



THE VISION

January 2022

*“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*

“A Year of Renewal” I Peter 3:8-16

The year 2021 was a year of low times and high times. Covid-19 and the variants are still spreading among us. But on a higher note: our church family completed and is already using the beautiful extension of our *Fellowship Hall* *new shrubs and trees* have been added on our church grounds giving our church property a fresh appearance.... In addition to *American Heritage Girls, Trail Life for Boys* has been added giving both girls and boys the opportunity to learn and grow through their Christ-centered leadership development program.... the new *Church Library* is open our *Mission outreach* ministries and offerings continue to reach more people with the message of Jesus Christ we continue to have members writing *birthday cards* to Katherine Hall who will be 105 this January 4th our *Adult Choir* blessed us with a truly faith-based Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, December 15th we had *19 children in Advent Bible School* ... plus the *Children’s Choir* blessed us with their Christmas specials on the 19th In May, we were able to resume our Sunday afternoon *C.A.R.E. ministry*, meeting 25 Sundays this year averaging 9 in attendance, 542 weekday cards sent, 161 visits, 423 phone calls, and 196 cards were sent during our Sunday afternoon gatherings and most importantly, our Lord blessed us with *13 new church members, 12 joining us since the end of August!*

What should be our focus for 2022? (I Peter 3:8-16) teaches us how to relate to each other. (Verses 1-7) teach us how wives and husbands are to relate and (verses 8-16) teach us how to relate to All people. I steadfastly believe (verse 15) is our key for GPBC’s renewal. (Verse 15) says, *“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”*

Based upon (verse 15), here is how our renewal can begin

Our relationship with Jesus Christ is to take top priority! Ask ourselves, “is the Lordship of Jesus Christ the #1 priority in my life?” The evidence of Christ being #1 in our lives will be seen in our Kingdom building actions. When we stand before the Throne of God, He is going to ask us: “How many people did you tell about Jesus?” God’s first focus is upon bringing people into the saving grace of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Is what you do in your faith rising to the call of being people focused?

As I attend other churches for various meetings, I am amazed at how beautiful our church is compared to other churches. Yet, God is not going to ask me about church beauty, He is asking me how many people I *led into* the church building for worship of Jesus Christ!

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2022





Deacon's Devotional

Praying for the Lost in the year of our Lord 2022

As we begin this brand-new year, let us be encouraged to pray and keep praying for lost souls. Interceding for them is such a needed ministry. As believers, we realize that we once walked in darkness, but now we walk in the wonderful light of God's love through Jesus Christ, His Son. We were once in bondage to sin, but thanks be to God, He has set us free, and we are heaven-bound! The Holy Spirit lives in us, and we have His love, joy, peace, faith, hope, righteousness, strength, and so much more. He is at work in us, always inspiring us to grow closer to Jesus and become more like Him.

Because God has put His love in us, we are concerned about our family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc., who don't yet know the Lord. We so much want them to become part of God's forever family. In studying, I discovered some Scriptural ways to pray for the lost.

Pray that God:

will give them a heart to know Him. *Jeremiah 24:7*

will incline their hearts unto Him. *1 Kings 8:58*

would grant them repentance to acknowledge the truth. *II Timothy 2:25*

would open their hearts to believe the Gospel. *Acts 16:14*

would remove Satan's blinding influence. *II Corinthians 4:4*

James 5:16 say, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." With God's help, let us pray with regularity for the lost people we know. Because God made us with a free will, we know that He won't force anyone to believe and receive His gift of salvation, but He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." *II Peter 3:9*

Let us also look for opportunities to share the message of the Gospel to strangers who come across our path. It could be that God has been preparing their hearts for salvation through the prayers of others.

Our Lord will do everything He can to draw the lost unto Himself. He enlists us, who already know Him, to labor together with Him on their behalf. Let's not give up!

—David Crummett



“
Heavenly Father,
At midnight,
When the old year dies,
And the new comes
bounding in,
I draw strength from knowing
That in the next twelve months
The snows will go
The buds will burst
The heat will rise
The leaves will fly,
That all these things
will happen
According to Your schedule
And in Your time;
That there is order in
Your universe,
And that I am part of it.”

VAN VARNER



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I came across a few thought-provoking questions pertaining to renewal: 1) what prevents me from having a daily devotional time with Christ? 2) what is more important to me than being in His house of worship? 3) what did I buy with His tithes? 4) what does my church family need most ... *You and ME!*

During 2022, the renewal of our relationship and commitment to Christ will result in others asking us about Jesus Christ, after all, is that not the most important observation? This coming year can be the best year any of us have ever

experienced. By following God's Holy Word, it will be the beginning of a great future!

May our priority #1 be to: Love God, Love Others and Serve Christ in the World,

Pastor Bud Goude



Deacon of the Week

- 1/2—Bill Breeden
- 1/9—Jimmy Diggs
- 1/16—Buddy Hogge
- 1/23—Sandy McElfresh
- 1/30—Barry Milligan

Nursery Workers

- 1/2—H. Warren/T. Owens
- 1/9—L. Walton/A. Zepeda
- 1/16—Jaime/Bailey Moore
- 1/23—H. Warren/
- 1/30—Beverly/Connie West

January Ushers

- Jimmy Diggs
- Amy Jacobson
- Gus Saunders



CHURCH WORKERS

January Tellers

- Lynn Walton
- Amy Jacobson

Sun. Sch. Nursery

- Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

- 1/2—Alice/Gordon Smith
- 1/9—TBD
- 1/16—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
- 1/23—Connie/Sami West
- 1/30—Connie Stewart

Younger Children's Church

- 1/2—Nancy Dyson
- 1/9—Sonya Anthony
- 1/16—D. Goude/J. Marshall
- 1/23—R. Wells/M. Wagner
- 1/30—T. Greggs/Youth



Sunday Schedule

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



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Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm: CYM Supper
 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
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2 <i>Lord's Supper</i> <i>Deacon Mtg</i> 3pm	3 <i>AHG & TL Meetings</i> 6:30 pm <i>Building & Grounds</i> 7:00pm	4 <i>Community Morning</i> <i>Out</i> 9:30 am	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Church Council</i> <i>Meeting</i> 12:00 pm <i>Personnel Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i> 12:00 pm	10 <i>WMU Council Meeting</i> 10:00 am <i>AHG Ministry Team</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:15pm	11 <i>Community Morning</i> <i>Out</i> 9:30 am	12	13	14 <i>Vision Articles Due</i>	15
16	17 <i>AHG & TL Meetings</i> 6:30 pm	18 <i>Community Morning</i> <i>Out</i> 9:30a m <i>Armstrong Circle</i> 6:30 pm	19	20 <i>Acree Circle</i> 10:00 am	21 <i>AHG Lock-In</i> 6:30 pm-8:30 am <i>"Live Free"</i> (NFH)	22
23	24	25 <i>Community Morning</i> <i>Out</i> 9:30 am	26 <i>Quarterly Business</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	27	28 <i>Youth Service Project</i> <i>"Hygiene Bags"</i> 6:30 pm (NFH)	29 <i>Children's Movie</i> <i>Night</i> 6:30 pm (OFH)
30	31 <i>AHG & TL Meetings</i> 6:30 pm					

January Birthdays:

Alice Smith	1/1
Chris Hutson	1/3
Katherine Hall	1/4
Betty Jane Duncan	1/5
Tim Owens	1/5
Lester Jenkins	1/6
Ronnie Lewis	1/6
Chase Mitchell	1/12
Janis West	1/17
Melissa Jacobson	1/17
Kolin Jenkins	1/21
Mike Crawford	1/24
Alice Oldfield	1/25
Jeannie Fitzgerald	1/25
John Oldfield	1/26
Catherine Asbell	1/26
Ted Fisher	1/27
Charles West	1/29
Debra Wood	1/29
Howard Warren	1/30



Anniversaries:

Chris & Heidi Gibbons	1/6
Doug & Chris Blaylock	1/15
Ronnie & Judy Lewis	1/20