



THE VISION

January 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*

Gathering Together

2020 is rapidly drawing upon us! What do we think God’s Holy Word is encouraging us to do in the New Year? I think Hebrews 10:24-25 offers God’s encouraging love to us, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Have we ever spent time contemplating why we gather? GPBC meets week after week... Sunday after Sunday...why do we gather together as a church?

Think about this: we can study the Word of God on our own. Most of us have a copy of the Bible, plus through the internet, we also have access to endless study resources. Even if we want to listen to a sermon, we can hear the greatest preachers on earth simply by clicking our computer mouse or going to our local library and checking out their books.

We can even listen to amazing worship music through our radio or any number of music streaming services or through CD copies that we purchase.

Do we realize, everything we meet together to do on a Sunday, we can do all by ourselves? So, what is the point in

coming to church? Beloved, there is an enormous reason!

From **Verse 24**, our meeting together encourages one another. That suggests the character of our worship time. Worship is not to be discouraging meetings but encouraging meetings!

Theologian Ray Stedman wrote, “Worshipping together is where we can hear again the tremendous, radical principles of Christian faith and to see again in human lives the mighty power of the One whom we worship and serve; and where you can understand how God works through human society, how he is transforming and changing men everywhere. To thus meet together is to encourage one another in these things.”

For 2020 let’s make our services more like that, then we would not have trouble in getting people to come. Another author I was reading stated his belief, “We stand (or sit) amongst the people of God, lift our voices together... not just to the Lord, but over one another... encouraging one another and stirring up the faith of one another. Christ in me meets Christ in you.” For me, that is a joyful reason to be in church throughout 2020!

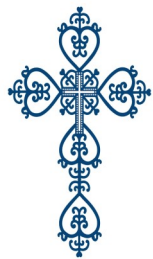
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Deacon's Devotional

Hope Despite A Changing World

Where do you place your hope and security? If it's in governments, financial markets, or education you will be disappointed. Our world is always changing. Trusted governments fail, great economies falter, and strong institutions prove to be unstable. When this happens people struggle with fear and insecurity.

This changing world can be a scary place, especially for people who trust in themselves. But, those who trust in GOD can have hope and confidence because even in a chaotic environment, He is the one constant. His Word is always true, His power is absolute and His promises are certain. Human institutions fail, but when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth, all will be made right.

God Bless,
Ted Fisher



G.U.E.S.T. (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) is a coalition of religious and community organizations that work together to provide emergency overnight shelter and meals for the homeless in our area during the winter months. This year, G.U.E.S.T. celebrates the 7th season of providing emergency winter shelter in Gloucester. G.U.E.S.T. could not do it without **You...** our amazing volunteers and friends!

GPBC will serve again as an overnight shelter for the week of **January 6-January 13, 2020. There will be a volunteer training session here at GPBC on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 4pm.** Please call Kristi or David Patton at 703-819-4347 or Ted Fischer at 757-870-4156, if you wish to volunteer or you have any questions.



Save The Date

Gloucester Point Baptist Church Women's Retreat

March 7, 2020

More Information to Come!!!



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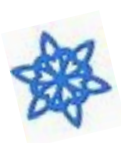
What is the Bible's second reason for us to gather together? **Verse 25** teaches us to have a watchful awareness of the time. "All the more as you see the Day approaching." The Day is the certain return of Jesus Christ. As evil becomes more and more difficult to tell the difference between truth and error, good and bad, we need all the more to gather together and encourage one another by sharing the truths and joys of life in Christ Jesus.

Throughout 2020, let us holdfast to the understanding that it is only in the church that we are able to stir one another up to love and good works, that we encourage one another to

press on, that we hold each other accountable, that we forgive and are forgiven, that we are actually a part of the bride of Christ!

I invite everyone to keep coming to church where we assemble together to Love God, Love Others and to Serve Christ in His world!

Happy New Year,
Pastor Bud Goude



Deacon of the Week

1/5— Keith Belvin
1/12— Bill Breeden
1/19— Jimmy Diggs
1/26— Ted Fisher

Nursery Workers

1/5—L. Walton/ G. Breeden
1/12—Devan & Elyza Willard
1/19—M. Wagner & Youth
1/26—A. Crummett/A. Zepeda

January Ushers

Jimmy Diggs
Amy Jacobson
Gus Saunders

January Tellers

Lynn Walton
Amy Jacobson

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren



**CHURCH
WORKERS**

Older Children's Church

1/5—Theresa Svoboda
1/12—Jennifer & Lauren Hall
1/19—Madison & Denise Gandee
1/26—TBD

Younger Children's Church

1/5—Tim Owens, Mike/Sarah Zisme
1/12—Nancy Dyson & Sonya Anthony
1/19—Janis West & Joyce Mitchell
1/26—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells





January 2020



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO Regular Activities Office Closed	2 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	3 NO Seniors' Morning Out AA 8:00pm	4
5 Lord's Supper 11am Deacon Mtg 3pm GUEST Training 4pm	6 WMU Council 10:00am American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	7 Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm	8 WMU Dinner 5:30pm G.U.E.S.T. At G.P.B.C.	9	10 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	11
12	13 American Heritage Girls Ministry 6:30 pm	14	15 Vision Articles Due	16 Acree Circle 10am	17 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	18
19 SS Breakfast 9:15am (Koinonia) Youth Council 12:00pm	20 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	21 Armstrong Circle Meal-5:30 Meeting-6pm	22 Family Night Supper & Business Meeting 6:30pm	23 Girls Scouts 6:00pm	24 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	25 Baptist Men's Breakfast 8:00am
26 Baptist Men's Day Church Council Mtg 12:00pm	27	28	29	30 Girls Scouts 6:00pm	31 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30am AA 8:00pm	

January Birthdays:

Alice Smith	1/1
Chris Hutson	1/3
Katherine Hall	1/4
Betty Jean Duncan	1/5
Tim Owens	1/5
Lester Jenkins	1/6
Ronnie Lewis	1/6
Tommy Willard	1/8
Devon Willard	1/9
Chase Mitchell	1/12
Janis West	1/17
Melissa Jacobson	1/17
Kolin Jenkins	1/21
Mike Crawford	1/24
Alice Oldfield	1/25
Jeannie Fitzgerald	1/25
John Oldfield	1/26
Ted Fisher	1/27
Charles West	1/29
Debra Wood	1/29
Howard Warren	1/30

Anniversaries:

Chris & Heidi Gibbons	1/6
Doug & Chris Blaylock	1/15
Ronnie & Judy Lewis	1/20
Don & Gail Mongold	1/28

