



THE VISION

September 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

It Has Begun

And Jesus came and said to them, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18

This past Sunday, our Vision 2000 Team met for the first time. You could feel the excitement in the room. I shared with the group that revitalizing a church and seeing it grow really comes down to two things:

First, the Church must be led by a vision that comes from God. This is discerned by prayer and a study of His Word. This has been my primary focus since I arrived in Gloucester. Second, the Church must embrace God's vision. Churches that fail, and churches that close, are churches that have lost their first love. They have become more about programs than about the vision that started the church in the first place. Occasionally, a church will need a new vision, and I am very excited to share the vision with you by the end of this year.

This will be a catalyst for our Church to grow and become all that God desires it to be. Along the way, there will be some challenging moments. Change can be hard when we are the ones affected. I encourage everyone to keep the end in mind. It was hard for Peter to embrace the Gentiles and hard for Paul to embrace the Church and all that it meant for his beloved Judaism.

But with the vision in place, we can keep our focus on what is truly important. Ultimately, it is not about us, our traditions and preferences, but about God and His Glory and about the salvation of souls in our Community. For now, I ask you to pray for the team as we seek God in all of this.

For His Glory,
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Deacon's Devotional

TAKING THE LESSONS OF GOD BACK TO SCHOOL WITH YOU

As we begin another school year, I am reminded of the challenges our children are facing. So many more challenges and temptations than ever before. Some challenges, we as adults can't fathom, that our small children could be faced with "grooming" and questioning their identity. This is why we must be strong and united in our efforts to teach our children Christian Values.

- 2 *Be completely **humble** and **gentle**; be **patient**, bearing with one another in love.*
- 3 *Make every effort to **keep the unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

EPHESIANS 4:2-3

In these verses Paul, who wrote Ephesians, is reminding us to love according to this vision of what God has given to us. Paul lists 5 things we are to pay attention to in order to carry out this vision. He speaks of ways we are to conduct ourselves.

When I read these verses, I immediately thought about how these verses related to our new school year. Lets look and think about how we can teach our children these Christian values.

HUMBLE- You may have see ball players after they make a point run around yelling, pointing to themselves. I'm #1! You have also see players who after making a point, go down on one knee and say a prayer. One is humble, one is not! It's good to have confidence in yourself, but we want to teach our children to have respect for others as well.

GENTLE- At school, or at any after school activities or at church, if someone upsets you, don't respond with anger! Think calm and gentle and breathe!

PATIENT- That means NOT demanding! Being able to wait calmly.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER- We know what that means.

KEEPING THE UNITY- God wants us to have a Spirit of Unity when we praise Him and when we tell others about Him.

I pray for our wonderful children everyday. I pray for their safety, health and that God will continue to bless them as they venture out into this confusing world.

With Love and Blessings,

Sonya Anthony

hello, september



CHURCH WORKERS

September Ushers

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Jamie Moore
Stewart Wood

September Tellers

Tommy Ashe
Gail Mongold

Deacon of the Week

9.3—David Crummett
9.10—Barry Milligan
9.17—Brian Stewart
9.24—Sonya Anthony

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Howard Warren

Nursery Workers

9.3—H. Warren / T. Owens
9.10—L. Walton
9.17—TBD
9.24—TBD

Younger Children's Church

9.3—Nancy Dyson
9.10—Sonya Anthony
9.17—Joyce Marshall
9.24—R. Wells / M. Wagner

Older Children's Church

9.3—TBD
9.10—J. Sanford / B. Sanford
9.17—D. Gandee / M. McNeil
9.24—C. West / S. West





FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27th at 6pm

WHERE: GPBC New Fellowship Hall

MENU: BBQ & Coleslaw

Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert, an appetite and a friend!



MISSIONS MOMENT

Mountain West

The Mountain West region of the United States is known for its scenic beauty and its major urban centers like Denver, Seattle, Portland and Salt Lake City. A large Catholic presence exists in Arizona and New Mexico, while more than 2.5 million Mormons reside in Utah and Idaho alone. Pray for the lost in the very religious areas like Salt Lake City where spiritual darkness is well camouflaged. Pray the gospel will take root and scatter outward from the large urban centers of the Mountain West.

Missionaries to pray for:

David and Islande Pierre-Louis, Church Planter - Vimont, Laval QC, Canada

John and Tiffany Jou, Church Planter - Downers Grove, IL

Matt and Amanda Hadden, Send Relief - Porcupine, SD

Tim and Tahsha Crawley, U.S. Army Chaplain- Richmond Hill, Ga



ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*



Together on Missions

“Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

Philippians 2:2

ABOUT THE OFFERING

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt (1909-2008)**, a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all **Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV)** missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists). Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

When you give to the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve

THE GOAL for the ALMA HUNT OFFERING for GPBC in 2023 is \$1,200.00.

Watch for offering information and envelopes in the Church Bulletin on September 10, 2023 or pick them up on the shelf under the W.M.U. bulletin board in the Narthex starting on September 1.



Sunday Schedule

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

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Wednesday Schedule

5:30p—CYM Supper
 6p—Children's Choir
 6:30p—Children's Bible Study
 6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 SS Promotion 2p C.A.R.E	28	29	30 CYM Promotion Regular Activities	31	1 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	2
3 11a COMMUNION	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30p B&G Mtg. 6:30p Transport Mtg.	6 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	7	8 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	9 10a Daniel Plan
10 <i>Sunday Breakfast</i> 9:15a Breakfast (Safe Harbor) 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacons' Mtg.	11 PATRIOTS' DAY 6:30p AHG-Parent Orientation	12 9:30a Community Morning Out	13 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	14	15 <i>VISION ARTICLES DUE</i> 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	16 AHG: Nat'l Day Of Service
17 2p C.A.R.E.	18 6:30p AHG (Troop)	19 6:30p Armstrong Circle	20 REGULAR ACTIVITIES	21 10a Acree Circle	22 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	23  First Day of Autumn 9a Quilting Emma Crawford
24 2p C.A.R.E.	25	26	27 6p Family Night Supper REGULAR ACTIVITIES	28	29 Guinea Jubilee 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	30 9a-Dark Booths: GPBC & AHG Noon-GJ Parade

September Birthdays:

Tommy Ashe	9.1
Chris Blaylock	9.2
Travis Asbell	9.4
Gus Saunders	9.5
Anne Tayman	9.6
Rachel Wells	9.6
Rona Dawson	9.8
Becky Matthews	9.8
Madeline Svoboda	9.8
Jodi Lane	9.11
Amy Jacobson	9.14
MacKenzie Firman	9.14
Bill Breeden	9.15
Gail Mongold	9.17
Janie Conkling	9.18
Emma Crawford	9.20
Hayes Williams	9.21
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:

Terry & Pauline Littell	9/12
Buddy & Ann Hogge	9/15