



THE VISION

September 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*

September 2020 Encouragement

I was given this devotional article focusing on Encouragement. The devotion was written by Jennifer Benson Shuldt. I do not know when she wrote it but it blessed me during these trying times of COVID 19 and the beginning of the 2020 Fall school year. Jennifer titled her devotion, “Talking Bananas.”

“Never give up. Be the reason someone smiles. You’re amazing. It isn’t where you come from, it’s where you’re going that counts. Some schoolchildren in Virginia Beach, Virginia, found these messages and more written on bananas in their lunchroom. Cafeteria manager Stacy Truman took time to write the encouraging notes on the fruit, which the kids dubbed “talking bananas.”

God’s word says in (Acts 11:22-24), “News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.”

I totally agree with Jennifer when she wrote, “this caring outreach reminds me of Barnabas’ heart for the “spiritual

youngsters” in the ancient city of Antioch. Barnabas was famous for his ability to inspire people. Known as a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, he prompted the new believers to “remain true to the Lord with all their hearts,” (v.23). I imagine he spent time with those he wanted to help, saying things like: *Keep praying. Trust the Lord. Stay close to God when life is hard.*”

Jennifer continued, “new believers, like children, need loads of encouragement. They’re full of potential. They’re discovering what they’re good at. They may not fully realize what God wants to do in and through them, and often the enemy works overtime to prevent their faith from flourishing.”

Our Lord is inviting His followers to be encouragers. At this time in our lives, our society needs to hear Jesus’s words of encouragements. I pray the Holy Spirit will lead us to people who need Jesus’ words of encouragement.

Jennifer closes her devotion with this thought, “those of us who’ve walked with Jesus for a while understand how hard living for Jesus can be. May all of us be able to give and receive encouragement as God’s Spirit guides us and reminds us of spiritual truth.”

Pastor Bud Goude

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BACK to School





Deacon's Devotional

“Hope”

Brothers & Sisters,

Being a Christian does not absolve us from the hardships and realities of the world we live in. As human beings all of us, no matter where we are from or what color our skin is, suffer for wrongs that evil generates. What separates us from others is HOPE. Seeing sickness we have hope that a cure is near. Seeing injustice done to people, we hope that a solution can be found to satisfy everyone. When governments resort to violence and bloodshed, we hope that a peaceful resolve can be found. Although we see all these terrible things happening all around us, we as Christians by faith must never lose our sight of hope. There is a verse in the Bible written by the hand of David, Psalm 71:14 that reads, “I will hope continually and praise thee more and more”! Please if you will read this entire scripture, it will truly reveal a picture of hope that only David could paint on its pages. Remember my brothers and sisters, our hope is in Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God! In Romans 15:13, Paul writes “Now the God of hope fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit”. If you get the chance, look at the first line of the song “The Solid Rock”....its what it’s all about!

So as another song goes, “I don’t know about tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand”, keep these reassuring thoughts of Gods love towards us and our ultimate reward of Salvation by His might hands in mind.

Let’s show the ones we work with, socialize with and go through this life with just exactly what our hope is. The hope that gets us through each day and its trials. If you are living for Jesus, you wont even have to say it because people will just see it! This always seems to open the doors to conversation, which leads to our opportunities to just testify of what we as Christians hope for.

Today after you read this small, short submittal on my behalf, I just ask that you'd pray for our nation, your neighbor, a friend, our church and please don't forget me as well!

Your Brother in Christ,
Gus Saunders



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ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS
September 13 – 20, 2020
Meeting Real Needs In Real Time

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic.

Since 1976, the annual Virginia Missions Offering—traditionally called the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions—is a joint venture of the Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

We invite you to give to the Alma Hunt Offering —joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we work to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia and with the whole world. As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

THE GOAL FOR THE ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR GPBC IN 2020 IS \$1,200.00.

This offering allows us to be the church facing the realities of today’s world. Because of the time-sensitive nature of many of these critical needs and the plan to distribute funds monthly, BGAV asks that you consider sending your offerings as early as possible this year.

Please pray about giving to help us meet our goal and perhaps - surpass it!



Deacon of the Week

- 9/6—Buddy Hogge
- 9/13—Keith Martin
- 9/20—Sandy McElfresh
- 9/27—Gus Saunders

Nursery Workers

- 9/6—L. Walton/G. Breeden
- 9/13—TBD
- 9/20—M. Wagner & Youth
- 9/27—A. Crummett/A. Zepeda

September Ushers

- Sonya Anthony
- Seth Gandee
- Jamie Moore
- Stewart Wood



Share God's Word

CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren

September Tellers

- Tommy Ashe
- Buddy Hogge

Younger Children’s Church

- 9/6—Mike/Sarah Zipf
- 9/13—S. Anthony/N. Dyson
- 9/20—J. West/J. Marshall
- 9/27—L. Sentz & R. Wells

Older Children’s Church

- 9/6—Theresa Svoboda
- 9/13—Jennifer/Lauren Hall
- 9/20—M. McNeil & D. Gandee
- 9/27—Connie West

Sunday Schedule

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

Wednesday Schedule

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

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Deacons' Meeting— 3:00 pm	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 Alma Hunt Offering Begins	14 Vision Articles Due	15	16	17 Acree Circle Meeting 10:00 am	18	19
20 Alma Hunt Offering Ends	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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
Gail Mongold	9/17
Janie Conkling	9/18
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
Nancy Dyson	9/28
Jennifer Burgess	9/28

Anniversaries:

Terry & Pauline Littell	9/12
Buddy & Ann Hogge	9/15

