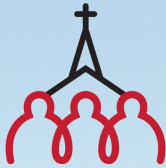


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



LIMINAL SPACE

By Melissa Fallen

Liminal space is defined as the space between one place and the next. Oftentimes, it is used to refer to a place of disorientation between one stage of life and another. By these definitions, I would venture to say we are all living in liminal space right now between the pre-pandemic world and the post-pandemic world. We're emerging with hopefulness about what is yet to come.

Unfortunately, liminal space cannot merely be skipped over for something easier. There are some growing pains in the space between what was and what is yet to come. The important thing is that we take advantage of this season of growth and learning so we are prepared for the next step.

We have exciting plans for the fall in the planning stages now. As we make our way forward, let us reflect on this liminal space and God's faithfulness in walking us to the next exciting stage of church life. Psalm 46 reminds us of God's presence with us through every stage whether the mountains shake or the water foam, God is with us walking us forward into new opportunities. Thanks be to God!

Journeying Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

*May 8 Youth Mission
with Moments of Hope*

May 18 Blood Drive

*May 27 Preschool
Graduation*

May 31 Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

May Menu

May 5 – Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Desserts
Kids: Pizza Bagels, chips, fruit

May 12 – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Nuggets, chips, fruit

May 19 – BBQ, Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Nuggets, chips, fruit

May 26 - Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Chips
Bakes Beans, Dessert
Kids: Same

Adult Programming

We have an outstanding line up of programming that will lead us into the summer and focus around some of our recent and new ministries. See below for details...

May 5 - Why Do Community Gardening?, Neil Zahradka
May 12 - ReEstablish Richmond, Kate Ayers
May 19 - Understanding the Bible 102, Dr. Mark Biddle
May 26 - Music by Amy Ladd

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, calls, good wishes, meals, etc. I am humbled by your outpouring of love and generosity. I feel very loved and I love you right back!
- Benita Rockeman

I would like to extend my thank you for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, texts, delicious food and visit from my Glen Allen Baptist church family during my recent heart surgery. God led me to this wonderful church and has blessed me with your love of which I am very grateful.

- Gwen Steinbrecher

Thank you for your card and kind words on the passing of my father, Fred Tucker. Dad had strong faith in God and His love for us. That gave me the beginning of my faith.
- Barbara Geisinger & family

Youth News

As we approach the end of the school year and head towards the summer we are encouraged as some normalcy begins to return for our students. Family vacations, a break from school, and several other items will be the break that many of our youth and families need. While we are not "out of the woods yet", we at least are beginning to see the green grass outside of the forest.

Our Graduation Sunday will be held on June 13th. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family that has not connected with me yet, please have them do so as soon as possible. Graduation Sunday is always a special time within our church and we are honored to celebrate our graduates and give them the proper recognition that they deserve.

As a group, we continue to remain mission focused. Our next event will be in collaboration with Moments of Hope Outreach as we prepare meals for hundreds of homeless in our near vicinity. This is certainly a way to give back as well as serve.

Thank you for all of your support as a church. Your continuous prayer is always appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Rev. Dr. B.J. Crowder


Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Long in the death of his brother-in-law, Louis Migliara, on April 12, 2021.

Blood Drive - May 18

GABC is collaborating with the Red Cross to host two blood drives a year. Our next one will be May 18 from 10am-3pm. Please sign up on their website (redcrossblood.org with drive code: GABC) or call the church office if you need assistance. This is a great way to assist our community and meet others who come to give!



 American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Glen Allen Baptist Church
Social Hall
3028 Mountain Rd
Glen Allen, VA 23060
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Preaching Schedule:

- 5/2 *Acts 8:26-40*
Introducing Jesus
- 5/9 *Psalms 98*
Sing a New Song
- 5/16 *Acts 1:1-11*
Left Behind
- 5/23 *Romans 8:22-27*
Hope
- 5/30 *TBD*

Sunday School Teachers:

- 5/2 *Allen Jenkins*
- 5/9 *Matt Davidson (in person & Zoom)*
- 5/16 *Mark Parent*
- 5/23 *Michael Duke (in person & Zoom)*
- 5/30 *TBD*

Sunday School

A special thank you goes out to Allie Osborne, who has been teaching children's Sunday School for the past several months. She was an answer to prayer! Allie's last Sunday with us is May 2. Jaime Tonello and Leigh Anne Weinstein are working to make sure children's Sunday School continues uninterrupted through Zoom. The schedule for May is:

- May 2 – Allie Osborne
9 – Leigh Anne Weinstein
16 – Zoe Parrish
23 – Aricka Parent
30 – Leigh Anne Weinstein

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 are 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. The Sunday School books for summer will be available for pickup in a couple of weeks.

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

Thank You, Allie!

May 2 marked Allie Osborne's last day with us as our children's intern. What began as a "normal" 3-month summer internship turned into an 11-month pandemic internship. Allie has led our children creatively through these days teaching Sunday School, leading children's messages, co-directing VBS, leading an adult book study, and leading our children in mission endeavors. For the last four months she has volunteered with us from her new home in Atlanta. We are so grateful for Allie's great gifts and pray blessings on her as she completes her seminary education at one of our Baptist schools, McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University.

MISSIONS NEWS

Matt Davidson took 159 lbs of food items to Lamb's Basket. Please continue your generous donations.

Please continue to donate children books for distribution to title 1 schools so children will have the gift of reading with real books.

Garden Beds!

Thanks to Eric and Laura Mawyer for their leadership in getting our garden beds up and running for 2021. Thanks to some of our guys for building eight new beds and our Boy Scouts and youth who filled the beds and got them ready for planting! Our preschoolers also lent a hand on Earth Day to learn more about taking care of God's good creation.

This year, we will share 4 beds with new friends from ReEstablish Richmond. Two Afghan families will work the beds on our property to provide additional food for their families. We will learn more about ReEstablish Richmond on May 12 and encourage you to attend at 6:30pm.

