



# THE VISION

April 2021

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*

## “Know Where to Look”

How many times have we misplaced an item? Let’s use our car keys for an example. When we realize we have misplaced them, we might say to someone, “I have lost my car keys!” That person typically will ask *THAT* question, “Where did you have them last?” *THEN*, I typically respond, “If I knew where to look, then my keys would not be lost!

“Know Where to Look,” can be a powerful theme of Easter’s Message. Jesus said in **(Luke 22:42)**, *“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”* Was Jesus trying to get out of His mission? NO! It is never wrong to express our feelings to our Heavenly Father. Jesus is teaching us that He dreaded His coming illegal trial, persecution, and painful death. In this passage, He is reaffirming His commitment to do whatever His Father wanted.

The “cup” Jesus spoke of meant the terrible agony He knew He would endure, not only the pain of the Cross but, worse, the total separation from His Father. This was what Jesus was going to experience on the night of His betrayal as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was going to die the following morning for the world’s sin!

What could Jesus have done? He could have confided in His disciples ... He could have called forth a Heavenly Prayer Meeting ... BUT ... when the time came for Him to face fear, where did He look? Jesus looked first to His Father!

Do we “Know Where to Look”? Do we tend to look everywhere else before we go to our Heavenly Father? Before we go seeking help from our family or friends, let us follow Jesus’ example. The first one to hear Jesus’ fear was His Father in Heaven!

Rev. Max Lucado wrote, “A millennium earlier King David said, *‘I will fear no evil,’* **(Psalm 23:4)**. David knew where to look. Rather than turn to the other sheep. David turned to the Shepherd. Rather than stare at the problems, he stared at the rod and staff. Because he knew where to look David was able to say, *‘I will fear no evil.’*”

“During the Easter Season, let us proclaim that we, “Know Where to Look.” We *WILL* look to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ! Let us look first to Jesus *THEN*, we too, can boldly proclaim, *“I will fear no evil.”*

“Up from the Grave He Arose,”  
Pastor Bud Goude

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# Deacon's Devotional

## Guarding Against Doubt

Do you doubt your salvation? The Bible says quite plainly that Jesus is able to save forever those who draw near to GOD through Him, since He's always interceding for them in heaven (Heb 7:25). Knowing this, let's take a moment to understand what leads us to doubt—and then let's counter each of those falsehoods with truth from Gods' Word.

**SIN** makes us feel estranged from GOD, but His Word says if we confess our sins, He will forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:19).

**LEGALISM** says salvation is maintained by obedience to manmade rules. Salvation, however, isn't begun or sustained by works (Gal. 3:1-5).

**FEELINGS** says salvation can make us question whether we are saved, but they aren't a reliable gauge of Truth. Regardless of any doubts we sense in our heart, Scripture promises that Jesus will complete the good work He began in us (Phil. 1-6).

**SATAN** Is an accuser, who constantly reminds us of our sin and shame, but Paul assures us that no one can bring a charge against GOD'S elect (Rom. 8:33-34).

Don't let negative influences undermine your confidence in Christ's ability to save and keep you forever. When doubts come, cling to these truths and boldly proclaim what the Bible says.

God Bless, In Christian Love

Ted Fisher



# What's Happening In The WMU

## Clean Up...Clean Out...And Help Others In The Process

We will be collecting clothing to donate to the Newington Baptist Clothes Closet Ministry during **March and April**. Newington collects and distributes all kinds of clothing free of charge to anyone needing it. Please only bring in clean clothing in good repair for men, women or children. You may leave the items in the bin in WMU bulletin board area. Thank you for helping us show and share God's love with our community.



## Souper Bowl Winner



So, who won the Super Bowl??? I think by now we all know that Tampa Bay took the win and trophy. For many that was great stuff but for us here at GPB we too are winners of our very own Souper Bowl! Thank you to all who contributed soup, which we will donate to the Salvation Army to feed the hungry in our community. **Donna Hogge collected 110 cans and is our big winner! 202 cans in total** are a win for the Salvation Army, a win for those who receive it and a win for our Lord in whose Name it is given. To Him be the Glory!

**Deacon of the Week**

4/4—Ted Fisher  
4/11—Seth Gandee  
4/18—Buddy Hogge  
4/25—Sandy McElfresh

**Nursery Workers**

4/4—Howard Warren/TBA  
4/11—L. Walton/B. DeRosa  
4/18—Jamie/Bailey Moore  
4/25—H. Warren/A. Zepeda

**April Ushers**

Jimmy Diggs  
Gus Saunders  
Amy Jacobson

**April Tellers**

Amy Jacobson  
Lynn Walton

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren



**CHURCH  
WORKER'S**

**Older Children's Church**

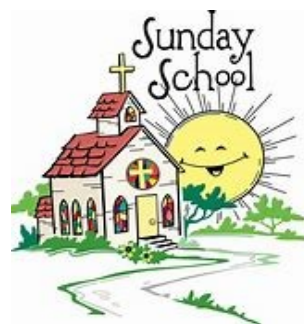
4/4—TBD  
4/11—J. Hall/S. McElfresh  
4/18—M. McNeil/D. Gandee  
4/25—Connie West

**Younger Children's Church**

4/4—J. Lane/L. Walton  
4/11—N. Dyson/S. Anthony  
4/18—D. Goude/J. Marshall  
4/25—R. Wells/M. Wagner



**He Is Risen!!**  
**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**Gloucester Point Baptist Church**  
**April 4, 2020, 6:40 am**



**Sunday School For All Ages  
Begins Again**  
**Sunday, April 11, 2021  
10:00 am**  
**Adults will assemble in the Sanctuary at  
9:45am with teaching beginning at 10:00am.**  
**Children will meet in their classrooms.**

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)—10:00am  
 Worship Service—1:00am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry—Cancelled

# April 2021

## Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Children's Ministry  
 6:00 Youth Bible Study (beg. 4/14)  
 Online Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:00pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Youth Bible Study on Easter Sunday				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 Easter Sunrise Service (GPBC) 6:40am Morning Worship 11:00am <b>Easter He IS Risen!!</b>	5 Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm	6	7 Team Kid Easter Celebration 6:00pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:45am Deacons Meeting 3pm	12 WMU Council Meeting 10am	13	14 Youth Bible Study Moves to Wed. Night 6:00pm	15 Acree Circle 10:00 am  Vision Due	16	17 AHG Mother/Daughter Event 11:00am  Youth Game Night 6:00pm
18	19 American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm	20 Armstrong Circle 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 AHG Board of Review 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30	

## April Birthdays:

Shannen Jenkins	4/5
John Miller	4/6
Bill Swindeck	4/7
William Hogge	4/8
Queenie Holt	4/10
Stewart Wood	4/15
Krysten Eifes	4/16
Cassie Wiese	4/17
Thomas Hall	4/17
Pearl Goude	4/18
Samantha West	4/19
Wesley Bullis	4/20
Tom McElfresh	4/20
L.T. Wells	4/20
Ashley Jo Zepeda	4/21
David Strickland III	4/23
Paul Greggs	4/24
Linda Mitchell	4/27
Barry Milligan	4/29
Benjamin Greggs	4/29
Barbara Mangrum	4/29
Jeff Breaks	4/30
Rebecca Joyce	4/30



## Anniversaries:

Gus & Sarah Saunders	4/3
Donnie & Jo Green	4/22
Gordon & Alice Smith	4/25
Tom & Sandy McElfresh	4/30

