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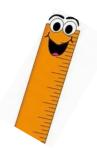
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THE VISION

September 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

"Overcomer" Lap 1

Here we go again, more COVID 19 related illnesses and sadly, more deaths. How can we respond to the new COVID Delta variant? Physically, God has given us the medical profession to help us with our illness difficulties. Also, God has given us each other to empower us to overcome our anxieties, fears, and frustrations. Alex and Stephen Kendrick's movie, "Overcomer" is another one of the brothers God inspired movies that teaches us that we can overcome any difficulty in life!

The movie, "Overcomer" is based upon a true story about a Christian school's staff and students that lose their basketball program but rebounds (no pun intended) to new high heights through their track team. I highly recommend all of the movies the Kendrick brothers have produced.

The Principal Brooks helped lead Hannah (the school track star) to Christ. Later, Hannah was encouraged to read Ephesians chapters 1 and 2. She was instructed to write down what these verses say to her. Here are some faith lessons I have learned from this movie and from Hannah's journey:

1. One runner matters, so step up!
2. Running is terrible, why would anyone want to do this? Endurance helps us push through our difficulties. This is what we've

got, make the best of it, live to God's Glory!

- **3.** Love, pray, be present for people, forgive, don't give up!
- **4.** One person is a team one makes a difference.
- **5.** Who are you a basketball coach, a history teacher, a husband, a wife, take it all away who are you? How important is being a Christian?
- **6.** Our identity is tied to what our heart is tied to! (This is movies main focus)
- 7. What is 1st place in your life? Your identity is in the One who created you, God!
- **8.** When it all turns against you, where do you turn, turn to God! Pray for His Guidance.
- **9.** Who are you? God loves you!
- **10.** It is easy to blame: others, the president, and even God for your mistakes! Ask God to forgive you of your mistakes. Say I'm sorry, be honest, be honest with God because He loves you.
- **11.** God allows us to be broken to get our attention He wants our heart!

More Biblical lessons will come next month, in the meantime, keep praying for endurance, guidance and forgiveness.

Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

God doesn't judge people on the basis of race, sex, or national origin. He judges them on the basis of their faith in Him and their response to His revealed will. Those who diligently try to obey God's will are blessed.

There are only two paths of life before us, God's way of obedience or the way of rebellion and destruction. Be sure to choose God's path because the path you choose determines where you will spend eternity.

You can learn how to follow God by meditating on His Word (Holy Bible). Meditating means spending time reading and thinking about what you have read. It means asking yourself how you should change so you are living as God wants. If you want to follow God, knowing and meditating on His Word are the first steps toward applying it to your everyday life. The more we know of God's Word, the more we will have to guide us in our daily decisions. We must keep God's Word, not only in our heads (minds) but also in our hearts.

The secret of a close relationship with God is to pray (talk) to Him, praising Him for who He is and seeking to do His will with your life

Al West Deacon







Buckets of Hope

WMU is honored to partner with MyRenu/Middle Peninsula, Rescue Mission with Buckets of Hope. During the month of September we will collect items needed for our homeless population to maintain shelter and survive. MyRenu is a "Christ centered ministry serving those who are struggling and equipping those who are serving". Please bring donations and fill the Buckets of Hope in the WMU area.

Wish list:

Bible/travel Bible, "Off" bug spray, baby wipes, hand warmers, foot warmers, tooth paste, travel size mouth wash and shampoo, tooth brushes, hand sanitizer, men's and women's deodorant, both AA and AAA batteries, socks, tshirts, men and women's underwear, Tylenol, Advil, pillowcases, pillows, twin flat sheets, blankets, sleeping bags,3 & 4 person tents, 8x10 tarp s, bungee cords, para cord, toilet paper, paper towels, bag snacks, non perishable snacks, water, bath towels, wash cloths or fast food \$5.00 gift cards.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and sharing His love with some of the "least of these". God bless you as you continue to seek and serve Him





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ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS September 12 – 19, 2021 You Will Be My Witness

"You will be my witnesses," says Jesus to his disciples in Acts 1:8. This command continues to echo throughout the ages, as the Christian community grapples with sharing Christ in a rapidly changing world. As Virginia Baptists, we bind ourselves together to proclaim Christ nonetheless!

On September 12-19, 2021, we join in giving to the Ama Hunt Offering for the work of missions. The Alma Hunt Offering allows us to meet human needs together in Virginia and to the ends of the earth. This offering also undergirds the hands-on involvement of the WMU of Virginia. This joint venture is indicative of the exemplary partnership between the BGAV and the WMU of Virginia.

As churches are increasingly moving toward a hybrid format to provide worship, study and fellowship while aiming to meet mounting needs in the community, the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions helps us to be effective and relevant witnesses.

THE GOAL FOR THE ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR GPBC IN 2021 IS \$1,200.00.

When you give to this offering you are helping us to be effective witnesses for State Missions. Won't you pray and give to help missions which include Standing Rock Crisis Care, Lifting Communities out of Poverty and Church Planting.











Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace,

and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience,

and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Deacon of the Week

9/5—Buddy Hogge 9/12—Sandy McElfresh 9/19—Gus Saunders 9/26—Al West

Nursery Workers

9/5—H. Warren/TBD 9/12—L. Walton/B. DeRosa 9/19—Jaime/Bailey Moore 9/26—H. Warren/A. Zepeda

September Ushers

Sonya Anthony Stam Gandee Jamie Moore Stewart Wood





Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

September Tellers

Tommy Ashe Buddy Hogge

Younger Children's Church

9/5—Mike/Sarah Zipf 9/12—S. Anthony/N. Dyson 9/19—D. Goude/J. Marshall 9/26—M. Wagner/R. Wells

Older Children's Church

9/5—TBD

9/12—J. Hall/S. McElfresh

9/19—M. McNeil/D. Gandee

9/26—Connie West





Sunday Schedule

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

September 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
			1	2	3	4
5 Lord's Supper 11am NO CARE	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 Building & Grounds Meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11
Trail Life Leaders Meeting 1pm Deacons' Meeting 3pm Alma Hunt Offering Begins	13	14	15	Acree Circle Meeting 10am Vision Articles Due	17 Youth Movie Night 6:30pm	Emma Crawford Quilting 9am-4pm Children's Movie Night 6:30pm
19 Alma Hunt Offering Ends	20 AHG & Trail Life Meeting 6:30pm	21	22	23	24	Guinea Jubilee Parade 12 noon AHG & Trail Life
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:

Buddy & Ann Hogge 9/15

