



# THE VISION

June 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. Matthew 28:19-20**

**Acts 1:8**

**8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

Gloucester Point Baptist Church, what an exciting season we are in as a church. We have begun a new series studying the book of Acts which details how the Holy Spirit empowered the early church to be witnesses of all Christ did and taught. You and I get to carry on that same legacy. The Holy Spirit empowers us, and we get to witness to what God has done in our lives and the life of our church.

This series also will help us pray about our future, specifically the vision God will give us. The early church went from having Jesus with them every day, watching from the sidelines to watching Him ascend into heaven, and now they were to be the ones active in ministry. For our future, it will be essential for all of us to be active in the ministry God provides. I am thankful that so many of us are already involved, but now we need to pause and ask ourselves why we are doing what we are doing. Too often, we in the church plan events because it’s what we have always done, but we rarely ask why. As God provides the vision for us, we need to align

all we do with that vision. We may find much of what we do will still be done, but some of it may need to change to align with the vision. A vision is what we want our future to be. I have heard from numerous people that, as a church, we want to get younger; this is an excellent desire to have. The question is, are we willing to become what younger families seek in a church? I believe, for the most part, we are.

On June 7th we have a meal and a presentation. This presentation will reveal to us the makeup of our community. It will help us understand the people we are trying to reach with the gospel. With this information, along with Sunday morning, I plan to form a vision casting committee. I will ask each current committee to designate at least one person to be a part of this, for once we have the vision, we will need to incorporate it into all that we do. I know some of this can sound scary; we often think of change as something that makes us uneasy, but this should be exciting, a new chapter in the life of our church. I ask that you not be afraid; remember you have been filled with the Holy Spirit, have received His power, to be His witnesses. Would you join me in praying for our future?

—Pastor Dillon Evans

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*Father's*  
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# Deacon's Devotional

## This is Not Our Home

*“For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.”*  
Hebrews 13:14

The last couple of months were hard. I said goodbye to my very dear friend and fellow Deacon, Al West. I also traveled to Tennessee for the funeral of my older, Brad. Death can test our faith like few other events can. Losing a loved one forces us to ponder many things about Earth and Heaven. We think about our earthly home and try to envision our future heavenly home. We wonder how much time we have left here, and what we will do with that time. While it seems at times this world is everything to us, we should remember we are just visitors here. This is not our home.

C.S Lewis said that we were made for heaven because our creator made us for him. We are not to be forever grounded and attached to this world. We are to first Worship him here on earth. When our time here passes, we will then be blessed to Worship at his feet forever. Christian singer and comedian Mark Lowry said it this way, “This isn’t home. This is Boot Camp. This is where we learn to walk by faith.”

God gifted us with a finite time on earth. Make no mistake, we will all live forever after this earthly life. We either choose Christ and go home with Him, or we reject Christ; and our permanent home will be a dark, eternal separation from God and all His creation.

Through God’s Grace, we choose our eternal home. When our earthly trials come, when storms come, when darkness comes, when loved ones die, He reminds us this life is just the beginning. When we choose Him over this world, the best is truly yet to come. If we reject Him, the worst will become our eternity.

This is our boot camp, our time to prepare. Al and Brad are now in their permanent home with Christ because they prepared by accepting Christ. Let us resolve to do our part to lead others to Christ, and to help them find the path to their true home.

*Brian Stewart*



## WMU—2023 Missions Outreach Books for Children of Standing Rock Reservation

This is the last year WMUV will have an organized mission trip to the reservation. The WMU will be participating in collecting NON-FICTION books (nothing about Indians) to be shared with children Pre-K—Middle School.

Deadline will be June 18.

You can place your books in a box under the WMU table. They prefer the books be new. Gently used, no writing, no torn pages are acceptable.

Any questions: Theresa Svoboda 804-413-2220



## Missions Moment - Canada

Most of Canada could be described as either post-Christian or secular, but the good news is that the number of evangelicals across the country is growing. Still there is much work to do. Much has changed in recent years, but the opportunity for the gospel to be shared in new and creative ways is tremendous. Pray the Holy Spirit would prepare and equip workers who are being sent out across Canada so they can present the gospel of Christ in a way that pierces the hearts of all Canadians.

## Missionaries to Pray for:

Alfonso and Kennia Pagan:	Church Planter, Patillas, Puerto Rico
Brad and Lindsay Ormonde	Church Planter, Calimesa, CA
Cornelius and Marisa Roberson	Church Planter, Detroit, MI
Matthew and Ruth Lahey	Church Planter, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

**Deacon of the Week**

6/4—Brian Stewart  
6/11—Stewart Wood  
6/18—Sonya Anthony  
6/25—Barry Milligan

**CHURCH  
WORKERS**

**June Ushers**

Sonya Anthony  
Stan Gandee  
Jamie Moore  
Stewart Wood

**Nursery Workers**

6/4— Howard Warren/Tim Owens  
6/11—Lynn Walton  
6/18—TBD  
6/25—TBD

**June Tellers**

Tommy Ashe  
Gail Mongold

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Howard Warren

**Older Children’s Church**

6/4—TBD  
6/11—Jayme Sanford/Brody Sanford  
6/18—Denise Gandee/Madison McNeil  
6/25—Connie West & Sami West

**Younger Children’s Church**

6/4—Nancy Dyson  
6/11—Sonya Anthony  
6/18—Joyce Marshall  
6/25—Rachel Wells/Mallory Wagner



**PLAN TO ATTEND**

**“Community Profile  
Study Presentation”  
Wednesday, June 7th**

\* **Meal**—6pm

\* **Presentation**—following meal

The Search Committee initiated a Community Profile Study to help Gloucester Point Baptist Church better understand the community that we are a part of and how to better serve our community. The findings of this study will be presented to our congregation at this presentation. We encourage all to attend!



**Sports Camp will be held  
June 26— 30, 2023**

**Tell Your Neighbors—Bring a Friend**

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!

**VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be Monday, July 24th—Friday, July 28th . The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. We will have an interest meeting on Sunday, June 10th immediately following the worship service to hand out all materials to group leaders.

You can also register on our website: [www.GPBC.church](http://www.GPBC.church)



**AMERICAN  
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Our American Heritage Girls would like to thank you for your support and encouragement this year. We will be finishing out the year with our Awards/Crossover Ceremony on Monday, June 4th at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary. You are all invited to attend. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and see what we’ve been up to and celebrate with the girls who have completed special requirements to move up to the next level within the troop. We hope to see you there!



**GREAT CHANGES AT GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH:**

**New Church Website:** [www.GPBC.church](http://www.GPBC.church)  
**Online Giving:** [www.GPBC.church/give](http://www.GPBC.church/give)  
**Services Live Streaming:** [www.GPBC.church/media](http://www.GPBC.church/media)  
(or click “**watch live**” on homepage)

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:45 am  
 Worship Service: 11:00 am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm

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## Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Youth Bible Study  
 6:00pm: Children's Choir & Bible Study  
 6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <b>Pentecost</b> 11:00am AHG Color Guard - Memorial Day Service (Sanctuary)	29 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  Church Office Closed	30	31	1	2 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	3
4 <b>COMMUNION</b> 2:00pm CARE 3:00pm Deacons Mtg.	5 6:30pm <b>AHG End of Year Awards</b>	6 6:30pm B&G Mtg. 6:30pm Transport Mtg.	7 6:00pm Family Night Supper 6:30pm Community Mtg.	8	9 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	10
11  9:15am Sun. School Breakfast-Curtis Thomas/ Pass It On (New Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm CARE	12 6:15pm AHG Ministry Team	13 9:30am Community Morning Out (Old Fellowship Hall)	14  Flag Day	15 10am Acree Circle	16 <b>Vision Articles Due</b> 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	17 9:00am Quilting Grp (E. Crawford)
18  NO CARE	19 Juneteenth 6:30pm AHG (Troop)	20 6:30pm Armstrong Circle	21 <b>First Day of Summer</b> 5:30pm CYM Supper (New Fellowship Hall)	22	23 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	24
25 2:00pm CARE	26 <b>Sports Camp</b> (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	27 <b>Sports Camp</b> (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	28 <b>Sports Camp</b> (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	29 <b>Sports Camp</b> (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	30 <b>Sports Camp</b> (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)  6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	1

## June Birthdays:

Ainsley Wagner	6/1
Amy Green	6/3
Connie West	6/3
Jimmy Belvin	6/6
Aleah DeRosa	6/6
Gordon Smith	6/7
Sonya Anthony	6/8
Isabelle Barrera	6/8
Leslie Belvin	6/10
Abram Owens	6/14
Judy Cahoon	6/15
Brian Stewart	6/22
Theresa Svoboda	6/26



## Anniversaries:

Hayes & Joyce Williams	6/2
Dayton & Cassie Wiese	6/4
Jimmy & Charlene Diggs	6/8
Pastor Dillon & Nina Evans	6/8
Mike & Emma Crawford	6/10
Brian & Connie Stewart	6/14
Keith & Debbie Martin	6/17
Keith & Leslie Belvin	6/18
Wayne & Becky Matthews	6/24
Tim & Alyssa Owens	6/26
Earl & Janie Conkling	6/29