



THE VISION

January 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

It is astounding to think 2016 is coming to a close! Where did the days go? Once again, our church has been Divinely blessed. Our church family grew almost each month with 16 people joining throughout the year. Most importantly, the Kingdom of Christ grew with 8 professions of faith that lead to their baptisms!

day morning music brings me closer to the Lord. We are so blessed to have Alyssa, her husband Tim and their children, Elaine and Abram as part of our growing church family!

As we turn our thoughts to 2017, Chuck Swindoll shares some of his insights based upon Acts 9:10-19.

In 2016, Paige Townsend became our new Children and Youth Coordinator. She has facilitated wonderful ministries for our children and youth. One new ministry was the Summer Sports Camp. Paige gave many hours of service to this community outreach opportunity. She coordinated Bible studies, enlisted workers from our church and from the Peninsula Baptist Association. Approximately 70 people attended this event with one family joining our church. I am praying for the Lord to continue to bless our children and youth ministries to deeper levels of commitment in 2017.

“Regardless of what you have done, no one is beyond hope. That’s the great hope of the Christian message. No amount or depth of sin in your past can trump the grace of God. If you question that, remember Saul, the brash Pharisee of Tarsus. When the Lord saved him, He didn’t put him on probation. The other disciples did that. No, God gave Saul a new name and, in the process, made him a new creation. That’s what makes grace so amazing! Grace provides that sort of new beginning.

Also in 2016, Alyssa Owens returned to us as our new Pianist. Alyssa grew up as a member of GPBC. She is one of the most, if not the most talented musician I have experienced in Christian ministry. The Lord has filled her with the ability to play any type of music! Her Sun-

Don’t get stuck on where you were. Don’t waste your time focusing on what you used to be. Remember, the hope we have in Christ means there’s a brighter tomorrow. Sins are forgiven. Shame is cancelled out.

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**Have a Blessed
New Year!!!**



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.

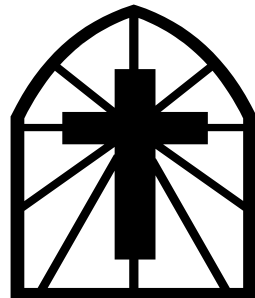
Whatever coming days may bring
 Of bitter loss, or gain,
 Or every crown of happiness;
 Should sorrow come, or pain,


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—



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| <p><u>Deacon of the Week</u> 1/1—Ted Fisher 1/8—Jimmy Diggs 1/15—Buddy Hogge 1/22—Gary Mangrum 1/29—Sonya Anthony</p> | <p><u>Nursery Workers</u> 1/1—Beverly West 1/8—Pauline Littell 1/15—Tracy Williams 1/22—Devon Willard 1/29—Lisa Terry</p> | <p><u>January Tellers</u> Amy Jacobson Tommy Ashe</p> <p><u>January Ushers:</u> Jimmy Diggs Gus Saunders Dale Jacobson Amy Jacobson</p> |
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| <h1 style="margin: 0;"><u>JANUARY WORKERS</u></h1> | | |
| <p><u>Older Children's Church</u> 1/1—Sarah Saunders 1/8—Jennifer/Derick Hall 1/15—Madison/Seth Gandee 1/22—Charlene/John West 1/29—Seth Gandee</p> | <p><u>Younger Children's Church</u> 1/1—Tracy Williams 1/8—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner 1/15—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells 1/22—Sonya Anthony 1/29—Tammy Greggs</p> | |



Inspirational Thoughts

Every Christian needs a half an hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.
—Francis de Sales

Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something.
—Unknown Author



Happy New Year



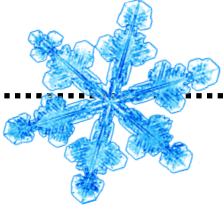
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Grace gives us wings to soar beyond it.

Could it be that you are stuck because of something from your past? Perhaps it has pinned you to the ground with embarrassment, shame, and fear. You're crippled by it. The best you can do is to limp through each day, hoping for a painless end. That way of thinking is from the enemy, Satan. He loves to push your nose in the dirt, hoping to make you miss the marvelous claims of grace.

Don't allow him that power in your life today. Around you are people who have no greater claim on grace than you do, and the Lord mercifully brought them out of their pit of sin. If He could turn a Saul of Tarsus, who was engaged in a murderous rampage, into a Paul the apostle, who preached and lived the message of grace, He can change your life too.

For 2017, I will be praying for the Holy Spirit to use GPBC as His witnesses to the Glory of Jesus Christ!



Happy Christ Centered New Year,
Pastor Bud Goude



100th Birthday Celebration

Join us for a luncheon to celebrate Katherine Hall's 100th birthday on Sunday, January 8th following the morning worship service!

The meat, bread, and beverage will be provided. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert, an appetite, and a friend.

