



THE VISION

October 2025

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



We Cannot Come Down

"I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"
— Nehemiah 6:3

When Nehemiah led God's people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, he faced constant opposition. Enemies mocked, spread rumors, stirred up fear, and tried to lure him into endless meetings to distract him. Their goal was simple: stop the work.

Nehemiah's response is one of the clearest statements of steadfast faith in Scripture. He refused to be driven by fear, controlled by rumors, or distracted by those who opposed him. Instead, he kept his eyes on God's mission. And because he and the people stood firm, the wall was completed, and God's name was glorified.

Friends, we are living in a time when distractions and pressures abound. There will always be voices that try to pull us away from what God has called us to do—whether through fear, gossip, or the temptation to "just stop building." But like Nehemiah, we must recognize these schemes for what they are: attempts of the enemy to discourage God's people.

God has given Gloucester Point Baptist Church a clear vision: *"Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth."* That is our wall. That is the great work before us. The enemy would love nothing more than to see us divided, discouraged, or distracted. But we must not come down.

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GLoucester Point
BAPTIST CHURCH



Count your many Blessings
Name them one by one





Deacon's Devotional



Your Every Hair Is Numbered

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Luke 12:7 NIV

God does not have the time to be interested in details about me – right? Jesus gave us a lot of insight on how much God is interested in us as humans. God provides for sparrows, and you are **MUCH** more valuable to God than any sparrow. Valuable enough to monitor every detail about you -- even your current hair-count.

However God obtains your current hair-count -- He does know it. "Why would God waste His time with such useless information?" you may wonder. The point, which so many miss, is simply that God is interested in every detail of your life. Everything.

Nothing concerning you is too small to bother God. You are the "apple of His eye" just as any young child is the delight of a good parent. If God didn't value each and every one of us so highly, would he ever have considered allowing his son to die for our sins?

So don't try to hide from God – we all know that's impossible. Don't shut Him out of your life. Involve Him in every detail of your day. Talk things over with Him. Ask His advice. Tell Him what you think, and ask for His opinion. And then, be still and **LISTEN**. Isn't this one of the hardest things to do? And do not fear. The God Who loves you enough to monitor your current hair count will never forsake you or fail you. When you are face-to-face with Him you will see that fully and clearly. So walk in faith today. Trust God. He can meet your every need if you will only ask. But he will do it in **His** way, not necessarily yours. He loves you.

Also, be thankful for whatever hair you do or do not have! God made you unique. If He wanted you different -- He would have made you different! Pray to the Lord and thank him for loving you and being concerned with every detail of your life. Because He loves you, trust Him and look to Him for help.

Kent Smith

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 11th
10p—3p



This fall, we will once again have an opportunity to reach outward to our community and show them the love of Christ within us. This event will be a great opportunity to invite guests to the church and remind them of Whose we are (Jesus') and who we are (His church).

- ⇒ **Great food / Great Fellowship / Great Fun**
- ⇒ **Photo Booth / Face Painting**
- ⇒ **Baking Contests & Cake Walk**
- ⇒ **Free Lunch / Live Music**
- ⇒ **Bounce House / Pony Rides / Hay Rides**
- ⇒ **"Cone with a Cop" & "Touch a Truck"**
- ⇒ **Prayer Table**

There will be volunteer sign-up sheets in the Narthex after Sunday services for various roles which need filled (e.g. set-up, food preparation, food service and clean-up, parking and security, adult supervision of the bounce house area, and hosting a slot in our Church History-themed "trunk or treat" style stations to hand out treats to the children).

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BREAD FOR WORLD HUNGER

It's time for the Gloucester Point Baptist Church W.M.U. ladies World Hunger bread event.

- ♦ **Orders Taken:** Sunday, October 12th after church
- ♦ **Bread Baking @ GPBC:** Saturday, October 18th
- ♦ **Bread Pick-up:** Sunday, October 19th

The cost of each loaf is \$10.00.
100% of the proceeds will go toward World Hunger with all supplies being donated by the ladies of the W.M.U.

LADIES OF GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

**WMU is hosting our
2025 Annual WMU Salad Supper**

DATE: October 21, 2025

TIME: 6p

PLACE: Gloucester Point Baptist Church

SPEAKER: Pat Hall—Globe Int'l Ministries

**MENU: Everyone bring their
favorite salad to share**

**Please place your name and the
number attending on the Sign-Up sheet on
the WMU board in the Narthex**

WMU—MISSIONS MOMENT

Please pray for missionaries and their families as they spread the gospel of Jesus to the communities they serve.

J.T. and A.T - Church Planter - Texas

"Pray that God would give us wisdom and guidance as we form our core team and determine the church's location. Pray that God would grant us compassion for the lost and boldness to share the gospel."

C.R and L.R. - Church Planter - British Columbia, Canada

"Pray that the Lord would deepen our faith and expand our ministry. As New Song enters a new phase, join us in asking God for courage, new believers, and the multiplication of servant leaders."

J.H. and A.H. - Church Planter - Ohio

"Pray for our church and for the Black River Community Center that we have started. Pray for me as I have become the chaplain for the Elyria Fire Department. Pray for our very busy ministry schedule."

S.B. and A.B. - Church Planter - New Jersey

"Pray for our Hispanic church plant: that many would come to faith in Christ and grow as disciples. Pray that God would guide and raise up new leaders with a heart for the harvest."

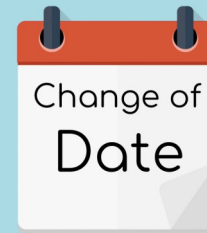
So let's take Nehemiah's words to heart as we continue forward:

- **Stay steadfast.** Don't let fear or frustration guide you—keep your eyes on Christ.
- **Stay focused.** Remember the mission is greater than any rumor or distraction.
- **Stay united.** We are stronger when we build together in grace and truth.
- **Stay courageous.** The work is great, but our God is greater.

Like Nehemiah, may we be able to say with conviction: *"We are doing a great work, and we cannot come down."*

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58)

For His Glory—*Pastor Dillon Evans*



**GPBC Town Hall Meeting
Will be held:**

**Thursday, 2 October
@ 6:30p**



Sunday Schedule

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

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Wednesday Schedule

5:30p—Pizza w/ Pastors (1st Wed)
Children & Youth
6p—Children’s Choir
6:30p—Children & Youth Bible Study
6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 2p C.A.R.E.	29 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	30 7p Speak-Up Mtg.	1 9:15a GWBS 5:30p Pizza w/ Pastor REGULAR ACTIVITIES	2 10a WMU Craft Day 6:30p Church Town Hall Mtg.	3 6:30p Men’s Bible Study	4
5 COMMUNION 2p C.A.R.E.	6 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	7 1p Deacons’ Mtg. 6p Council/Vision Mtg. 6:30p B&G Mtg.	8 9:15a GWBS REGULAR ACTIVITIES	9	10 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	11 10a-3p Fall Festival
12 Sunday Breakfast 9:15a Breakfast (Seekers/The Way, Young Adults) 12p WMU Bread Orders 2p C.A.R.E.	13 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	14 9:30a Community Morning Out 6:30p Charlie Kirk Memorial Service	15 9:15a GWBS REGULAR ACTIVITIES	16 VISION ARTICLES DUE 10a Acree Circle	17 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	18 WMU Bread Baking
19 12p WMU Bread Pick-up 2p C.A.R.E.	20 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	21 6p WMU Salad Supper	22 9:15a GWBS 6p Family Night Supper 7p Qtly Business Mtg (No Adult Activities) KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLY	23	24 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	25
26 2p C.A.R.E.	27 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	28	29 9:15a GWBS REGULAR ACTIVITIES	30	31 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	

October Birthdays:

Mike Martin	10.1
Jeannie Barrera	10.2
Seth Wells	10.2
Doug Blaylock	10.6
Joy Leigh Klein	10.8
Hannah Riedel	10.9
Merida Worth	10.9
Sean Saunders	10.17
Steven Moret	10.20
Irving Ordonia	10.21
Kendall Sentz (KC)	10.25
Gloria Breeden	10.27
Dinah Riedel	10.27
Buddy Hogge	10.29

Anniversaries:

JC & Carrie West	10.10
Jamie & Lee Moore	10.12
Les & Rosey Laubach	10.29

