

News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



IT'S TIME TO REBOOT

It's time! I'm so excited about the potential ahead of us in the next two months. We have had a wonderful response to our Project Reboot small groups. If you still haven't signed up for one, see the article on page 3 for details.

In September, our small groups and our sermon series will focus on three main priorities: (re)building fellowship, growing spiritually, and engaging our community. Our fellowship is strong already but after a period of disconnection through no fault of our own, it is time to reconnect with one another and laugh and play together. The better bonds we build during this time, the stronger we will be able to support one another and serve together.

The other two priorities also go hand in hand. We can't reach our community effectively until we grow spiritually. I hope you will make a priority to be a part of a Sunday School class going forward. The value of learning from one another and digging deeper into God's word will pay off dividends that we cannot even calculate.

We will also explore how to engage our community at a deeper level to reach more people with the love of Jesus. Let's get started with something easy and invite our friends and neighbors to experience the joy of our community together at the Reflections Big Band concert on September 26 at 5pm.

I'm excited to be on this journey with you!

Rebooting Together,
Melissa Fallen

THIS MONTH AT GABC

Sept. 8 - Choir Meeting

Sept. 12 - Deacon Ordination

- Project Reboot Kickoff

- Sunday School Classes Resume

- Promotion Sunday

September 15 - Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs Resume

September 26 - Reflections Big Band Concert

CHURCH NEWS

In Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Evelyn Holladay on her death on August 15.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for the beautiful vase of flowers that was sent to me. Mom would have been so touched that you remembered her. Thank you for being so thoughtful. - Robin Lane Zuppa & Family

Choir Meeting

The choir will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 8 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Come to discuss the upcoming Fall and holiday season.

Back to School Blessing

As part of the children's message on September 5, we will bless our children as they return to school in person, many for the first time in over 18 months.

COVID UPDATE

The Building Reopening Team met on August 31 to assess our current safety needs. With the rise in Covid cases, the team has provided a few additional guidelines. Masks are required in all indoor spaces. Pews will be partitioned off to allow for adequate distancing in worship. Please only sit on the same pew with those who are in your bubble. If your family is greater than four persons, please use balcony seating. Thank you for respecting and loving one another through the challenges of this pandemic.

AUGUST IN REVIEW



From water days to blood drives and garden days, it's been a good August!

CHURCH NEWS

Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs resume

We are eager to start our fall Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs. Dinner will be served from the kitchen, as usual, for dining in the pavilion or take out. Pre-registration is not required.

September 15: Meatloaf night and chicken nuggets for kids

9/11 program by Col. Kamran Afzai, Police Chief of the City of Hopewell and first responder at the Pentagon

September 22: Baked Chicken & gravy and chicken nuggets for kids

Youth Missions Program

September 29: Lasagna and pizza for kids

Baptist Roots program by Dr. Nathan Taylor

Reflections Big Band Concert

We are excited to host the Reflections Big Band Concert outdoors on September 26. The concert will begin at 5:30pm and Curbside Creations Food Truck will be available for purchase beginning at 5pm. The Kona Ice Truck will arrive at 6pm. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and all your friends! This band is amazing, and we are blessed to have them rehearse at our church and donate a free concert!



Project Reboot

We know we are not yet through the pandemic but there's no time like the present to talk about what we've learned so far and where and how God is leading us into the future. Hopefully, by now you are already signed up and ready to go for our kickoff week on September 12. If you do not have a group yet, please contact Eric Mawyer or the church office and we'll be glad to connect you. All groups are meeting in socially distanced spaces and indoor groups require masks. We look forward to a good season of church life (re)building fellowship, growing spiritually, and engaging our community. And we are blessed with a grant of \$15,000 to do all of this!



Preaching Schedule:

- 9/5 *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23,
Back to School Words of
Wisdom*
- 9/12 *John 21:9-14
What Now?*
- 9/19 *Psalm 119:1-16
Happy Are Those Who...*
- 9/26 *John 4:4-30, 39-42
Meet Me at the Well*

Sunday School for Adults

In-person Sunday School begins September 12 at 9:15 a.m. We can't wait to see everyone! We hope that you will return in person if you feel comfortable doing so. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms. We encourage class members to space yourselves.

- Ruth Fidelis Class led by Donna Washington - Room 312
- Men's Open Door Class led by Matt Davidson - Room 311
- Bible Basics led by Dr. Melissa Fallen - pavilion
- Matt Davidson is scheduled to teach the Adult Sunday School class on September 5. This will be in person in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom.
- Children's Sunday School will continue to meet via Zoom.
- Genesis Class will take a 30-day hiatus until we can further assess reopening plans. If you are interested in helping teach, please contact Michael Duke.

Promotion Sunday activities will take place on September 12 during the worship service.

Once again, we appreciate so much all those who have helped teach Adult and Children's Sunday School over the past year and a half.

MISSIONS NEWS

The Coats for Kids Project is in need of winter coats for children. We are supporting Dumbarton Elementary this year. Please bring coats to the Welcome Center closet or to the rack we will have near the closet by November 1st.

Distribution will start November 8th. We are looking for volunteers. A schedule will be announced later.

The Christmas Shoebox collection will start October 1st. Look for boxes and information at the entrance to the sanctuary and Welcome Center. Thank you all for your continued support to Lamb's Baskets. Your generous donations have helped those in need.