



# THE VISION

February 2026

*"Rooted in Christ, we equip disciples and leaders for tomorrow's challenges with grace and truth."*

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## *The Greatest Commandment*

On April 12, 1861, this nation went to war, it was a long and brutal war ending on April 9, 1865. The war was the result of disagreement over states rights. Did the federal government have the right to tell states what they could do in regards to following the federal laws.

The U.S. Civil war was about the rights of individual states to govern themselves. The result was a cruel war where 6000,000 to 750,000 died, more Americans died in that war than in any war we fought.

On June 16, 1850, in Abraham Lincoln's famous "House Divided" speech, he quoted Matthew 12:25, *"But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."* The division between the North and South did not end after the war, you can still see signs of it when you see the confederate battle flag flying in many places throughout the country. We should not erase history, but learn from it. If our ancestors had followed God's Word, that man was created in His image, they would have had more respect for ALL men.

Division is a major cause of problems for so many of life's situations; marriage, friendships, social groups, sports teams, anywhere people may gather, even in churches. Today it is obvious amongst our political parties.

When individuals turn against authority, they reject the idea of authority and leadership. Our Declaration of Independence is an example of revolt against authority. The people wanted to decide their own futures.

What about God's authority? God is the ultimate authority. To deny or defy God's authority is to deny God Himself. Sin is against God's laws and is denying His authority. If we reject the Bible's word and guidelines it is a transgression against God.

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# Deacon's Devotional

## *"God's Love"*

February is known as the LOVE month. Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>, and the dictionary defines love, "as a strong affection or liking for someone or something".

In the Bible, we learn to show God's love by being compassionate, forgiving others, using kind words, being a cheerful giver, and by cooperating with others.

If we want to learn what love really is, we need to look at God. In **1 John 4:8** the bible says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love".

God's love for you is not just a warm feeling. God's love for you does not depend on your love for Him or what you can do for Him. God doesn't love you because you are lovable. He loves you for the many ways you are not lovable!

And God has done something to show His love. He gave the most precious gift He could give, His son Jesus Christ.

### **God's kind of love . . .**

- is willing to wait patiently and kindly for others
- doesn't get jealous of others because of who they are or what they have
- is not rude to others
- puts other people first-not ourselves first
- doesn't keep track of wrong things others do
- doesn't get angry easily and want to get even
- doesn't look for and think about the bad in others; it looks for and thinks about the good in them
- protects and defends others
- keeps on loving without complaining or quitting
- and God's kind of love never lets us down and never stops loving.

Let's all practice God's kind of love.

With love and blessings.

*Sonya Anthony*



## VALENTINE BANQUET

WMU invites all ladies to bring your sweetheart or friend and join us for our annual Valentine Banquet.

It will be held on

**Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 6p**



Good food, good music & fellowship will be enjoyed by all!! The entrée, bread, dessert and drinks are provided. We ask that you bring a salad or a vegetable to share. Please sign up by February 11<sup>th</sup> on the sign-up sheet located on the WMU table in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.



## **WMU—MISSIONS MOMENT**

Please pray for missionaries, their families and their safety as they spread the message of God's love to the people and communities they serve.

### **Phillip and Kelly Isham—Chaplain—Fort Sill, OK**

"Pray for our love for God, a strong marriage, and a passion to serve others to glorify God. Pray for soldiers to know Christ, find their hope in Him, and make wise choices with their lives."

### **Sam and Taylor Romine—Church Planters—Johnstown, OH**

"Pray for our church to faithfully exalt Christ and His Word in all we do, for our members to be built up in faith and maturity, and for the Lord to use our church to draw lost sinners to Himself."

### **Troy and Chanel Gause—Church Planters—Marrero, LA**

"Pray for the new believers who have been baptized to grow in their faith and for the continued growth of the church's gospel witness in the community."

### **Kendrick and Melissa Neal—Chaplain Law Enforcement - Stafford, VA and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief—Fresno, CA**

"Pray for God to be glorified through our good work in California, across the U.S., and to the corners of the world."



## Sunday Morning Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Morning Service, please sign-up for a specific Sunday on the Flower Signup Sheet in the Narthex. If you are placing the flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact the Church office @ 804.642.2555 or office@gpbc.church to provide the information so it can be included in the bulletin.



What a great way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, etc. and help to decorate the sanctuary.



## C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

**C.A.R.E.** stands for Christians Actively Reaching Everyone!!

CARE is a **ministry** that gives us the opportunity to show our love and concern to our church family, friends, relatives and community. Our CARE ministry contacts individuals and families by writing cards, making phone calls, and making visits. We write words of encouragement and pray for the names we receive. We send cards to our shut ins and remember them on their birthday and on special occasions. We send cards to church members who have not attended in a while to let them know we miss them and that we care.

CARE meets on **Sunday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00**. It is a great time of fellowship. We invite you to come any Sunday that you can.

*"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." ~ Philippians 4:6*

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We pray for God's guidance in our lives. But, when He answers, do we here Him or do we go with our own feelings and emotions. We so often think our own ideas about what we should do is the right way to go. The saying is, "If we want to make God laugh, tell Him what your plan is." We need God to hold us together. We must follow his Word and not think we know what is best in our lives and His Church. Trust on in Him.

In February we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. A day we show love for our significant others—we should show love to and for everyone. As Matthew 22:36–39 reminds us, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

God Bless All-

**Barry Milligan**



Thank you to all who contributed to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Through your generous giving we collected **\$3,471.97**, surpassing our goal of **\$2,500.00**

## W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK

**W.M.U. Focus Week will be February 15—22, 2026**

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)—9:45a  
Worship Service—11a  
C.A.R.E. Ministry—2p

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### Wednesday Schedule

6p—Youth Bible Study  
6p—Children's Choir & Bible Study  
6:30p—Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
7:30p—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>COMMUNION</b> 2p C.A.R.E.	2	3 1p Deacons' Mtg. 6:30a B&G Mtg.	4 10a GWBS <b>Regular Activities</b>	5	6 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	7
8 2p C.A.R.E.	9	10 9:30a Community Morning Out	11 10a GWBS <b>Regular Activities</b>	12	13 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>  <b>6p WMU Valentine Banquet</b>
15 <b>Baptist Women's Day</b> 2p C.A.R.E.	16 <b>VISION Articles Due</b>	17	18 10a GWBS <b>Regular Activities</b>	19 10a Acree & Armstrong Circle	20 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	21
<b>WMU FOCUS WEEK</b>						
22 2p C.A.R.E.	23	24	25 10a GWBS <b>Family Night Supper</b> <b>Regular Activities</b>	26	27 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7p Serenity Grp	28

### February Birthdays:

Mallory Wagner 2.5  
Anthony Riedel 2.7  
Amy Carmine 2.11  
Brenden Greggs 2.12  
Hope Hutson 2.13  
Ann Hogge 2.18  
Martha Robbins 2.19  
Wake Hutson 2.20  
Catherine Smith 2.20  
Kent Smith 2.20  
Bonnie Ogden 2.20  
Seth Gandee 2.21  
Chip Rowley 2.21  
Joyce Marshall 2.22  
Jo Green 2.24  
David Crummett 2.28  
Tim Chapman 2.29



### Anniversaries:

Paul & Tammy Greggs 2.20