



# THE VISION

August 2017

*“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*

I believe we have been blessed on Wednesday nights with our study in Revelation. The Apostle John is teaching us about our Revealed Future, which is one expression for identifying Jesus Christ. In Revelation, Jesus revealed Himself to John in very specific symbols.

We know that at the end of time, Jesus Christ will defeat Satan and all of his minions. Then Jesus will establish His kingdom here on earth and all believers will be with Him!

In my studies, I came across this interesting question posed to my pastor friend, Rev. Dr. Tom Lovorn. Think about this...

### What language will we speak in Heaven?

This is a question that is often asked, but the Bible does not specifically answer it. However, there are some Scripture hints that lead to several possible answers.

The most obvious answer is that we'll speak the language God taught to Adam and Eve as he walked and talked with them in **Genesis 3:8**. Was that ancient Hebrew? The handwriting which God wrote on the Babylonian palace wall in **Daniel 5:25** seemed to be a mixture of ancient Chaldee and Hebrew. But, it was so old none of Belshazzar's wise men could interpret it. Then, **Acts 26:14** tells us God spoke to Saul, whom we know as Paul, in the Hebrew

tongue. So, ancient Hebrew is one possibility for our Heavenly language. If so, God will have to teach it to us as he did to Adam!

Another possible answer is to recall **Philippians 2:11** which says, *“every tongue will profess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”* So, that sounds like we will speak our own languages. **Revelation 1:15** tells us the voice of Jesus sounded like many waters. I think that was Jesus speaking in all the languages of the world at the same time.

Finally, **Zephaniah 3:9** says, *“God will give the people a pure language that we may all call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one voice.”* Some have said that may be the *“tongues of angels”* Paul mentioned in **I Corinthians 13:1**.

Others suggest our Heavenly language will be music, which is understood in any language; or perhaps it will be the language of love — God's love returned to him and others.

We know from John's writings that Jesus is the Word sent from God to men. **John 10:16** promises one-fold and one shepherd where we will all hear the voice of Jesus. Since **I Corinthians 12:13** implies that we will have all the knowledge we need, we will surely have no trouble communicating in Heaven!

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# Deacon's Devotional

## White or Orange

"If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."  
Philippians 4:8.

My two-year old son was with me as I worked in the dairy barn.

"Dad," asked my son, "whose white cat is that?"

"White cat?" I thought to myself, "we don't have a white cat."

Then I saw the cat he was talking about. It was our orange cat. I think it was the first time I noticed the beautiful white on the cat. I usually notice the orange and I have formed my opinions about the color orange on cats.

Often we see the "orange" in life, or even in each other, instead of the "white." When it rains for a while, people grumble about the rain. When the sun shines and it is warm, people grumble and wish it would cool off. Grumble, grumble! What must God think? Instead of forming opinions on the negative side of life, let's focus on the blessings that God gives. Let's look at the "white" of life instead of the "orange". It will be good for us both spiritually and physically. Those who see the "white" can be a great encouragement to others.

"Be careful what you think, because you are becoming what you think!"

Taken from "Beside the Still Waters" Day 19 by Junior Peachy, Woodville, NY

—Amy Boykin

## Deacon of the Week

8/6—Jimmy Diggs

8/13—Amy Boykin

8/20—Al West

8/27—David Crummett

## Nursery Workers

8/6—Beverly West

8/13—Pauline Littell

8/20—Tracy Williams

8/27—Devon Willard

## August Ushers

Barbara Mangrum

Chris Hutson

Keith Belvin

Leslie Belvin

## August Tellers

Helen Spence

Bill Breeden

## Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren



# CHURCH WORKERS

## Older Children's Church

8/6—Sarah Saunders

8/13—Jennifer/Derick Hall

8/20—Madison/Seth Gandee

8/27—Charlene/John West

## Younger Children's Church

8/6—Tracy Williams

8/13—Sonya Anthony

8/20—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner

8/27—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells



# Vacation Bible School 2017

We had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School the week of July 10—14. We had as many as 36 children present during the week. They were all happy and excited when they came each night to learn about God's amazing love for us and how he wants to have a relationship with us.

40 of our youth and adult church members were here each night teaching Bible stories, helping in classrooms, making crafts, teaching music, playing games, and providing snacks. Sunday School classes provided meals each night for the VBS workers. Parents were invited to join us on Friday for our worship rally to hear the children sing the songs they learned during the week.

Vacation Bible School really is a whole church ministry. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to make VBS a success. God was truly blessed through the service of His church.



## **Back To School Outreach Day**

August 26th  
9:00am—12:00pm  
K—5th Grade

Free haircuts and school supplies. Please bring friends.

We are collecting school supplies. A list of supplies needed is posted on the bulletin board.

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