



# THE VISION

May 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**

**Where there is no vision, the people perish. ~ Prov 29:18**

It is fitting that our newsletter is called The Vision. In this passage, the wisdom of the proverb is a call back to when Moses was on the mountain for forty days, receiving the commands of God, and while he was away, the people turned back to their sinful past and made themselves a golden calf to worship. It speaks to our need for Godly leadership and a vision for the future. They had known hardship and pagan religion their whole lives in Egypt. But now before them was a tough road, the wilderness.

In the wilderness, we are challenged, and perhaps during the time of transition from one pastor to another, it has felt like the church was wandering in the wilderness for a bit. It is a true honor to be the under-shepherd to help guide our church and also to provide the vision for the future. A vision is essential in becoming what God desires us to be. It is how we reach the promised land that God has for Gloucester Point, for we must both have a vision and a plan to make that vision a reality. A vision without a plan is just a dream.

I wanted to share a little bit about the plan as we seek God in prayer for the vision He already has for us. The first step is already beginning to happen. Soon you will see some technical updates to the church, including live-streaming, online giving, a website, and a church app that will enable our members to plan and communicate more effectively, share sermons and events with friends, family, and their community, and continue the fellowship from Sunday the rest of the week.

As this is going on, I am walking us through a series on spiritual gifts that will enable us to know how God has uniquely gifted us as a church and how we can reach our community for Christ. The next step is to get together in prayer to ask God to reveal to us His vision for our future. Once that has occurred, I will ask each team/committee to incorporate that mission into their work. It is an exciting time for our church. Would you join me in prayer for God's vision?

On April 30th, the Peninsula Baptist Association is holding its annual vision night. This will be a great place to start the vision-casting process. I genuinely hope you can be there. For more details, see the bulletin insert.

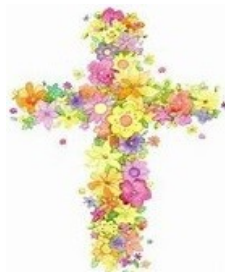
For His Glory,  
Pastor Dillon Evans

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# Deacon's Devotional

*"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope;  
for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?  
But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it"  
-Romans 8:25-25*

We have waited and spring is finally here even though our weather is still somewhat unpredictable—warm for a few days, then back to cool and rainy. However, it's now time for gardeners to begin working the ground and planting their seeds and bulbs, with hope of good results. In most instances, we know what to expect—small sprouts coming up through the soil and growing into healthy productive plants as the season progresses. Based on past experiences, we have faith and hope of successes from our efforts. We have promises ((implied) from the garden center, farmers supply and seed producers that their products, along with our efforts, will result in healthy abundantly yielding garden plants.

Now turning our thoughts to spiritual matters, we know that Jesus promised many things to those who believed, accepted and followed Him. These promises are recorded in God's Word to us.

Though His disciples and followers didn't initially understand, Jesus promised that His sacrifice on the cross would pay the price to pardon mankind's sins—if it was accepted (a pardon must be accepted to be valid). Through our acceptance and belief in Jesus, our sins are forgiven, even though we are still plagued with temptation by our old sinful nature.

For those who follow Him, Jesus promised eternal life and a home in heaven with Him and God the Father. We don't know what this home will look like (having no picture available) and only John's description of his heavenly vision in Revelation, it is hard for us to imagine. As Christians we believe in faith and accept God's words, but it is difficult to picture John's details with our limited understanding.

Jesus also promised to be with us to the ends of the earth (His spiritual presence). During the time we learn of Jesus' promises and the time we see them fulfilled, we have the opportunity to grow in faith and become more like Jesus we agreed to serve.

Briefly thinking back to gardening, the seeds and bulbs we plant look nothing like the plants or flowers we hope for, but we trust the results will be what has been promised. Similarly, in faith, we trust and have hope in the promises Jesus has given us. Here though we have God the Father's word in our Bible (from Genesis to Revelation) recording His blessings and promises to the Jewish people and supporting Jesus the Son's promises to those who follow and serve Him.

-Bill Breeden

## Deacon of the Week

5/7—Stewart Wood  
5/14—Leslie Belvin  
5/21—Bill Breeden  
5/28—David Crummett

## Nursery Workers

5/7—H. Warren/T. Owens  
5/14—Lynn Walton  
5/21—TBD  
5/28—TBD

## May Ushers

Leslie Belvin  
Paul Greggs  
Buddy Hogge  
Howard Warren

## May Tellers

Alice Smith  
Lynn Walton

## Sunday School Nursery

Howard Warren



# CHURCH WORKERS

## Older Children's Church

5/7—TBD  
5/14—J. Sanford/B. Sanford  
5/21—D. Gandee/M. McNeil  
5/28—C. West/S. West

## Younger Children's Church

5/7—Nancy Dyson  
5/14—Sonya Anthony  
5/21—Joyce Marshall  
5/28—R. Wells/M. Wagner

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**



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"...and I never get a busy signal."



**LADIES OF GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST**  
 You are invited to the Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, 13 May 2023 at 2:00p.m hosted by the ladies of WMU. Mothers bring your daughters ages 6 years old and up. If you are a mom without a daughter in the area, adopt a lady from church. If you are a daughter without a daughter or mom, adopt one from church. Your mom or daughter does not have to be a member to attend.

Teresa Svoboda will give a program about Project Ruth. In addition, there will be a silent auction with proceeds going to Project Ruth. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Last day to sign-up is 7 May 2023. Please save the date, 13 May 2023, and join us for a delightful afternoon. We hope to see you there.



**Missions Moment - Chaplaincy**

In some of the most emotionally intense and spiritually fraught circumstances, chaplains bring the light of Christ. Pray for the more than 3,700 SBC-endorsed military, healthcare, and public safety chaplains as they do the difficult work of ministering in uniform and supporting and counseling people in times of crises.

**Pray for missionaries:**

- Ryan and Jennafer Rippee  
Church Planter - Benicia, CA
- Reggie and Courtney Johnson  
Church Planter - Pittsburgh, PA
- David and Sarah Gaskins  
Church Planter - Provo, UT
- Jared and Desiraye Davis  
Church Planter - Westchester Township, OH
- Ben and Kate Hutchinson  
USAF Chaplain Corps - San Angelo, TX



**Special People**

**Touch our life  
and make us realize  
how beautiful our world can  
really be.**

**They show us  
that our own  
special hopes and dreams  
can be achieved  
by believing in ourselves.**

**They give us  
the needed support  
we can rely  
and depend on.**

**Special people  
encourage us with their  
inspiration and faith  
to reach  
for our dreams.**

(submitted by Tom Hardy)



**Sunday Morning Flowers:** If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Morning Service, please sign-up for a Sunday Morning Service, Signup Sheet for a specific Sunday on the Flower Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex. If you are placing the flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Sue to provide the information so it can be included in the bulletin. What a great way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, etc. and help to decorate the sanctuary!




**The Annual  
Church Picnic  
May 21st**

**4:30p-Games/Fellowship**  
**5:30p-Devotional**  
**6:00p-Meal**  
*(bring your chairs/blankets)*





## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:40 am  
 Worship Service: 11:00 am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm



# May 2023



## Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: Children & Youth Dinner  
 6:00 pm: Children's/Junior Choir  
 6:30 pm: Children/Youth Bible Study  
 6:30 pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 pm: Choir Practice

### May Birthdays:

Lauren Hall	5/1
Charlie Holt	5/2
Gretel Smith	5/3
James DeRosa	5/6
Thomas Hardy	5/7
Gabriel Cahoon	5/8
Pat Fowler	5/8
Alex Arquette	5/16
Donna Jean Hogge	5/18
Earl Conkling	5/20
Anson Belvin	5/21
Lessie Ferber	5/21
Madison Hutson	5/21
Lynn Walton	5/22
Della Belvin	5/24
Denise Gandee	5/24
Joyce Williams	5/26
Keith Martin	5/27
Taylor Green	5/31



### Anniversaries:

Jimmy & Della Belvin	5/3
Charles & Beverly West	5/10
Jeff & Theresa Svoboda	5/23
Howard & Sharon Warren	5/27
Justin & Mallory Wagner	5/28
Ted & Carol Fisher	5/30
Stan & Denise Gandee	5/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 2:00pm CARE-Sonya	1 6:30pm AHG (Troop)	2 6:30pm B&G Mtg. 6:30pm Transport Mtg.	3	4 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER	5 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	6
7 9:15am SS Breakfast 12pm Youth/Children Council 2:00pm CARE 3:00pm Deacons Mtg.	8 6:15pm AHG Ministry Team	9 9:30am Community Morning Out	10	11	12 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	13 2:00pm WMU Mother-Daughter Tea
14 	15 6:30pm AHG (Troop)	16 <b>Vision Articles Due</b> 6:30pm Armstrong & Acree Circles Mtg.	17	18	19 AHG Camping 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	20 AHG Camping Picnic Set-up 9:00am Quilting Grp (E. Crawford)
21 12pm Church Council Mtg CARE (During Picnic) 4:30pm Church Picnic	22	23	24 6pm Children/ Youth Scavenger Hunt	25	26 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	27
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