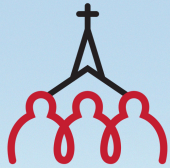


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Hopefully, you remember the cardigan-wearing, Presbyterian pastor who taught children for years about being a good neighbor. In fact, Mr. Rogers' show began with these lyrics, "It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood. A beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?"

I'm hopeful October 8th is a beautiful day in our neighborhood. That is the date of the annual Glen Allen Day. We have the unique position of being right on the parade route.

My vision is that our front yard serves as a gathering place for donut eating, coffee drinking, and parade watching - and yes, we're the only bathroom on the parade route too! But it's so much more than just donuts, coffee, and bathrooms.

Moments on our lawn matter because we want to get to know our neighbors and love them as Jesus would. Your challenge that day is to get to know one person's name and their story. Show off our worship and educational space on the way to the restroom. Invite them to join you and sit with you at Wednesday night dinner. Engaging our community could never be easier than simply having a conversation with people who show up on our front lawn. See you then!

Serving Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

10/2 Red Cross Blood Drive

10/8 Glen Allen Day

10/13 Lunch Bunch

10/15 House & Grounds Workday

10/19 Quarterly Business Meeting

10/25 Deacon's Meeting

10/30 Pastor Emeritus Recognition, Roger Collier

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Emeritus

At our July business meeting, the deacons nominated Dr. Roger Collier as Pastor Emeritus of Glen Allen Baptist Church. On Sunday, October 30, we will recognize Roger and his investment in our congregation as part of our worship service. Please make plans to celebrate this important honor in the life of our congregation!

Wednesday Night Dinners

October 5 - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls, dessert, and salad bar

Kids- chicken nuggets, potatoes, and fruit

October 12 - Fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, biscuits, dessert, and salad bar

Kids - chicken legs, chips, and fruit

October 19 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, salad bar

Kids- chicken nuggets, potatoes, and fruit

October 26 - Baked ziti with Italian sausages, garlic bread, salad bar, and dessert

Kids- pizza bagels

Women's Chorale Concert

You are invited to attend a concert of the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale on October 8th at 6pm at North Run Baptist, located at 2100 Lydell Drive in Henrico. The concert is part of the celebration of the 190th anniversary. Janet Kessler will be singing.

Fall Sunday Family Social

Our fall Sunday Social for parents and kids after worship service on October 16th. We'll gather in the pavilion and have lunch together. You can bring your own meal or contribute towards a shared buffet from Noodles and Company. Please RSVP to leighanne.collier@gmail.com. Look forward to sharing time together in fellowship!



Mission News

We have full shoeboxes coming in, we have items to fill shoeboxes with. Thanks to everyone so much for what you have already done! We will continue to collect filled boxes and items to fill boxes thru the first part of November. If anyone would love to donate money to pay for shipping these boxes please feel free to make a donation to the church and mark your donation for the Shoebox Ministry. It cost 10.00 to cover the cost of one box to be shipped. Take a moment to look at the display made of shoeboxes in the church vestibule, you will find great information on ideas to pack a box and what not to put in the boxes. This ministry will be bringing many smiles to children who really need some special love. Thank you all very much for everything you do for Glen Allen Baptist Church and supporting this ministry.

Our Coats for Kids project for a local Henrico County School is right around the corner. We are collecting new children's coats for distribution in November. Most needed sizes are medium, large and Xtra large. Of course small sizes are welcome. Please put your donations on the coat rack in the Welcome Center.

Moments of Hope - On Sept. 10, we donated 450 meals and ran out. Many thanks to those people who contributed socks. We had a \$100 donation and also a bag of nice heavy wool work socks. We handled out about 200 pairs of men's, women's, and children's socks. Some people will have warm feet this fall because of our efforts. Upcoming, we go again on November 12 for Moments of Hope. We need more socks. Like to contribute? Put them in the bins in the Welcome Center next to the Lamb's Basket cabinet.

House & Grounds Workday

The House and Grounds Committee is planning a Church-wide workday on Saturday, October 15. We ask our Church family to come help spruce up around the Church. If you are willing to help, but another time would be better for you, take on a project and do it at your convenience. Contact Forrest at (804)266-8973 or melton@sent.com or another member of House & Grounds.

Tasks to be completed:

- *Window sills/windows cleaned in stairwells and Fellowship Hall
- *Powerwash steps leading to Fellowship Hall
- *Use Magic eraser on tan steps outside kitchen
- *Use Goo Gone on third pew in sanctuary on right
- *Clean wall going up balcony (coffee splashes)
- *Clean cobwebs going up to balcony
- *Circular windows/sills in balcony need cleaning
- *Move white chairs in Welcome Center on East side
- *Put new ceiling panel in Ladies bathroom in basement
- *Powerwash cement next to prayer garden
- *Missing bricks leading to front of building
- *Scrub front door leading to Fellowship Hall
- *Take stuff to dump around shed
- *Clean Pavilion lights
- *Paint the metal benches and tables at the pavilion
- *Remove mimosa bushes/trees behind Scout Lodge
- *Linseed oil the Cross in the Prayer garden
- *Spruce up in the Prayer garden
- *Checking, cleaning or replacing HVAC filters as needed
- *Power wash the sidewalks around the Church buildings
- *Repair brick in walkway on East side of church near Prayer Garden Entrance
- *Repair retaining wall in the trash can area next to kitchen & clean area where needed



Blood Drive



Time is running out to sign up for our October 2 blood drive. Follow this link to make your appointment:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=GABC>

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month, a time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastors who give, care, and serve us and our communities in so many remarkable ways - more than we will ever know or realize on a daily and even moment-by-moment basis. Show them that we appreciate what they do and what they mean to us! We here at GABC are especially blessed!

Book Club Continues

Our summer book club was so well received that we decided to continue it periodically throughout the year. Our next one will be on Sunday, October 30 at 4pm. Our book of the month is *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It)* by Robert Lupton. Please see Dr. Fallen if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

Wednesday Adult Programs

If you are not already in a small group, Dr. Fallen will be leading our Wednesday programs on "The Future of the Church" beginning September 28. On October 5, we will hear from a panel of folks who no longer attend church and get their perspective on why they are "done" with the church.

9th Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser - Boy Scout Troop 795

Troop 795 is again sponsoring the Sporting Clays Fundraiser on Saturday, October 1, 2022, to benefit the Troop and The Boy Scouts of America. The event takes place at Central Virginia Sporting Clays, located at 422 Middle Fork Road, Palmyra, Virginia. Registration begins at 11:30am followed by a free lunch prepared by the troop. Shoot start will be approximately 1:00pm. Participants are asked to bring eye and ear protection, a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun capable of firing 2 shots, and a coat or shell bag to carry ammo. You also have the option of bringing a wagon or cart to carry your gun and ammo. Clays, Ammo, and lunch are provided. For registration fees and forms, or for more information, please call Forrest Melton, Trey Booker, or the Church office.

Youth Ministry News

Fall at Glen Allen Baptist is one of my favorite times of year. It makes me excited for the beginning of a new school year, beginning of a new year of Youth Ministry, the changing of the leaves, and all of the wonderful things associated with this time of season. While all of the aforementioned things come to mind, the one activity that stands out the most for me during the fall season is our annual Youth Fall Retreat. This is a time for our youth to get together and bond during a weekend of spiritual fellowship and fun. It is a chance for our group to come together in a holistic way. This year's Fall Retreat will be in Louisa, VA at Small Country Campground from Nov. 4-6. All youth and former youth are welcome; please let me know if you would like to go and haven't signed up yet. The fall retreat requires each one of our students to pay about \$30-40. If you would like to sponsor a youth or donate to the trip, please let me know.

Last month, through Moments of Hope, GABC youth and adults had the chance to provide meals to over 450 people. It was the first time that we have been where we ran out. It is also the most meals we have ever provided. This tells me two things. 1) The work we are doing is meaningful and needed more than ever. 2) The population of those in need are continuing to grow in vast numbers.

As always, thank you so much for all that you do for our students and our youth ministry. It is appreciated more than you ever know.

Rev. Dr. William J. Crowder, Jr.
Associate Pastor for Youth & Family Ministry

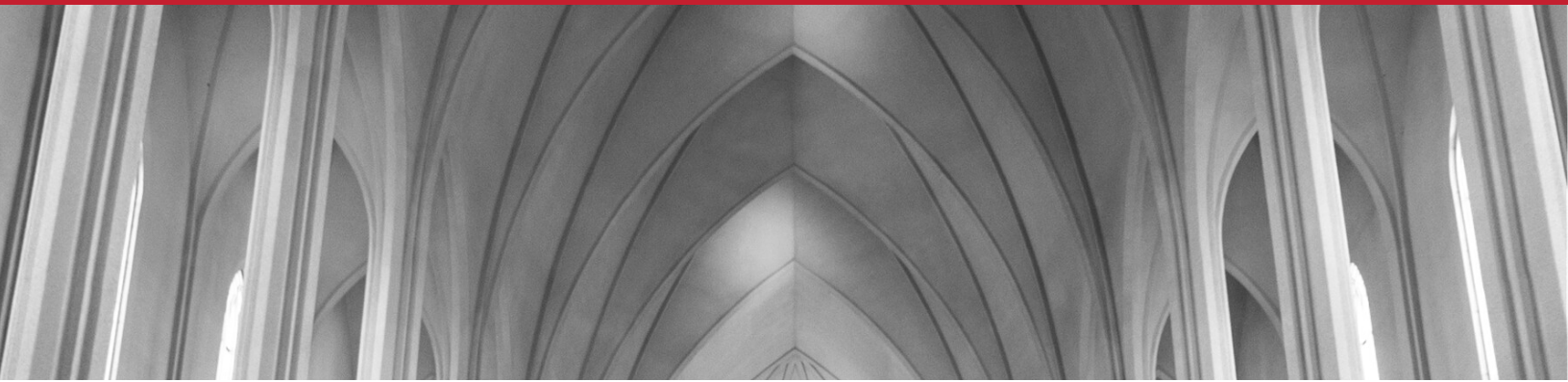
Children's Christmas Play



Calling all children (and some grownups too!). We've got lots of parts for our Christmas play, On the Way to Bethlehem. We'll be practicing mostly on Sunday mornings during Children's Choir and a couple possible evening practices in November/December. Most of the parts are easy enough for all ages, but we do need some grownups for our narrator roles. Please email leighanne.collier@gmail.com if you want more info or to participate!

Lunch Bunch

Our next Lunch Bunch will be October 13 at 1:00pm at Little Szechuan. If you plan to attend, please let the church office know.



Preaching Schedule:

- 10/2 *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*
The Welfare of the City
- 10/9 *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*
The Harvest is Plentiful
- 10/16 *Dr. B. J. Crowder*
preaching
- 10/23 *Luke 18:9-14*
Motives
- 10/30 *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4*
Watch and Wait

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

September brought a new Sunday School year! We were excited to welcome our children back to 9:15 Sunday School after an absence of 2 ½ years! Sunday School for all ages will continue to meet at 9:15 a.m. Come early for donuts!

Children's Sunday School - We've loved seeing many of our kids back on Sunday mornings downstairs in Sunday School. We meet at 9:15am on the first floor of the education building. Sunday School classes meet from 9:15-10am and Choir meets from 10-10:15. Our kids are having lots of fun learning, singing and playing together.

If you have youth interested in our *Youth* class, please contact Rusty Lee or Dr. Fallen. We are happy to explore some other times and locations for youth Bible study.

Here are the lesson emphases for our adult classes in October. We hope you will find something that interests you.

Open Door Class – Room 305 – The emphasis this month is “Giving in the New Testament.”

Each week's scripture will be from a different book of the New Testament.

Genesis Class – Room 311 – This class will be studying the Old Testament books of Jonah and Hosea.

Ruth Fidelis Class (women's class) – Room 312 – Most of the month, they will be studying “Words of Hope” (remembrance, resolve, restoration, renewal), followed by “So Stay Faithful” on October 30.

We hope to see you in Sunday School in October!

Wednesday Night Children's Time

We will start having some activities on Wednesday nights for kids from 6:15-7pm. Each Wednesday our kids will have the opportunity to visit the church library. After the library, we'll come down and have fellowship time together with games, mission videos and free play. Our children love building relationships with their church friends through play. Sometimes things come up unexpectedly during the week and our volunteers who are parents of young ones are not able to be there on Wednesdays. We are looking for some adults to be on "standby" to help cover playtime if this happens. Please consider being a "standby" helper so we can make sure we're able to keep providing Wednesday activities for our kids.