



THE VISION

June 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

Father's Day will be observed Sunday, June 18th. Instead of me writing to say how men can be better fathers, I wish to take a different focus. My prayer for fathers will be to seek our Lord and call upon Him always! Pastor Rick Warren helped me to have clearer application of the following Bible verses...

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on Him in truth,” (Psalm 145:18).

KNOW THIS: God is not as far away as the furthest star. He is as close as our next heartbeat. He is right there with us every moment. The Bible says in **Acts 17:27**, *“God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.”*

We might feel like God is a million miles away. But our feelings and reality do not always match God's truth. The truth is, God is with us right now! Because He is a close Father...

GOD IS NEVER TOO BUSY FOR US. That is how close He is! That is the kind of love that He has for His children. **Psalm 145:18** reminds us, *“The Lord is near to all who call on Him.”* Every time we call, God is near. He thinks about us even more than we think about Him. He thought about us before we were born. He thinks about us every moment of every day! The truth is that too many times we get

too busy to think about God. But He never gets too busy for us.

GOD LOVES TO MEET OUR NEEDS. He does not do it begrudgingly. God loves His children! **Mathew 7:11** says, *“If you...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”* We can enjoy the fact that God enjoys giving good gifts to us when those gifts glorify His Name.

GOD IS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR HURTS. Some of us are going through something tough this week and we need this verse: *“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit,” (Psalm 34:18).* Our Heavenly Father is listening out for our prayers for strength and guidance.

No matter what day of the month it is, God is close to us and He understands. Turn to Him through believing by faith in His Son, Jesus Christ!

Ask ourselves...what do I need to bring before my Heavenly Father on this day? What changes do I need to make in my life so that I am not too busy for God? Beloved, may God bless you as He has blessed me...Happy Father's Day!

—Pastor Bud Goude

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Happy
Father's
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Deacon's Devotional

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED
John 14:1-6

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"
John 14:1-5

I think I would have asked Thomas, "You have been with me all this time and still don't know the way?"

But thankfully, Jesus in all His Grace, answered Thomas with, "I am the way, and the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6

If we try to get to heaven any other way, we are the same as the thief and the robber. There is only one way to get to heaven and that is through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Buddy Hogge

Deacon of the Week

6/4—Sonya Anthony
6/11—Amy Boykin
6/18—Leslie Belvin
6/25—David Crummett

Nursery Workers

6/4—Beverly West
6/11—Pauline Littell
6/18—Tracy Williams
6/25—Devon Willard

June Ushers

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Seth Gandee
Jamie Moore

June Tellers

Buddy Hogge
Ted Fisher

CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

6/4—Sarah Saunders
6/11—Jennifer/Derick Hall
6/18—Madison/Seth Gandee
6/25—Charlene/John West

Younger Children's Church

6/4—Tracy Williams
6/11—Sonya Anthony
6/18—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
6/25—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells





SOCKS, SHOES AND UNDERWEAR NEEDED

The WMUV mission partnership with the Standing Rock Reservation began in 2009. Virginians continue to minister to Native Americans there. This July, GPBC will be sending a mission team to share the hope of Jesus with these precious people. Please help us show God’s love by donating the items listed below. And, keep our team in prayer as well as all those we will serve.

- ⇒ New shoes for children and teens (athletic/tennis shoes)
- ⇒ Underwear for girls and boys (boys prefer boxers; girls love the ones with designs, not all white).
- ⇒ Socks for children and teens (preferably colored and no show, no white)



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (CI) COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CI committee is pleased to announce that we are nearing completion of Phase 2 based on our phased approach to improving the infrastructure at GPBC. The most recent update has been the small kitchen near the Narthex. We continue to be humbled by your support and encouragement through this multi-year process. In addition, we are very grateful to the Building and Grounds Committee through this process.

The final phase of improvements (Phase 3), initially planned by the CI committee and presented for church approval several years ago, envisioned an outdoor shelter to service picnics, sports camps, etc. In the interim period, we have continued to study evolving facility use and needs and we have received valuable insights from membership as well. Thus, the CI committee would like to propose that the church body consider two options for Phase 3:

- **Phase 3A**—Continue with the original plan to update the existing fellowship hall and kitchen and construct an outdoor shelter based on availability of funds.
- **Phase 3B**—Build an addition to the existing fellowship hall to serve larger capacity functions and to provide additional flexibility to meet the needs of GPBC. (Having an air-conditioned/heated environment instead of an outdoor shelter was indicated higher priority by a number of members than an outdoor space).

On June 14, 2017 at 6:30pm, a called business meeting will be held to discuss the options above. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information in the Narthex about the called business meeting. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. In the interim, please feel free to relay your questions or ideas to any member of the CI committee.

Respectfully, The Capital Improvements Committee