

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2022 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Please sign-up to write a devotion for this year's Advent Booklet. The Theme is "*The Joy of Anticipation*". The sign up sheet and instructions are in the Narthex. Devotions are due on Wednesday Nov. 16. -  
THANK YOU, Advent Book Team

### CHURCH BUDGETS

Budget requests are due by **WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2022**. Your committee and ministry request should be placed in the **Budget and Finance Committee's mailbox, in the Church office**.

### GPBC BYLAWS REVISION (New-Revised)

The Deacon's have completed an extensive review of our Bylaws and a **revised draft of proposed changes** to the Church's Bylaws are available for your review in the **Narthex**. This revised draft will be considered at our Oct. 26, 2022 Business Meeting. **Please pick up your copy of the proposed Bylaw revisions and attend the October 26th Business Meeting**. Feel free to contact a Deacon or the Constitution Steward (Leslie Belvin) if you have questions.

### COMMUNITY MORNING OUT

The next Community Morning Out program will be **Tuesday November 01 at 9:30am**. The group had so much fun last month, and we hope to have more smiling faces join us this month. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending so that we can have plenty of supplies and refreshments on hand.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Children's and Youth Ministry are beginning to prepare for Operation Christmas Child. There are several large boxes available for placement of donations. One is located near the classrooms in the Narthex. There other is in the hall near the WMU bulletin board. If you would like to pack your own Operation Christmas Child box, boxes are available on the counter near the WMU bulletin board. Please prayerfully consider actively taking part in this very special ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the Children's and Youth Ministry packing party that will take place in November.

## PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

GPBC's Pastor Search Committee has been working since late March 2022 to discern God's will in calling the next Pastor of Gloucester Point Baptist. After receiving training from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) [field Strategist Brian Williams], the Pastor Search Team (PST) developed profiles for our church, community, and next Pastor based on the church wide survey conducted in May. These profiles and an application for the GPBC Pastor opening were placed on our website (gloptbaptist.org) and advertised through many different seminaries, Baptist news outlets, the BGAV, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

As of Oct 15, 2022, we have received 22 resumes from a variety of sources. With all the advances in digital communications since the last Pastor search for GPBC, the PST now receives and evaluates the candidate's worship service videos, church websites, and other digital media as part of the resume review process.

The survey you completed last May has helped us understand the Church's desires for the next Pastor. In addition, we are constantly seeking to discern God's will as we review candidate information. We anticipate interviewing several top-tier candidates beginning in late October 2022.

We especially appreciate the church's focused 31 Days of Prayer, and we continue to ask for your prayers during the search process. We are confident God has already selected our next pastor. Now we must be patient for His timing and obedient to His will in GPBC's Pastor search.

**Pastor Search Team** – Keith Belvin, Mike Crawford, Ann Hogge, Amy Jacobson, Sandy McElfresh, Brian Stewart, and Debra Wood