



# THE VISION

August 2021

***“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**

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“He Hears Us”

**Jeremiah 29:12** states, “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Greek author and New Testament professor, Con Campbell (PhD, Macquarie University), wrote this simple and profound devotion for the “Our Daily Bread” ministry. Please allow me to share it with you.

“United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt often endured long receiving lines at the White House. As the story is told, he complained that no one paid attention to what was said. So, he decided to experiment at a reception. To everyone who passed down the line and shook his hand, he said, ‘I murdered my grandmother this morning.’ Dr. Campbell continues, “the guest responded with phrases like, ‘Marvelous! Keep up the good work. God bless you, Sir.’” Dr. Campbell proceeded, “It wasn’t until the end of the line, greeting the ambassador from Bolivia, that his words were actually heard. Nonplussed (*unconfused*) the ambassador whispered, ‘I’m sure she had it coming.’

Dr. Campbell posed this question, “Do you ever wonder if people are really listening?”

Or worse, do you fear that God isn’t listening? We can tell if people are listening based on their responses or eye contact. But how do we know if God is listening? Should we rely on feelings? Or see if God answers our prayers?”

“After seventy years of exile in Babylon, God promised to bring His people back to Jerusalem and secure their future (Jeremiah 29:10-11). When they called upon Him, He heard them, (V.12). They knew that God heard their prayers because He promised to listen. The same is true for us (I John 5:14). We don’t need to rely on feelings or wait for a sign to know that God listens to us. He promised to listen, and He always keeps His promises (II Corinthians 1:20).”

Dr. Campbell, the Greek Bible scholar, concluded his devotion with this simple prayer: “Dear God, thank You for hearing my prayers, though I may sometimes doubt it. Help me to trust Your promise that You listen to me.”

Pastor Bud Goude



# Deacon's Devotional

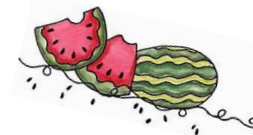
## I Know That Name

When someone mentions the name Gloria Vanderbilt or Estee Lauder what comes to your minds Ladies? Or how about Milton Bradley and R. J. Reynolds Fellas? Do these names ring a bell? Well they ought to! How about J.C. Penny or Levi Strauss, Samuel Goldwyn, Alfred Hitchcock, Henry Ford can you place them? Sure you can unless you've been living in a bubble all your life free of the media or any other type of communications. Let me help joggle your brains. Remember that last minute purchase we men are so famous for? You know right around anniversary time or birthday time when we bolted to the store to grab that gift so the honey didn't think we'd forgotten but we did? How about those kids driving mom crazy last Friday night? Didn't that movie you picked up at the movie mart help? When your unexpected company showed up out of nowhere didn't that Scrabble game come in handy to pass some time, and don't forget grilling out and needing that extra heavy duty aluminum foil! Yes, these famous names are etched, labeled, stitched and printed on products from bath powders to automobiles, from plastic wraps to movie scripts. When you hear those names its easy to associate them with items we as consumers deal with on a regular basis. When you buy that car the name speaks for itself. When you put down that mystery and shiver at the thought of how the author thought of all those twists and turns, or how did she come up with that heavenly smell. It makes you wonder doesn't it? We hear that orchestra presentation and we think of Mozart and Tchaikovsky. We pick up that cell phone and realize how far communication has evolved since the days of its invention, under the watchful eyes of A.G. Bell.

Now lets step it up a notch or two. The beautiful name of Jesus Christ! Yes that's right, Jesus Christ! Is His name etched, labeled or burned into your heart? If so you advertise His Love one way or another everyday of your life. Sometimes we don't feel so well or we're caught up in things in our lives that we just don't have an answer to, but this doesn't change the fact that Jesus is still at home in our hearts because we invited him there. I've never met a Christian who asked him to leave! We go through some really tough times, such as the loss of a loved one or the death of a friend, but we know Jesus is still there. We might be so sick and distraught we think we're all alone but guess what? Jesus is still there! He is there waiting to help us in our time of need. Just ask Him you'll see! Its mind boggling to think of all those stars shining over our heads at night and know that they keep going on and on so far away, yet that vast distance is not an obstacle to God hearing our most silent of prayers or sobs of grief. Jesus is there within you at all times, you and I are never alone. When trouble comes our way can people around us see the label? I'd like to think so, how about you?

The next time you pick up that item at the department store and think of whose name is printed on it , think about yourself and remember whose name is labeled in your heart and ponder, can everyone I come in contact with say "I know that name!"?

Your Brother in the Lord,  
Lewis A. Saunders (Gus)



### Deacon of the Week

8/1—Sonya Anthony  
8/8— David Crummett  
8/15—Jimmy Diggs  
8/22—Ted Fisher  
8/29—Seth Gandee

### Nursery Workers

8/1—H. Warren/TBD  
8/8—L. Walton/B. DeRosa  
8/15—Jamie/Bailey Moore  
8/22—H. Warren/A. Zepeda  
8/29—Beverly/Connie West

### August Ushers

Leslie Belvin  
Chris Hutson  
Barbara Mangrum  
Howard Warren

### August Tellers

Helen Spence  
Bill Breeden

### Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren



## CHURCH WORKERS

### Older Children's Church

8/1—TBD  
8/8—J. Hall/S. McElfresh  
8/15—M. McNeil/ D. Gandee  
8/22—Gordon/Alice Smith  
8/29—Allie Holman

### Younger Children's Church

8/1—Mike/Sarah Zipf  
8/8—N. Dyson/ S. Anthony  
8/15—D. Goude/J. Marshall  
8/22—M. Wagner/ R. Wells  
8/29—Tammy Greggs/Youth

### Youth End Of Summer Event

Devotion/Lesson  
Ice Cream Bar  
Indoor/Outdoor Games  
Activities



Gloucester Point Baptist Church  
Saturday, August 21, 2021  
2:00pm-4:00pm





## Sunday Schedule

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



# August 2021

## Wednesday Schedule

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Lord's Supper 11:00 am <b>No C.A.R.E</b> Deacon's Meeting 3:00 pm	2 Building & Grounds 7:00 pm  <b>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</b>	3  <b>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</b>	4 <b>NO REGULAR                      ACTIVITIES</b>  <b>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</b>	5  <b>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</b>	6  <b>VBS 6:00-8:00pm</b>	7
8  Youth Council 12:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 AHG and Trail Life Registration 6:30 pm  Vision Articles Due	17 <b>NO ARMSTRONG                      CIRCLE</b>	18	19 Acree Circle 10:00 am	20	21 Emma Crawford Quilting 9a-4p (old Fellowship Hall)  Youth End of Summer Event 2:00-4:00 pm
22  Children's Council 12:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## August Birthdays

Charlotte Zepeda 8/4  
 Faye Branen 8/5  
 Martha West 8/7  
 Derick Hall 8/9  
 Isaac Owens 8/9  
 Helen Spence 8/10  
 Jade Jenkins 8/11  
 Carrie West 8/13  
 Chris Gibbons 8/16  
 Pennie Hall 8/16  
 Barbara Lewis 8/17  
 Jason Fitzgerald 8/18  
 Barbara Bohan 8/19  
 Julia Dawson 8/20  
 Kaylee Walls 8/21  
 Mark Boykin 8/22  
 Haydin Arquette 8/24  
 Jamie Moore 8/31



## Anniversaries:

Brad & Jennifer Burgess 8/2  
 Bob Wray & Amy Flippin 8/2  
 Alex & Kayla Arquette 8/9  
 Tommy & Paulette Ashe 8/11  
 Kent & Gretel Smith 8/16  
 David & Angie Crummett 8/24  
 Bill & Gloria Breeden 8/31