

THE VISION

January 2024

*“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*

Rooted in Christ



6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just las you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Dear Gloucester Point,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, and a new chapter in the history of our church, we are at a pivotal point in the life of our church. I shared this past Sunday, the reality of where our church is, health wise. It can be painful to hear when things are not going well. I know this was hard or even shocking for many to hear. Yet, this is a good thing, like a doctor giving you a diagnosis, now we can begin to turn things around. I want to express that in the churches where I have been a part of revitalizing for the future, our church is the healthiest and has the most potential. Now, we must decide are we willing to embrace the vision of being **Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth.** I wanted to give you a glimpse of what is ahead.

In embracing this vision, we recognize the areas where we, as a community, can strive for improvement. These goals are not mandates but steppingstones guiding us toward a brighter, more purposeful future.

Goal 1: Be a People Driven by the Gospel to Reach the Lost.

Leadership Training: Our first goal calls for intentional leadership training, uniting our Church Staff, Deacons, Church Council, Children and Youth Councils, and Sunday School. By investing in the equipping of leaders, we aim to define and implement actions that resonate with the core of our faith—sharing the gospel in our community.

Focused Outreach: Let us develop a schedule of activities and events, fostering engagement with non-believers regularly. The Church Council will play a pivotal role in integrating these activities into the life of our church, ensuring a harmonious and impactful approach.

Mission Trips: Embarking on an annual mission trip initiative, we seek to extend our reach beyond our immediate surroundings, engaging with local, state, and global missions. This journey will not only impact others but will undoubtedly transform us as well.

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2024





Deacon's Devotional



A New Year

As the new year begins, we look forward to a new beginning. We hope for peace and security for ourselves and family. We want this year to be the best ever. But, nothing really changes; there will still be wars and hard times for so many in the world.

I remember in the '60s how my parents thought that our generation was so so corrupted by the things that we did. The way we dressed, the way we let our hair grow, the music we listened to, drug use, just about everything in "our society." Then again, if you look back through history, you will see the same concerns.

At the turn of the century the world still saw wars, poverty and so many difficulties—it was hard to imagine how the world would survive. The War To End All Wars, WWI. WWI was followed by The Roaring '20s and boot legging, The Great Depression, WWII (WWI part two), Korea, The Cold War, fear of nuclear annihilation, Viet Nam, two Iraq wars, Afghanistan, terrorism and on and on. The last one hundred and twenty years saw so many changes in the world. Our parents' parents wondered how their children and the world would end up.

There is only one thing we can be sure of in the future and forever, that is Gods love. God never promised us that we would never see hardships, He only guarantees us salvation through His son Jesus Christ. The new year brings us hope, God gives us certainty that no matter what happens we will live forever in His kingdom as long as we believe.

It is traditional to wish all a happy new year. I wish you a New Year of Faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Barry Milligan



CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery
TBD

Nursery Workers
1.7—TBD
1.14—TBD
1.21—TBD
1.28—TBD

January Ushers

Leslie Belvin
Jimmy Diggs
Amy Martin
Gus Saunders



January Tellers

Judy Cahoon
Lynn Walton

Deacon of the Week

1.7—Stewart Wood
1.14—Barry Milligan
1.21—Bill Breeden
1.28—Leslie Belvin

Younger Children's Church

1.7—Nancy Dyson
1.14—Sonya Anthony
1.21—TBD
1.28—Mallory Wagner

Older Children's Church

1.7—Alice Smith
1.14—TBD
1.21—D. Gandee & M. McNeil
1.28—J. Sanford & B. Sanford

Save The Date!

"Fruit of the Spirit Women's Retreat"

March 9, 2024

8:30a—3p

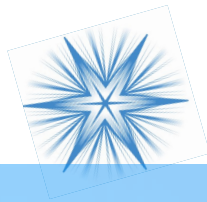
Gloucester Point Baptist Church

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

Sign-up sheet available in Narthex

7 Jan., 2024—18 Feb., 2024

Breakfast & Lunch provided



WMU—MISSIONS MOMENT

Missionaries need prayer partners to have an effective ministry. As the Holy Spirit empowers missionaries you can support them by praying for their relationships with God, their families and their ministries.

Steven and Esther Roberts—Chaplain, US Navy

"Please pray for our family as we adjust to our new area of ministry in Guam. Pray for our children as we will be far away."

Philip and Andi Coleman—Church Planter, Anchorage, AK

"Please pray for church plants in Alaska. Pray God brings planters to the Far North to help rewind the high rate of church deaths we are experiencing."

Emanuel and Ioana Grozea—Church Planter, Ridgewood, NY

"Please pray that we are faithful in our calling, our mission to invite our diverse community to grow in relationship with Jesus and our vision of gospel saturation throughout NYC.

Woongje and Injoo Chun—Church Planter, Duluth, GA

"Please pray for God's power in the church. Pray lost souls are saved. Pray for our provision."

Scott and Christy Kennis—Chaplain, US Army

"Please pray for the Lord's favor upon the ministry of the gospel to our military personnel."



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Goal 2: Make All those God Gives Us to be Disciples.

Theological Training Program: In our commitment to making disciples, we will initiate a Theological Training program. This endeavor will involve both in-house resources and external partnerships, cultivating a deep understanding of our faith among new and existing leaders.

Mentoring through Sunday School: Sunday School will be an essential nurturing ground for new believers to develop deep roots in Christ, providing a supportive environment for their growing faith. Through mentorship and guidance, we aim to strengthen the foundation of discipleship.

Goal 3: Be a Transforming Factor in our Communities

Small Group Ministry: A new chapter unfolds as we initiate small group ministries. These gatherings will focus on building relationships and community involvement, allowing us to be a transformative force within our community.

Strategic Community Interactions: A strategic, ongoing series of community interactions will become the heartbeat of our outreach efforts. This brainstorming endeavor will ensure that our community engagement is purposeful and impactful.

Goal 4: Care for Christ's Bride - the Local Church

Ministry for Older Adults: We recognize the spiritual needs of our older adults, especially widows and widowers. To address this, we will create a ministry dedicated to their care, ensuring that they continue to feel valued and connected.

Energizing Deacon Family Ministry Plan: The Deacon Family Ministry plan will enhance our support system within the church, fostering a sense of belonging and care.

Continual Improvement of Infrastructure: To worship Jesus and disciple His followers effectively, we commit to the continual improvement of our infrastructure. Our spaces will be conducive to spiritual growth and communal worship.

Teaching Christian Stewardship: Understanding the importance of supporting missions and programs, we will actively teach Christian stewardship. This will enable us to contribute to the broader mission of spreading the gospel.

Church, as we embark on this journey, let hope guide our steps. Let us be mindful of the **grace and truth** that underpin our vision. Together, as one unified body, we will not only face tomorrow's challenges but triumph over them, grounded in the love of Christ.

For His Glory—**Pastor Dillon Evans**

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)- 9:40a
Worship Service— 11a
C.A.R.E. Ministry—2p



January 2024

Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm: CYM Supper
6p: Youth Bible Study
6p: Children's Choir & Bible Study
6:30p: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30p: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED Happy New Year	2 6:30p B&G 6:30p Transportation	3 5:30p CYM Supper Resumes Regular Activities	4	5 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	6
7 11a COMMUNION 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacons' Mtg	8 10a WMU-Leader's Mtg. 7p AHG-Leaders Mtg.	9 9:30a Community Morning Out	10 Regular Activities	11	12 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	13 4p Children's Movie 6:30p Youth Movie
14 Sunday Breakfast 9:15a Breakfast 2p C.A.R.E.	15 6p AHG	16 Vision Articles Due 6:30p Armstrong	17 Regular Activities	18 10a Acree	19 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	20 9a Quilting Grp.
21 2p C.A.R.E.	22	23	24 6p Family Night Supper 7p Qtly Business Mtg <i>(No Adult Activities)</i>	25	26 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	27 AHG Baptist Men's Day Breakfast
28 Baptist's Men's Day 2p C.A.R.E.	29 6p AHG-Troop Mtg.	30	31 Regular Activities			

January Birthdays:

Alice Smith	1.1
Chris Hutson	1.3
Betty Jane Duncan	1.5
Tim Owens	1.5
Ronnie Lewis	1.6
Chase Mitchell	1.12
Janis West	1.17
Jac Worth	1.20
Mike Crawford	1.24
Jeannie Fitzgerald	1.25
Alice Oldfield	1.25
John Oldfield	1.26
Ashton Walls	1.27
Charles West	1.29
Debra Wood	1.29
David Worth	1.30



Anniversaries:

Chris & Heidi Gibbons	1.6
Doug & Chris Blaylock	1.15
Ronnie & Judy Lewis	1.20
David & Jac Worth	1.25