# Shore Lines MAY 2025



Dear Covenant Partners and Friends,

Have you ever heard of a mission statement or a vision statement? All sorts of organizations use them to clarify their goals and values. In my years of ministry, I have been in many meetings about mission statements, vision statements, and plans of ministry. They can be helpful, especially if they are based in Scripture.

If you have been attending Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church for the past several years you may remember, our Strategic Vision. It was crafted during the time of Transitional Pastor Anne Hilborn. It provided an opportunity for our congregation to reflect on and communicate the values of our church, aiding in the search for a pastor who matched the Strategic Vision. Of course, that eventual pastor was and is me. And let me just say, I am so thankful that God has guided us to this mutual ministry.

The previous Strategic Vision extended through 2024, so the Session commissioned an update of the Strategic Vision for the life of our congregation for where we are now.

Session is ready to present a new Vision and Mission Statement to our congregation. On May 4, May 11, and May 18, I will explain our updated vision statement through three sermons.

Here is what you will find: God gives us a vision through the Word. Our vision for the church is biblically based. Several Bible verses directly focus it including the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-10), the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-31), the New Commandment (John 13:34-35), and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Below you will find the Vision and Mission Statements that I will explain in worship over the next few weeks.

<u>Vision</u>: For Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church to be a beacon of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

### <u>Mission</u>: To encourage the wholehearted love of God personally, mutually, and missionally.

All we intend to do boiled down into a couple of sentences, but that's really it. I hope over the next three weeks we can appreciate the focus God provides for us through Scripture as we seek to keep the main thing the main thing. This Church is about Jesus and helping people grow in their love for him.

Aspiring to wholehearted devotion to our Crucified King, Pastor Dane

### **RIDE THE WAVE**

Your Fellowship Ministry Team is hosting a summer COMMUNITY picnic on Saturday, **May 17, 2025, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m**. We want to promote our Beach Service and introduce the community to our church! We will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. The men will be grilling - yeah! We need canopies for the day. If you have one that we can use, please contact Barbara Dresser (barbara@dresser.cc). We are asking CPs to help by providing hot dog chili, slaw, desserts, and anything else you think of that belongs to a picnic. There will be LIVE MUSIC and GAMES for children. Pray for good weather so we can have things outside. This will be loads of fun, and you don't want to miss it! Tell your neighbors and friends! Sign-up on the Fellowship bulletin board located near Fellowship Hall. You can call the church office, and we'll add you to the list. Don't forget the sunscreen or your lawn chair.



### Prayer is a Blessing Eric Wagner

Prayer is a blessing, and it is multifaceted. We use it to not only pray for our needs and for other people who are in need, but it is a communication with God to thank him and listen to him. We can use it to pray for our country, our leaders, and our world. Rather than ask God to provide a specific action, I often just ask for his direction. Several months ago, I spent a morning with the CCPC Prayer Team as we prayed for our church. We walked from room to room praying for the sanctuary, the streaming/sound room, the meeting and classrooms, and the finance room. This shows that God reaches everything and reaches all parts of our life. As a child, my mother taught me how to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." and later I learned the Lord's Prayer. I have not always attended church, but I have always prayed. People and situations are all in need of prayer, so pray every day.

### Learning To Pray

Have you ever felt that your prayers needed something more or weren't deep enough or broad enough, or anything like that? Most of us have!

Did you know that CCPC offers courses on Prayer a couple of times each year? Usually during the Sunday School hour.

Prayer Course 1 helps us understand why we pray and then walks through the Lord's prayer to help show us how to pray, things to pray about, types of prayers, tools and resources to encourage and build us up. (8 weeks)

Prayer Course 2 specifically addresses unanswered prayer. Situations that make us wonder if God hears us, or just doesn't answer, or gives us an answer we don't understand. (5 weeks)

The Prayer Ministry team is assessing another course to determine if it should be added to the prayer curriculum that might help us broaden and deepen the scope of our prayers. We'll keep you posted on this. Current plans are to offer Prayer Course 1 again next fall. Pray about looking into these resources to help you build your prayer muscles and join one of these courses.

Please join us for group prayer gatherings (EVERYONE is invited!):

- First Saturday prayer gathering: May 3rd<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. (Prayers for our loved ones who don't know Jesus)
- CCPC Prayer List prayer gathering: May 15th at 10:00 AM.
- Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC: May 16 10:30-12:00.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email <u>prayer@calabash.church</u>.

The Prayer Ministry Team

Long Term Prayer Requests

Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, George Habel, Inge Hickson, Pat Huie, Maryann Krieger, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Keith Rosdahl, Betty Schillinger, Dan Stinnett, Rob Waldron, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR NURSERY!** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT KAREN SCHEBOTH AT 910-524-8851



## HAFFY ANNIVERSARY

### MAY

Sharon Lehto	8
Glen Poe	11
Sally Bond	13
Rick Edinger	17
Frankie Mayberry	20
Connie Lehto	20
Phil Fagans	22
John Keppler	22
Joe Coffini	24
Dan Shaw	24
Scott Bernreuther	25
Sandy Brinegar	30
Judy Malone	30

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### MAY "31 Days of Adoration"

Day 1: Matthew 8:10	Day 17:	Ephesians 3:8
Day 2: Zechariah 9:9	Day 18:	Psalm 141:2
Day 3: John 17:26	Day 19:	Exodus 17:15
Day 4: Josea 11:8	Day 20:	Revelation 7:17
Day 5: John 1:16	Day 21:	Isaiah 40:11
Day 6: Romans 2:4	Day 22:	John 7:38
Day 7: Micah 7:18	Day 23:	Luke 19:10
Day 8: Amos 5:8	Day 24:	Psalm 51;10
Day 9: Psalm 18:35	Day 25:	Genesis 50:20
Day 10: Psalm 21:1	Day 26:	Psalm 51:10
Day 11: Revelation 1:8	Day 27:	Song of Solomon 2:6
Day 12: 1 Peter 4:14	Day 28:	Psalm 45:2
Day 13: Revelation 1:8	Day 29	Philippians 3:8
Day 14: Song of Solomon 5:1	0 Day 30	James 4:5
Day 15: Ezekial 6:9a	Day 31	Song of Solomon 2:14

Day 16: John 13:5

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Bible study	10:00 am Woman's Bible Study	7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 1:00 pm - Assimilation 7:00 pm - Men's WebX		10:00 am – Art in Worship 5:30 pm – Handbells 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir		10:00 am – Prayer gathering
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9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	9:30 am – Fellowship 10:00 am – Woman's Bible Study	7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 10:00 am- Assimilation 7:00 pm - Men's WebX		9:30 am – Dorcas circle 5:30 pm – Handbells 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	10:00 am Prayer Ministry	
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	10:00 am – Woman's Bible Study 2:00 pm - Tech 4:00 pm – Personnel	7:30 am - Men's breakfast 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 10:00 am - Worship 1:00 pm - Discipleship 4:00 pm - Finance 7:00 pm - Men's WebX	1:00 pm – Deacons 4:00 pm - Mission	10:00 am – Art in Worship 10:30 am – Prayer gathering 5:30 pm – Handbells 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	10:30 am Drive Through Prayer	11:30 am – Ride the Wave Beach Kick Off Picnic
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
COMMUNION Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	10:00 am – Woman's Bible Study	7:30 am – Men's breakfast 9:00 am – Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 3:00 pm – Session 7:00 pm – Men's WebX	6:00 pm – Mary Martha dinner	5:30 pm Handbell 6:30 pm Jubilation Choir	10:00 am Random readers	
25	26 Memorial	27	28	29	30	31
8:00 AM – Beach service 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	Day OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 am – Men's breakfast 9:00 am – Men's Bible Study 9:00 am – Crafters 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men's WebX		10:00 am -Card Ministry 5:30 pm – Handbells 6:30 pm – Jubilation		

### Session

Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett Mary Ard, Pat Robison, Debbie Ryan, Bob Volinic

### The Diaconate

Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee, Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie Lee Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan, Barbara Volinic

CLP-1s Karen Scheboth Peg Stinnett Gloria Wimmer CLP-2 Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community) Group Leaders Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

### Staff

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