



# Viewmont Baptist Church

*Our Vision: Excellence in Preaching, Teaching, Caring, and Reaching*

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## *From Our Pastor . . .*

I sat in wonder and awe as our children played in the living room. It was a Sunday afternoon about a week and a half before Christmas. The weekend had been a very busy one with a lot of travel and activity so it was nice to spend an evening at home. They were actually playing well together and no one was accusing someone else of being mean or taking a toy or anything like that.

Then I heard one of the girls say something that sounded familiar and it caught my attention enough that I began to listen intently. There were, of course, Christmas displays in the living room and our girls were playing near some of them. I heard, "We are going to light the Advent candle of..." Both girls engaged in the dramatic play during the season of Advent. They called out one of the themes of Advent (hope, peace, love, joy) and were engrossed in this world of imagination. I sat in the recliner beaming ear to ear listening to them as they took what they have heard and were discussing it amongst themselves, putting it into action, and calling from memory that which they have heard. It was a wonderful moment.

In that moment, simple and plain as it was, the thoughts began to swirl around in my heart and soul and mind about what all of this means. They were playing near a ceramic Christmas tree that has a bulb inside that shines brightly, making the tree beautiful and brilliant. That tree is now packed away with the other Christmas decorations, waiting for the day toward the end of 2020 when it will be unpacked and displayed once again. But what about that light?

The light that dawned at Christmas is not meant for just one day or one season of the year. The light of Christmas is the light of life, the light of Christ Jesus. That light shines all year long. Regardless of what happens, the light still shines. It never changes. That is what I took away from watching our girls "play Advent" that night. I thought how it would not be long and the season would be over and they might be on to something else, but the light of Christ will continue to shine.

It also was a reminder that they were not going to let Christmas stay solely in the church building during an hour of worship each week. They took the light of Advent and carried it home. Into our home. What they did not know was just how brightly they were allowing the light of Christ to shine through them.

As we enter the new year, be reminded that the light has come, the light has dawned upon us. The light of Christ Jesus. The light that shines in the darkness and is not overcome by the darkness. I pray our children remember the words of Jesus. I pray each of us remember the words of Jesus.

***"...let your light shine before everyone that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).***

We don't have to wait for the season of Advent to return in order to focus on the light of Jesus shining in and through us.

What a joy it is to be your pastor and friend...  
-Andrew

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## *Coming Events . . .*

*Wednesday, January 1*

Office Closed

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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*Tuesday, January 7*

10:00 AM

Adult Co-Ed Bible Study Resumes

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*Wednesday, January 8*

Full Wednesday Night

Schedule Resumes

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*Monday, January 13*

2020-2021 Fall Preschool

Open for Current Students

& Church Members

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*Sunday, January 19*

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Sabbath Soup Kitchen

Fellowship Center

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*Sunday, January 26*

11:00 AM

All Children's Day

12:30 PM

Church Council

## *Sundays at Viewmont*

*January 5 ~*

***"Beginning with the Ending"***

***~ Numbers 6:22-27***

*January 12 ~*

***Deacon Ordination***

***"A Solution of Service"***

***~ Acts 6:1-7***

*January 19 ~*

***"It Never Gets Old"***

***~ Psalm 40:1-11***



**...in January!**

***As You Pray, Remember . . .***

*The Family of John Hourihan on his recent death.*

*The Family of Lewis Phillips on his recent death.*

***Thank You Notes From***

Carolina Caring

***January 2020***

***Deacon of the Week***

***January 5~ Terry Abee***

***January 12 ~ Todd Bowman***

***January 19 ~ Richard Byrd***

***January 26 ~ Nancy Corpening***

**CHURCH REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 46,119.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 46,740.00
Designated:	\$ 3,092.00
Total Given:	\$ 47,885.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,602.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 801.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 45,402.00
Capital Campaign given:	\$500,837.00

**CHURCH REPORT FOR 2019:**

Budget Approved:	\$553,427.00
Budget Offering:	\$493,804.00
Designated:	\$140,893.00
Total Given:	\$634,697.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$487,657.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$152,031.00
Total Expenses:	\$639,688.00

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*“There’s a Place for You  
 in the Music Ministry  
 At Viewmont Baptist Church”*  
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**Choir Rehearsals  
 Resume**

GROUP	RESUMES	TIME
Praise Team	January 5	8:45a
Adult Bells	January 6	6:00p
Children’s Choirs	January 8	5:45p
Wind Ensemble	January 8	5:45p
Sanctuary Choir	January 8	6:45p

**Missions Opportunities**

**Help Support the Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina**

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) brings hope and healing to children and families in crisis. For more than 130 years, the nonprofit has offered caring homes to countless boys and girls who come from circumstances ranging from family dysfunction to situation of abuse, neglect and abandonment.

**Throughout the month of January,  
 we will be collecting funds for Baptist Children’s Home of NC.**

Make **DOUBLE** the difference in a child’s life! Gifts given to BCH during the month of January will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000. You may place your gift in the offering plate designated to “Missions” or “Baptist Children’s Home.” To learn more about BCH please visit <https://www.bchblog.org/about>



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We hope you all had an opportunity to stop by and watch the 3 year old's, 4 year old's and Transitional Kindergarten class perform their songs during their Christmas programs. They did a fantastic job singing! If you missed it, you might want to put it on your calendar for next year! It will truly bless you!

**Registration** for the 2020-2021 school year for current students and church members will begin on January 13th, 2020. You may pick up a registration form on the table by the elevator. Please turn them into Cheri and Debbie.

We are looking ahead to our next fun thing in January, when our children and staff will be singing on January 26th at All Children's Sunday!

We thank our Lord and Savior for giving us the opportunity to love these children and their families. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

# January 2020

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday</u> 8:45 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  <u>Each Monday</u> 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal  <u>Each Tuesday</u> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm. 134		<u>Each Wednesday</u> 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 5:00 p.m. Supper Served 5:45 p.m. Children's Music & Missions Wind Ensemble Practice Prayer Time/Adult Bible Study Youth Sanctuary Choir Practice  <u>Monday - Friday</u> 7:15am-6:00pm Weekday Preschool Ministry 3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry		<u>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</u> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building		
			1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4
5	6	7 10 AM Adult Co-Ed Bible Study Resumes  6 PM Property Committee, Conf Rm 107	8 11 AM Full Staff  Full Schedule Resumes	9 3:30 PM Missions & Evangelism Conf Rm 107	10	11
12	13 2020-2021 Fall Preschool Registration open for Current students & Church Members	14 6 PM Finance Committee, Conf Rm 107  1 PM WOM 3 With Wanda Byrd	15	16 6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	17	18
19 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Center	20	21 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen  6 PM Deacons Rm 230	22	23	24	25
26 11:00 am All Children's Day  12:30 Church Council	27 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	28 6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107	29	30	31	

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, January 5

8:45 a.m. Praise Team Practice  
**\*9:00 a.m. Everyone is Invited to Join Us  
for Prayer Time, Conf Rm 107**

9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
10:20 a.m. Front Entrance Opened  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 6

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm 134  
6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Conf. Rm. 107

### Wednesday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Full Staff  
5:00 p.m. Supper Served  
5:45 p.m. Prayer Time/Adult Bible Study  
Preschool & Children's Choirs & Missions  
Instrumental Ensemble  
6:30 p.m. Youth Wonderful World of Wednesday  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 9

3:30 p.m. Missions & Evangelism, Conf. Rm 107

### Friday, January 10

### Saturday, January 11

#### Monday - Friday

7:15 a.m.-6p.m. Weekday Preschool Ministry  
3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry

#### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

### Welcoming:

1/5: Lamar, Brenda Starnes  
1/12: Jim, Lena Piercy  
1/19: Jerry, Jean Titus  
1/26: Anza, Doris Stroud

### Viewer Response

1/5, 12: Nancy Simmons, Amber Bowman  
1/19, 26: Brenda Starnes, Amie Moore

### Ushers for January

Chuck Garland

**Broadcast Ministry**  
**Our worship service is broadcast live  
each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on:**

WHKY-TV Channel 14  
Alexander CTV Channel 7  
Caldwell CTV Channel 7  
Spectrum TV Channel 7

Also on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
Search: Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory NC

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