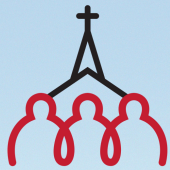


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



DOES JESUS MATTER?

In worship on April 23, I asked you to consider the question: "Does Jesus matter?"

Well, of course he does! If you're reading this, you are likely a good church-going person and part of why you go to church is because Jesus matters in your life.

But does the rest of the world see that? In this season after Easter, do we give the rest of the world a reason to believe Jesus matters? Is the risen Christ just a story we tell once a year at Easter and rehearse it again a year later?

I encourage you to think about how others can see the power of the risen Christ at work in your life and in our church family. It will not simply happen by the number of times we show up for church or how many committees you serve on.

People will see the risen Christ when we roll up our sleeves and address the world's greatest needs in tangible ways. People will see the risen Christ when we engage a divided world with love and grace. And they just might walk away believing that Jesus actually matters in the world today.

Easter Blessings,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

5/1, 5/22 Backpack Packing

5/5 - 5/6 The Great Family Campout

5/13 Moments of Hope

5/14 Mother's Day

5/15 Ministry & Missions Meeting

5/21 Rising 6th Grade Breakfast

5/23 Deacon's Meeting

5/28 Pentecost

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for all of the prayers, cards, well wishes, meals, and the loaner wheelchair following Lynnette's foot surgery. We are overwhelmed by the loving embrace from our new church family. We have indeed found our new home!

Yours in Christ,

Lynnette & Jim Godwin

Welcome New Members!

We welcome Ann & David Carter and Frank Corker to our church family.



Moments of Hope

On May 13, GABC is preparing and serving 550 lunches at Moments of Hope community outreach luncheon. We need people to help prepare and bag the lunches - this is family friendly. Children and youth are welcome to come pack lunches -(Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9). We also need adults over the age of 21 to serve the lunches at their Azalea Avenue location. Meet us at church at 11:30 or at Brookhill Azalea Shopping Center (5300 Chamberlayne Road) at 12:00. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve, let Ann Carter know!

Oh! And we need reusable grocery bags to hand out food, so we welcome those donations!

Children's Ministry

Happy May GABC Children and Families!!! We have some important and exciting things happening in the Children's Ministry!

Sunday School - Our Sunday School teachers have worked extra hard this year to provide a great time of fun, fellowship and learning each Sunday morning. And they deserve a much needed break. So, with the summer months coming, children Sunday School will be taking a Summer Sabbath as well. May 21 will be our last regular Sunday School until the fall. We still want to see our children throughout the summer, so children's church will continue as a part of worship at GABC.

We have volunteer opportunities available for children's church and VBS! If you are interested in helping, please email darie@glenallenbaptist.org.

Stay tuned for more information about get togethers during the summer!

Darie



The Great Family Campout!



The Great Family Campout is May 5-6. Join our children's ministry and Boy Scout Troop 795 for an overnight adventure in our backyard learning about camping. Don't have a tent? No problem! We have camping gear and our Scouts will teach you all the basics. Register on our website by April 30: <https://glenallenbaptist.org/the-great-family-campout>

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

May 3 - Fried chicken, mac and cheese, vegetable, salad bar, dessert
Kids: same

May 10 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, bar, dessert
Kids: Chicken nuggets

May 17 - Cookout - Hamburgers, Hotdogs & the fixings, salad bar, dessert
Kids: same



Wednesday Night Programs

May 3 - A representative from ACTS (Area Congregations Together in Service) will share with us about their mission to prevent homelessness.

May 10 - The Missions & Ministry Team will share a recap of the year, give a preview of what could be in 2023-2024, and invite your feedback on what you are looking for to grow spiritually and engage our community.

May 17 - Church Family Fun Night in the pavilion. Get to know your church family through an interactive evening of games for all ages. Join us for an evening of fun and laughter.

Youth Ministry 101: Rising 6th Grade Breakfast

On Sunday, May 21 at 9:15am, all rising 6th grade families are invited to breakfast to learn about youth ministry and what families can expect in the fall. This will be a lighthearted and fun time together as we get to know each other. In worship at 10:30 we will honor the rising 6th graders in worship, marking this transition they are making from their elementary to their middle school years. Be on the lookout for an invitation in the mail!

A Message from Ann Carter... Youth Ministry & Music

Youth

As we move through the spring, two very important things will happen in the lives of our youth:

- Our High School Seniors graduate!
- School is out and summertime fun begins.

Graduation Sunday is June 4. We will be celebrating our seniors during worship and I would love your help making this day special. Would you be willing to write a note of congratulations, blessing, and encouragement to our graduates? I will gather the messages from our church family and present them with all of your special words. I want your notes to be something they can look back on over the coming years and remember the love of their church family. Bring your notes to church anytime between now and June 4 and I will collect them. The Class of 2023 is Elijah Tonello, Tyler Alexander, and Addison Anderson. If you have a senior in your family that isn't on this list (I don't know everyone yet!), let me know. I would love to invite them to participate in our celebration.

Summer! I am working on a summer calendar that will be a good mix of fun, service, and faith conversations for our youth. Stay tuned for a summer calendar!

Music

I don't think people realize how wonderful it is to be part of the Glen Allen Baptist Church choir. If people knew, there would not be enough seats for everyone! We have SO much fun together on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. It feels like we are our own small group....working, laughing, loving, and making music together! But we aren't exclusive. Our door is open and you are welcome to join us!



Helena, Arkansas

A wonderful team is forming for our trip to Helena this summer. I am so excited for the possibilities of what God can do in and through us with Together for Hope Arkansas. More details are falling into place. See bold items below for new details:

Trip Details:

Dates: July 15-21 (if you choose to drive, add a day or so - it's a 13 hour drive)

Cost: \$125 per person. If there are more than one person in a family attending \$125 for first family member and \$100 for the additional family member. Family max is \$300.

Transportation: additional cost - participants can drive or fly.

Housing: Stay in local church for \$25 per person (air mattresses, shower trailers, full kitchens, living space). Hotels run \$75-\$90 per night.

Meals: Most meals included. Exceptions: travel, breakfasts, Sunday lunch, & Monday dinner.

Together for Hope Arkansas has opportunities for all ages. Here is how you can participate:

Swim Camp (VBS with Sports:) camper (ages 6-12), group leader, camp nurse, teach Bible, crafts, music, sports, or be a swim instructor.

Camp Go: for ages 13-15 Is leadership training for the youth of the community. Our students can practice the ministry of friendship while they practice leading in camp.

Lunch Prep: prepare and deliver lunch for all the camps.

Water Truck: provide water to all the camps and construction sites.

Preschool Camp: group leader, assistant, music teacher, camper (ages 3-5)

Construction: on local homes, churches, and businesses (if 16 or under, accompanied by adult)

Blessings Ministry: serving the community through simple acts of grace. through activities such as prayer walks, home visitations, talking with locals, cleaning kitchens, ministering at the nursing home, and other areas of general blessing.



Preaching Schedule:

- 5/7 *John 14:1-14*
Show Me the Father
- 5/14 *John 14:15-21*
Show Me the Holy Spirit
- 5/21 *1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11*
Restore, Support, and Strengthen
- 5/28 *Numbers 11:24-30*
Empowered by the Spirit

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Adult Sunday School classes continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. A special thank-you goes out to those who have provided donuts for us to enjoy before Sunday School. We would love for you to join us in the Welcome Center for coffee (or juice) and donuts before heading to class.

Genesis class continues their study of the book of John. In May they are focusing on chapters 18-21. Personal Study Guides are available in the Genesis classroom, Room 311.

Ruth Fidelis Class' emphasis this month is "Jesus's Parting Words." Scripture will come from the book of John. All women are welcome. This class meets in Room 312.

Open Door Class will be studying "The Work of the Spirit." Scripture comes from both Old Testament and New Testament books (Genesis, Romans, Galatians, and Joel). Open Door class meets in Room 305, and everyone is welcome.

We have two classes for our children age 3-grade 5. They also enjoy donuts before heading to their classes. They enjoy a lesson and have music time. We would love for your children to join us!

