

# THE VISION

May 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*

“My Mother’s Vineyard”

*er is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters...” Ezekiel 19:10.*

While studying, I came across this heart-felt devotion by Susan Watkins, who is a devotional contributor for CBN. I pray for her God-centered praise of her mother to speak to you as it did to me...

The safest place I have ever rested was in my mother’s arms. Initially, the nurse gently laid me there that warm August evening. A little package Mom immediately unwrapped with the attendant’s departure. As every new mother does, mine examined me for any imperfections. Passing her inspection, we spent time bonding. Little did I realize how blessed I was to enter this family tree.

My mother. Accomplished, poised, sensitive, and profoundly wise. An outstanding instructor to educate her brood. She prepared me for every stage of life I would encounter. Loved me, defended me, corrected me, and challenged me. Not a single lesson wasted, though I couldn’t fully appreciate this until exiting childhood. Without her sacrifices, I wouldn’t be here. No breath drawn without hers first, for she gave me my very life.

Ezekiel captured the deepest, hidden roll of all mothers. He incorporates genetics, but more importantly, the influence a mother has on her children spanning their entire lives. “*Thy moth-*

A vine in our blood. Shared DNA, but also the ability to stretch and wind her tendrils around the inexperienced for support. She literally becomes our ladder. Being planted herself by the waters indicates her nourishment is from an alternate source. The scene becomes spiritual. She draws from the Giver of Life, the True Vine, and imparts this sustenance to us. A spiritual umbilical cord. Her life, in our lives— influencing and causing us to thrive

God wove His mothering heart deep into the hearts of our mothers. She comforts, listens intently, doesn’t grow weary of the daily cares and demands placed upon her. She is designed for this load. She’s our doctor, cheerleader, therapist, chef, teacher, life coach, and mentor. She is the one we run to first when injured or hungry; wearing the uniform of the Good Samaritan.

Mothers are often faced with difficult assignments concerning their children. Dark threads must be woven into the fabric to amplify the beauty of bright pastels. God thoughtfully gave us several biblical heroines to guide mothers in the difficult seasons they would surely encounter.

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### Deacon of the Week

- 5/1—Gus Saunders
- 5/8—Seth Gandee
- 5/15—Pauline Littell
- 5/22—Buck Hartman
- 5/29—Leslie Belvin

### Nursery Workers

- 5/1—Nancy Bolton
- 5/8—Pauline Littell
- 5/15—Tracy Wililams
- 5/22—Rebecca Joyce
- 5/29—Jennifer Podbesek

### May Tellers

- Helen Spence
- Bill Breeden

### May Ushers:

- Barbara Mangrum
- Chris Hutson
- Keith Belvin
- Leslie Belvin

### Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

## MAY WORKERS



### Older Children’s Church

- 5/1—Sarah Saunders
- 5/8—Jennifer/Derick Hall
- 5/15—Jennifer/Craig Cannon
- 5/22—Charlene/John West
- 5/29—Seth Gandee

### Younger Children’s Church

- 5/1—Kristen Eifes/Tracy Williams
- 5/8—Jennifer Podbesek/Sonya Anthony
- 5/15—Denise/Mallory Gandee
- 5/22—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells
- 5/29—Tammy Greggs

**5/15/16—5/22/16 George Kissinger Offering & Season of Prayer for Associational Missions**

GPBC goal is \$1,000

Peninsula Baptist Association impacts the Peninsula region with the gospel of Jesus Christ by working with a network of churches. To equip churches, they offer training events to equip people for the work of ministry, consulting and coaching in church health and growth for local churches and one-on-one coaching for pastors and leaders. For Kingdom ministries, they provide a supportive environment for church planters to begin new work in our area. They share the gospel as they meet needs through Work Camp, where teenagers from many churches come together for a week of ministry, fun and worship. PBA Summer Team assists our churches in providing quality Sports Camps which include Bible Study and Worship as well as teaching basic sports skills. Additionally, the PBA partners with Virginia Baptists to provide critical relief during times of disaster.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Ladies of the church are invited to attend our Benny Russell Birthday Celebration May 17th at 6:30pm in the old fellowship hall.

Please bring your favorite finger food to share. Pennies will be collected for ministry scholarships.



SOCKS AND SHOES AND UNDERWEAR...OH MY  
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No, we are not off to Oz but to North Dakota! Please help us show the love of Jesus to Native American children by supplying them with some essentials for back to school. WMU Virginia is once again traveling cross country to minister to many of the 8200 Native Americans living on Standing Rock Reservation in poverty.

We will be collecting new socks, shoes, and underwear to distribute while there. Please place these items in the bin in the narthex. We are so appreciative of all the ways you make possible sharing of the Good News.

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Jochebed had a son she was unable to raise herself through no fault of her own. Her last-born babe and apple of her eye threatened an insecure Pharaoh. God however, needed a deliverer for His people. In her last effort to save his tender life, she released him into the unknown, tearing her life in two.

*“But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into in, and set it among the reed by the bank of the Nile,” Exodus 2:3.*

A crying, tasty appetizer for crocodile-infested waters bobbed in an ark along its surface. Hers was no easy choice, with a part of her heart walking around outside of her body for four decades. It is here we see her faith in God sparkle. Releasing Moses into his destiny launched one of the most powerful weapons known to man. “The praying mother.”

If you are blessed with one, then you already know. These “soldiers” are a force to be reckoned with. They keep praying when others stop. Will fast when others won’t. Will stand up when others sit down. How many lives abruptly turned around followed by the remark, “Well, I had a prayin’ mama.” These strategists are doubled in power if the grandmother’s involved.

*“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well,” 2 Timothy 1:5*

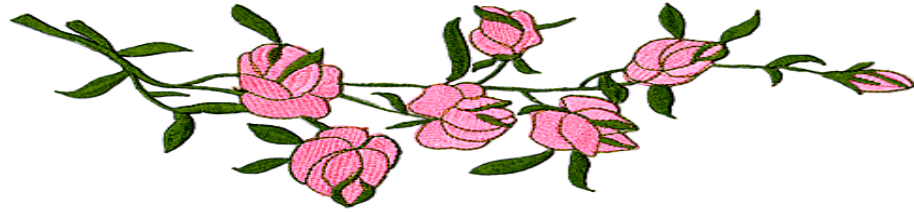
The apostle Paul understood the spiritual heritage of the maternal vine that reaches deeply into subsequent generations. Implanted faith from praying women who understand the secret things of God. These silent warriors activate the “Moses” in us, that we might do greater exploits for God’s kingdom, offering prayers with proven results.

Like Ezekiel and Paul, I recognize the contribution my mother and grandmother gifted me. Mom paved my way to be born a second time into the Kingdom of God. Her personal legacy was to plant goodness and mercy into the live of her children, thus fertilizing the branches of our family tree.

God eternally keeps His promise to our precious mothers by richly blessing our lives!



Happy Mother’s Day,  
Pastor Bud Goude



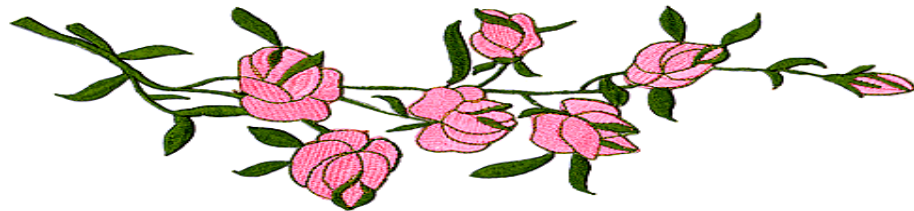
Dear Friends,

How good it is to be remembered—and to remember. The CARE cards with their notes from you are so much appreciated and enjoyed. CARE is a wonderful ministry.

I am also grateful for the visits, telephone calls, and cards from so many of you. A great big THANK YOU to Pastor Bud for making the time to come and visit at the Huntington. His visits and prayers are indeed special.

I pray daily for you and for the many avenues of missions in which you are involved. You are doing the Lord's work for which He continues to bless you. I shall always be in prayer for you as you serve and honor Him.

—Sarah Starkey



### **Update: Capital Improvements Campaign 2014—2019**

The Capital Improvements Committee (CIC) and the Building and Grounds Committee have made significant progress over the past couple of years improving the physical and cyber facilities at Gloucester Point Baptist Church. The roof and sanctuary replacement and upgrades were completed in 2014-2015. Lighting, painting, carpeting, and new furnishings for the Sunday School rooms and church offices were completed in early 2016. Also, check out the church website at <http://www.gloptbaptist.org/>. THANK YOU for your encouragement and financial support over these past few years.

During the remainder of 2016, the two committees plan to complete the bathroom renovations and finish the narthex and hallway flooring and furnishings, which includes an information center for guests and members. We will also work with the librarian to complete the new library. Except for the kitchens, this will complete Phase 2 of the Capital Improvements Campaign.

Phase 3 of the campaign involves extending the fellowship hall space and upgrading the kitchen capabilities. Meetings with an architect began in April 2016 to develop concepts that will be presented to the church later this year for possible ground breaking in 2017.

**God has richly blessed these efforts and** many of you have supported these efforts financially and with your talents. To finish the planned activities, we continue to seek financial gifts to the Capital Improvements Campaign. There are three specific ways you can help:

1. Gifts in any amount can be placed in the offering plate clearly marked for support of the Capital Improvements Campaign.
2. Envelopes on the narthex information table can be used in the **25 for 25** fund raising program. We are asking members and friends to donate \$25 for each ceiling tile in the narthex, offices, and Sunday School rooms. Our goal is to 1000 tiles donated to raise \$25,000 in support of the Phase 2 updates. You may donate 1, 5, 10, ..or whatever number of tiles you wish to contribute. Place the completed **25 for 25** envelopes in the offering plate.
3. We are also accepting loans in increments of \$500 from our members and friends for periods of five or ten years. The church will provide you with a promissory note and pay interest on your loan at the rate of 2.25% for a five-year term, or 3.5% for a ten-year term. Please contact Linda Breaks (642-4266) for additional loan information.

The Capital Improvements Campaign goal is to complete all of the church renovations prior to our 60th anniversary in 2019!

Capital Improvements Committee  
Building and Grounds Committee