



THE VISION

August 2025

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



More Than a Trip: Encountering God through People

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
So neither he who plants nor he who waters is
anything, but only God who gives the growth."
1 Corinthians 3:6-7*

I recall one summer as a teenager, I would visit my dad during the summer months. He lived in Indianapolis, while I lived near Chicago. I had to take a bus into Chicago and then board another one to Indianapolis. The world has certainly changed since then—I don't think anyone in their right mind would trust doing that today.

One thing, however, hasn't changed: the need for our teens and kids to encounter God in a meaningful way.

That summer, right after I arrived, my brother was scheduled to go on a youth trip. Up to that point, I had never really been to church. The trip was two weeks long, and they had already signed me up. I was very excited to go, since it was the only time of the year I got to see my brother. But as soon as the camp leaders found out we were brothers, they separated us. They didn't seem to understand this was the only time I got to spend with him.

While I was frustrated at first, it quickly turned into a grand adventure. We hiked along Native American trails in the Appalachian Mountains. Throughout this time, the leaders spoke to us about spiritual things, allowing us to ask questions and also asking us questions in return. I remember distinctly that it was the first moment I ever heard the gospel presented to me.

One of the volunteers shared his testimony with me. It wasn't easy to hear: he had survived the slaughter of his entire village by Muslim militants in Africa. He only survived by hiding under the bodies of those who had been martyred. He spoke about how he had lost everything, yet in God's mercy was able to attend college in Europe and eventually make his way to the United States. He marveled at our religious freedom. He asked me if I was ready to repent of my sins and follow Jesus.

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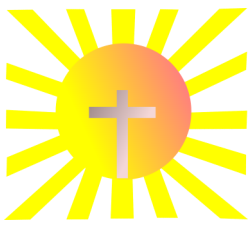
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Deacon's Devotional

The 5 M's of Church

There are many ways to describe the work of local churches. Working with the youth mission to Roanoke last month gave me a new look at how churches come together to meet people's needs. Impact Mission Camps (organized by the BGAV- Baptist General Association of Virginia) helps people stay in their homes. Many churches across Virginia came together to host the mission camp, to feed the campers, and to carry out various home rehabilitation projects. Much of this work organized by the BGAV goes unnoticed but it is critical to prevent people from becoming homeless.

As I watched our GPBC youth and youth leaders, I could not help but see the transfer of generational knowledge and love of the Lord. I saw five elements, **the 5 M's of church**, alive and well. **The 5 M's of church** work together to raise up the next generation of Christians, and Christian leaders and workers.

The "5 M's" in church ministry commonly refer to **Members, Maturity, Ministry, Mission** and **Multiplying the Kingdom**. Each area is found in the GPBC Vision –

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At the time, I didn't fully comprehend all that he was saying. But all these years later, I look back on that as an early, formative event in my life. For me, the mission trip for youth is about far more than fundraisers (thank you so much for supporting them). It's about putting kids on a path to have similar conversations and similar encounters with the living God.

As a teen, that volunteer's story was striking and so foreign to my world, but I understood that there was a real cost to following Jesus. I look back and realize that although that was a single event in my life, it was part of a whole series of moments where God was calling me not only to believe in Him, but to live for Him.

Pray that everyone who went on the trip, including our youth and adult volunteers, realizes the impact they are having. A seed was planted, perhaps watered, and one day soon we will see its harvest. As Paul reminds us: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6). This is why missions are one of the four big goals of our vision:

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More on that soon. Until then, thank you for supporting our missions, especially for the next generation. See you Sunday.

Grace & Truth, **Pastor Dillon Evans**

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.

O.L. and V.L - Send Relief - Texas

"Pray for wisdom, discernment, and sensitive hearts, that we may see through His eyes as we serve others. Pray for strength, health, and protection for our family. Pray for divine appointments as we share the love of Christ."

T.T. and H.T - Church Planter - Arizona

"Pray for more leaders to be raised up, for more opportunities to share the gospel in our city, and for doors to be opened to more ministry opportunities in our area."

C.H. and M.H - Chaplain, Chaplains and Heroes - Ohio

"Pray for more churches to join Chaplains and Heroes in providing spiritual support, emotional resources, and hope through Jesus Christ to 800,000 law enforcement officers and their families."

J.A. and S.A. - Church Planter - Kansas

"Pray for our church's finances."



Repeat His Praise MUSIC CAMP

August 11-15, 2025
6p-8:30p

4 yrs. old—
Entering 6th grade

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

CHURCH WORKERS

Deacon of the Week

8.3—Keith Belvin
8.10—Jamie Moore
8.17—Sharon Warren
8.24—Kent Smith
8.31—Keith Belvin

August Ushers

Earl Conkling
Donnie Green
Paul Greggs
Buddy Hogge

August Tellers

Emma Crawford
Sharon Warren



Nursery Workers

8.3—Julia & Virginia Dawson /
Christie Riedel
8.10—Jac Worth
8.17—Ashley Stotesberry-Henson
8.24—Madison McNeil
8.31—Christie Riedel

Younger Children's Church

8.3—Nancy Dyson
8.10—Donna Phillips
8.17—Madison McNeil
8.24—Christie Riedel
8.31—Tammy & Paul Greggs

Older Children's Church

8.3—Ashley Stotesberry-Henson
8.10—Mallory Magner
8.17—Denise Gandee
8.24—Jayme Sanford
8.31—Ashley Stotesberry-Henson

1. **Members:** *Rooted in Christ* This emphasizes the importance of belonging to a community of believers who are anchored (rooted) in Jesus Christ, and who participate in the life of the church.
2. **Maturity:** *We equip Disciples and Leaders* This refers to the process of spiritual growth for individuals within the church, becoming more Christ-like in character and living according to biblical principles. GPBC provides many opportunities for children, youth and adults to grow in faith; for example, Sunday School, Mid-Week Bible Studies, and advanced theology and leadership courses are offered.
3. **Ministry:** *Tomorrow's Challenges* This focuses on the active service and use of spiritual gifts to build up the church and reach out to the community to meet today's needs and to prepare for tomorrow's challenges.
4. **Mission:** *In Grace and Truth* This highlights the church's purpose to share the Gospel and bring people into a relationship with Christ. At GPBC, we show the same grace and mercy given to us by our Lord Jesus in teaching the truths found in God's Word.
5. **Multiplication of the Kingdom:** *Rooted in Christ, We Equip Disciples and Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenges with Grace and Truth* GPBC's mission is to make disciples and spread the Gospel, within the church, in our local community, throughout Virginia, and to all the world. Our Vision supports the growth of God's Kingdom here on earth. The cycle of making disciples, training them in God's Word, and being the salt and light in the world, all lead to growing God's Kingdom.

I'm glad to be part of GPBC's mission and pray that you are too. How can you help to support the GPBC Vision?

Keith Belvin, GPBC Servant (deacon)

WMU

Annual Picnic Thursday, August 26 @ 5:30p



WHO: All members and Spouses & (Guests)

WHERE: Laraine Sentz's home
7678 Terrapin Cove Road
Gloucester Point VA 23062



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

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
27	28	29	30 Regular Activities	31	1 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	2
3 COMMUNION 12p Fall Festival Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E	4 1:30p Encourager's Bible Study	5	6 Regular Activities NO CHOIR PRACTICE	7	8 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	9
10 12p Children's Council Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E	11 	12 	13 NO Reg. Activities	14 	15 VISION ARTICLES DUE 	16
Repeat His Praises Mon—Fri 6p—8:30p						
17 12p Church Council Mtg. 2p C.A.R.E	18 1:30p Encourager's Bible Study	19	20 Regular Activities NO CHOIR PRACTICE	21	22 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	23
24 2p C.A.R.E	25 1:30p Encourager's Bible Study	26  5:30p WMU Annual Picnic	27 Regular Activities	28	29 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	30
31 SS PROMOTION 2p C.A.R.E.	1	2	3 Regular Activities	4	5	6

August Birthdays

Martha West	8.7
Elijah Cahoon	8.8
Isaac Owens	8.9
Miah Chapman	8.10
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
Haydin Arquette	8.24
Cheryle Hensley	8.27
Nina Evans	8.27
Gary Nevitt	8.28
Jamie Moore	8.31



August Anniversaries:

Brad & Jennifer Burgess	8.2
Bob Wray & Amy Flippin	8.2
Alex & Kayla Arquette	8.9
Tommy & Paulette Ashe	8.11
Mike & Amy Martin	8.12
Kent & Gretel Smith	8.16
David & Angie Crummett	8.24
Bill & Gloria Breeden	8.31