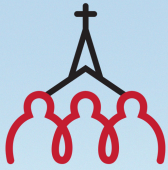


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

You prayed. God answered. Imagine that?!

This summer, we spent months praying for our new school partnerships. We prayed about how we might work with these schools where they need us most. Now we are seeing the fruits of those prayers.

We have had several meetings with Brookland Middle, Hermitage High, and Henrico County school leaders about what they need most and how we can support those areas. The energy has been contagious!

Did you know we already have four volunteers serving weekly at Brookland Middle School in the front office? Did you know we pack 200+ backpack meals each week for our local elementary schools? Did you know we served dinner to the boys' volleyball team at Hermitage on Senior Night? Did you know we are providing dinner for 75-100 faculty and staff on the Hermitage Literacy and STEAM Festival night?

We are just scratching the surface of how we can be present in these schools where we are needed the most. Don't stop praying! These partnerships are just getting started. Contact a member of the Missions & Ministry Team to get involved and see the article on page 3 with details on the "Panther Closet."

Serving Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

- 11/5 *Daylight Saving Time Ends*
- 11/12 *Hygiene Product Dedication Sunday*
- 11/21 *Lunch Bunches*
- 11/17 *Fall Youth Retreat*
- 11/20 *Backpack Packing*
- 11/28 *Deacon's Meeting*
- 11/29 *Hanging of the Green*

CHURCH NEWS

Wednesday Night Dinner

November 1 - Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Cheese pizza

November 8 - Fried chicken, mac and cheese, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: same

November 15 - Shepherd's Pie, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: corn dog nuggets

November 22 - No meal

November 29 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets



Wednesday Night Opportunities

Our “Growing Generous Followers” study continues through November 15 at 6:15pm in room 311 on Wednesday nights. We also have a few spots open in our crafting class on November 15. Contact the church office if you would like to sign up.

Backpack Packing

Mark your calendars for our next backpack packing dates. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for an hour of fun and fellowship as we ready those packs with nourishment and love. Our next 3 dates are:



November 20

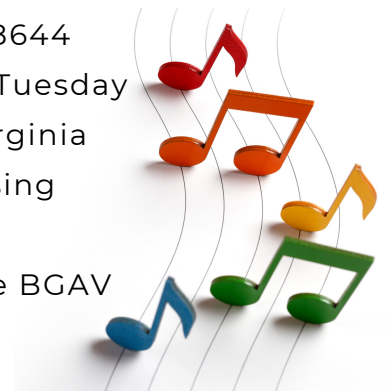
December 11

January 15



You're Invited!

Everyone is invited to a concert at Bon Air Baptist Church, 8644 Forest Hill Avenue in Richmond (phone: 804 -562-6896) on Tuesday evening, November 14, 2023 at 6:30pm to hear the Men's Virginia Baptist Chorale and the Women's Virginia Baptist Chorale sing together. John White, Sharon West, and Jan Kessler will be performing that night from GABC. The concert is part of the BGAV 200th Anniversary celebration.



What Does Underwear Have to do with Literacy??

You've been hearing a lot about school partnerships, and recently you've seen flyers with lists of items needed for an event in the library at Hermitage High School. You've probably wondered what in the world that was all about! Why would they need toothpaste and diapers and socks in the library?

The Literacy Fair and STEAM Festival - STEAM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math - is an annual event to encourage reading and family activities. There will be storytelling, open mic invitations, poetry performances, games, goodie tasting, and ornament making. Families and children representing Dumbarton Elementary and Brookland Middle, our other two partner schools, will be invited. It will be a fun evening for all ages!

Most of us went to school with everything we needed, from socks and shoes to freshly-brushed teeth. But that's not the case for many students in our area - their parents struggle to provide food, shelter, and health care - so the "Panther Closet" will be open and stocked, thanks to your generosity, with everything from shampoo to tissues to, yes, even underwear, a luxury for many. When a child goes to school wearing what he/she needs, and feeling like their hair, face and teeth are clean, they are more ready to learn.

Glen Allen Baptist members have been very, very generous with the donations of toilet paper, tooth products, shampoos and soaps, and diapers and wipes. There is still a great need for socks, underwear, and feminine hygiene items. They also welcome new - or gently used - coats, shoes and boots, child to adult sizes (especially coats for youth).

All of these items will be in the "Panther Closet" - and we will have volunteers helping parents find what will be most beneficial to their families. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated.

One more need - BAGS! If you have a supply of plastic bags from grocery or other stores (Target, WalMart, Kohls, etc), please leave them with the other donations in the hallway.



Children's Ministry

On Wednesday nights, our children continue to work on songs to lead in worship. They did a great job leading "Here I am to Worship" and they will be leading again for Advent. We would love to see all of our children on Wednesday nights to prepare to lead worship. Choir starts at 6:15. We finish practicing at 7:00 for those who need to leave early to start their bedtime routine. For families who are participating in an adult Bible Study, we will have play/fellowship time until 7:15.



We are having a great time in children's church. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. If you have not volunteered for children's church, you are missing an incredible opportunity to see our youngest children engage in an extended worship experience designed just for them with singing, a follow-up activity to the children's sermon and (my favorite) prayer. The sign-up board is in the hallway outside of the sanctuary.

Darie

Mark Your Christmas Calendar



The Advent season is a busy time of year and we want to get a few things on your calendar to help you prepare:

November 29, 6:15pm - Hanging of the Green

December 6, 6:15pm - Family Advent Experience

December 13, 6:15pm - Christmas Church Family Fun Night

December 24, 10:30am - Lessons and Carols Worship for all ages

December 24, 5:00pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship for all ages

Lunch Bunch(es)

Lunch bunches continue on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30am Ladies meet at O'Charley's on Brook Road. Guys meet at Kitchen 33. Please contact Brenda Anderson or Matt Davidson if you have any questions.



November '23 Youth NEWS



HOPING WISHING

GABC YOUTH FALL RETREAT
NOVEMBER 17-19
CAMP WILLOW RUN
\$115*

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - NOVEMBER 2

We're looking forward to a great weekend together with River Road Church, Baptist; Derbyshire; Glen Allen; and Second Baptist. Camp Willow Run has excellent accommodations with boxcar cabins, worship space, great food, and lots of free time activities from the giant swing to board games, canoeing or relaxing by the campfire.

I hope all our youth can join us for this retreat that is focused on the spiritual practice of prayer. Our goal is to transform our prayer lives into More than Hoping, More than Wishing.

You can register by emailing ann@glenallenbaptist.org. *scholarships available

SECOND SUNDAY

- November 12 - Right after church from 11:30-1
- Come for church and stay for lunch and youth group!
- Invite your friends.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

If your youth is interested in helping in Children's Worship, Darie & I are creating a rotation schedule so they can help on a every-other month basis. Sign up on the board outside the sanctuary.

YOUTH SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Did you know we have an amazing team of teachers! I am grateful for these remarkable adults who give their time, energy, and love to help form the faith of our students:

- Allen Jenkins
- Mark Parent
- Eric Mawyer
- Nancy Yarbrough
- Jaime Tonello
- Rusty Lee

Join us as we begin to study God's covenant with humanity!
Sundays, 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room

MID-WEEK YOUTH GROUP

As we move toward Advent and Christmas, our activities are changing up a bit as we join with our whole church family to prepare for the season.

- 11/1 - Advent Wreath Making
- 11/8 - Pickling
- 11/15 - Tiny Boxes
- 11/22 - Off for Thanksgiving
- 11/29 - Hanging of the Green
- 12/6 - Family Advent Experience
- 12/13 - Church Family Fun Night

I love whole church family things that we can do together! Let's celebrate the season and the fact that we are part of a wonderful church family!

Dinner 5:45
Youth Group 6:15-7:15

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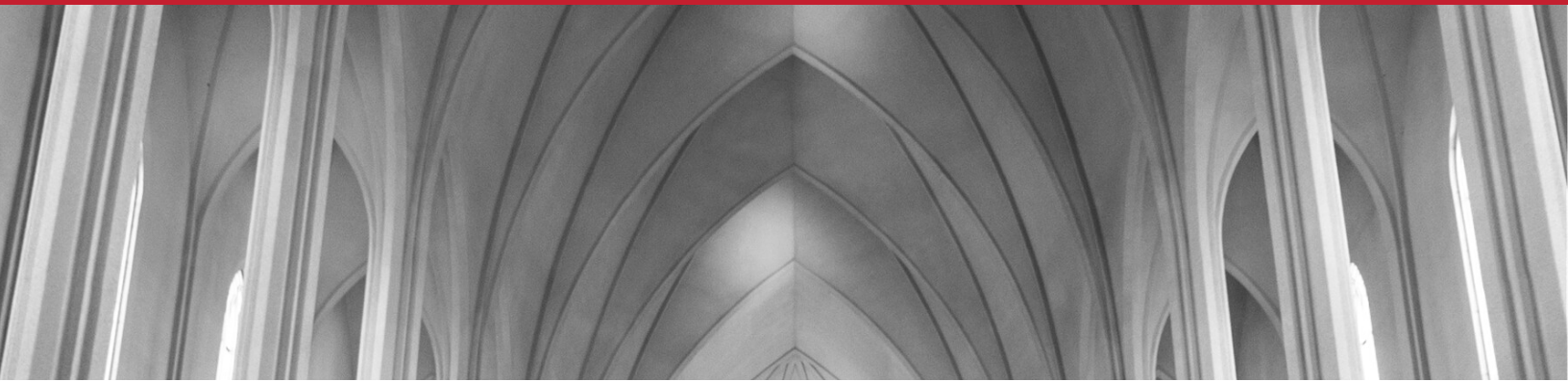
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It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year!

We are preparing music for Advent and Christmas! On December 17, the choir will lead us in a musical worship service focusing on the light of hope, peace, love, and joy Christ brings to us.

We will have a special rehearsal and lunch right after church on Sunday, November 5. That would be a great time for you to come get a jump start on all the music of the season. Come join us!

We also rehearse each Wednesday from 7:30-8:45.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Preaching Schedule:

- 11/5 *Hosea 11:1-9*
A Jealous God
- 11/12 *Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5*
A Messy Vineyard
- 11/19 *2 Kings 22:1-10*
Return to Scripture
- 11/26 *Exodus 13*
Ann Carter preaching

Our Stewardship Committee shared at the October business meeting our updated expenses and receipts. The good news: we have done a LOT of missions and ministry this year! We have been active in our community, taken care of necessary building needs, and provided a plethora of growth opportunities for all ages. Our children and youth ministries, in particular, have seen many new areas of growth.

The not-as-good news: our receipts are about \$30,000 behind our expenses. In order to maintain the quality of programming and community engagement, we need your investment! Now may be a good time to catch up on your tithes and offerings for 2023. It may also be a good time to increase your giving through the remainder of 2023. Could you make an extra \$50 donation in both November and December? Could you make an extra \$100 donation in both November and December? Small amounts from 100 people make for a big impact together.

Your generosity matters and we are so grateful for the work we get to do together!