



THE VISION

May 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

Importance of a Welcoming Church

“Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”~Heb. 13:1-2

Occasionally we hear that Gloucester Point Baptist has a reputation as a loving and friendly church. I think we can all agree on the importance of a welcoming and friendly congregation. We seldom know specific reasons first time visitors attend our services. They may be Christians new in our community and looking for a church home. Some may have left other churches they didn't agree with or felt unwelcomed there. Others may be unchurched and are visiting at the invitation of one of our members. No matter the reason for an initial visit, few people or families will consider returning if they are ignored or feel unwelcome by the church membership. Several past personal examples support the above.

A number of years ago I had a negative experience when an Engineering co-worker and I took a “poor boys vacation trip” to Florida after completing a Navy contract for Design/Builder drawings. On our way South we stopped for a Saturday night/Sunday morning rest break in Charleston, S.C. On Sunday morning I awoke early and decided to walk to a small downtown Baptist church. I was obviously a visitor

but no one welcomed or even spoke to me. I don't remember anything about the sermon, but to be completely ignored made me feel unwelcome and totally out of place. Upon returning to our hotel room, my friend asked how the service went but I didn't mention the cold reception I received. My co-worker friend wasn't much on church attendance and I didn't want to give an opportunity for his expected adverse comments about “church people”. I never mentioned my disappointing Charleston church visit to him.

I had an entirely different experience during my last year at N.C. State College in Raleigh. Gloria and I initially attended a large “old fashioned” Baptist church (large friendly congregation, brick with stained glass windows). Services were good with Bible-based sermons, but the church was across the city from where we lived. Parking near the church was limited, and with a large attendance, we had to walk at least several city blocks to get there. One Sunday after services, Gloria suggested we might find a church closer to our residence with more parking available. She noted we passed a Baptist church several blocks away during her morning drive to work. I was aware of this church (more modern structure with plain colored glass windows)

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and assumed it to be somewhat liberal since many college students and faculty members attended there. We agreed to visit there the following Sunday and I was proven completely wrong! We were welcomed by a number of members before and after an excellent Bible-based message. We continued attending there until graduation (this experience showed me that you cant always judge a book by its cover, and its never wise to make unsupported assumptions). Both of these N.C. churches were welcoming and presented Bible-based sermons. Important things being essentially equal, we chose to attend the church closer to our residence with “close-by” parking.

I believe the examples noted above emphasize the point of this article-one that we always need to keep in mind. Church members greeting and welcoming new people/first time attendees to our services form positive and lasting impressions. It also demonstrated Christian love in the membership. This is important for a church to grow and win new converts to our Lord.

Bill Breeden



The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at GPBC!

Children & Youth Games and Activities start at 4:30pm.

There will be a Devotional time at 5:30pm and then dinner will follow at 6:00pm.

Invite your family and friends!!

Deacon of the Week

- 5/1—Stewart Wood
- 5/8—Sonya Anthony
- 5/15—Bill Breeden
- 5/22—David Crummett

Nursery Workers

- 5/1—H. Warren/T. Owens
- 5/8—L. Walton/A. Zepeda
- 5/15—Jaime/Bailey Moore
- 5/22—H. Warren/T. Owens

May Ushers

- Chris Hutson
- Buddy Hogge
- Howard Warren



CHURCH WORKERS

May Tellers

- Helen Spence
- Bill Breeden

Sunday School Nursery

- Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

- 5/1—Alice/Gordon Smith
- 5/8—Jayme/Brody Sanford
- 5/15—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
- 5/22—Connie/Sami West

Younger Children's Church

- 5/1—Nancy Dyson
- 5/8—Sonya Anthony
- 5/15—Joyce Marshall
- 5/22—R. Wells/M. Wagner



What's Happening In The WMU

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

We surpassed our goal of \$3,200.00 and are so thankful for your generous mission giving. You have contributed **\$3,492.00** to the Annie Armstrong North American Missions.

To God Be The Glory!!



*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And loving instruction is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26*



*Honor her for all that her hands
have done, and let her works
bring her praise at the city gate.
Proverbs 31:31*



Missionary Moment-Journeymen

NAMB Journeymen are recent college graduates who become missionaries for a two-year term. Serving as a Journeyman allows young professionals to be employed, serve on mission and explore the potential for lifelong service as a missionary or church planter. Journeymen are fully funded by NAMB and do not need to raise personal financial support. All Journeymen are involved in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. The specific roles they play will vary by location. Responsibilities and tasks are broad and could include leadership development and training, volunteer coordination, community development, research and mapping. Each Journeyman's work will be aligned with NAMB's goals of engaging communities with the Hope of the Gospel in the areas of Poverty, Refugees and Internationals, Foster Care and Adoption, Human Trafficking, Crisis Response and Church Planting.

Please pray for the college graduates who are beginning their work as Journeymen.

*Honour thy father
and thy mother
Ephesians 6:2*



*Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28*



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
1 Lord's Supper 11am Youth Council Meeting 12:00pm Deacons Meeting 3pm NFH Reserved	2 AHG/TL Meetings 6:30pm	3 Building & Grounds Meeting 6:30pm	4 Youth in Action Mother's Day Service Project 6:00pm	5	6 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	7 WMU Mother/Daughter Tea & Silent Auction 2:00pm
8 Mother's Day  NO CARE	9 American Heritage Girls Team Meeting 6:15pm	10	11	12	13 Youth Game Night 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Trail Life Camping Trip
15 SS Breakfast-Children & Youth Children's Council Meeting 12:00pm	16 AHG/TL Meetings 6:30pm Vision Due	17 Armstrong Circle & Acree Circle Party 6:30pm	18	19	20 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm NFH Reserved	21 Emma Crawford Quilting Group 9a-4p NFH Reserved
22 Church Picnic 4:30pm 	23	24	25 NO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER	26	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	28
29 AHG/TL Memorial Day Colorguard	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Memorial Day	31				

May Birthdays:

Lauren Hall	5/1
Clements Carr	5/2
Charlie Holt	5/2
Gretel Smith	5/3
James DeRosa	5/6
Gene Smith	5/6
Thomas Hardy	5/7
Pat Fowler	5/8
Gabriel Cahoon	5/8
Alex Arquette	5/16
Donna Hogge	5/18
Earl Conkling	5/20
Anson Belvin	5/21
Lessie Ferber	5/21
Madison Hutson	5/21
Lynn Walton	5/22
Della Belvin	5/24
Denise Gandee	5/24
Joyce Williams	5/26
Keith Martin	5/27
Taylor Green	5/31



Anniversaries:

Jimmy & Della Belvin	5/3
Charles & Beverly West	5/10
Jeff & Theresa Svoboda	5/23
Howard & Sharon Warren	5/27
Justin & Mallory Wagner	5/28
Stan & Denise Gandee	5/30
Ted & Carol Fisher	5/30