join us.

Genesis Class – Room 311 – Michael Duke teaching – This class uses the Explore the Bible Series from Lifeway. They will be studying I and II Kings during the summer months. We would love to have you.

Ruth Fidelis Class (for women of all ages) – Room 312 – Donna Washington teaching – Donna uses Smyth & Helwys Connections Series. Their focus this month is on “Embracing the Truth” and will explore the Gospel of John and Psalms. All women of the church are welcome.

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