DECEMBER 2026

# THE VISION

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

When the month of December approaches ( and finally arrives), our thoughts turn from everyday tasks to the coming Christmas season and the special day we celebrate. We remember as children how amazed we were by community, neighborhood and business decorations (Christmas trees, manger scenes, Santa sleighs with reindeer, snow, and colorful lighting). Like all children, we especially looked forward to presents under our Christmas tree and Santa's overnight visit with special gifts (for children all over the world). We wondered about the worldwide visits in only one night. As we grew older, understanding the Biblical story of Jesus' birth and the reason for His coming became clearer. He came to pay the penalty for our sins and provide the way for eternal life in heaven with our creator God. Our giving of gifts to friends and loved ones at Christmas is symbolic of God's gift of His Son to mankind.

So, how do those who have not heard or don't understand about the gift a loving God made? Jesus' words in John 3:16 explains:

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**

We are directed as believers to reach out to those outside the Christian faith to accept Jesus' teachings and join the fellowship of other Christians. Jesus's instructions in Matthew 28:19-20 direct us as follows:

**"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."**

Our way to church growth is clear. We need to live and share our faith with others, encourage them to accept Jesus Christ, and invite them to join our fellowship at GPBC (especially young families with children).

May God bless our efforts.

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:45 Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service
2 PM CARE Ministry

**Wednesday Schedule**

6 PM Youth in Action
6:30 PM Kids in Action
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice










CHRISTMAS CANTATA 11:00 12/13
CHRISTMAS DINNER TO FOLLOW

## DECEMBER EVENTS

12/1 6:30 pm Building & Grounds
**12/2 6:30 pm Special Called Business Meeting**
12/3 6:00 pm Personnel Committee
12/10 9:30 am CMO
12/12 1-4pm Advent Bible School
12/13 11:00 am Christmas Cantata
12:00 pm Christmas Dinner
12/17 11:30 Acree/Armstrong Circle
**12/24 OFFICE CLOSED**
**12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY**



*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

*Last year your gifts sent missionaries to find and reach those who had never heard of Jesus. 2,066,251 heard the gospel, 196,497 professed faith in Jesus and 7697 churches were planted. Please consider helping us reach our goal of $2500 again this year. The week of prayer for International Missions is November 29-December 6.*

**WMU Missions Moment**
Please pray for missionaries, their families, and the communities they serve as they spread the gospel message of Jesus and His love.

**M.B. and J. B. - Church Planter - Saint Peters, MO**
"Pray for God to bring salvation as we serve in the most lost portion of our county. Ask God to reveal Himself to those who are lost."

**F.W. and C.W - Church Planter - Tappahannock, VA**
"Pray for students in The Fix Ministry's residential recovery and discipleship program and for more encounters on the streets of Richmond that lead to gospel conversations."

**B.C. and M.C. - Church Planter - San Antonio. Puerto Rico**
"Pray for unbelievers to respond with faith to the gospel message and for our church community to grow and thrive."

**A.L. and I.A. - Church Planter - Euclid. OH**
"Pray for God to give us a clear and compelling vision to Euclid with the gospel, for provision, as we seek to raise the necessary funds to complete our fiscal year budget, and for God to raise up and deploy faithful leaders within our church to serve and lead in various ministry areas."

## ANNIVERSARIES

12/19 Bill & Ruth Sapp
12/24 Ricky & Amy Green
12/28 Logan & Madison (Hutson) Hawkins
12/30 Chris & Hope Hutson

## BIRTHDAYS

12/7 Sue Magowan
12/11 JEB Hutson
12/15 Beverly West
12/27 Charlene Diggs
12/27 Bob Tayman
12/30 Alyssa Owens
12/31 Aaron Cirillo