



THE VISION

March 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

Our Lord has certainly blessed us with guests (visitors). Sunday, February 3rd we had 6 guests (visitors) joining us in the worship service.

The following article came from Thom Rainer, President of Lifeway. He has set forth easy steps we all can take to encourage our guests to return...watch out for #3...

What to Say to Church Guest

1. **“Thank you for being here.”** It’s just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told “thank you.”
2. **“Let me help you with that.”** If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. **“Please take my seat.”** I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. **“Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way.”** Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.

5. **“Can I show you where you need to go?”** Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.

6. **“Let me introduce you to _____.”** The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.

7. **“Would you join us for lunch?”** I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

Let’s look at one example of breaking barriers by saying the right things to guests. Presume your church has two first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 50 persons every year.

Good interaction with guests is a huge step toward breaking barriers, but it is obviously not the only step.

Pastor Bud Goude

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 804-642-2555 IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES OR BY EMAIL: secretary@gltpbaptist.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Welcome
Spring





Deacon's Devotional

Forever

As for man, his days are as grass, even as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.....Psalm 103:15

The bible reminds us that our days are as grass. They are filled with tiny golden minutes with eternity in them. We are exhorted to redeem the time because the days are evil.

Our lives are also immortal. God made man different from the other creatures. He made him in His own image, a living soul. When this body dies and our earthly existence is terminated, the soul lives on forever. One thousand years from this day, you will be more alive than you are at this moment. The bible teaches that life does not end at the cemetery. There is a future life with GOD for those who put their trust in His son, Jesus Christ. There is also a future hell of separation from God toward which all are going who have refused, rejected or neglected to receive His son, Jesus Christ.

Ted Fisher, Deacon



Help The Easter Bunny...and Youth Missions In The Process!?!?!?

Make your Easter basket filling task easier and tastier this year by purchasing home made Easter eggs from the WMU. We will be taking orders for either peanut butter or butter cream eggs on March 24, 31 and April 7 after church in the old fellowship hall. The eggs will be only a \$5 donation unless you would like them personalized with a name at just \$1 more. You may pick up your delicious purchases on April 14. We appreciate all the ways you help us advance the Kingdom through Missions. All proceeds will go to our Youth Mission Fund. For questions or to place orders please see Sharon Warren or any WMU member. God bless you!



Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

We are so very grateful to all the GUEST volunteers for giving of their time and other resources to care for others in need!

GPBC will host GUEST March 11 – March 18
if you would like to help - you can do so by:

Work a shift: 5:15pm -11pm, 11pm-5am or 5-7;30am.

Bring any of the items listed: There is a list of items needed on the WMU table in the Narthex to sign up.

Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church is partnering with us again this year and will provide meals for the entire week.

Rachel and L.T. Wells will prepare breakfast every morning with the Ruritan's Club support in paying for the breakfast supplies

Please call Pauline Littell at 804-815-8030, or Ted Fisher 757-870-4156 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Deacon of the Week

3/3—Keith Martin
3/10—Gus Saunders
3/17—Seth Gandee
3/24—Debra Wood
3/31—Sonya Anthony

Nursery Workers

3/3--L. Walton/G. Breeden
3/10—Devon/Elyza Willard
3/17—Mallory Wagner/Youth
3/24—Shannon Jenkins/Youth
3/31—Beverley/Connie West

March Ushers

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Seth Gandee
Jamie Moore

March Tellers

Tommy Ashe
Buddy Hogge

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren



CHURCH WORKERS

Older Children's Church

3/3—Theresa Svoboda
3/10—Jennifer & Lauren Hall
3/17—Madison & Denise Gandee
3/24—Charlene & John West
3/31—Seth Gandee

Younger Children's Church

3/3—Tim Owens
3/10—Nancy Dyson & Sonya Anthony
3/17—Janis West
3/24—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells
3/31—Tammy Greggs & Youth

American Heritage Girls Troop VA 1318

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please come out and support your local American Heritage Girl Troop on Saturday, March 2nd at The Courthouse Restaurant from 5pm to 7pm. We'll be serving an ALL YOU CAN EAT spaghetti dinner for just \$10 a person.



All proceeds will go toward the Troop's upcoming camping trip. Thank you!



Week Of Prayer For North American Missions And The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 3-10, 2019

Our Theme this year is "Sending Hope".

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3 RSV

You can send the hope of the gospel. Your prayers and financial support make it possible for the North American Mission Board to train, resource and send missionaries who share the good news of Christ.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 273 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ, the need is great, and the mission is far from finished.

Every year, we honor the life and missions impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

As believers, we are called to boldly send the hope of the gospel. Every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes directly to support missionaries and their missions work throughout North America.

Please support Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. **Our church goal is \$2500.**

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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

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***Annie Armstrong North American Missions 3/3-3/10

March Birthdays:

Terry Littell	3/5
Sarah Saunders	3/6
Tammy Greggs	3/8
Heidi Gibbons	3/9
Connie Stewart	3/12
Stan Gandee	3/12
Patricia Ezzell	3/20
Linda Breaks	3/21
Joanne Shackelford	3/22
Jeanne Thompson	3/28
Bill Cahoon	3/29
Kelly Cirillo	3/31

Anniversaries:

L.T. & Rachel Wells	3/5
Derick & Jennifer Hall	3/11



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	4*** American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	5*** Bldg & Grounds Mtg 7:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm	6***	7***	8*** Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm *Journey Retreat HS Youth Eagle Eyrie—	9***
10 *** SS Breakfast 9:15am -----*	11 American Heritage Girls Board 6:15pm GUEST	12 Girl Scouts 6:00pm GUEST	13 GUEST	14 GUEST	15 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm GUEST	16 GUEST
17 Youth Council Meeting 12:00pm GUEST	18 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	19 Armstrong Circle 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Meeting Girl Scouts 6:00pm	20	21 Acree Circle 10:00am	22 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	23
24 ----- 31	25	26 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	27 Family Night Supper 6:00pm	28	29 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	30 Church Clean Up 9:00am