



THE VISION

May 2025

“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

OUR ISAIAH MOMENT

Our Responding to God's Call with Vision and Courage

“Here I am. Send me.” – Isaiah 6:8

Take a moment and picture our church logo. What comes to mind? Maybe it's the three black crosses, or our name in the Papyrus font. But here's the bigger question: When our community sees that logo—when they drive past our sign, visit our website, or walk through our doors—what do they see?

Do they see a church alive with hope?

Do they see a people rooted in something deeper, stronger, eternal?

This isn't just a design question—it's a discipleship question. Because the truth is: every church and every follower of Jesus is always communicating something—intentionally or not. What we say, what we do, and even how we look tells a story. That's why this Sunday (and every Sunday) is so important.

This Sunday, we're launching a new sermon series called Rooted in Christ, based on Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. These aren't just ethical teachings—they are the foundation for living in the Kingdom. They are a new way of life. They form the DNA of a follower of Jesus: a life marked by grace, truth, resilience, and transformation.

At the same time, we're casting a fresh vision for who we are and where we're going as a church. It's a call to examine how God is leading us to:

- **Reach the lost** with gospel urgency.
- **Grow disciples** through intentional care and teaching.
- **Transform our communities** with the love and truth of Christ.
- **Care for Christ's bride**—the local church—with faithfulness and joy.

These are more than just values. They are part of our identity—the spiritual DNA of Gloucester Point Baptist Church.

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Deacon's Devotional

Are You Tending Your Heart?

Many of us are tending our physical hearts due to medical necessity. We are seeing cardiologist and heart specialists for medications or treatments that help our malfunctioning “tickers”. We do what we must to improve our heart health to remain alive.

But, what about our spiritual hearts? How are we tending them? Who’s treating our faltering spiritual hearts so we may live abundantly?

The Bible warns that we must remain diligent to prevent a hard heart. “Tending the heart” is an ongoing activity in which we choose to either reject or join God. Hebrews 3:7-8 states “So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, ...”. We must listen intently for God’s still small voice and submit to His promptings to keep our hearts soft and beating for Him.

Even King David, “a man after God’s own heart”, his son, Solomon, Saul and many other devout lovers of God hardened their hearts. If it happened to them, it can happen to us as well. There’s a disclaimer for investments that “past performance is not a guarantee of future performance”. This is true of our faithfulness also; our past success doesn’t mean present success.

We must continually take the “script “ The Great Physician has prescribed for us, His Word. Scripture softens our spiritual heart and provides the nourishment it needs to thrive. Communion with God in prayer draws our ever wandering hard heart back to Him where it finds rest to recover. Worship is a healing salve applied to our stony hearts. When we “enter His courts with thanksgiving “ and “worship in spirit and truth” it’s like a heart transplant. The diseased hard heart is transformed and we’re given a “new heart”.

The One who created us knows how to perfectly heal us. He has given us everything we need for a soft healthy heart and abundant life. Our cardiologist lets us choose whether to follow his regimen and so does God. Won’t you choose to daily follow Him and receive abundant life, my friend?

In the Grip of God’s Grace,

Sharon Warren

CHURCH WORKER'S

Deacon of the Week

5.4—Jamie Moore

5.11—Keith Belvin

5.18—Debra Wood

5.25—Kent Smith

February Ushers

Earl Conkling

Donnie Green

Paul Greggs

Buddy Hogge

February Tellers

Emma Crawford

Sharon Warren

Nursery Workers &

Sun. Sch. Nursery

5.4—Julia & Virginia Dawson /
Christie Riedel

5.11—Jac Worth /Ella Evans

5.18—Ashley Stotesberry-Henson

5.25—Madison McNeil

Younger Children's Church

5.4—Nancy Dyson

5.11—Donna Phillips

5.18—Madison McNeil

5.25—TBD

Older Children's Church

5.4—TBD

5.11—Mallory Wagner

5.18—Denise Gandee

5.25—Jayme Sanford

FOUNDATION

Missions

IMPACT: ROANOKE

July 6-12, 2025

Our mission team is getting excited and wants as many as possible to be involved and share our enthusiasm.

We’ve decided to join with **BGAV** and travel to **Roanoke** from **July 6-12, 2025** to serve with **Impact Mission Camp**. We will soon begin to prepare Spiritually with some directed Bible study. We’ll also be working on fund raising in the near future to offset the cost of \$325 per person.

We look forward to sharing the love of Jesus and glorifying God as we serve on missions.

If you have questions or want to be involved contact Sharon Warren at (757) 879-0862.



SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

WHAT: YOUTH MISSION
FUND RAISER

WHEN: Sat., 31 May @ 5p

WHERE: GPBC

- Join us for this exiting event.
- You can dine in or take-out.

CONTACT: Sharon Warren 757.879.0862

WMU OF GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to the Mother/Daughter Tea on
Saturday, 17 May 2025 at 2:00p.

Mothers bring your daughters ages 6 years old and up. If you are a mom without a daughter or a daughter without a mom, adopt one from church or bring a family member (aunt/niece) or family friend. Your mom or daughter does not have to be a member to attend.

We are having a silent auction to benefit the
Youth Mission Trip in July.

Come & enjoy tea, goodies and fellowship! Space is Limited!

Last day to sign-up is 11 May 2025 in the Narthex.



WMU—MISSIONS MOMENT

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

M.C. and V.C.- Church Planter- Napa, CA

"Pray that Matthew would be a Spirit-led husband, father, pastor, and friend. Pray that Christ Church will be used to bring hope, life, and the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the city of Napa."

R.S and S.S.- Church Planter- Glen Burnie, MD

"Pray that God will help us plant the seed of the gospel in the hearts of those who don't know our Lord Jesus as Savior. Pray that God will help us make disciples as we seek to be a biblical church that honors His Word."

D.G. and S.G. - Church Planter- Provo, UT

"Pray as we build a healthy biblical church. Pray for Utah born individuals who are the first generation of believers in their family. Pray for our children to love God and be protected from the enemy."

B.S. and S.S.- Church Planter- Monroe, OH

"Pray to impact the brokenness in Monroe with the gospel and to engage His people with kingdom-minded discipleship."

C.T. and T.D. - U.S. Army Chaplain- Rincon, Georgia

"Pray for us as we minister to Army soldiers and families, proclaim the gospel, and make disciples. Pray for our marriage, for our boys to love and serve the Lord, and that we find community where we are placed."

It reminds me of one of the greatest visions recorded in Scripture. The prophet Isaiah, in a vision, stood in the heavenly temple and saw the Lord—high and lifted up—the Holy One to whom the angels cry out day and night, "Holy, holy, holy." In that moment, Isaiah was undone. He saw his sin. He saw his people's brokenness. And yet, when the Lord asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah didn't wait for someone else to respond.

He said, "Here I am. Send me."

This is our Isaiah moment.

We may not feel ready...We may not feel worthy..But our world needs hope, and our church is being called to respond to God's vision: "Lord, use me."

One more thing:

Something special is happening this Sunday.

I won't spoil it, but it's part of this fresh start. It's meaningful, memorable, and we believe it will help us communicate our heart more clearly than ever before. So come ready. Come prayerful. Come with open eyes and expectant hearts. Let's step forward together—Rooted in Christ and reaching forward in faith.

For His Glory, Pastor Dillon Evans

DESSERT CONTEST!

Please sign-up in the Narthex if you want to enter.

The winner will be determined by which dessert raises the most monetary donations.

All the money raised will be donated to the

Youth Missions.

Bring you friends/family and donate to support our mission team!



The Annual Church Picnic May 18th

- 4:30p-Games/Fellowship
- 5:30p-Devotional
- 6:00p-Meal

Fried chicken, Bread & Beverage will be provided

⇒ **Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert**

(bring your chairs/blankets)

Sign-up by 14 May



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—CYM Supper
6p—Children's Choir
6p—Youth in Action
6:30p—TeamKID
6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 	2 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	3 8a All Deacons' Breakfast
4 COMMUNION 12p Youth/Children Council 2:00pm CARE	5	6 1p Deacons' Mtg. 6p B&G Mtg.	7 Regular Activities	8	9 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	10 9:30a Walk4 Life
11 9:15a Mother's Day Breakfast 9:45a Membership Class 	12	13 9:30a Community Morning Out	14 Regular Activities	15 10a Acree Circle	16 VISION ARTICLES DUE 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	17 2p WMU  Mother/Daughter Tea
18 9:45a Membership Class 12pm Church Council Mtg CARE (During Picnic) 4:30pm Church Picnic	19	20 6:30a Armstrong Circle	21 Regular Activities	22 6:45a Nominating Committee Mtg.	23 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Group	24
25 PENTECOST 11am AHG Color Guard - Memorial Day Service Kellum Family	26  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	27	28 Regular Activities Last CYM Supper	29	30 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Group	31 5p Youth Mission Dinner & Silent Auction

May Birthdays:

Charlie Holt	5.2
Gretel Smith	5.3
Thomas Hardy	5.7
Gabriel Cahoon	5.8
Pat Fowler-Dobbs	5.8
Leilah Henson	5.11
Alex Arquette	5.16
Abram Riedel	5.16
Donna Jean Hogge	5.18
Earl Conkling	5.20
Anson Belvin	5.21
Lessie Ferber	5.21
Madison Hawkins	5.21
Lynn Walton	5.22
Randy McDaniel	5.24
Della Belvin	5.24
Denise Gandee	5.24
Keith Martin	5.27
Taylor Green	5.31



Anniversaries:

Jimmy & Della Belvin	5.3
Charles & Beverly West	5.10
Jeff & Theresa Svoboda	5.23
Justin & Mallory Wagner	5.28
Stan & Denise Gandee	5/30