

Who We Are as Virginia Baptists

A Statement of Re-Affirmation from the BGAV Executive Office and Executive Board

Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) is a missionary movement unleashing the power of the resurrected Christ through the local church for the renewal of all things. As such, we reaffirm our heritage that equally values churches from a wide range of faithful positions. We believe that we have greater influence for Christ together than we could separately.

BGAV upholds the historical Baptist distinctive of the autonomy of the local church. The ordination of women and how they shall serve is a local church matter. The autonomy of the local congregation and the priesthood of believers are the criteria by which BGAV represents churches. We bless churches to prayerfully discern their stance on women in pastoral ministry, fostering a respectful space for diverse perspectives. BGAV affirms each church's authority to ordain women if they discern this as part of their faith journey.

The proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is our priority. Virginia Baptists have historically been gospel centric. BGAV recognizes that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts without regard to gender. Both women and men are seen as vessels through which the Spirit works, and the Spirit equips all believers for myriad ministries including the role of pastor within the church. This basic understanding affirms the inherent worth and potential of all followers of Christ.

Whether churches choose to ordain women or not, BGAV values the unity of the body of Christ and the collective mission that can be achieved when churches work together. BGAV emphasizes the importance of collaboration and mutual support for the greater purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God. BGAV believes that when Baptist churches unite, we can accomplish more for the Kingdom. Be assured that the Executive Office and the Executive Board value and honor all BGAV churches.

You are at home with BGAV!

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.

11:00 am

WORSHIP

June 25, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 533 vs. 1 & 2

"He Lives"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 36 vs. 1 & 3

"Praise the Lord!
Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINISTRIES/PRAYER**

Barry Milligan, Deacon
Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Matthew 5:10-12

Shyann Sanford

HYMN OF OFFERING * 502 vs. 1 & 3 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Barry Milligan, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *

Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 4:1-31

Pastor Dillon Evans

MESSAGE: "Bold Prayers and Bold Disciples"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 514 (chorus)

"When We All Get to Heaven"

(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Dillon Evans

CLOSING CHORUS * 52 (chorus) "He Leadth Me! Oh Blessed Thought"

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19

Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE

Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

CLOSING CHORUS # 52

"He Leadeth Me! Oh Blessed Thought"

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful fol-l'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

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SERMON NOTES:

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