



# THE VISION

August 2023

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” Amen. Mat- thew*

## Seeds



**11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ~ Eph 6:11-13

Why do kids who grow up together turn out so different? As I write this, I am preparing for my brother's funeral service. We were around each other during the summer quite a bit. I remember visiting him one year; his mom had signed us up to attend a Pennsylvania church camp. It was in the mountains, and we would have camp guides lead us through. Unfortunately, the camp guides split us up, not realizing those few weeks were the only weeks we really got to see each other since we didn't live with each other. Looking back, I understand why; they sought to build bonds with the children and share the gospel. It was an excellent time to hear the gospel for the first time in my life. I look back and realize that is the first time a gospel seed was planted in my heart. My brother also heard the gospel, and for a long while, it was hard to tell if that seed was growing. As I look back at my life, that seed wouldn't sprout up for about ten years, and I wonder if it ever sprouted in my brother. I know God is loving and not desiring any to perish, and ultimately my hope for my brother lies in Christ and His grace and mercy.

As a church, we get to plant seeds. Part of the new vision will help equip us in a way that allows us to plant more seeds than ever. There will be times when we wonder if the seeds we plant are taking root and will bear fruit in the future. We must trust the results to God. Our focus should be on seeking God for this vision and ways to implement it so that we can be part of the lives of many in our community. I cannot help but wonder, how different my brother's life would have been if he had a church family like ours to come alongside him in his darkest hours to shine the light of Christ upon him.

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# Deacon's Devotional



## Being A Good Christian is Hard Work

I got a call from a fellow member to let me know that we were going to work at the new pastor's house to help move his furniture into his new home. We had been working at a church member's home installing a wheelchair ramp but, because our site manager was not going to be there, we were now going to the new pastor's home. At this point I said, "*Being a good Christian is hard work.*"

**Epiphany:** Being a good Christian *is* hard work. I then started to think about the Apostle Paul and all the trials he went through to bring the Gospel to the people.

When we travel, we make sure we have cash to spend or credit cards, hotel reservations and know we will be received by friends or relatives. Paul walked hundreds of miles on terrible roads with no idea about how he would be received, where he would eat or sleep. Shipwrecked, imprisoned, threatened, escaping death, and finally being martyred. How many of us would be willing to serve the Lord and spread His Word like Paul?

As Christians, we are asked to spread the Word, as were the Apostles. Would we be willing to walk miles to do this?

When we visit our fellow church members we get into our climate-controlled vehicles or call them on our phones from the comfort of our homes. We are proud of ourselves for what we do.

Sometimes we must make sacrifices. Even when we are tired or just want to stay home and watch the big game. We must put God ahead of everything else. When we make promises and pledges, we must stand up and honor our obligations. Sometimes it demands hard choices.

Jesus had twelve apostles who witnessed His miracles and were sent out by Him to do God's work. They were given the power to heal and spread the gospel. We as Christians are the ministers of the Gospel, as were the Apostles. We were given this assignment on the first day we accepted Jesus as our Savior. It is not an easy job; we meet resistance on many levels. Being a good Christian is hard work, especially when faced with so much resistance and so many distractions. We must open our hearts and minds and trust in Jesus, our Lord and Savior for his guidance.

Being a Christian is hard work. Being a good Christian is even harder but, the final reward will be worth it.

*Barry Milligan*

## CHURCH WORKERS

### Deacon of the Week

- 8.6—Sonya Anthony
- 8.13—Brian Stewart
- 8.20—Bill Breeden
- 8.27—Leslie Belvin

### August Ushers

- Leslie Belvin
- Paul Greggs
- Buddy Hogge
- Howard Warren

### August Tellers

- Alice Smith
- Lynn Walton



### Sun. Sch. Nursery

Howard Warren

### Nursery Workers

- 8.6—H. Warren / T. Owens
- 8.13—L. Walton
- 8.20—TBD
- 8.27—TBD

### Younger Children's Church

- 8.6—Nancy Dyson
- 8.13—Sonya Anthony
- 8.20—Joyce Marshall
- 8.27—R. Wells / M. Wagner

### Older Children's Church

- 8.6—TBD
- 8.13—J. Sanford / B. Sanford
- 8.20—D. Gandee / M. McNeil
- 8.27—C. West / S. West



**Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, August 2, 2023  
at 6:30p**



# JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC CAMP

August 7-11, 2023  
6p-8:30p

4 yrs. old—entering 8th grade

Registration forms are available at the Information Center in the Narthex or on our website: [www.GPBC.church](http://www.GPBC.church)  
Get your children and your children's friends signed up to attend This special event!



## SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

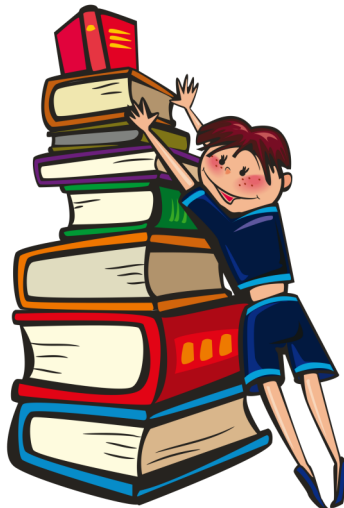
All children are invited to participate in our annual **SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**.

Participants will be reading to meet age-appropriate goals for the months of July and August.

At the conclusion of the summer, all of our children who successfully complete their reading assignments will be recognized and rewarded.

Please see Miss Connie if you would like to take part.

If you are attending TeamKID on Wednesday evenings, you will be hearing all about the **SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE** in your classes.



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As Christians, whether we realize it or not, we are at war with the devil for the souls of our community. As Paul so poetically was inspired to write, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Let us always have the armor of God on and seek ways to advance against the powers of darkness in our communities by shining the light of Christ everywhere we go.

For His Glory,  
*Pastor Dillon Evans*

**WMU**  
**Annual Picnic Thursday, August 22 @ 5:30p**

**WHO:** All members and Spouses & (Guests)  
**WHERE:** Gloucester Point Baptist Church  
7741 Terrapin Cove Road  
Gloucester Point VA 23062

\* Sign-up in Narthex with dish to bring \*




### Missions Moment- Journeyman

**NAMB (North American Mission Board)** Journeymen are recent college graduates who become missionaries for a two-year term. Journeymen work with and through **NAMB's** compassion ministry, Send Relief, where they become a vital part of **NAMB** missionary teams at **Send Relief Ministry Centers** and **NAMB Send Cities**. Serving as a Journeyman allows young professionals to be employed, serve on mission and explore the potential for lifelong service as a missionary or church planter. Pray many new missionaries and church planters would serve through the Journeyman program.

#### Missionaries to pray for:

- Dan and Amy Cogan - Church Planter- Kansas City, MO.
- Rich and Jill Hutchins - Church Planter - Stanwood, WA.
- Andrew and Heidi Kabbani - Church Planter - Buckeye, AZ.
- Eddie and Darlene Hill - Chaplain - Horry County Sheriff's Office - Conway, SC.
- Brandon and Ellen Hembree - Church Planter - Spotsylvania, VA

## Sunday Schedule

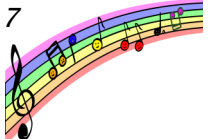




Sunday School (All Ages)—9:45a  
 Worship Service—11a  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry—2p



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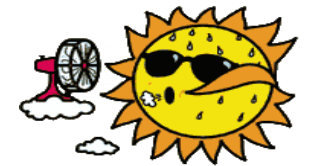
## Wednesday Schedule

6p—Children's Choir Practice  
 6:30p—Children & Youth Bible Study  
 6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 6:30p B&G Mtg. 6:30p Transport Mtg.	2 6:30p Quarterly Business Meeting <b>NO Regular Adult Activities</b>	3	4 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	5
6 <b>COMMUNION</b> 11:00 am 12p Youth Council 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacons' Mtg.	7  6p Joyful Noise Music Camp	8  6p Joyful Noise Music Camp	9  6p Joyful Noise Music Camp <b>NO Reg. Activities</b>	10  6p Joyful Noise Music Camp	11  6p Joyful Noise Music Camp 7p Serenity Grp	12
13 <i>Sunday Breakfast</i> 9:15a Breakfast (Seekers & Romans) 12p Children's Council 2p C.A.R.E.	14	15 6:30p Armstrong Circle	16 <i>VISION ARTICLES DUE</i> <b>2024 Budget Request Due</b> <b>Regular Activities</b>	17 10a ACREE	18 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	19 9a Quilting Emma Crawford
20 12p Church Council 2p C.A.R.E.	21 6:30p AHG Open House/Registration	22  5:30p WMU Annual Picnic	23 <b>Regular Activities</b>	24	25 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	26
27 <b>SS Promotion</b> 2p C.A.R.E.	28	29	30 <b>CYM Promotion</b> <b>Regular Activities</b>	31	1 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	

## August Birthdays

Faye Branen	8.5
Martha West	8.7
Isaac Owens	8.9
Helen Spence	8.10
Carrie West	8.13
Chris Gibbons	8.16
Amy Flippin	8.17
Barbara Lewis	8.17
Jason Fitzgerald	8.18
Barbara Bohan	8.19
Page Bond	8.19
Julia Dawson	8.20
Kaylee Walls	8.21
Mark Boykin	8.22
Nina Evans	8.27
Gary Nevitt	8.28
Jamie Moore	8.31



## Anniversaries:

Brad & Jennifer Burgess	8.2
Bob Wray & Amy Flippin	8.2
Tommy & Paulette Ashe	8.11
Kent & Gretel Smith	8.16
David & Angie Crummett	8.24
Bill & Gloria Breeden	8.31