



# THE VISION

October 2018

*“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**

Now that the school year is underway, I received this article about a college situation that teaches us about God's Grace...

### Measureless Grace

**Jonah 4:2** [Jonah] *prayed to the LORD and said, “Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, in order to forestall this, I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.”*

A Bible college student learned an unforgettable lesson in one of his classes. In the spring of 2002, he left work early so he could have some uninterrupted study time before his final exam at Hannibal College in Missouri. When he went to class, everyone was busy doing last-minute studying. The professor, Dr. Hufty, arrived and said he would give a short review before the exam; the students were thrilled.

When the review ended and the exams were passed out...face down...to all the students, the professor said, “Begin.” For some, that word invoked fear; for others it brought relief to finally be getting it over with.

But when the students turned over their exam papers, everyone shared the same expression of shock: all the answers were filled in...by hand! And at the bottom of the last page, Dr. Hufty had written this note: *This is the end of the exam. All the answers on your test are correct. You will receive an “A” as your final grade. The reason you passed this test is because the creator of the test took it for you. All the work you did in preparation, though it may have been a great discipline for your study, did not help you get this perfect score.*

Then Dr. Hufty addressed the class with these words: “Some lessons you learn from lectures, some lessons you learn from research, but some lessons you learn

from experience and you will probably never forget those. And class, you have just experienced *grace*.”

Let us consider how Dr. Hufty's lesson must have impacted the students. I am sure some were upset...top-tier students who had spent hours poring over their notes, fueled by ambition to earn the highest grade. Now, to their shock, they received the same mark as everyone else...even those who did not study hard at all.

Are there times in our lives when we, like a bright student and powerful prophet, lament the fact that God is delivering an offer of grace to someone we do not believe deserves it as much as we do...or someone who does not work or serve or pray or study nearly as diligently as we do?

Dr. Hufty illustrated for his class what God's grace really looks like. When it comes to the matter of salvation, God's grace is available to everyone! No one ever deserves it... which is why it is called “grace.” Grace is kindness offered to the undeserving. Grace is love for the unlovely and a relationship for the unworthy.

Grace converts failing scores to perfect scores...just do not forget that our *perfect* score was not obtained by our own hand but by the hand of God, through Jesus Christ!

Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, “A” students and “C” students, model citizens and felons, Israelites and Ninevites make the same grade and are accepted into a society composed of redeemed sinners . . . sinners saved by the *grace* of God.

Let us take time to thank God for pouring His grace into our lives, even though we do nothing to deserve it!

Pastor Bud Goude

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# Deacon's Devotional

Enjoy a day of Rest - The Sabbath  
Isa. 58:13-14; Gen. 2:1-3; Col. 2:16-17; Matt. 11:28-30

As the scripture states, the Sabbath was given for a day of rest. God blessed the Sabbath and blessed those who observed it. There were some who were unhappy with this gift that God had given them, just as we resist this gift today.

The Sabbath should be welcomed by all of us as a day of rest. It is a reminder that we are to work hard to provide for each day and then rest. We will find that when we rest, those that are close to us will also be blessed.

Our lives should be lived to the fullest. To do that we need to put our faith and trust in God, who sanctions work, rest, and, above all, worshiping Him, the one who makes all of life's pleasures possible.

Jimmy Diggs



## CAKE WALK GOODIES NEEDED!

We need your help to provide cakes, pies, breads, cookies, cupcakes or a goodie of your choice for Cake Walk prizes. Remember, it's not just for the kids — adults can win too! For more information on providing cake walk goodies, contact Melissa Ashe.



## CAR OWNERS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY!

Do you have a car, truck or motorcycle that you would be willing to show off? Anything from antiques to the latest muscle cars would be great! Kids are encouraged to enter too! If you would be willing to bring your vehicle, sign up on the list in the Narthex or simply bring your vehicle to the Fall Festival. If possible, please contact Melissa Ashe so that we can determine the size of the parking display area needed.





## Community Fall Festival

**October 13, 2018**

**11:00am—3:00pm**

It's almost time. Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Festival! This is a wonderful outreach ministry for the community as well as for our own church family. Use this as an opportunity to invite someone to visit our church. Flyers will be available in October for distribution.

We have lots of great indoor & outdoor activities for all ages! Outside, we'll have the inflatables, pony rides, face painting, hay rides, great music, children's games, children's crafts, balloons, cake walk & car display! Inside enjoy the annual dessert contests: Men's Cakes, Women's Pies and Kids Desserts! As always we'll have lots of clam chowder, hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones!

**WE NEED YOU!** Are you willing to help with Fall Festival? We need everyone's help to make sure this year is another success! We have many ways that you can get involved — greeters, children's crafts, children's games, inflatables, food, music, parking & of course set-up/clean-up! See the sign-up list in the Narthex for available spots. If you feel led to help, contact Melissa Ashe or Jeannie Fitzgerald.

### DESSERT CONTESTS:

Women, Men, & Children—It's NOT too late for you to enter your cake, pie or dessert. Sign up on the list in the Narthex or simply bring your dessert to the Fall Festival.

Remember, trophies will be given for the Best Tasting and Appearance. For more information, contact Jeannie Fitzgerald.

### Deacon of the Week

10/7—Al West

10/14—Bill Breeden

10/21—Keith Martin

10/28—Keith Belvin

### Nursery Workers

10/7—L. Walton/G. Breeden

10/14—A. Milligan/Youth

10/21—Devan/Elyza Willard

10/28—S. Jenkins/Youth

### October Ushers

Jimmy Diggs

Gus Saunders

Dale Jacobson

Amy Jacobson



## CHURCH WORKERS

### October Tellers

Amy Jacobson

Ted Fisher

### Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

### Older Children's Church

10/7—P. Belvin/T. Svoboda

10/14—Jennifer/Lauren Hall

10/21—Madison/Seth Gandee

10/28—Charlene/John West

### Younger Children's Church

10/7—Tracy Williams

10/14—Sonya Anthony/Nancy Dyson

10/21—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner

10/28—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells

### Bread for World Hunger

Gloucester Point Baptist Church  
WMU ladies will be baking bread for "World Hunger" on October 20th. We will be taking orders on September 30 and October 7th. All 100% of the raised money will go towards the World Hunger offering, as all supplies are donated by Ladies of the WMU. Please call Jeannie Fitzgerald for any questions at (804) 694-9378

### Christmas Gifts for Homeless Needed!!

The WMU would like to share God's love and the hope of Jesus with the homeless in our county. We will be making bags to give each person in our GUEST shelter at Christmas. Would you please bring in new socks, winter scarves, hats, gloves, candy, personal items or Walmart gift cards to share with these hurting souls? Place items in the box under the WMU board by 10/31. Thank you for your generosity and all the ways you help to grow the Kingdom!!! God bless you as you continue to seek, serve and share Him! If you have questions, see Sharon Warren.

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)- 9:40am  
 Worship Service— 11:00am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry—2:00pm

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### Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm: Teens Living For Christ  
 6:00: Children's Choir  
 6:30pm: Children's Bible Study  
 6:30pm: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 WMU Council Meeting 10:00am  American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	2 Girl Scouts 6:30pm  Bldg & Grounds Mtg 7:00pm	3	4	5 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	6
7 Lord's Supper 11:00am  Fall Festival Mtg 12:00pm	8	9 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	10	11	12 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	13 Fall Festival 11:00am-3:00pm
14	15 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	16 Vision Articles Due WMU Salad Supper 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm World Day of Prayer	17	18	19 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	20 WMU Baking Bread Josephine Kimsey's 100th Birthday at the Huntington 2-4pm
21 Church Budgets Due  WMU Bread Delivery	22	23 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	24 No Family Night Supper  Business Meeting 6:00pm	25	26 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	27
28 Church Council Meeting 12pm	29	30 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	31 Trunk or Treat			

### October Birthdays:

John Adams	10/2
Doug Blaylock	10/6
Joy Leigh Klein	10/8
Atley Wiese	10/9
Tristan Eifes	10/11
Teresa Kelley	10/11
John West	10/11
Sean Saunders	10/17
Dayton Wiese	10/19
Steven Moret	10/20
Irving Ordonia	10/21
David Strickland	10/21
Kendall Sentz	10/25
Josephine Kimsey	10/26
Gloria Breeden	10/27
Buddy Hogge	10/29

### Anniversaries:

James & Carrie West	10/10
Jamie Moore	10/12
Les & Rosemary Laubach	10/29