



Viewmont Baptist Church

RECEIVING | LIVING | SHARING | CHRIST

The Viewmont Vision

Published by Viewmont Baptist Church
1246 2nd St NE, Hickory, NC 28601-2697

March 31, 2015
Volume 65, Issue 4

The Pilgrimage

Throughout Christianity this week is called “Holy Week.” Holy Week commemorates Jesus’ last week on earth before going to the cross. It is filled with powerful images of the Christian life. This past Sunday our Music Ministry offered us an excellent overview of this week in their presentation of “God So Loved the World.”

On Palm Sunday Jesus went to Jerusalem to announce the Good news to the people of that city. Henri Nouwen says Jesus knew that he was going to put a choice before them: Will you be my disciple, or will you be my executioner? There is no middle ground here. Jesus went to Jerusalem to put people in a situation where they had to say yes or no. That is the great drama of Jesus’ passion: He had to wait and see how the people were going to respond.

Thursday night at 6 p.m., our deacons will lead us in the Maundy Thursday observance as we remember Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. We will begin with a simple meal. A series of readings will remind us of the scene when Jesus offered himself as a servant to the very men who would all betray him in one way or another.

Friday night at 7:30 p.m., we will gather to remember the torture and death by which Jesus paid the price for the sins of humanity. We should commemorate his death, although it is not a pretty picture. Jesus’ death on the cross is unique because of who he is - the sinless perfect Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. His perfect sacrifice came by virtue of his identity as God come to earth. His sacrifice was for the sin of all people, in all times, and in all places.

The Cross ends in silence. Jesus dies and even those who were harassing him by hurling insults at him, are now silent. Jesus is placed in a borrowed tomb with guards outside and it is silent. But, just as many times the silence of our hearts deafening so it was then. The disciples were left in their guilt and grief. Those who were inspired by his teaching were now silent in their disillusionment.

Saturday let me encourage you to spend some time in silence reflecting on the intimacy of the Last Supper, which was quickly followed by betrayal and crucifixion. As we experience the bereft spirit present after Jesus’ death on the cross, we glimpse the significance of resurrection. When Jesus rolled the stone away from his tomb’s entrance, he opened the door to a relationship with God, resulting in eternal life. And he invited the whole world to step through.

In that spirit, we will open our doors Easter Sunday morning and invite all people to join us in worship at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m., in the sanctuary to celebrate new life in Christ. During those services we will have an ingathering for Global Missions.

Between the two services, we will have a carry-in Easter brunch at 9:35 a.m. We are each invited to bring goodies to share with one another in celebration of the new life we have in Christ. If you have any live flowers that have bloomed, we will be flowering the cross in front of the church. Families will be invited to have their picture taken by Daniel Pereira, to commemorate our Resurrection Celebration. He has Risen! We Have Hope!

In This Issue

- *The Pilgrimage*
- *Join Us as We Celebrate Resurrection Sunday*
- *Music/Worship/Administration*
- *As You Pray, Remember*
- *The Very Newest*
- *According to the Record*
- *Youth Yak*
- *Save the Date for VBS*
- *Pray for CBF Missionaries*
- *April Calendar of Activities*

Join Us As We Celebrate Resurrection Sunday

April 2, 6:00 p.m.:

Deacon Led Maundy Thursday Service,
Simple Meal, Fellowship Center

April 3, 7:30 p.m.:

Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

April 5: Easter Sunday,

Both Worship Services in the Sanctuary
9:35 a.m.: Easter Brunch, Gathering Area
Family Photos
Please bring Flowers for the Cross

2015 CBF

Global Missions Goal is \$5.5 Million.
Our VBC goal toward that total is \$15,000
Ingathering Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

April 26: New Member Dinner
“Building Up the Body of Christ”

Join us as we welcome those new members
God has sent our way since January 1, 2014.
New Members and their families are free,
everyone else \$5 each. Make your reservation
with the church office.

Homecoming

“Celebrating 80 Years of God’s Faithfulness”

June 7: Mission Rally

“Being a Church with a Vision
to Reach the World”

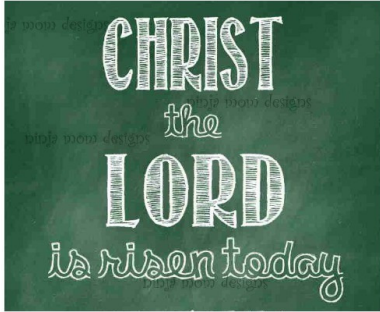
Led by Rick Jordan and Suzii Paynter

June 6, 6:00 p.m.:

CBFNC Regional Dinner with Suzii Paynter
Executive Coordinator for CBF
Catered by Daniel Boone Inn \$13 per person.
Everyone is welcome. Make reservations at
www.cbfnc.org

June 13: Cookout Show and Tell
10 a.m. 2 p.m.

June 14: Tim Gouge, Guest Preacher
Followed by Dinner on the Grounds



is part of our Opening Medley for this Easter Sunday. In every worship service, the words we say and the actions we partici-

ate in are somehow shaping us. Perhaps without even being aware of it, worship is doing something to us – it's forming habits and language inside of us to both teach us why we are in relationship with God, and how to be in relationship with God. One practice that many liturgists and hymn authors have brought into worship is describing an event that happened in the past (usually a moment from the Gospel story) as if it were happening today, in order to instill in us the understanding that, just as God worked in the lives of people two thousand years ago, He is still working today.

The hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" is a perfect example of this. Right in the title is an indicator of the present tense: the word "is." As we sing this song, we are first brought back two millennia as "witnesses" of the resurrection, and then we are also made aware that though the actual event of the resurrection happened once, it is in a sense an on-going event with ever-present effects. We are called today to live out of the resurrection, to follow our risen Lord in newness of life, and to ever lift our "alleluias" in praise.



CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

Thank You, CHOIR, Helen Mercer, Roger Bowman, Angie Turner, Angela Lowdermilk, Danny Gouge, Tara Tramble, Butch Gryder, Richard Benfield...for an absolutely beautiful presentation of...

God So Loved The World

I was truly blessed and I know everyone who was present was blessed, as well. Thank You!!!

~~~~~  
"There's a Place for You in the Music Ministry At Viewmont Baptist Church"  
~~~~~

As You Pray, Remember

Nancy Corpening and family in the death of Nancy's uncle, Hugh "Whitey" Bradey, of Landrum, SC.

Denise Worley and family in the death of Denise's grandfather, Garland Seagle.

Thank You From

Toni Cooper
Sherwin & Tricia Speight
Kathy Cox



Congratulations to . . .

Zach and Carly Pruitt on the birth of a baby girl on March 18, 2015. Proud grandparents are Dr. Jerry and Judy Pruitt.



You and Me Baby ~ Moms Support Group!!!

Offering Now:

1, 2, 3, 4 Parents!

A great class to learn more about your parenting style and other tried and true techniques to make your parenting experience rewarding and fun!

2nd Wednesday each month
at 6:15 pm ~
Preschool/ASM Hallway

Guest speaker: Lisa Ducett ~
Catawba County Parenting Network

According to the Record

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Attendance: | 3/15 | 3/22 | 3/29 |
| SS Enrollment: | 323 | 323 | 323 |
| SS Attendance: | 150 | 153 | 155 |
| Guests: | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| New Members: | — | — | — |
| Total SS Attendance: | 153 | 159 | 158 |
| <i>Fresh Spirit:</i> | 76 | 64 | |
| Morning Worship: | 149 | 164 | 274 |

Deposit for 3/15/2015

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Budget: | \$ 8,680.73 |
| Non-Budget: | <u>1,537.50</u> |
| Total Offering: | \$ 10,218.23 |

Deposit for 3/22/2015

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Budget: | \$ 6,929.50 |
| Non-Budget: | <u>2,422.91</u> |
| Total Offering: | \$ 9,352.42 |

Deposit for 3/29/2015

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Budget: | \$ 8,313.00 |
| Non-Budget: | <u>2,401.86</u> |
| Total Offering: | \$ 10,714.86 |

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Actual Budget Gifts to Date: | \$ 129,714.91 |
| Actual Budget Exp to Date: | <u>116,819.34</u> |
| Over to Date | \$ 12,895.57 |

Global Missions: \$ 1,709.00

PFTT Building Fund

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Received to Date: | \$2,267,114.18 |
| Spent to Date: | <u>2,247,673.33</u> |
| Balance to Date: | \$ 19,440.85 |

Owe on 1st Citizens Loan \$ 597,200.00
(Principal only)

Memorials

for Nadine Greenhill (3 gifts) to Greenhill Endowment.

for Grace Smith on her birthday to PFTT; and Unified Budget.

for Joan Hibbits; and Albert A. Young to Unified Budget.

for Geraldine "Gerri" Tomberlin (8 gifts) to Tomberlin Memorial Fund.

for Eddie Wright (5 gifts); and Joan Hibbits to PFTT.

for Albert A Young (3 gifts) to Unified Budget/Young Sch Fund.

for Dr. Charles Wells, Robert Allison & Dwight Bartlett to TV Ministry-Easter Service.

Honorariums

for Jay Robison's birthday to PFTT.

**2015 Passport Camp-
Jacksonville, Florida
June 28th - July 3rd
Jacksonville University**

This camp is Bible study in the mornings and Mission work in the afternoon. More Info Coming!!!

**Waterbury, CT
Church Mission Trip
July 24th - July 31st**

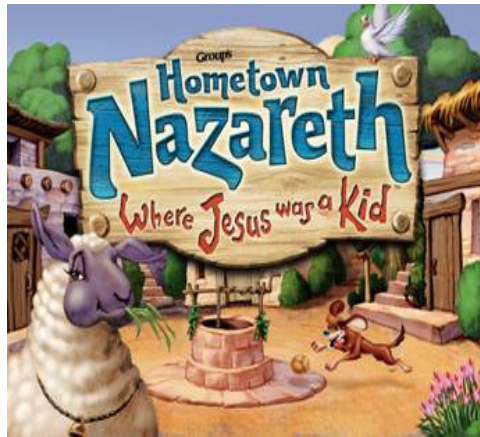
Open to all in the church. Work a Urban Area Children's Morning Camp. We take our VBS material and present it to the children of Waterbury.

See Wil for details!!!

Sunday Night LIVE Snack Suppers

We serve snack suppers to our Youth each Sunday night at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to provide a meal or make a donation for meals, please contact Wil Worley.

If you would like to donate canned sodas for youth, our want list includes: Sprite, Mt. Dew, 7-Up, Sun Drop, and water.



I know it sounds unreal but we are getting ready for our VBS 2015!!!

When: July 12th - 16th
Time: 6 - 8:30 pm

As always we need tons of volunteers! If you are available those days, some days, or even if you can help only before VBS, please contact me. I will find a place for you to help.

Blessings,

Regiani

Calling All Missionaries

The past two years we have sent mission teams to work with Maner Tyson in Waterbury, Connecticut. These teams have taken our Vacation Bible School to Waterbury. This trip is open to families, youth and adults. All of those who have gone in previous years have returned saying how glad they are that they went. Unfortunately this year many of those who have gone previously will not be able to go. The dates for the trip are July 24-31. If you would like to go we need to know by March 15. Fifteen people would be helpful, 20 or 25 would be better. Contact Wil or the church office for information or to sign up. We need to begin making plans NOW so we can confirm our coming with Maner and begin to raise funds to help defray the cost of those who are going.



**Pray for CBF
Missionaries**

“Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.” ~ Psalm 25:4-5

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship supports more than 135 field personnel partnering in God's mission and serving in remote villages as well as large cities around the world. Across five continents, CBF personnel are constructing wells for Ethiopian communities without clean water, partnering in recovery efforts for Japanese communities devastated by tsunamis, serving the homeless population of North Carolina, and more. While some field personnel generate their own funding, many rely completely on support from churches through the offering for Global Missions to sustain their work. The 2015 CBF Global Missions goal is \$5.5 million. Our VBC goal toward that total is \$15,000. Pray that God will continue to work through the generous gifts and compassion of CBF churches and bless their stewardship or resources. Pray that field personnel will continue to embody Christ among those they serve. Visit www.thefellowship.info/give to give or to learn more.

***JOY ~ Back to the 50's
Wohlfahrt Dinner Theatre***

Tuesday, April 21st, \$42.00

(Payment due by April 12th)

Don't wait ~ Only 6 seats left.

***Contact Melba Penley
at 828-256-5857.***

Sunday at Viewmont

April 12, 2015

Rev. Kay Smith, Preaching

“A Courageous Adventure by Faith”

Joshua 1:1-3, 5-9

Colossians 1:3-6; 3:12-17



TV Ministry is looking for a Titler ~ another person to key in (type) information from 11:00 a.m. traditional Sunday Service Worship Bulletin for TV Viewers. If interested, contact Richard or Judy Benfield at 828-256-7347.

Opportunities for Service

March 31, 2015
Volume 65, Issue 4

Wednesday, April 1

Spring Break

Thursday, April 2

- 1:00 p.m. WOM 1, Fellowship Center
- 3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. AA
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Fellowship Center
- 6:15 p.m. Girl Scouts, Room 120
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bells

Friday, April 3

- 3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. AA
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

- 5:30 p.m. AA

Sunday, April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Fresh Spirit Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room 107
- 9:35 a.m. Easter Brunch, Gathering Area
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday, April 6 ~ Church Offices Closed

- 5:30 p.m. AA

Tuesday, April 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. WOM 2, Room 141
- 5:30 p.m. AA; Property Committee

Wednesday, April 8

Spring Break

Thursday, April 9

- 5:30 p.m. AA

Friday, April 10

- 5:30 p.m. AA
- 6:00 p.m. Stop, Drop, & Roll

Saturday, April 11

- 5:30 p.m. AA

Welcoming:

- 4/5: Todd, Amber Bowman
- 4/12: Don, Edith McAlpin
- 4/19: Bruce, Janet Ogle
- 4/26: Doris, Jolette Wright

Viewer Response

- 4/5 & 4/12: Judy Benfield, Sharon Olsen
- 4/19 & 4/26: Wanda Byrd, Kenny Joe Crump

Ushers for April:

- Todd Bowman, Glenn Bumgarner, Taylor Payne, Jim Piercy, Sherwin Speight, Christie West

Nursery Volunteers

- April 5:* Beth & Ashley Gusler
- April 12:* Early Service: Eric Erikson
- 11:00 a.m.: Lesa Baker, Ginger Dietrich
- April 19:* Early Service: Kathy Rector
- 11:00 a.m.: Bill, Jerri Barnette

To volunteer please contact
Liz Amick at 320-9349.
Volunteers are needed for the services
at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Our Church Staff

828-322-6732

You may contact us at:

Jay Robison, ext 203

jay@viewmontbaptist.org

Jimmy Rogers, ext 205

jimmy@viewmontbaptist.org

Wil Worley, ext 206

wil@viewmontbaptist.org

Regiani Pereira, ext 207

regiani@viewmontbaptist.org

Beth Murphree, ext 214

beth@viewmontbaptist.org

Holly Lail, ext 201

holly@viewmontbaptist.org

Jill Hoyle Phillips, ext 223

jill@viewmontbaptist.org

Rene' McMahon, ext 217

grlmcMahon@hotmail.com

After School Ministry, ext 208

asm@viewmontbaptist.org

Mack Oliphant, Youth Intern

LRU, mack.oliphant@my.lr.edu