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GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VISION

September 2025

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



### **Eternal Fruit**

Our vision at Gloucester Point Baptist Church is simple yet profound: Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth. This vision finds its anchor in Scripture, where the Spirit paints a picture of a fruitful church.

Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:22-23 that when God's Spirit dwells in us, He produces fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are not optional extras—they are the evidence of a life rooted in Christ.

And in Revelation 22:2, we glimpse the end of the story: "the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." What a powerful reminder that God's people are called to bear fruit that blesses the world.

As we embody the Spirit's fruit, we become a living testimony to Christ's transforming power. Our love heals division. Our joy restores hope. Our peace calms anxious hearts. Our kindness and goodness meet the needs of our neighbors. Our faithfulness and gentleness point to the character of Christ. Our self-control keeps us holy in an unholy world.

This is what it means to be Rooted in Christ—to be a Spirit-filled people whose fruit brings healing, hope, and life to Gloucester and beyond. May God make us that tree in our time, bearing fruit that endures for eternity.

For His Glory—

Pastor Dillon Evans

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## **Celebrating the Laborer**

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The first

Labor Day was celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882.

For Christians, the celebration of the worker is something that the Bible clearly teaches. God intends for mankind to work and earn his way. There is always something to do when it comes to doing "church work". God has blessed us with a great air-conditioned building and fellowship hall and as good stewards of His blessings, it is up to all of us to take care of the physical things, as well as the spiritual blessings found in Jesus Christ.

Many will spend the long weekend enjoying all types of leisure activities as they celebrate the last holiday weekend of the summer. Through the scriptures, we are continually encouraged to become more involved with both the spiritual and physical work of the church. Remember, we are all important, and God has placed us in the church just where He wanted us to be.

Let us continue to use our individual talents to build up God's Kingdom here on the earth. "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10) "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." (Colossians 3:23).

Happy Labor Day!

GOD Bless All—Jamie Moore

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Come & enjoy PIZZA WITH PASTORS
the 1st Wednesday of every month!
First pizza night will be
Wednesday, 3 September @ 5:30p



## CHURCH WORKERS

## **Deacon of the Week**

9.7—Martha West

9.14—Debra Wood

9.21—Keith Belvin

9.27—Jamie Moore

#### **September Ushers**

Sonya Anthony Stan Gandee Jamie Moore Stewart Wood

#### **September Tellers**

Gail Mongold Alice Smith

## **Nursery Workers**

9.7—Julia & Virginia Dawson / Christie Riedel

9.14—Jac Worth

9.21—Ashley Henson

9.27—Madison McNeil

#### **Younger Children's Church**

9.7—Nancy Dyson

9.14—Donna Phillips

9.21—Madison McNeil

9.27—Christie Riedel

## **Older Children's Church**

9.7—Ashley Henson

9.14—Mallory Magner

9.21—Denise Gandee

9.27—Jayme Sanford





# ALMA HUNT OFFERING for Virginia Missions



## September 7—14, 2025

## **Living Faith**

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead"

James 2:26

Since 1976, the annual Virginia Missions Offering—traditionally called the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Mission—is a joint venture of HerMission (formerly known as Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

We invite you to give to the Alma Hunt Offering—joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we work to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia and with the whole world.

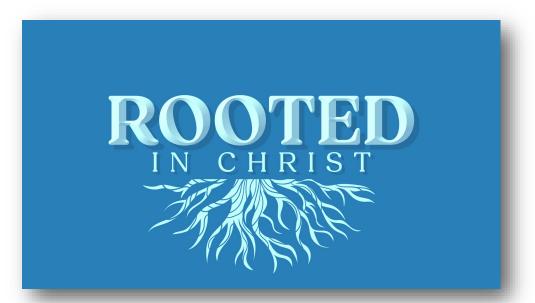
Our WMU (HerMission) has established a goal of \$2,000 for Gloucester Point Baptist Church for this year's Alma Hunt Offering.

Please be in prayer for this year's giving that will bless so many in Virginia.

For more information on the Alma Hunt Offering you can go to the <u>almahunt.org</u> website or see the WMU bulletin board in the Narthex.



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## **WMU- Missionary Moment**

Please pray for these missionaries and their special prayer requests as they spread the gospel of Jesus in the communities they serve.

#### J.A. and M.A. - Church Planter - Quebec, Canada

"Pray for the protection of our family and for ministry longevity. Pray for a healthy church in our city that glorifies the name of God and reaches the unreached with His good news."

## T.E. and R.E. - Church Planter - Frankfort, Illinois

"Pray for our church plant to grow both spiritually and in numbers. Pray we have courage and wisdom to share the gospel."

## J.E. and J.E. - Church Planter - Loveland, Colorado

"Pray for us to continue to reach the lost and impact our city for Christ. Pray for God to raise up local leadership to continue to invest in the church for years to come."

## J.H. and S.H. - Chaplain & State Director Ohio Southern Baptist Disaster Relief - Fairborn, Ohio

"Pray for boldness to share the gospel with the heart of Christ and to provide trauma care to those affected by disaster. Also, pray for us as we navigate the schedule of deployments while balancing time off at home."

## **Sunday Schedule**

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

## September 2025

## **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
31 SS Promotion 2p C.A.R.E	HAPPY LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 6:30p B&G Mtg. 6:30p Transport Mtg.	3 9:30a GWBS 5:30p Children/Youth Pizza with Pastors  REGULAR ACTIVITIES	4 10a WMU Craft Day	6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	6
7 <b>COMMUNION</b> 11a Riedel Ordination & Meal	8 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	9:30a Community Morning Out	9:30a GWBS REGULAR ACTIVITIES	11 PATRIOTS' DAY	6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	13
14 12p Children Council Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E.	1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	16 VISION ARTICLES DUE 6:30p Armstrong Circle	9:30a GWBS  REGULAR ACTIVITIES	18 10a Acree Circle	6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	20
12p Youth Council 2p C.A.R.E.	22 First Day of Autumn 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	23	9:30a GWBS  REGULAR ACTIVITIES	25	Guinea Jul 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	
28 2p C.A.R.E.	10a WMU Leader Council Mtg. 1:30p Encouragers Bible Study	30 7p Speak-Up Mtg.	1 9:30a GWBS REGULAR ACTIVITIES	2	3 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	4

## **September Birthdays:**

Tommy Ashe	9.1
Raquel Barrera	9.2
Chris Blaylock	9.2
Zachary Hartman	9.3
Travis Asbell	9.4
Gus Saunders	9.5
Rachel Wells	9.6
Rona Dawson	9.8
Madeline Svoboda	9.8
Jodi Lane-Jahn	9.11
MacKenzie Firman	9.14
Amy Martin	9.14
Bill Breeden	9.15
Les Laubach	9.15
Gail Mongold	9.17
Janie Conkling	9.18
Wendy Mitchell	9.19
Emma Crawford	9.20
Sharon Warren	9.23
J.C. West	9.25
Victoria Dawson	9.26
Paulette Ashe	9.27
Jennifer Burgess	9.28
Nancy Dyson	9.28



## **Anniversaries:**

Buddy & Ann Hogge	9.15
Anthony & Christie Riedel	9.19
Chip & Marie Rowley	9.22