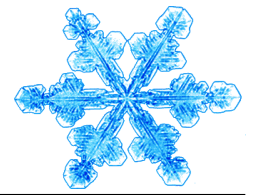


# THE VISION

January 2016



*“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*

### God Made Us and We Belong to Him

Christians realize Jesus saved us, but...do we really trust Him? We think we can plan our lives any way we desire. In reality, God created everyone and He made each person for a unique purpose. In 2016 He has a specific destiny for every person!

God had a plan for Mary. He chose her and He created her to become the mother of the Son of God. And what was Mary's response? She did not say, "I've got my own plans for my life. I'm too busy. I have to do what is best for me." No, she realized God had a purpose for her life and she was willing to do whatever He wanted.

Her response was a song of praise: I think one more Christmas verse certainly has bearing on the coming New Year..."And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lords and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,' (Luke 1:46-47).

Mary recognized that God was her Lord and Savior and she was eager to do His will. She trusted Him with her life even though she knew no one would believe her when she told them what the angel said.

As 2016 approaches, do we trust that God has made us for a specific destiny? The Bible says, "Know that the Lord is God. He made us and we belong to Him; we are His people, the

sheep He tends," (Psalm 100:3).

God made us and He watches over us! He created us, designed us, and we belong to Him! God's destiny for our lives is better than any plan we will ever come up with. Since God created us with the need to trust, who better to trust than our Maker, the one who created us for His purpose!

What is God purpose for us: the Lord Jesus Christ said our purpose is the Great Commandment carried out through the Great Commission..."Love God, Love Others and to Serve Him in the world."

Think this over: what are the plans we have been making for ourselves? How do they reflect our trust in God and in His purpose?

If we really trusted God for our destiny what would change about our prayer lives? What would change about our relationships with other people?

Right now...take a few moments to pray asking the Holy Spirit of God to help us: Love God deeper, Love Others sincerely and Serve Christ in His kingdom ministry!

May God continue to bless us in His new year! Happy New Year!

Pastor Bud Goude

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### Souper Bowl Family Night Supper

Join us for the Annual Soup Bowl on Wednesday, January 27th as we support the WMU to collect cans of soup. Each can will represent a "vote" for your favorite Super Bowl team so the more cans you bring, the better the chance your team will win! The Salvation Army's food pantry is the real winner since all of the soup will be donated to those in need.

Pizza, tossed salad, and beverage will be provided. Bring your favorite dessert, an appetite, a friend, and soup donations.



### Church Website

*Have you visited our church's new website recently? If not, check it out at <http://www.gloptbaptist.org/> for the latest information on ministries, outreach, and upcoming events!*

### The New Year

Dear Lord, as this new year is born  
I give it to Thy hand,  
Content to walk by faith what paths  
I cannot understand.

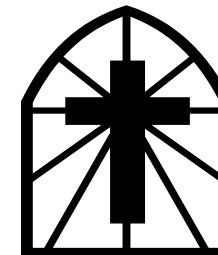
Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of happiness;  
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me  
Thine angel hovers near  
To bear me to that farther shore  
Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,  
Thy light upon my face,  
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,  
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,  
Grip fast my soul, and be  
My guiding light upon the path  
Till, blind no more, I see!

—By: Martha Snell Nicholson—





**Deacon of the Week**

1/3—Ted Fisher  
1/10—Faye Branen  
1/17—Jimmy Diggs  
1/24—Buddy Hogge  
1/31— Gary Mangrum

**Nursery Workers**

1/3—Nancy Bolton  
1/10—Pauline Littell  
1/17—Tracy Williams  
1/24—Rebecca Joyce  
1/31—Jennifer Podbesek

**January Ushers:**

Jimmy Diggs  
Gus Saunders  
Dale Jacobson  
Amy Jacobson

**January Tellers**

Amy Jacobson  
Tommy Ashe

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren



**JANUARY  
WORKERS**

**Older Children's Church**

1/3—Sarah Saunders  
1/10—Jennifer/Derick Hall  
1/17—Jennifer/Craig Cannon  
1/24—Charlene/John West  
1/31—Seth Gandee

**Younger Children's Church**

1/3—Kristen Eifes  
1/10—Jennifer Podbesek  
1/17—Denise Gandee  
1/24—Laraine Sentz  
1/31—Tammy Greggs



**G.U.E.S.T.  
Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team**

Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team began its 3rd season of winter shelter for the homeless Monday, December 7th and will run through April 4th, 2016.

**GPBC will serve as an overnight shelter for the homeless January 18 thru 25 and March 14 thru 21, 2016.** Below, you will find the link to SignupGenius which will provide you with a list of the complete season for the GUEST Winter Shelter Program. At the top of the list is the December Day Shelter sign-up and the rest of the list is the weekly links for each Night Shelter Host Site.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0BC2C9DDF5C9F666&cs=09B1BADD8FC48B117B0A640E5BC09BC8&sortby=startdate&view=l>

We look forward to working with you over the winter months to provide much needed shelter to those in need.

**The next GUEST training will be held January 10th at 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church on Main Street. Please call Pauline Littell at 804-815-8030 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.**