



# THE VISION

## September 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**

Here is a wonderful soul-searing article on Growin in God’s Will...  
“3 Mistakes to Avoid when Seeking God’s Will”

We may think we are at a dead end in our life, for example, “We are never going to get out of debt!” “I’m never going to have a baby.” “My dream is never going to come true.” “How is it ever going to work out?”

Right now, it may look dark and we may feel defeated and things may seem like a mystery to us. But one day we are going to see in the light of eternity how it all fits together in God’s plan! Until then, there are 3 mistakes we need to avoid as we seek God’s will. As we avoid these mistakes, we will develop deeper trust in God, even when we do not understand—

1. **Do not be FATALISTIC.** The idea of fatalism is the idea that everything is out of our control and we are powerless to do anything about it which leads to self-pity. It causes us to blame God for everything bad in our lives rather than accepting responsibility when we cause problems.

Fatalism leads to passivity. It makes us think, “I’m waiting on God to bring me a spouse” or “I’m waiting on God to get me a job.” God is saying, “I gave you a brain! I

gave you two feet. Get out and do something about it!”

2. **Do not be FRUSTRATED.** If we try to figure out everything in our life, we are going to be very frustrated. Sometimes we are going to do what we think is God’s will, and it is going to fail. “I thought God was leading me to start this business, but it failed.”

What do we do when there are no answers! We keep trusting God, knowing that He is working on our character through all of our circumstances and that He has good plans for us.

3. **Don’t be FEARFUL.** What is behind the fear of God’s will? The root problem is that we doubt God’s love. The Bible says, “*There is no fear in love; but perfect love (Jesus Christ) casts out fear.*” (1 John 4:18). We always get into trouble when we doubt God’s love, because when we do not trust Him, we do not obey Him.

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### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, September 26th at 6pm at the church.  
The menu will feature BBQ & Coleslaw so bring a vegetable, salad or dessert, an appetite and a friend!





# Deacon's Devotional

## STAY THE COURSE

Twists and turns occur along the journey of believer's lives from time to time that we often have no control over. Things can get quite messy and have the potential of discouraging us or making us bitter. In light of that, let's take a look at the Biblical perspective — God is sovereign, and it's a sure thing that if we are submitted to Him, nothing can happen to us that takes Him by surprise. We may wonder, did God cause this or did He just allow it?

Be assured that whatever the case, God knows, He cares, and He will work out His plan in our lives. **Romans 8:28** says, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose”*. **So, what can we do as believers when faced with unexpected twists or turns?** We must remain open to God and seek Him for direction. It could be that He is redirecting us. He sees the big picture, while our tendency is to focus on our present circumstances. As we experience trials and tests, may we be encouraged to *“cast all of our cares upon Him, for He careth for us.”—1 Peter 5:7*. He always knows best and has promised to always be with us. *Our precious Lord speaks through the writer of Hebrews in 13:5 and says, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*

Also, we are encouraged by **Philippians 4:7** which says, *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

Brothers and Sisters, with God's help, let us **STAY THE COURSE!**

Your servant in Christ  
David Crummett

### Deacon of the Week

9/2—Jimmy Diggs  
9/9—Buddy Hogge  
9/16—Gary Mangrum  
9/23—Sonya Anthony  
9/30—Amy Boykin

### Nursery Workers

9/2—L. Walton & G. Breeden  
9/9—Alishia Milligan  
9/16—Devan & Elyza Willard  
9/23—Shannen Jenkins  
9/30—Beverly & Connie West

### September Ushers

Sonya Anthony  
Stan Gandee  
Seth Gandee  
Jamie Moore

### September Tellers

Buddy Hogge  
Tommy Ashe

Sun. Sch. Nursery  
Sharon/Howard Warren



## CHURCH WORKERS

### Older Children's Church

9/2—Sarah Saunders  
9/9—Jennifer/Derick Hall  
9/16—Madison/Seth Gandee  
9/23—Charlene/John West  
9/30—Seth Gandee

### Younger Children's Church

9/2—Tracy Williams & Jade Jenkins  
9/9—Sonya Anthony & Nancy Dyson  
9/16—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner  
9/23—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells  
9/30—Tammy Greggs

That's What Faith Must Be

To hear with my heart  
To see with my soul  
To be guided by a hand I cannot hold  
To trust in a way that I cannot see  
That's what Faith must be.

By Dr. Mike Card (former Chief Scientist at NASA Langley Research Center)  
Submitted by Barbara Fryer

## Community Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for our annual **Fall Festival on October 13, 2018, 11am-3pm!**

This is a wonderful outreach ministry for the community as well as for our own church family. Use this event as an opportunity to invite someone to visit our church! Flyers will be available in October for distribution.

We have lots of great indoor and outdoor activities for all ages! Outside we'll have the inflatables, pony rides, face painting, hayrides, great music, children's games, children's crafts, balloons, cakewalk and 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!

For more information or if you'd like to help, contact Melissa Ashe or Jeannie Fitzgerald.

### SIGN-UP in the Narthex Fall Festival Car Display



Do you have a car, truck, motorcycle, go-cart, etc. that you would like to enter in the Fall Festival Car Display?

*Children's entries are encouraged too!*  
A trophy will be awarded for the People's Choice Winner so bring your friends!

Contact Melissa Ashe or Jeannie Fitzgerald if you are interested in bringing a vehicle.

### SIGN-UP in the Narthex Fall Festival Dessert Contests



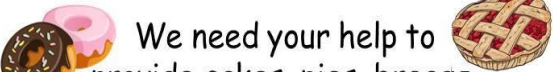
Calling **ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN!**

**Men** bring your favorite **CAKE**,  
**Women** bring your favorite **PIE**, &  
**Children** bring your favorite **Dessert!**

Awards will be given for Appearance & Taste

Contact Jeannie Fitzgerald for more info!

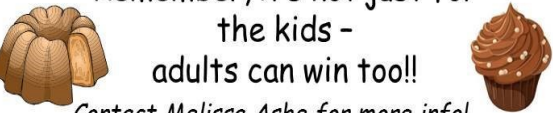
### Cake Walk Goodies Needed!



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!!



Contact Melissa Ashe for more info!

### WE NEED YOU!

Are you willing to help?? We need everyone's help to make this year another success! We have many ways that you can get involved = greeters, children's crafts, children's games, inflatables, food, music, parking and of course set-up/clean-up! If you feel led to help, contact Melissa Ashe or Jeannie Fitzgerald.

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**(Psalm 37:23-24)** says, *"The steps of a man are established by the Lord. . . When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand."*

God's will is an expression of His love. When we do not understand what God is doing— have patience. God knows what is best for us. We cannot see the end result, but He can! At times, God's path for us might be a path of pain, but all those delays and difficulties and problems are building Christ-like character in our lives.

Pastor Bud Goude

### ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

September 17—23, 2018

*Be Love!*

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909—2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

**The goal for the Alma Hunt Offering for GPBC is \$1,500.00.** When you give to this offering you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and service. Let's all Be Love!

Alma Hunt Offering materials will be available in your bulletin during emphasis week and also on the WMU table in the Narthex. Please pray about giving to help us meet our goal and perhaps as in in last year's offering—surpass it!

Alma Hunt  
Offering for Virginia Missions

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

Find out more:  
**ALMAHUNT.ORG**

September 17-23, 2018 Goal: \$1,167,500



### 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  
6:00PM 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
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2 Lord's Supper 11:00am  NO C.A.R.E.	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm  Girl Scouts 7:00pm	5	6	7 9:30am Seniors' Morning Out 10am-12:30pm Home School Co-op AA 8:00pm	8
9 Sunday School Breakfast 9:15am  Deacons Meeting 3:00pm	10	11 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	12	13	14 9:30am Seniors' Morning Out  AA 8:00pm  Vision Articles Due	15
16 Fall Festival Meeting 12:00pm Youth Council Meeting 12:00pm	17 AHG 6:30pm 9am New Secretary (Susan Tibbetts)	18 Armstrong Circle 5:30pm  Girl Scouts 7:00pm	19	20 Acree Circle 10:00am	21 9:30am Seniors' Morning Out  10am—12:30pm Home School Co-op AA 8:00pm	22
23	24	25 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	26 6:00PM FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER	27	28 9:30am Seniors' Morning Out  AA 8:00pm	29 Guinea Jubilee Parade
30 Fall Festival Meeting 12:00pm						

### September Birthdays:

Tommy Ashe	9/1
Chris Blaylock	9/2
Gus Saunders	9/5
Rachel Wells	9/6
Jennifer Hall	9/6
Charlene West	9/6
Rona Dawson	9/8
James Ayers	9/11
Jodi Lane	9/11
Amy Jacobson	9/14
MacKenzie Firman	9/14
Bill Breeden	9/15
Les Laubach	9/15
Burnice Canterbury	9/16
Janie Conkling	9/18
Wendy Mitchell	9/19
James Willard	9/19
Emma Crawford	9/20
Hayes Williams	9/21
Sharon Warren	9/23
James C West	9/25
Victoria Dawson	9/26
Paulette Ashe	9/27
John Willard	9/28
Nancy Dyson	9/28
Jennifer Burgess	9/28

### Anniversaries:

Terry & Pauline Littell	9/12
Buddy & Ann Hogge	9/15