DEACON NEWS!!

The Deacon's held their 2020 organizational meeting on Jan. 5, 2020. Officers were elected as follows:

Keith Belvin, Chair; Seth Gandee, Vice-Chair; & Debra Wood, Secretary. Debra will also serve as the Deacon representative to the Church Council. In addition to Keith, Seth, & Debra, the 2020 Deacons include Bill Breeden, Jimmy Diggs, Ted Fisher, Buddy Hogge, Keith Martin, Sandy McElfresh, & Gus Saunders. Each active church family has been assigned a Deacon to help with any needs that you may have during the year. The 2020 list of Deacons and their family assignments is posted on the Information Center white board located in the Narthex.

The 2020 Nominating Committee report for Church Officers, Committee Members and Program Organizations was adopted by the Church last month and is also posted on the Information Center white board in the Narthex. Committees are encouraged to hold an organizational meeting by the end of February to elect a Chair and to plan the committee's work for the new year. The first person listed as a member of the committee is asked to call this first meeting. Subsequent meetings will be called by the Chair of the committee. Each committee is asked to provide a report at the Church's quarterly business meetings beginning in April 2020. Thank You!

The Deacon Body of Gloucester Point Baptist recommends the adoption of the Fellowship Hall Extension "Contract to Build," with L.T. Wells serving as our Contractor. Along with L.T. Wells, church members that will serve are: Stan Gandee, Al West, Buddy Lee Hogge, Howard Warren, Loraine Sentz, Debbie Martin, Lynn Walton & Debra Wood.

The Extension Building Plans have already been approved by the church. Details of L.T. Well's "Contract to Build" will be presented at the Church Business Meeting on January 22. If the "Contract to Build" is adopted, construction can begin mid February 2020, weather permitting.

The same company that built our current Educational/Fellowship Hall will be the builders for the exterior of our new Fellowship Hall Extension.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JEWELRY MISSION BAZAAR

Now is the time to start looking through your gently used jewelry and consider DONATING those pieces you no longer want!! GPBC will hold a Jewelry Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, **January 25th and 26th** 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, helping those locally who are in desperate need of electricity, food, or a place to stay.

To allow time to price and separate the jewelry, please give your donations to either Janie Conkling or Gloria Breeden as soon as possible. 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? Thank you.....Janie & Gloria

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We need your help!! Each Wednesday night we feed the Children and Youth Ministry from 5:30-6:00pm. We need volunteers to provide meals on the following dates: **February 19, March 18 and April 29**. If possible, we ask that you stay away from meals like Pizza and Subs as we already have those in the rotation each month. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Paige Belvin.

WMU SOUPER BOWL

The WMU invites all Sunday School classes to contribute canned soup to feed the needy. The class who contributes the most cans of soup will win a prize. The contest **ends** on Souper Bowl Sunday, **February 2**.

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!!

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 with birthday cards 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



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!

THANK YOU!!

Dear Church Family,

You are amazing! During my mother's illness and death you continually called, texted, emailed and sent cards to encourage us. You made meals and goodies, visited and sent flowers...you were the hands and feet of Jesus to us. Most appreciated though were all your prayers that lifted us before the throne at the toughest times. We count you all as blessings and are so thankful you are part of our lives.

Much love, Sharon, Howard and Kaylee

G.U.E.S.T.

We'd like to thank Gloucester Point Baptist Church on behalf of ourselves and the GUEST Program. Your support, encouragement and prayers for us during the week was more than appreciated. Your generous donations of supplies helped greatly.

To our volunteers, words cannot express our gratitude, most of you have been volunteering since the program began, your insight, time and love for the participants was evident. Steven Moret, thank you for your steadfast assistance. LT and Rachel Wells, the breakfasts every morning got everyone started on the right track! We could have done nothing without Ted Fisher, your guidance and time was more than appreciated! And finally, to Pauline Littell, we have big shoes to fill. The time you took to ensure we knew what we were doing cannot even be put into words.

Thank you!

David and Kristi Patton

ALICE DEAL'S TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS

Alice Deal is recuperating at her daughter's in NC. Her temporary mailing address is: c/o Dr. Leann Moore, 506 Roger Court, New Bern, NC 28562.

YEARLY REPORTS

Year end reports for 2019 are to be presented at our Regular Business Meeting on **Wednesday**, **January 22**.