



THE VISION

February 2020

“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

Feb. 2020 / Valentine’s Day

Valentine’s Day will be arriving soon. On February 14th our minds will turn to the emotion of love. How can one human love another human? Well, science and psychology have their explanations, however, I believe the Bible has the best answer....

How can it be so easy to get wrapped up in the sweet celebration of love for each other that we forget where love really came from? The Bible says, *“We love each other because He first loved us,”* **(I John 4:19)**.

I read where someone wrote; *“Valentine’s Day does not have to be just about us. If we are as intentional about loving God as we are about loving each other, the whole day can still bring glory to God.”* The Bible says. *“Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens,”* **(James 1:17)**.

Here are 3 Ways to Honor God on Valentine’s Day:

1. Make a list of the ways He has shown His love for us. *“For God so loved the world that He gave us His only*

begotten son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life,” **(John 3:16)**. God GAVE His love to us through Jesus Christ, so let us RECEIVE His free gift and live our lives to please Him.

2. Do good in the world. *“Never walk away from someone who needs help; for you may be the hand of God to that person,”* **(Proverbs 3:27)**. SHARE God’s love with those in need. Be His hands and share His love with someone else.

3. Love each other. *“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another,”* **(John 13:34)**. Love your loved ones! Call them often and go visit them! On Valentine’s Day, do something special for your spouse AND let other family members see the love of Jesus reflected through you!

God’s love is always all around us, so share God’s love with those around us!

Happy Valentine’s Day,
Pastor Bud Goude



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Happy February!!

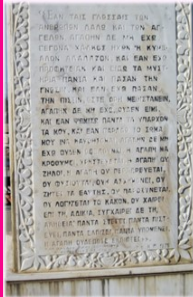




Deacon's Devotional

Agape

On a 2007 trip to Athens Greece, Leslie and I had an opportunity to visit Corinth and see the agora (marketplace) where Paul worked making tents with Aquila and Priscilla. A few years later, while Paul was in Ephesus, he wrote a letter to the church he founded in Corinth. As Leslie and I neared Corinth, we stopped at a small church and discovered a large marble monument with writing on four sides. On each side of the monument, in Greek, Macedonian, English, and French, part of Paul's letter to Corinth was inscribed:



"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians is known as the 'LOVE' chapter of the Bible. Since February is the month our culture celebrates LOVE, Paul's words, inspired by God, have a lot to say to us on the subject this month. The Greeks have four words for love: **Storge** – affection of parent to child; **Eros**–sexual or erotic love; **Phile**–love between friends; and **Agape**–unconditional love towards others. Paul used the word *ἀγάπη* (**agape**) throughout chapter 13. In fact, in verse 13 he says *"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."*

How can love be greater than our faith and hope? Because our faith is founded on the agape form of love that God has for us. What is unconditional love, how do we express it towards others? It is the love for one another that God shows toward us *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16. God gave us His Son, Jesus. That's REAL agape: true unconditional love.

As you go about this month and see all the heart shaped boxes of candies, the red cards and flowers, remember Christians are to express the kind of love for one another that God shows toward us.

Agape,
Deacon W. Keith Belvin



WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 7, 2020

Gloucester Point Baptist Church

Time: 8:00 – 3:30

Speaker: Rev. Sandy McElfresh

When you look in the mirror who do you see?
Do you see yourself as fearfully and wonderfully made?

Ladies, lets get together and be led in God's word through a time of Reflection, Music, Worship, Bible study, Fellowship, and Fun!



C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

C.A.R.E. stands for Christians Actively Reaching Everyone!!

CARE is a **ministry** that gives us the opportunity to show our love and concern to our church family, friends, relatives and community. Our CARE ministry contacts individuals and families by writing cards, making phone calls, and making visits. We write words of encouragement and pray for the names we receive. We send cards to our shut ins and remember them on their birthday and on special occasions. We send cards to church members who have not attended in a while to let them know we miss them and that we care.

CARE meets on **Sunday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00**. It is a great time of fellowship. We have about 10 - 15 people that come almost every Sunday. We invite you to come any Sunday that you can.

"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." ~~ Philippians 4:6



VALENTINE BANQUET

WMU invites all ladies to bring your sweetheart or friend and join us for our annual Valentine Banquet. It will be held on Saturday, February 15 at 6:00 PM.

Good food, good music and fellowship will be enjoyed by all!! If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet located on the WMU table in the Narthex. Hope to see you there!!



Jewelry Bazaar

Our Jewelry Bazaar has been **rescheduled** for Saturday and Sunday, **February 22nd and 23rd** from 12n–2 p.m.

The cost of each item will be from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Your donations and purchases will help support the Benevolence Fund.

This is your chance to update your look for the new year or better yet, why not consider making someone feel happy and blessed by giving them a gift?



Soup & Chili Contests
February 26th Family Night Supper

Get your recipes ready! Sign up in the Narthex and please prepare enough for at least 10-12 people. The judging will be based on the "People's Choice" and prizes will be presented to the Top 3. Bread & beverage will be provided. Bring a salad, dessert, an appetite and a FRIEND!



Sunday Morning Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Morning Service, please sign-up for a specific Sunday on the Flower Signup Sheet in the Narthex. If you are placing the flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Sue to provide the information so it can be included in the bulletin.

What a great way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, etc. and help to decorate the sanctuary.



Deacon of the Week

- 2/2—Seth Gandee
- 2/9—Buddy Hogge
- 2/16—Keith Martin
- 2/23—Sandy McElfresh

Nursery Workers

- 2/2—L. Walton/G. Breeden
- 2/9—Devan/Elyza Willard
- 2/16—Mallory Wagner/Youth
- 2/23—A. Crummett/A. Zepeda

February Ushers

- Leslie Belvin
- Chris Hutson
- Barbara Mangrum
- Howard Warren



CHURCH
WORKERS

February Tellers

- Helen Spence
- Bill Breeden

Sun. Sch. Nursery

- Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

- 2/2—Paige Belvin
- 2/9—Jennifer & Lauren Hall
- 2/16—Madison & Denise Gandee
- 2/23—TBD

Younger Children's Church

- 2/2—Tim Owens & M. & S. Zisme
- 2/9—Nancy Dyson & Sonya Anthony
- 2/16—Janis West & Joyce Marshall
- 2/23—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells


Sunday Schedule

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

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: Children & Youth Dinner
 6:00 pm: Children's Choir
 6:30 pm: Children/Youth Bible Study
 6:30 pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 7:30 pm: Choir Practice

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						¹ Fellowship Hall Reserved 12-6pm Connie West
² Lord's Supper 11am Deacon Mtg 3pm Children's Council 12:00pm	³ American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	⁴ Bldg & Grounds Mtg 7:00pm	⁵	⁶ Girl Scouts 6:00pm	⁷ Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	⁸
⁹ SS Breakfast 9:15am (Seekers & Romans)	¹⁰ American Heritage Girls Ministry Team 6:30pm	¹¹	¹² Children's Valentines Day Party 6:30pm	¹³ Girl Scouts 6:00pm	¹⁴ Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am Homeschool Co-op 10:00am Vision Articles Due AA 8:00pm	¹⁵ Valentine's Banquet 6:00pm Emma Crawford Quilting 9-4pm
¹⁶ Baptist Women's Day WMU Speaker	¹⁷ American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	¹⁸ Armstrong Circle 6:30pm meeting	¹⁹	²⁰ Acree Circle 10:00am Girl Scouts 6:00pm	²¹ Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am Homeschool Co-op 10:00am Fellowship Hall being used in evening for Jewelry set up	²² Children Bowling 11:30-1:30pm Jewelry Bazaar 12n-2pm
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February Birthdays:

Kaiden Williams	2/1
Al West	2/2
Mallory Wagner	2/5
Sandy McElfresh	2/11
Brenden Greggs	2/12
Hope Hutson	2/13
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
Jo Green	2/24
Carol Hall	2/28
David Crummett	2/28
Alice Deal	2/28

Anniversaries:

Paul & Tammy Greggs	2/20
Bill & Pennie Hall	2/25
Ray & Pearl Goude	2/28

