

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 this **Wednesday Nov. 16**. -
THANK YOU, Advent Book Team

CHILDRENS COUNCIL MEETING

The Children's Council will meet **TODAY** right after services.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Children's and Youth Ministry are preparing for their Operation Christmas Child packing party on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**. There is still time for you to make your donations. There is a box located near the classrooms in the Narthex and one 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 and are due back by **Sunday, November 20, 2022**.

HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED FOOD

In our own area, there are those who suffer from food depravation and the need for basic hygiene products. We are still collecting nonperishable food items and hygiene items, along with nonperishable baby food and baby hygiene items. Your donations can be brought to our church on Sunday mornings or during office hours, M-F 9am-12pm, and dropped in the box inside the Narthex entrance. **Food distribution will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, prior to 11:00am at Bellamy United Methodist Church.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The AARP Tax Aid program held in Gloucester Point is seeking volunteers to help community members with their tax returns. Lack of volunteers will cause us to reduce the number of people we can help in the coming year so we hope you can help. For more information please call Jeff Breaks (804) 642-4266 or attend one of our mentoring sessions at the Court House Library from 10am-12pm on November 14, 21, 29, December 5, 12. We will show you what is involved and how you can help. Thanks!!

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 in the near future.

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

Dear Gloucester Point Family,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for all the kindness you have shown me in the past four years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Secretary and a time in my life that I will never forget. God certainly knew what he was doing when he brought me here to Gloucester Point Baptist Church.

Thank you to each and everyone of you,

Sue Tibbetts