

THE VISION

March 2024



"Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth."

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Matthew 28:6a (ESV)

6 He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.



Gloucester Point Baptist Church Family,

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, our hearts are filled with gratitude and reverence as we reflect on what the resurrection of our crucified Lord and Savior means. The resurrection of Jesus accomplished our salvation and made the immediate promise and presence of God known to his people. It means that in all situations, there is hope because Jesus has reconciled us to God and promises a glorious inheritance that will surpass all current troubles. Knowing this, I am excited to invite everyone to actively participate in our vision:

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WITH GRACE AND TRUTH.”**

You may wonder how you can practically be part of the vision. I have heard from some who want to know more or want to serve in specific areas. I am meeting with our vision team on March 3rd after service. I encourage you to come and be a part of that. In this meeting, I will discuss with them the launching points for the first year of the vision. I pray, as you read the following, you will listen and obey the Spirit as He guides you where you can take part in the vision. Any vision of God is always going to be larger than any of us, and will need all of us committing our best in Christ to accomplish what God has called us to do.

The reality of the resurrection means we have been saved, we have eternal life, and we must, like the early church, go and tell others. The vision is centered on making disciples, which includes sharing the truth of the gospel and proclaiming to our community the grace of God found in His Son. Below, I have listed tangible ways in which you can be a part. In the coming weeks, I encourage you to pray and join us.

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*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”
Amen. Matthew 28:19-20*



Deacon's Devotional

EASTER THOUGHTS

With Easter 2024 occurring on the last Sunday in March, I suspect some of us can remember back when we were very young. We were told that the Easter Bunny would come bringing small gifts and hiding colored eggs in the yard around our house. In our early years, we easily believed in the Easter Bunny, the tooth fairy and other fairy tales made up to attract the attention and amazement of little children.

As we grew older, being brought up attending Sunday School and church, we soon learned the real Easter Story about God's Son (Jesus Christ) and how He came to provide a way for rebellious mankind to become right with God and obtain eternal life with Him in heaven when we die. God, however, required a penalty for mankind's rebellious/sinful nature and Jesus paid this penalty for us with His sacrifice on the cross. We have to believe, accepting Jesus' substitutionary penalty payment for us, and live so that others can see a Christ-like difference in us (our Bible tells us even the demons believe but stubbornly oppose God's way).

As we matured and reached the age of accountability for our actions, we realized that the Christian Life is more than simply believing and living good lives. The Book of Matthew (28:19-20) records Jesus' commission to his disciples (after His resurrection from the tomb) to go out and spread His teaching to all nations (peoples), baptizing them and instructing them in the Christian way.

We as Christ's disciples in our time are tasked to do likewise. Some have the ability to preach and/or teach while others can best witness by their daily lives (in their speech, mannerisms, interactions and treatment of those we interface with). We should take advantage when opportunities present themselves in our conversations and interactions with family, friends, co-workers, etc. Silence is not usually "golden" in these situations.

Matthew 28:19-20:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commended you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Bill Breeden

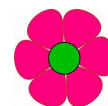
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Easter Offering Goal
\$3,200**



The WMU Easter Mission Offering supports missionaries in the United States and Canada.

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Annie Armstrong (1850-1938)



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CHURCH WORKERS

March Ushers

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Jamie Moore
Stewart Wood



March Tellers

Gail Mongold
Alice Smith

Deacon of the Week

3.3—Bill Breeden
3.10—Leslie Belvin
3.17—Jamie Moore
3.24—Stewart Wood
3.31—Barry Milligan

Nursery Workers

3.3—Angie Crummett
3.10—J. Worth & E. Evans
3.17—Sharon Warren
3.24—Madison McNeil
3.31—J. Worth & E. Evans

Younger Children's Church

3.3—N. Dyson & S. West
3.10—Sonya Anthony
3.17—S. Saunders & B. Keller
3.24—Therese Svoboda
3.31—T. Greggs & Youth Helper

Older Children's Church

3.3—A. Smith & E. Owens
3.10—M. Wagner & B. Wagner
3.17—D. Gandee & M. McNeil
3.24—J. Sanford/B. Sanford/S. Sanford
3.31—L. Walton & E. Owens



"Fruit of the Spirit Women's Retreat"

March 9, 2024
8:30a—3p

Gloucester Point Baptist Church

Join us for: Fellowship, Bible Study,
Discussion,
Self-reflection, Music, Craft

Breakfast & Lunch provided

**Contact: Theresa Svoboda
804.413.2220**



Easter Crosses

Would you like to place a cross on the cross in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One? The donations for the crosses will go to support Benevolence. A cross can be placed for a minimum of a \$5.00 donation, but more will gladly be accepted. The Deadline will be **Thursday, 3.28.24** and the crosses will be placed on the cross as the donations are received.

The Cross Contributors List will be included in the Easter bulletin. Place your form & payment in the labeled box in the Narthex.

Contact Paulette Ashe at 804.642.3251 for questions.

Thank you for your generosity!

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One of the greatest privileges we have as a church community is the chance to serve others and spread the message of God's love far and wide. We are thrilled to announce several upcoming initiatives where you can get involved:

- Leadership Training:** Join us for our upcoming leadership training sessions designed to equip and empower individuals to lead with wisdom, compassion, and effectiveness in their respective areas of ministry. (Maybe God has gifted you with leadership qualities, let me know if you would like to participate or lead a session).
- Community Engagement (VBS, Sports Camp, Fall Festival, Guinea Jubilee, etc.):** Get involved in our vibrant community events! Volunteer your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of children, families, and individuals in our community. Sign up now to be part of our upcoming events and experience the joy of serving together!
- Mission Team Launch (Beginning in 2025):** Be a part of something bigger than yourself! Join our mission team as we prepare to embark on an annual missions trip starting in 2025. Whether it's sharing the gospel, serving the less fortunate, or providing humanitarian aid, your participation will have an eternal impact.
- Theological Training:** Deepen your understanding of God's word and enhance your leadership skills with our theological formation program. (Coming fall of this year)
- Monthly Community Engagement (Beginning in 2025):** Mark your calendars for our monthly community engagement initiatives starting in 2025! Join us for opportunities to serve, connect, and build meaningful relationships with our neighbors.
- Small Group Ministry Launch:** Are you passionate about building authentic community and growing in faith together? Consider joining our small group ministry! We're looking for teachers, hosts willing to open their homes, and individuals committed to journeying alongside one another in discipleship and fellowship.
- Focused Ministry on Seniors:** Extend a hand of love and support to our seniors, especially our widows and widowers. Let's honor their wisdom, cherish their stories, and provide companionship and care to them.

Please consider joining or leading in one of more of these areas. Simply let me know by emailing me or setting up a time we could get together or discuss your passions and gifting, and how God is calling you to be part of the vision.

For His Glory,
Pastor Dillon Evans



Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)—9:45a
Worship Service—11a
C.A.R.E. Ministry—2p

March 2024

Wednesday Schedule

5:30p—CYM Supper
6p—Youth In Action
6:30p—TeamKID
6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	2
3 11a COMMUNION 12 Youth Council Mtg. 12 Vision Team Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacons' Mtg.	4 6p AHG—Troop	5 6:30p B&G Mtg.	6 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	7	8 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	9 8:30a— GPBC Women's Retreat
N. American Missions Week—Week of Prayer						
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time</i> <i>Sunday Breakfast</i> 9:15a Breakfast-Seekers 12p Children's Council 2p C.A.R.E.	11 6p AHG—Leader	12 9:30a Community Morning Out	13 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	14	15 VISION Articles Due 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	16 9a Quilting Grp.
17 2p C.A.R.E.	18 6p AHG—Troop	19	20 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	21 10a WMU Acree Circle	22 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	23 5:30p Widow/ Widowers Banquet
24 PALM SUNDAY 11a Easter Cantata	25	26	27 6p Family Night Supper REGULAR ACTIVITIES	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6p Seder Dinner	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30
31 EASTER 6:45a Sunrise Service—VMS	1 6p AHG—Troop	2	3	4	5	6

March Birthdays:

Sarah Saunders	3.6
Tammy Greggs	3.8
Heidi Gibbons	3.9
Jayne Dawn Sanford	3.9
Brayden Wagner	3.10
Connie Stewart	3.12
Stan Gandee	3.12
James Brody Sanford	3.20
Linda Breaks	3.21
Betty Kelly	3.23
Jeanne Thompson	3.28
Bill Cahoon	3.29
Kelly Cirillo	3.31



Anniversaries:

L.T. & Rachel Wells	3.5
K.C. & Lorraine Sentz	3.7
Jeremy & Jayme Sanford	3.23