



THE VISION

September 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

Summer will be coming to an end by the time you read this. The new school year will be starting and our children and young people will be going back to school. Many will be returning to the school they are familiar with while others may be going to a different school. Some may even be going to school for the first time.

Students are faced with the challenges of meeting a new teacher, making friends, schedules, studying, homework, tests, and extracurricular activities. Many are trying to decide what they want to grow up to be: a fireman, policeman, teacher, doctor, lawyer, nurse, chemist, missionary, baseball player and the list could go on forever.

Whether we are going to school, work or staying at home, God wants us to be full of wisdom. We should ask God for wisdom and guidance to learn and to grow in knowledge. We should honor God. Those who honor Him have wisdom, but those who do not honor Him are fools.

“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction,”
(Proverbs 5: 1-7).

One way we can grow in wisdom and knowledge is to study the Bible. It gives us history, poetry, prophecy, and doctrine. Throughout the Bible we see the continuous story of man’s relationship to God and His plan for redemption unfolds. The Bible clearly presents God’s commands for successful living and wisdom for every step of life’s journey. Take time to study God’s Word.

Another way to grow in wisdom and knowledge is to make church attendance a priority. Studying God’s Word with other Christians helps us to grow stronger and deeper into God’s Word. We get to celebrate who God is and what He has done for us. If you do not attend Sunday School, come and visit a few classes. There are a variety of teaching styles. Find the one that offers you what you need to learn from God’s Word.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,”
(II Timothy 2:15).

Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

The difference between THANKFUL and GRATEFUL

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines:
Thankful as conscious of benefits received.
Grateful as appreciative of benefits received.

Being thankful is to be merely conscious or aware of the actions of another person. Therefore, the words “thank you” or “thanks” have come to hold less meaning for us. We mutter these words out of the corner of our mouths after someone holds the door open for us or hands us our meal at the fast food counter. Too often “thanks” is just an abbreviated automatic reply.

In Colossians 3:15 we learn, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” The Bible encourages us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude. “Show yourselves thankful,” wrote the Apostle Paul who, “Thanked God unceasingly.”

So often we say to our friends, “I'm so thankful to have you in my life.” We also use thankful when we are relieved that something unpleasant or dangerous didn't happen. Lasting happiness comes not from merely saying thank you occasionally but from having a grateful heart and disposition.

Being grateful is a different experience. Gratitude involves a period of reflection, perhaps through writing or through prayer. According to an article in the Harvard Mental Health Letter, “gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity and build strong relationships.”

In Luke 6:38 Jesus tells us, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Being thankful is a feeling, being grateful is an action. As Christians we should never take these two words for granted. We each have been blessed beyond measure, even when our lives are touched with sadness, tragedy or illness.

I think Hebrews 12:28 reminds us beautifully, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be grateful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.”

Sonya Anthony



<u>Deacon of the Week</u>	<u>Nursery Workers</u>	<u>September Ushers</u>
9/1—Al West	9/1—L. Walton & G. Breeden	Sonya Anthony
9/8—Debra Wood	9/8—Devan & Elyza Willard	Seth Gandee
9/15—Sonya Anthony	9/15—Malory Wagner & Youth	Stan Gandee
9/22—Keith Belvin	9/22—TBD	Jamie Moore
9/29—Seth Gandee	9/29—Beverly & Connie West	



CHURCH WORKERS

September Tellers
Tommy Ashe
Buddy Hogge

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren

<u>Older Children's Church</u>	<u>Younger Children's Church</u>
9/1—Theresa Svoboda	9/1—Tim Owens
9/8—Jennifer & Lauren Hall	9/8—Sonya Anthony & Nancy Dyson
9/15—Madison & Denise Gandee	9/15—Janis West
9/22—Charlene & John West	9/22—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells
9/29—Seth Gandee	9/29—Tammy Greggs & Youth





Community Fall Festival

Unfortunately our Community Fall Festival for 2019 has been **CANCELLED**

CHRISTMAS ALREADY??

It may seem early but the blessed season will be upon us before we know it. To get a head start, WMU is collecting Christmas gifts for the homeless. Won't you join in wishing "some of the least of these" a Merry Christmas with a warm hat, scarf, socks or non-perishable treat such as hard candy or chewing gum? The collection bin is located at the WMU information center and items may be brought in September 1-October 20. Other suggestions for gifting are underwear and toiletries, such as shampoo, deodorant, etc. We will be delivering the items to either the GUEST Shelter or the church hosting the homeless during the week of Christmas. Thank you for all the ways you show and share the love of Jesus!!



ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

September 8 – 15, 2019

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).

Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

The goal for the Alma Hunt Offering for GPBC is \$1,600.00.

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 get "Together as One" and help to spread the love of God.



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: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> Lord's Supper 11:00am NO C.A.R.E.	<i>2</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<i>3</i> Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	<i>7</i> Emma Crawford Quilting 9:00am-4:00pm
<i>8</i> Sunday School Breakfast 9:15am (Safe Harbor) Deacons' Meeting— 3pm Alma Hunt Offering	<i>9</i> American Heritage Girls Registration 6:30pm	<i>10</i> Girl Scouts 6:00pm	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am Homeschool Co-op 10:00am AA 8:00pm	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> Alma Hunt Offering	<i>16</i> American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Vision Articles Due	<i>17</i> Armstrong Circle 5:30pm Meal 6:00pm Meeting Girl Scouts 6:00pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Acree Circle 10:00am	<i>20</i> Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Girl Scouts 6:00pm	<i>25</i> FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 6:00pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm WMU Feed Shut-Ins	<i>28</i> Guinea Jubilee Parade 12:00pm
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> American Heritage Girls 6:30pm					

September Birthdays:

Tommy Ashe	9/1
Chris Blaylock	9/2
Zachary Hartman	9/3
Gus Saunders	9/5
Rachel Wells	9/6
Jennifer Hall	9/6
Charlene West	9/6
Rona Dawson	9/8
Jodi Lane	9/11
Amy Jacobson	9/14
MacKenzie Firman	9/14
Bill Breeden	9/15
Burnice Canterbury	9/16
Gail Mongold	9/17
Janie Conkling	9/18
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