



# THE VISION

February 2019

*“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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Valentine’s Day ... A Real Love Connection

I trust as Valentine Day approaches; our thoughts turn to the word “love”. Love might bring to mind a familiar phrase: *“Love is patient, love is kind, love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres...”*

We have heard these words recited in wedding ceremonies or seen them written on Valentine’s Day cards. They are found in **I Corinthians 13**.

*Love never fails...* we have heard someone say, “I love you,” but a happy ending did not follow. In fact, **I Corinthians 13** teaches that we must connect to love, specifically the love of God, in order to live meaningful lives.

Valentine’s Day recognizes a holiday of taking time to show affection, to bring a little more meaning into everyday actions. Instead of mentioning romance in **I Corinthians 13**, the great love chapter teaches about the love of God: agape love, which is: everlasting, unconditional and unselfish love. His love is available to anyone who will yield their hearts and lives to Him.

On one version of a popular reality TV show, a single man meets several single women. As he gets to know them a little better, he eliminates the women he is not interested in. That sounds cruel, but it is all done in the name of “love” ... and entertainment.

God does not line people up, inspect them, and then reject the ones He does not like because that is not what real love does. The Bible says, “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall

see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (**I Cor. 13:12**).

Billy Graham says, “No matter what sin you have committed, no matter how dirty, shameful or terrible it may be, God loves you. You may be at the very gate of hell itself, but God loves you with an everlasting love.”

The Bible says God is love. God does not simply profess His love in words. God proves His love in action, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Romans 5:8**).

Jesus Christ’s sacrifice represents the ultimate act of love because it shows God’s grace. Christ is not just a good person who did good things for people and then was willing to die for His actions. Christ died in order to bring people closer to God.

**I Corinthians 13** challenges us to do everything out of love, specifically the kind of love that God has shown through Jesus. Love is the motive. That means loving friends, enemies, neighbors, co-workers, spouses, children, parents, and even strangers with the merciful and selfless love that comes from God.

*Please Read ... (I Corinthians 13:1-13), “...But the greatest of these is love.”*

Pastor Bud Goude

# Deacon's Devotional

## But The Greatest Gift Is LOVE

When I was thinking about writing a devotional for the February Vision, I thought of Valentine's Day. Our WMU Valentines Banquet is coming up and February is about LOVE, why not write about GOD'S LOVE for us.

### **The Book of LOVE – The BIBLE – GOD'S word – GOD's LOVE for us! GOD's LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL.**

"For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

#### **His words of truth and love:**

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have **love**, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all **faith**, so as to remove mountains, but do not have **love**, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have **love**, it profits me nothing. **Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."**  
**1 Corinthians 13:1-8**

Jesus said to him, "you shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22 37-40)

"May we really grasp GOD's Love and desire to be filled with His love. The heart of God and the gospel of Christ is Love. We need to operate out of Godly love to be effective in reaching out to this lost world. Sometimes that can be hard when we have been so damaged ourselves. But over time, God can heal and fill us with His love. Allow Him to heal and fill us with His love. Allow Him to heal, change, renew and transform you. Break free from your cocoon and be clothed with Godly Love."  
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GPBC members showed their Love for Jesus by helping those who needed it most, in helping the homeless.

We can show GOD's love everyday by showing kindness and Love to anyone we come in contact with, by giving encouragement to one another.

It's a tough, cruel world out there. I try to take the time to listen to people and to say a kind word to a stranger sometimes, may it be in the store or doctor's office.

We need to let GOD's love shine thru us in our Community. I always told my kids: "If you can't say nothing nice, don't say nothing at all." (James 4:11)

**Dear God,**

**Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.**

GOD Bless you all  
From Pauline Littell



## Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (G.U.E.S.T.) Thank you!

Gloucester Point Baptist Church served as an overnight shelter last month. A warm and safe place for the homeless was provided, to sleep and to receive a hot meal.

We can show Jesus we love him by loving one another and loving our neighbor as ourselves. GPBC members definitely showed their love for Jesus by helping out with the GUEST ministry. Thank you:

- For working a shift and to some for working several shifts.
- For bringing in food and paper products..
- For leading a devotional.
- For the help in moving tables and set up, and clean up.



We are so very grateful to all the volunteers for giving of their time to care for others in need! A special Thank you to Groves Pres. Church for providing dinners during the week.

Thank you for all the love that everyone gave to those who needed it most.

This ministry has truly been such a Blessing to GPBC and all involved. If you have any questions or would like to help us during the week of **March 11-March 18**, please contact Pauline Littell 804-815-8030.

Thank you from your Gloucester Point Baptist Church-Guest Host Site Coordinators, Pauline Littell, Ted Fisher and L.T. Wells

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS MERRY!!!

Once again you have been extremely generous in sharing with those less fortunate and it was so very appreciated. We collected items for the homeless staying with GUEST, our county shelter. The many hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. that you donated were delivered to Providence Baptist where the GUESTS were being housed on Christmas. Our items were combined with the collection of Providence and distributed to make certain everyone in the shelter received gifts to open and enjoy. Several in the shelter have expressed to me what a blessed Christmas they enjoyed, in part, due to our expression of love through the gifts given. Let us never grow weary of doing good because God promises a harvest at the proper time if we do not give up, Galatians 6:1-9. God bless you all as you CONTINUE TO DO GOOD!!,

In The Grip Of God's Grace,  
Sharon

**W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK**

W.M.U. Focus Week will be February 10-17, 2019

**Women's Worship Service**

February 10, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

Special Speaker Laura Davis  
Director of Missions Involvement  
with  
W.M.U. of Virginia

**W.M.U.  
Announcements**



**VALENTINE BANQUET**

WMU invites all ladies to bring their sweethearts or special someone and join us for our annual Valentine Banquet. It will be held on Saturday, February 9 at 6:00 PM. WMU is providing pork loin, rolls and drinks and we ask that you bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert to share. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Music and light entertainment will delight you! We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!



**Deacon of the Week**

2/3—David Crummett  
2/10—Pauline Littell  
2/17—Seth Gandee  
2/24—Ted Fisher

**Nursery Workers**

2/3—L. Walton/G. Breeden  
2/10—Devan/Elyza Willard  
2/17—Mallory Wagner/Youth  
2/24—S. Jenkins/Youth

**February Ushers**

Barbara Mangrum  
Chris Hutson  
Keith Belvin  
Leslie Belvin

**February Tellers**

Helen Spence  
Bill Breeden

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren



**CHURCH  
WORKERS**

**Older Children's Church**

2/3—Theresa Svoboda  
2/10—Jennifer & Lauren Hall  
2/17—Madison & Denise Gandee  
2/24—Charlene & John West

**Younger Children's Church**

2/3—Tim Owens  
2/10—Nancy Dyson & Sonya Anthony  
2/17—Janis West  
2/24—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells



### Sunday Schedule

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

### Wednesday Schedule

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

# February 2019

### February Birthdays:

Al West	2/2
Mallory Wagner	2/5
Amy Carmine	2/11
Sandy McElfresh	2/11
Brenden Greggs	2/12
Hope Hutson	2/13
Dylan Terry	2/15
Bill Hall	2/15
Don Mongold	2/17
Ann Hogge	2/18
Martha Robbins	2/19
Catherine Smith	2/20
Bonnie Ogden	2/20
Kent Smith	2/20
Seth Gandee	2/21
Kayla Arquette	2/22
Joyce Marshall	2/22
Rachael Newton	2/23
Jo Green	2/24
Judy Clifton	2/27
Carol Tooley-Hall	2/28
David Crummett	2/28
Alice Deal	2/28
Tim Chapman	2/29

### Anniversaries:

John & Regina Adams	2/12
Paul & Tammy Greggs	2/20
Bill & Pennie Hall	2/25
Ray & Pearl Goude	2/28



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	2
3 Lord's Supper 11am Deacon Mtg 3pm Children's Council 12:00pm	4 American Heritage Girls Badge Ceremony 6:45pm	5 Bldg & Grounds Mtg 7:00pm  Girl Scouts 6:00pm	6	7	8 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	9 Valentine's Banquet 6:00pm  Children's Ministry Gloucester House/ Chic-fil-A 10:00am
10 SS Breakfast 9:15am  Baptist Women's Day 11:00am	11 American Heritage Girls Board 6:15pm	12 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	13 Children's Valentine Day Party 6:30pm	14	15 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am Youth Bowling Twin Pins 6:30pm Vision Articles Due AA 8:00pm	16 Mrs. Kimsey's Service 10:15am visitation 11:15 service
17	18 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	19 Armstrong Circle 5:30pm meal 6:00pm meeting  Girl Scouts 6:00pm	20	21 Acree Circle 10:00am	22 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am  AA 8:00pm	23
24	25 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	26 Emma Crawford Quilting  Girl Scouts 6:00pm	27 Family Night Dinner 6:00pm	28		