



THE VISION

February 2024

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

Equipping Disciples

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
(ESV - Matt 28:18-20)

This past Sunday, I finished the first sermon series in revealing the vision for the future of our church but also called everyone to action in the altar call. It was such a blessing to see everyone join in, asking God to use all of us in this mission. I am so very excited for our future.

The vision "Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth." At the core of this is four distinct goals:

- Goal 1.** We will be a people driven by the gospel to reach the lost, reflecting on the great price in which we have been redeemed, and a people always focused on community.
- Goal 2.** We will make all those God gives us to be disciples, helping them truly Know Christ, disciples that make other disciples, teaching them all that Christ has commanded.
- Goal 3.** We will be a transforming factor in the communities we exist in. We will be a vital part of the resurgence of people on fire for God. A praying church that will develop into praying towns that will be known for grace and truth inside and outside the church.
- Goal 4.** We will care for Christ's Bride - the local church - and be good stewards of His kingdom's resources..

With discipleship at the heart of the vision we will implement the first phase of our vision in 20204.

Goal 1 Action Steps: Outreach Program:

As part of our commitment to reach our community with the gospel, we will identify four events in which we can reach out to the community.

Begin making plans for an annual mission trip to begin next year. (cont. on pg. 3)

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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

SERVANT - SERVICE - SERVE

These words are found in the Holy Bible many times: 1,100 times these words are used, depending on the version. Servant - a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant; service - the action of helping or doing work for someone; serve - perform duties or services for (another person or an organization).

The January 15, 2024, *Our Daily Bread* study was titled - "Serving Others for Jesus." We have heard about service/serve/servant from our Pastor, and we have studied it in our Sunday School classes. Jesus said in Mark 10: 43-45 ". . . but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." The word slave used in verse 44 could easily be replaced by servant. A long time ago while I was in college, a management instructor made the comment that we are all serving someone, no matter our position in the company. I have found that to be true throughout my career and experiences.

The emblem to the right is so foundational to Gloucester Point Baptist Church that it is installed in the floor at one of our entrances. Additionally, we just completed the Vision 2000 – 30 Days of Prayer to guide us into the future. Element 4 of our Phase 1 Action Plan included "community service" and the word "service" was used several times throughout the 30 Days of Prayer. I would say the prayers in general were speaking of opportunities for service.



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VALENTINE BANQUET

WMU invites all ladies to bring your sweetheart or friend and join us for our annual Valentine Banquet.

It will be held on

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 6p

Good food, good music & fellowship will be enjoyed by all!! The entrée, bread, dessert and drinks are provided. We ask that you bring a salad or a vegetable to share. Please sign up by February 11 on the sign-up sheet located on the WMU table in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

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.

Jack and Kayla Diven—Church Planters, Las Vegas, NV

"Pray for lost people in the city of Las Vegas. Pray we will find a space big enough to house our church plant."

Josh and Jacqueline Elliff—Church Planters, Loveland, CO

" Pray the families in our launch team will press into the Lord and be bold with their faith. Pray God would continue growing our church as it launches next year and provide a space for us to meet. Pray protection over our children."

Dawest and Esther Louis—Church Planters, New Orleans, LA

"Pray God will soften the hearts of the lost people we are trying to reach with the gospel in New Orleans. Pray for our core team as they serve for the advancement of God's Kingdom in New Orleans. Pray God will provide the resources we need to do the work."

Jose and Maria Mazariego—Church Planters - Stafford, VA

"Pray the name of Jesus will be glorified in our church and community. Pray for our family's physical and spiritual health as well as wisdom and strength to lead and serve Him."

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So, what is the Vision Plan leading us toward? What was Jesus saying in Mark and what are our Sunday School lessons and sermons trying to teach us? Are we being asked to serve tables, maybe? Wash feet? Take a moment and reread the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. This was the last command given by Jesus to His disciples (which includes us all) before He ascended into Heaven.

I think that command from Jesus requires us to be ready to do His work (service of some kind); to help those that do not know Him or the Father or the Holy Spirit. We may need to serve tables, teach a class, or knock on doors. Pray that our response when He asks will be “here I am Lord, send me.” My prayer is that He will give me strength to do His will. Amen.

Stewart Wood

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Goal 2 Action Steps: Theological Training Program

We will have specialized theological training to provide for a deeper discipleship within our church, and to equip leaders for tomorrow’s challenges. Currently, we have Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible studies. In addition, we will soon have small groups. I am currently adding online courses, and then courses for credit in partnership with Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I plan to have the first in-person course available by Mid-Spring to Early Summer. The courses cater to everyone from skeptics and seekers to new believers and disciples, and even those in leadership positions. Part of this naturally will flow into leadership training with our ministry leaders and deacons. I am providing the deacons with short monthly training and then will provide a more in-depth half-day training once a quarter that will be open to everyone.

Goal 3 Action Steps: Small Group Ministry

Launch small groups by the end of Spring. This would involve getting volunteers to host a small group of people in their homes, preferably a mix of our church members along with neighbors and friends that could be invited. Bible study material will be based on sermons, Lifeway curriculum, or other approved material. The host doesn’t necessarily have to teach, we will find teachers for each group. These are natural (house church) style events that build fellowship and help to produce discipleship naturally.

Goal 4 Action Steps: Ministry for Widows/Widowers

Working with the deacons shows that we need a specialized ministry to our widows/widowers. While every church always wants to see new families enter the church, let us also focus on ministering to our widows. Discipleship never stops. What I am asking from everyone is to pray for this vision, get involved and be an active part in fulfilling this vision, and go and tell others about Christ, His gospel, His vision for our church.

**For His Glory,
Pastor Dillon**

CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch.
Nursery
TBD

February Ushers

Earl Conkling
Donnie Green
Paul Greggs
Buddy Hogge

Nursery Workers

2.4— TBD
2.11—TBD
2.18—TBD
2.25—TBD

Younger Children’s Church

2.4—Nancy Dyson
2.11—Sonya Anthony
2.18—TBD
2.25—Mallory Wagner

February Tellers

Sharon Warren
Emma Crawford

Deacon of the Week

2.4—Jamie Moore
2.11—Stewart Wood
2.18—Barry Milligan
2.25—Brian Stewart

Older Children’s Church

2.4—Alice Smith
2.11—TBD
2.18—D. Gandee & M. McNeil
2.25—J. Sanford & B. Sanford

W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK

W.M.U. Focus Week will be February 6-13, 2022

Sunday Schedule

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

Wednesday Schedule

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	3 10a Daniel Plan
4 11a COMMUNION 12 Youth Council Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacons’ Mtg.	5 6p AHG—Troop (Awards)	6 6:30p B&G Mtg.	7 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	8	9 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	10 10a Daniel Plan
11 <i>Sunday Breakfast</i> 9:15a Seekers & Romans 12p Children’s Council 2p C.A.R.E.	12 7p AHG—Leaders	13 9:30a WMU Community Morning Out	14 <i>Kids-Valentine Focus</i> REGULAR ACTIVITIES	15	16 <i>VISION Articles Due</i> 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	17 10a Daniel Plan 6p WMU Valentine Banquet
WMU FOCUS WEEK						
18 <i>Baptist Women’s Day</i> 12p Church Council 2p C.A.R.E.	19 6p AHG—Troop	20 6:30p WMU Armstrong Circle	21 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	22	23 6:30p Men’s Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	24 10a Daniel Plan
25 2p C.A.R.E.	26	27	28 6p Family Supper REGULAR ACTIVITIES	29		

February Birthdays:

Mallory Wagner	2.5
Brenden Greggs	2.12
Hope Hutson	2.13
Ann Hogge	2.18
Martha Robbins	2.19
Catherine Smith	2.20
Kent Smith	2.20
Seth Gandee	2.21
Joyce Marshall	2.22
Jo Green	2.24
Ashton Walls	2.27
David Crummett	2.28
Carol Hall	2.28



Anniversaries:

Paul & Tammy Greggs 2.20

