

The B-I-B-L-E



“It’s the B-I-B-L-E

Yes that’s the book for me

I stand alone on the word of God

The B-I-B-L-E.”

I hope you sang along to that catchy tune, and it brought back memories from your childhood or from teaching your own children. What is this B-I-B-L-E we’ve known about and hopefully learned about our whole lives? Quite simply, like the song says, it’s the word of God. I’m so excited and impressed by the number of people who have engaged the 40-day Lent challenge to read through the New Testament. I know we are only a little over a week into it and through the gospels of Matthew and Mark, but I’ve already heard wonderful feedback. I’ve heard you all say things about how you’ve never undertaken to read this much of the Bible at one time and it’s put in perspective some of the stories you’ve known your whole life. I’ve heard some of you express how reading this way has raised a number of questions for you and you want to dig deeper. And I’ve even heard some of you talk about Jesus’ sense of humor and how some of his responses were edgy enough to make you laugh. Those kinds

of responses to reading Scripture are a pastor’s dream! More importantly, it’s a wonderful exercise in rooting us as disciples who are guided by Scripture. As we read, we understand more and more about this Jesus who called us to follow Him. We also learn more about what it means to develop healthy spiritual practices and a healthy church. Every day of reading is a chance for transformation. In the spring, I hope to offer some feedback and reflection time on what you’ve learned. I also hope to offer a deeper dive into how we read and understand Scripture. Stay tuned! My prayer for all of you on this 40-Day Lent challenge is that you stay curious about our sacred scripture and let it guide every day of your faith journey. I also pray this would help us develop more daily spiritual practices that grow us as disciples. If you are not a part of the Lent challenge, what spiritual practices are sustaining you through these times? I’m excited to see how God will continue to use this experience!

Studying Together,

Melissa Fallen

March 2021 Highlights

3/7 - WOMEN'S SUNDAY

**3/14 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
BEGINS**

3/28 - PALM SUNDAY

Church News

Sunday School

Allie Osborne continues to teach preschool and children's Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. She is currently doing a series on Lent. She sends a zoom link out each Saturday. If you are not on the list to receive that link, please contact Allie at allie@glenallenbaptist.org. She would love to have your child(ren) join her.

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 are currently using the Lifeway literature and will be studying the Book of Luke. Sunday School books are available outside the secretary's office or in the vestibule. Stop by and pick one up.

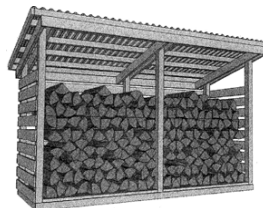
Adult Schedule for March

- 7 – Matt Davidson (in person and Zoom)
- 14 – Allen Jenkins
- 21 – Former pastor Dr. Roger Collier (in person and Zoom)
- 28 – Michael Duke (in person and Zoom)

Thank you for your support of our Sunday School program during these unusual times.

Boy Scouts

One of our Boy Scouts, Colin Hudson, is planning to build a wood shed for the Church, for his Eagle Scout project.



March Preaching Schedule

3/7 - WOMEN'S SUNDAY

**3/14 - ROMANS 1:1-17,
AMBASSADOR OF THE
GOSPEL**

**3/21 - EXODUS 12:1-17,
PASSOVER**

**3/28 - MARK 14:1-2,12-26,
NEW COVENANT**

Youth News

The Youth at Glen Allen Baptist continue to remain active, meeting every Wednesday night and continuing monthly activities as well as bi-monthly mission activities. In the month of January we fed 450 people in need through the Moments of Hope Outreach Ministry. Our group is now plugged in to work with Moments of Hope bi-monthly on the 2nd Saturday of every other month. Our next project with them will be Saturday, March 13. If you are interested, please reach out to me and we can certainly get you plugged in. Our next event is Friday, February 26th, which will be a movie night at the church in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7 PM.

As always, we will follow all CDC guidelines and practical social distancing while wearing masks.

On Wednesday nights, we have been studying in a series called "The Cross and the Resurrection." During these studies, we focus on what actually happened at the crucifixion based on biblical scripture. Like a crime scene investigation, we examine the circumstances of Jesus' death on the cross. We place much of our focus on the actions, words, and events of Jesus' crucifixion so that students will know what Jesus endured in the hours leading up to his execution.

- Rev. Dr. William J. Crowder, Jr.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I want to once again thank you for the many ways you have supported me during my colon cancer journey. Your cards, calls, texts and gifts have meant so much, but I especially appreciate your prayers.

Although I was not able to complete all 12 rounds, the doctor is confident that I received enough chemo.

I so appreciate all of you and the many ways you have shown your concern and love.

In Christian Love - *Linda Davidson*

Dear Glen Allen Family,

Thank you for the support you have provided Dawn and me since the passing of my father. We so appreciate the calls and cards and emails and meals and prayers! We were grateful to be able to have a funeral service for both Mom and Dad. While space required it to be limited to family, technology allowed extended family and friends to also participate. We are thankful for you all! - *Brian & Dawn*

Missions Corner

The Missions Committee took 120 lbs of food products to Feed More. Lambs Basket was not open that day. Please continue to support this much needed program.

GABC through coordination with the Missions Committee is making a donation to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of VA toward a new missions program in Southwestern Virginia "Bridges of Hope." There is a lot of poverty in this region of our state. Hopefully GABC will be able to assist CBFVA more in time.

Easter cards and cookies will be sent to Elizabeth Crump as we get closer to Easter

Children's Corner

Thanks to generous memorial donations, we installed a new swing set in the playground. Come check it out when you have a chance.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Brian Lee and his family in the death of his father on January 29, 2021.

Christian sympathy is extended to Lorie Richardson and her family in the death of her father, Thomas D. Lett on February 3, 2021.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Fred Tucker, Jr. in his death on February 19, 2021.

