



THE VISION

August 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

Setbacks Can't Derail God's Purpose

We have been studying Job and finding that he experienced setbacks in his life. I came across this article by Rick Warren that can aid us in dealing with our setbacks.

“Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you” (Acts 27:24 NLT).

Sometimes a setback is rooted in your own actions or choices. You made a mistake. You did something that hurt another person. You disobeyed God. And now you're facing a storm because of it.

But often, the storms we face in life aren't because of something we did. Instead, we suffer because of other people's poor decisions—or even their sins.

Acts 27 gives us a dramatic example of suffering a setback because of the foolish choices of others. Paul had been unfairly put on trial for crimes he didn't commit. He was a Roman citizen, so he had the opportunity to appeal to Caesar in capital-offense cases.

On the prison ship heading toward Rome, Paul told the others that they were headed toward disaster. But no one listened, and it didn't take too long before they hit a terrible storm. But that didn't mean the storm sidetracked God's purpose for Paul—and a storm doesn't have to sidetrack God's purpose for you, either.

God's purpose for your life is greater than any setback you'll ever go through. An angel told Paul this in Acts 27:24: *“Don't be afraid,*

Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you” (NLT). Despite the setback, the angel told Paul he'd one day stand before Caesar and share his testimony. God's purpose wouldn't be thwarted.

God doesn't need a Plan B for your life. Hitting a setback—whether it's your fault or someone else's—doesn't mean God won't work through your life. When disaster hits, God is still in control.

When someone else's decision turns your life upside down, God uses it for his glory. When someone else's mistake puts you in a difficult situation, God works through it anyway. When you feel like you've lost everything, God does the incredible so you can do the impossible.

You can't sink God's purpose. Neither can anyone else.

Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

Gideon – Mighty Man of Valor

Judges 6, 7, & 8

Gideon is described as the least of his father's house. Gideon even described himself as a mere man with weaknesses. However, when God sent his angel to speak to Gideon, the angel described him as a Mighty Man of Valor. God saw Gideon was a man of character, and also understood Gideon was a man with many doubts. God worked with Gideon and by answering each of Gideon's requests peeled those doubts away.

As God used Gideon to do great things, he can also do the same with each of us. What is God calling you to do that you feel is beyond your control? Do you feel confident to follow His plan, or do you find yourself stuck because of uncertainty? As God did for Gideon, the bible assures us God will show up when situations get beyond our abilities. We must first trust in Him and then obey His calling.

Ruth Bell Graham wrote the following poem/pray as she was returning from China to attend college.

**Test me, Lord, and give me strength
to meet each test
unflinching, unafraid:
not striving nervously to do my best,
not self-assured, or careless as in jest,
but with your aid.
Purge me, Lord, and give me grace
to bear the heat
of cleansing flame;
not bitter at my lowly lot, but meet
to bear my share of suffering and keep sweet,
in Jesus' Name.**

We should pray regularly for God to prepare us individually and corporately as a congregation to be tested and used by Him to do great things. Small or large, but GREAT THINGS for His Kingdom.

In His service,
Deacon, Keith Martin

Deacon of the Week

8/4—Seth Gandee
8/11—Pauline Littell
8/18—Keith Martin
8/25—Gus Saunders



Nursery Workers

8/4—L. Walton/G. Breeden
8/11—Devan/Elyza Willard
8/18—Mallory Wagner/Youth
8/25—TBD/Youth

CHURCH WORKERS

August Ushers

Barbara Mangrum
Chris Hutson
Keith Belvin
Leslie Belvin

August Tellers

Helen Spence
Bill Breeden

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

8/4—Paige Belvin
8/11—Jennifer/ Lauren Hall
8/18—Madison/ Denise Gandee
8/25—Charlene/ John West

Younger Children's Church

8/4—Tim Owens
8/11—Nancy Dyson/ Sonya Anthony
8/18—Janis West
8/25—Laraine Sentz/ Rachel Wells



Gloucester Women's Bible Study

Gloucester Communities Bible Study is an interdenominational group of women in Gloucester and surrounding counties who enjoy Christian fellowship and studying God's Word. Our next study begins on September 4, 2019. We will start with a 12-week study of Ephesians from the Engaging God's Word series, then study the Book of John using the study book written by John MacArthur and finish with a 6-week study called "Women of the Bible" written by Rev. Sandy McElfresh.

When:

Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am
September 4, 2019-May 13, 2020.

Women of all ages and denominations are welcome!

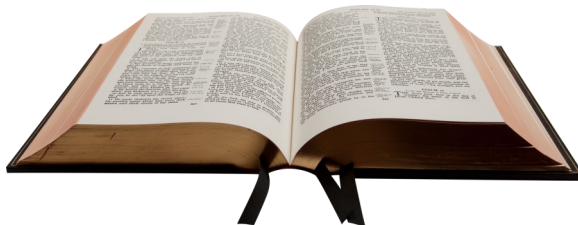
The registration fee, which covers the cost of materials for all 30 weeks, is \$50. Scholarships are available. A children's program, for a fee of \$25, will be offered with registration, with a maximum cost of \$40.00 per family.

Class Location:

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PBA Women's Workshop

Tidewater Refugee Work Focus

Saturday, August 17, 2019
9:30am-12:00pm

Temple Baptist, Newport News

Cars will be leaving GPBC at 8:30am



WMU Picnic

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6:00pm

Home of Jeff & Linda Breaks

Sign up, in the Narthex, to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert!

All GPBC adults welcome!!



**2019 VBS "Giant"
Banana Split**



2019 VBS Kids

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

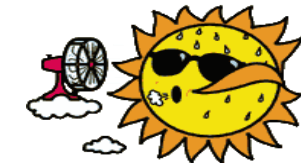
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Wednesday Schedule
 5:30pm: Teens Living For Christ
 6:30pm: Children’s Bible Study & Choir
 6:30pm: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:30am Seniors’ Morning Out AA 8:00pm	3 Rachel Newton’s Service Receiving: 10am Service: 11am Meal: 12pm
4 Lord’s Supper 11:00am Deacons Meet 3pm	5 AHG 6:30 Returning Parent Registration Fellowship Hall	6 Building & Grounds Committee 7:00pm	7	8	9 9:30am Seniors’ Morning Out AA 8:00pm	10
11 Sunday School Breakfast-Seekers & Romans 9:15am Church Council 12:00	12	13	14	15	16 9:30am Seniors’ Morning Out Youth VBS 6:00pm-8:30pm AA 8:00pm Vision Articles Due	17 WMU Workshop Temple Baptist 9:30am—Noon Youth VBS 6:00pm-8:30pm Emma Crawford Quilting 9-4
18 Keith Belvin Speaks 11:00am Service	19 AHG 6:30-8pm New Parent Registration Fellowship Hall	20 WMU Picnic at the Breaks Home 6:00pm	21	22	23 9:30am Seniors’ Morning Out AA 8:00pm	24
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August Birthdays

Charlotte Zepeda	8/4
Faye Branen	8/5
Martha West	8/7
Derick Hall	8/9
Isaac Owens	8/9
Helen Spence	8/10
Jade Jenkins	8/11
Carrie West	8/13
Gary Ogden	8/15
Chris Gibbons	8/16
Pennie Hall	8/16
Barbara Lewis	8/17
Jason Fitzgerald	8/18
Barbara Bohan	8/19
Paige Belvin	8/19
Julia Dawson	8/20
Kaylee Walls	8/21
Mark Boykin	8/22
Haydin Arquette	8/24
Jamie Moore	8/31



Anniversaries:

Brad & Jennifer Burgess	8/2
Bob Wray & Amy Flippin	8/2
Alex & Kayla Arquette	8/9
Tommy & Paulette Ashe	8/11
Kent & Gretel Smith	8/16
Mac & Jeannie Fitzgerald	8/19
David & Angie Crummett	8/24
Bill & Gloria Breedon	8/31