

# News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



## MINISTRY & MISSIONS PLANNER

I am so very excited about our new Ministry and Missions Planners that are placed throughout the church and attached to the newsletter email. This planner is our first attempt at laying out a comprehensive schedule for the year. We hope to build on that in the future to guide us and balance our spiritual growth, fellowship, and missions activities.

I am inspired when I read through this to see all that God is doing in our fellowship. We have a full "menu" of small groups for you to be a part of to deepen your faith. We also have a curated list of missions opportunities that our congregation is actively investing in. And along the way, we have planned some fun activities to deepen our fellowship.

I hope you will be present on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:45 for dinner and 6:30 for the program. We will outline the various opportunities and talk about where we are headed as a church in 2022-2023.

You will have several opportunities to plug in and find your place at GABC as we strive towards faithfulness.

Serving Together,  
Melissa Fallen

### THIS MONTH AT GABC

*9/5 Church Office Closed for Labor Day*

*9/10 Moments of Hope*

*9/11 Promotion Sunday*

*9/27 Deacons' Meeting*

# CHURCH NEWS

## New Eagle Scout

Join us in congratulating one of our youth, Elijah Booker, in achieving the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America! He is the son of Trey and Deborah Booker.



## 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.

## Wednesday Night Dinners Return!

**September 7** - Fried Chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, salad bar and dessert

Kids: chicken legs, mac and cheese, fruit

**September 14** - Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert

Kids: chicken nuggets, garlic bread, fruit

**September 21** - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets. chips and fruit

**September 28** - Ranch Baked chicken, Cheesy mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, dessert

Kids: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and fruit

## 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](mailto:melton@sent.com) or another member of House & Grounds.

Tasks to be completed:

Paint the metal benches and tables at the pavilion.

Remove mimosa bush/tree behind Scout Lodge.

Clean the Church sign in the front yard.

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 the freezeless water spigot under the front porch of the 1989 building.

Remove and possibly replace the overgrown bushes by the front sidewalk.

Repair retaining wall in the trash can area next to kitchen. Clean area where needed.

## Card Request



Laura Ford is requesting Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards to send to our members... She has plenty of Holiday and Birthday cards at the present time.

## Musician in Residence

We are still in search of someone to lead our music ministries going forward. This position may be one of the most posted jobs on our denominational websites. We are experimenting with a different model of a Musician in Residence program. Our hope is to host a gifted musician for 6-8 weeks at a time to lead our choir and our Sunday worship. This effort will allow us to experience a wide variety of music talent and help us worship in new ways. If you know of someone interested, please check out our website: [glenallenbaptist.org/musician-in-residence](http://glenallenbaptist.org/musician-in-residence).

## Mission News

**Operation Christmas Child ("Shoebbox Ministry")** - Empty boxes are in the Welcome Center. At last count we have 51 boxes to fill. The labels and a guide to help generate ideas are also available. There is a child's activity book available as well.

**Moments of Hope** will be on Sept.10. Help is need to pack lunches and serve the homeless. We have very few white socks to distribute. Last time we gave out about 300 pairs of socks. If you would like to help, leave the socks next to the Lamb's Basket cabinet in the Welcome Center.

**Lamb's Basket** is always in need on your non-perishable food items. We take a load every time the cabinet is full. You can leave items after office hours on the cart beside the Drive-Through.

**Glen Allen Day** is Oct. 8. We need helpers for the "Duck Pond" and in front of the church. Shifts are 2-3 hours and we will be inviting members of our community to join us in the mission actions of our church.

## Fall Sunday Family Social

Our fall Sunday Social for parents and kids after worship service is on October 18th. 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](mailto:leighanne.collier@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing time together in fellowship!



## 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 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](mailto:leighanne.collier@gmail.com) if you want more info or to participate!

*Preaching Schedule:*

9/4 *Numbers 27*  
*An Orderly Transition*

9/11 *1 Timothy 1:12-17*  
*Big Grace*

9/18 *1 Timothy 2:1-7*  
*To Know Jesus*

9/25 *1 Timothy 6:6-19*  
*Contentment*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

A new Sunday School year begins September 11, and we are excited to welcome back our children and youth!

**Children's Sunday School and Choir** - Starting September 11, we will resume Sunday School classes for children from 9:30-10:05 downstairs in the educational building. We will have PreK - 1st grade (Teachers: Susan Forthuber and Sarah Collier, Helper: Kirby Smith) and 2nd - 5th Grade (Teachers: Zoe Parrish and Leigh Anne Collier). We will have choir time from 10:05-10:20 in the Music Room (Teachers, Aricka Parent and Leigh Anne Collier).

**Children's Church** - Starting September 11, Children's Church will change to be available for PreK - 3rd grade for the second half of the Worship Service, with children going out after the children's sermon. If you would like your child to participate in Children's Church, we need to have a form on file with contact info and allergies. Please email [leighanne.collier@gmail.com](mailto:leighanne.collier@gmail.com) to get the form.

**Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast (9/11/22)** – Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:00. Promotion Sunday activities will follow at 9:15. Children and youth will go to their classes at 9:30. Adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall for “Using Gifts Properly” taught by Donna Washington.

**Adults will return to their regular schedules on 9/18.**

**Open Door Class** – Room 305 -Matt Davidson will continue teaching the unit on “Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts” from the Smyth and Helwys Formations Series. All are welcome.

**Genesis Class** – Room 311 – they are studying the book of Amos. This class uses Lifeway materials. They would love to have you visit them.  
**Ruth Fidelis Class** – for women of all ages – they will be studying “The Cost of Discipleship.” All women of the church are welcome.

Everyone is invited to enjoy donuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00.