



# THE VISION

November 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**



It is hard to imagine anything more appropriate to observe and participate in all

through the year than the heartfelt expression of thanksgiving to God. Of course, we annually observe the Holiday we call *Thanksgiving*. Many of us will be making preparations for a traditional Thanksgiving meal this month. It's such a great time to get together with family and friends to celebrate and thank God for His many blessings.

While growing up, I remember the journey we made each year on Thanksgiving Day, over the river(s) and through the woods, to my aunt Joyce's house in Chesterfield, VA. That's where everyone on my mom's side of the family gathered for Thanksgiving for many years. It was incredible how many delicious things there were to eat, sort of like the suppers we have here at Church! We had such a great time being together as family. Later in the day, my mom, dad, brother Karl, and I would get in the car and go to my paternal grandmother's apartment for dinner. She, my other aunt, and cousin Kelly, lived together in Richmond, VA. There we enjoyed more good food (a lighter cuisine than lunch), and I especially remember the exquisite Chocolate Mousse that my Aunt Marion made. I only got that treat twice a year – Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It's very likely that everyone reading this devotional has their own special memories of the Thanksgivings of the past as well as the traditions in which they were observed and enjoyed. Everyone's history with this great Holiday is personal and unique in definite and varied ways.

As Christians, we are blessed beyond measure. Our reasons to be grateful are amplified, you might even say, on steroids. Think about it – God created us and He provides for our material needs. That's wonderful, but His goodness doesn't stop there. The title of one of our hymns is, *“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.”* Oh yes, the merciful Good Shepherd came to seek and to save that which was lost. He intervened by His grace into our lives! Showing such great patience and compassion, He didn't give up while searching for us, even while we were resisting Him. While we were yet lost and not looking for Him, He kept reaching and drew us unto Himself. Then on that glorious day, upon surrendering to His grace and receiving His gift of salvation, our names were written down in glory!

There is no greater a reason for us to give thanks to our Lord each and every day of the year than for saving us from our sins and giving us eternal life. There is a Latin phrase known as *coram Deo*, which captures the essence of the Christian life. When looking

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at its literal meaning, it describes something that takes place in the presence of, or before the face of, God. To live *coram Deo* is to live one’s entire life with the awareness of the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God. Giving thanks to God from our hearts each and every day is a very glorious part of that. Let’s be intentional about it every day in this life, and we will carry on with it as we spend eternity with Him. We serve a mighty God!

David Crummett



**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. 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 very soon.

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,  
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**Deacon of the Week**

- 11/6—Barry Milligan
- 11/13—Brian Stewart
- 11/20—Al West
- 11/27—Sonya Anthony

**Nursery Workers**

- 11/6—H. Warren/T. Owens
- 11/13—L. Walton/A. Zepeda
- 11/20—Jamie/Bailey Moore
- 11/27—H. Warren/T. Owens

**November Ushers**

- Buddy Hogge
- Chris Hutson
- Howard Warren

**November Tellers**

- Bill Breeden
- Helen Spence

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

- Sharon/Howard Warren



**CHURCH  
WORKERS**

**Younger Children’s Church**

- 11/6—Nancy Dyson
- 11/13—Sonya Anthony
- 11/20—Joyce Marshall
- 11/27—M. Wagner/R. Wells

**Older Children’s Church**

- 11/6—Alice/Gordon Smith
- 11/13—Jayme/Brody Sanford
- 11/20—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
- 11/27—Connie/Sami West



**Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. Boxes, with your \$10 (plastic or cardboard) donation, should be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, November 13.**

Please do not pack candy, gum, toothpaste, scary or war related items, breakable items, aerosol cans or anything liquid as they are not allowed.



## What's Happening In The WMU

### Mission Moment - West

Vast spiritual lostness describes just about the whole western region of the United States. Almost 9 out of 10 residents in the West have no relationship with Christ. Pray for the Pastors, Church Planters and Missionaries in both the urban and rural areas of the West as they reach out to minister and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many diverse populations.



### **Thanksgiving Dinner and New Member Recognition**

Join us for our Annual  
Thanksgiving Dinner and  
New Member Recognition

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

(immediately following the morning worship service)

Meat, Bread & Beverage will be provided  
Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert  
(enough for 10-12 people)

**Please sign up in the Narthex by 11/13/22**



### The Holy Bible

*For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.... Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)*

### How to Use the Bible

When in sorrow, read John's Gospel Chapter 14  
When men fail you, read Psalm 27  
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91  
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139  
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah Chapter 40  
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23  
When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103  
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5  
For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27  
When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews Chapter 11  
When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39  
When you want courage for your task, read Joshua Chapter 1  
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90  
When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30  
For Paul's secret to happiness, read Colossians 3:12-17  
When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians Chapter 13  
For Paul's idea of Christianity, read II Corinthians 5:15-19  
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, read Romans Chapter 12

Taken from church bulletin of Memorial Congregational Church  
North Quincy, Massachusetts (January 1957)  
Linda Breaks

### **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**






## 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

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 Community Morning Out 9:30am  Building & Grounds Meeting 6:30pm  Transportation Meeting 6:30pm	2	3	4 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 6:30pm  AA Meeting 8:00pm	5 Potluck Deacon's Dinner (NFH) 4:30pm
6 Lord's Supper & Veteran's Recognition 11:00am  Youth Council Meeting 12:00n  Deacon's Meeting 3:00pm	7 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm  <b>NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED-ELECTIONS</b>	8  <b>NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED-ELECTIONS</b>	9	10	11 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 6:30pm  AA Meeting 8:00pm  <b>Veterans Day</b>	12
13 S.S Breakfast/C&Y & TLC 9:15am  Children's Council Meeting 12:00n	14	15 Armstrong Circle Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Last CYM Supper until 1/5/23  CYM/OCC Packing Party 6:30 (NFH)  <b>Vision Due</b>	17 Acree Circle 10:00 am	18  <b>New Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>	19 Emma Crawford Quilting 9a-4p (OFH)  <b>New Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>
20 Thanksgiving & New Member Recognition Meal (after service)  <b>NO CARE</b>	21 American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm	22	23  <b>NO ACTIVITIES</b>	24  <b>Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)</b>	25  <b>Office Closed</b>	26
27 1st Advent Wreath Lighting—11:00 am Hanging of the Greens	28	29	30 Advent Bible School 6:00pm			

## November Birthdays:

Angie Crummett	11/4
Madison McNeal	11/4
Barbara Fryer	11/7
Virginia Dawson	11/8
Robert Wray	11/8
Melissa Ashe	11/10
Elizabeth Bynum	11/12
Margaret Sarratori	11/19
Harry Wang	11/20
Donna Phillips	11/21
Autumn Eifes	11/23
Jimmy Diggs	11/27
Brittany DeRosa	11/28
Debra Martin	11/29



## Anniversaries:

Bill & Judy Cahoon	11/3
Charlie & Queenie Holt	11/21
James & Brittany DeRosa	11/25
Julia & Russell Dawson	11/29
Gene & Ann Smith	11/30