

News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



START WITH “HELLO”

Whenever someone asks the basics of “evangelism” or “outreach”, my standard answer is “Start with ‘hello.’” And the month of October is full of opportunities to extend a friendly “hello” to our community.

The Reflections Big Band Concert is a great opportunity to greet our neighbors for an evening of fun together. We will have flyers inviting them to join our Hygiene Drive (see page 3) and our Wednesday Dinners.

The next week, gather on the front lawn to say “hello” to our neighbors here watching the parade. If you have been around the last couple of years, you will know how much fun happens right here over donuts, coffee, and parking. Start with “hello” and see what happens next!

Finally, on October 28, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat. It’s a great opportunity to say “hello” to our neighbors, particularly our preK families.

“Hello” is a really easy word to start an outreach conversation. Sometimes it leads to a deeper invitation and other times it simply leaves us with a smile on our face for getting to know our community better. So let’s work this month to say “hello” to as many neighbors as possible.

Serving Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

- 10/1 *Big Band Concert*
- 10/7 *Glen Allen Day*
- 10/17 *Lunch Bunches*
- 10/18 *Quarterly Business Meeting*
- 10/24 *Deacon's Meeting*
- 10/28 *Fall Festival*

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You

Dear Glen Allen Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for all the prayers and love you have given to us during Warren's illness and his passing. Thank you so much for the flowers. Warren loved God and his church family. May God bless you all.

Love, Hugs, and Prayers,
Shirley Lacy and Family

Thank you so much for your donations. We are so grateful that you chose our schools.

Love, The Staff and Students from Brookland MS and Hermitage HS

Dear Glen Allen Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the flowers you sent for our Dad, Floyd Myers. We know he was only a member for a short time, but he definitely enjoyed being part of your church. Dropping off school supplies at the church was his last outing. We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during our time of loss.

Sincerely. Allison Feinmelt and Carole Kay Smelik

Wednesday Night Dinner

October 4 - Roast pork and gravy, baked potatoes, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets

October 11 - Chicken Parmesan, pasta, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets

October 18 - Chicken Tetrazzini, veggies, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets

October 25 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets



Wednesday Night Opportunities

Check out our schedule below for Wednesday night opportunities:

- October 18, 6:15pm, Quarterly Business Meeting
- October 25 - November 8, Holiday Crafting and Pickling. See your Missions & Ministry Planner for details. **Sign up is required!**

School Partnerships - Hygiene Boxes, Literacy Fair, and Dinner!

We have a wonderful opportunity to support the Hermitage High School Literacy and STEAM Festival on November 16. We have a weekly guide to collecting hygiene products to have available to students and families that night. You can pick up your guide in the Welcome Center and bring your items each week or all on November 12. We are also looking for volunteers to serve dinner that evening to the staff.

Contact Melissa Fallen if you can help.



School Partnerships - Golden Age Program

In support of our church partnership with Hermitage HS, Brookland MS, and Dumbarton ES, church members age 60 or older are encouraged to pick up a card for the Henrico Golden Age Program. Print your name on the card and present it whenever attending school athletic events, drama and musical performances, and other activities at schools in Henrico. Usually admission will be free with this Golden Age pass, but there may be exceptions, depending on the particular event. Look for the cards in the lobby outside the Sanctuary doors and near the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a member of the Missions and Ministry Team.

Thanksgiving Boxes

For over 25 years GABC has worked with Henrico County in providing Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. We need your help once more. Donna has shopped out the non perishable items and got \$44.25. The meat gift card is to be \$25. Cash or check - "Thx box" in the memo, or online giving... So, September 17th until Sunday, November 5th, we will be collecting with the 5th being the deadline. We did 12 boxes last year. We hope to at least achieve that. Questions: contact Donna Washington

Boy Scout Open House

Troop 795 will host an open house on Monday, October 9 from 6:30pm until 8pm beside GABC. Join us, learn more, and roast s'mores!

Questions?

scouttroop795@gmail.com



Children's Ministry

I am so excited to see so many children and youth engage in worship with the worship bags and sermon sheets. I am equally excited to have such a great group of children in children's church! If you have not signed up to help with children's church, you are missing a great opportunity to connect with the youngest members of our congregation! The sign-up sheet is outside the sanctuary!
Save the Date: Saturday, October 28 – Children's Fall Festival – Watch for more details to come, but we will need lots of volunteers to make this event a success for the children in our community!

Darie



Yarn Needed



Laura Ford will be crocheting for the school partnership program. Please donate any yarn that you don't use anymore, as you do for the cards for the correspondence. She is now crocheting scarves for high school girls and teachers.

Welcome

We welcome Marlene Mawyer to our church family!



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.



October '23 Youth NEWS



HOPING WISHING

GABC 2023 FALL RETREAT NOV 17-19

Registration is open for Fall Retreat at Camp Willow Run, November 17-19. 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.

Our whole retreat will center on the spiritual practice of prayer, and it's entitled: More than Hoping, More than Wishing-- because that's often how prayer is understood, right? We hope that we'll get an A on the test, and so we pray about that. We wish that the world was a better place and so we ask God for that. Yet, characters in scripture (especially the followers of Jesus) are constantly asking-- how should we pray?

As our faith becomes our own, our prayers and honest thoughts and words with God should mature as well. We'll take the weekend of November 17-19 to dive into this topic and transform our prayer lives into More than Hoping, More than Wishing... You can register by emailing ann@glenallenbaptist.org.

\$115 per student (scholarships available!)

SECOND SUNDAY

- October 8 - 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

We are beginning to settle into a good Sunday School rhythm. We have some amazing teachers who are committed to walking with our students on their faith journeys, who create room for their questions and their doubts, who are patient with them and love them well.

We are continuing our journey through Genesis and looking how the stories found there connect with the larger story of God's work in the world.

Sundays, 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room

MID-WEEK YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday nights are a nice mid-week break from the rigors of school and all that comes with being a student. We start each session with a moment of breathing and silence, we check in with each other, and then we dig in to explore an aspect of being church together.

Coming up this month, we will learn how we as a faith community care for each other in hard times, how we cultivate outdoor spaces for our neighborhood, what goes into taking care of our sanctuary, and we will join with the larger congregation in hands on activities that prepare us for Advent.

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

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Choir as Worship

One of the beautiful things about being part of a choir is that our voices, breaths, minds, and hearts come together to create something we cannot produce on our own. In a church choir, we have the added magical element of God's spirit animating and uniting all we bring to the music. Not only are we worshipping God when we sing, we are helping our congregation worship God. It is beautiful when God's spirit mingles with what we offer and creates something more than the sum of the parts. And the more we sing together, the more of a worshipping congregation we become.

Join us! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45.

Preaching Schedule:

- 10/1 *Exodus 3:1-15*
Holy Spaces
- 10/8 *Deuteronomy 5:1-21*
Your 10
Commandments
Tattoo
- 10/15 *Ruth 1:1-17, 4:13-17*
Reclaiming the
Broken Spaces
- 10/22 *2 Samuel 6:1-5,*
Psalm 150
Joy-Filled Worship
- 10/29 *1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29*
A Kingdom Divided

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have settled in to our Sunday School year and it is great to have our kids, youth and families back in our classes.

We kicked off a new Sunday School Class, which we have creatively called "The New Sunday School Class." This Sunday School class began September 10th and is facilitated by Dr. Fallen in Room 307. If you have not been a part of Sunday School, this is a great time to start. The curriculum is from our Baptist friends at Faith Element and include a podcast Sunday School lesson option each week.

Join this new class or any of our other classes, which meet at 9:15 a.m.

The Genesis Class meets in Room 311.

Ruth Fidelis Class' welcomes all women. This class meets in Room 312.

Open Door class meets in the fellowship hall.

Our kids classes meet in the kids hallway downstairs -- we're excited to have newly configured space for group activities. And Youth are meeting in the newly updated Youth Room on the 3rd floor.

Come early for donuts and coffee or juice in the Welcome Center at 9am. We hope to see you!

