



# THE VISION

November 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*

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In the communities around our church, it can get very hot and dry during the summer months. This past summer was no exception. We experienced several days where the temperature rose to 100 degrees with heat indexes of 107 degrees and higher! In addition to the heat, we went without rain for the longest time. Our area became so dry that the grass in our yards crunched when we walked on it.

Then September arrived with quenching rains! In fact, during one rain storm, we received 8.2 inches! Within a few days, our yards were green with renewed, soft and revitalized grass. The meteorologist said September 2016 was the second wettest September on record. God certainly gave us the rain when we needed!

I think the words from the Apostle Paul can certainly be our guide as we are coming out of a very hot dry summer and into the fall season which started with a devastating hurricane named Matthew. Paul reminds us, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you, **(I Thess. 5:18)**. Those words are a true Christ honoring spirit of gratitude!

In his letters, the Apostle Paul helps us to develop a theology of gratitude. He wrote about thanksgiving more often than any other New Testament author. From the 23 times he used the word, we learn a few lessons about thanksgiving...

Thanksgiving was always directed toward God and never toward people. People are gifts from God, and Paul thanked God for their growth, love, and faith. He wrote, *“I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ,” (I Cor. 1:4)*. From **(I Thess. 1:2)** we read, *“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.”*

Thanksgiving is given through Jesus for everything **(Col. 3:15-17)**, *“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.*

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**Thanksgiving Dinner and  
New Member Recognition**

Join us for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and New Member Recognition which will be held following the morning service on Sunday, November 20th.

The meat, bread, and beverage will be provided. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert (enough to share with 10-12 people) and of course, your family and friends!



**Hangings of the Greens Service**

Mark your calendars for November 27th to join us for a special evening service at 6:00pm on the first Sunday in Advent for Hangings of the Greens.

This special service will include beautiful Christmas music with readings to explain the meaning of the traditional decorations as we decorate our beautiful sanctuary. Decorations include wreaths, garland, poinsettias, the Advent wreath, and the Christmas tree with Chrismons.

If you would like to participate in the service as a reader or to help hang the decorations, contact Pastor Bud or Melissa Ashe.

**Deacon of the Week**

- 11/6—Faye Branen
- 11/13—Ted Fisher
- 11/20—Jimmy Diggs
- 11/27—Buddy Hogge

**Nursery Workers**

- 11/6—Beverly West
- 11/13—Pauline Littell
- 11/20—Tracy Williams
- 11/27—Rebecca Joyce

**November Tellers**

- Helen Spence
- Bill Breedon

**November Ushers:**

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

- Sun. Sch. Nursery**
- Sharon/Howard Warren



**NOVEMBER  
WORKERS**

**Older Children's Church**

- 11/6—Sarah Saunders
- 11/13—Jennifer/Derick Hall
- 11/20—Madison/Seth Gandee
- 11/27—Charlene/John West

**Younger Children's Church**

- 11/6—Kristen Eifes/Tracy Williams
- 11/13—Jennifer Podbesek/Sonya Anthony
- 11/20—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
- 11/27—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells

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And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

Paul believed followers of Jesus could be thankful for everything because God is sovereign, and He is working situations out for the believers’ good. May we intentionally be aware of God’s gifts all around us and respond with gratitude. In response to God’s gifts, perhaps this Thanksgiving Season, we would pray these words...

“Lord, for days that you are sunny or gray we simply want to say, Thank You! And for the daily grace You give us in Your Son, may we always be faithful to say, Thank You, Lord! You are so good to us.”



Pastor Bud Goude



### **Christmas Doves**

“...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove...” Matthew 3:16

Would you like to place a Dove on the tree in memory or in honor of a loved one? A dove can be placed for a minimum of a \$5.00 donation, but more will gladly be accepted. Donations will go to support benevolence. The deadline is Wednesday 12/21 and doves will be placed on the tree as donations are received.

A dove contributors list will be included in the Christmas bulletin. Place your form and payment in the labeled box in the Narthex. Contact Paulette Ashe at 642-3251 if any questions. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team**

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The GUEST shelter season is quickly approaching. Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 through Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**Gloucester Point Baptist Church**  
**will host GUEST the weeks of:**  
**Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> & March 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers will be needed to help bring meals, provide breakfast and lunch items, cover the shelter shifts from 6:30-11pm (check-in and dinner), 11pm-5am (overnight), and 5-7am (check-out and breakfast).

**Volunteer Training will be held:**  
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**  
**Bethany UMC, Gloucester Point**

**For more information, contact Pauline Littell**  
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