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From Our Pastor . . .

The passing of time shifts like sand, doesn't it? There are things in life that happened years and years ago that feel like they happened yesterday. The opposite is also true: there are things that happened yesterday that feel as if they were a lifetime ago. I don't know about you, but during these last two and a half months, my perception of the passing of time has wavered between these two.

On the one hand it feels like a year ago when we were last together as a congregation for worship on a Sunday morning. (By the way, that Sunday was a great day of worship. It was Sunday, March 8). On the other hand, it feels like yesterday as these last twelve weeks have certainly moved by at a different pace than normal.

One of the aspects of that we as Christians hold to is the practice of remembering. It is good to remember. It is good to look back and to see where we have come from. The journey that has taken place. The ups and the downs. The twists and the turns. The ruts and ravines, and to recall all the markings along the trail. We are people of remembrance, looking back to see what God has done. This biblical practice is as ancient as humanity itself, and it certainly puts the present in perspective.

Looking back over the last two and a half months, much has taken place. In our recent congregational letter, we detailed out a few of the remarkable and Spirit-filled happenings over this most recent season. Ministry has continued, the church has never closed, and the glory of God has still been radiating off our campus in the name of Jesus.

Another aspect of our life as believers is the practice of anticipation. This is the looking forward with hope. The hope that the future is swiftly coming into the present. There is indeed a glorious moment headed our way. Our staff and church leaders are prayerfully and diligently working on a plan for our congregation to re-gather in a safe, prepared, and faith-in-Christ manner. We are confident this day is coming, and it is coming soon.

The plan to re-gather will involve both outdoor and indoor services. Our outdoor services will be Wednesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, July 1st.. Our indoor worship services may resume as early as Sunday, July 5th. We feel this gives proper time for planning and to be as prepared as possible to re-gather. Be on the lookout over the next several weeks for another congregational letter and a detailed step-by-step plan for regathering.

As we look back, we see how the journey has led us to this point and the hand of God is very evident. As we look forward, we see where the journey is taking us and, again, the hand of God is very evident. That leaves us with the present moment. I encourage us all to take time every day to seek the wisdom of the Lord as we move forward in faith and wisdom. I ask for your prayers as we make the necessary decisions that will provide a safe and proactive plan for us to re-gather as the people of God at Viewmont.

I will tell you this...I miss you. I miss you terribly. I cannot wait to see you and have been praying for you every day.

Soli Deo Gloria....

-Andrew

Plans for Outdoor Worship

- Wednesday evening outdoor services on the back lawn on **June 3** and **July 1** at 6:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and properly spread out and practice social distancing.
- Short, devotional service similar to what we do for Facebook/YouTube on Wednesdays. Service will last approximately 40-45 minutes.
- We ask no hand shaking and no hugging and to observe proper distancing.
- Hand-sanitizing stations available.
- FM transmitter available for those who prefer to stay in vehicles.
- Cars should enter and park in the bus parking lot. Lawn chairs in the grass and face toward Lowe's Foods.
- A children's sermon will be held during the outdoor service. We ask families to use the pre-placed markers to sit with children to allow for proper distancing.
- These services will be cancelled for poor weather.

Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!

Pray without ceasing!

Every morning and every evening at 8:00, set a time of dedicated prayer. Prayer for our world, our nation, our community. Prayer for the Holy Spirit of God to bring both hope and healing to a very troubled time.

CREATING FOUR-PART HARMONY

I thought this was very encouraging, and wanted to share.....Jimmy

This is a quote from a section of the book, Creating Four-Part Harmony, by Fred Bock...

"Do you think of harmony as applying only to music? Not so! Harmony has a place in the natural world: the beauty of seasons, the unity of relationships, the balance of art and architecture, and the order of business. Harmony is never in the singular; it is always plural. In the music world, harmony is not created with only a soloist, a single melody line, or one note. It takes voices and notes sung or played together to produce true harmony. Life is that way as well. Relational harmony is not necessary if we live as emotional soloists or hermits, never seeing, talking to, or working with other people. In the music world we often speak of "four-part harmony," therefore, we have loosely organized our thoughts into a "four-part" outline:

1. Harmony with God.
2. Harmony in the Church (pastors, staff, and congregation)
3. Harmony with the Choir.
4. Harmony in your own Family (married or single)

Is that possible? Not with a hundred per cent of the people, a hundred per cent of the time! But we can try, can't we?"

"Within the body of our local churches and within the walls of our homes, we are instructed to live in peace—that means to live in harmony! We do so by holding each other accountable for our actions, by striving to resolve discord, by encouraging individual growth and expansion, and by loving and accepting each other as imperfect human beings. Learning to put four-part harmony into practice is an ongoing challenge which requires a great deal of practice and rehearsal."

"We hope that in a small way we can do this for you, not only in your work, but also in your relationships with other people. We would like to inspire you to a renewed dedication to serve God with your talents. May full, rich, harmony resound in every area of your life."
~ Fred Bock



**Sundays
LIVE at
Viewmont**

**June 7 ~ "Let's Be
On Our Way"
Matthew 28:16-20**

**June 14 ~ "Zoom Out,
Zoom In"
Psalm 8:1-9**

**Father's Day
June 21 ~ "The Greatest
Teacher"
Psalm 89:1-18**

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Bruce Simmons on his recent death.

The Family of Brenda Futrell on the recent death of her brother, Ronnie Bridges.

The Family of Jeff & Susan Gouge on the recent death of their son, Patrick Gouge.

The Family of Emily Mosteller Pruette on the recent death of her father-in-law, Larry Pruette.

The Family of Boyce Starnes on the recent death of his brother, Floyd Starnes.

The Family of Lamar Starnes on the recent death of his sister, Delores 'Lori' Haas.

Thank You Note From
Shawn Bowman-Hicks



**Food Pantry
Needs**

We normally receive food weekly from Hickory's Second Harvest Food Bank. However, with the recent turn of events in our nation, their supply is getting low. Here is a list of things that we are in need of at this time. Thank you so much for your continued support!

canned corn	chicken	green beans
peanut butter	pasta	pasta sauce
crackers	jelly	toilet paper
fruit	cookies	tuna

CHURCH REPORT FOR APRIL:

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 41,448.00
Designated:	\$ 6,204.00
Total Given:	\$ 47,652.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,872.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 1,344.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 46,216.00
Capital Campaign given:	\$572,061.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$164,175.00
Designated:	\$ 12,006.00
Total Given:	\$176,181.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$176,726.00

**Pregnancy Care Center
Needs**

Diapers size 4, 5, and/or 6. If you would like to donate diapers, please drop them by the church and place in the box in foyer and I will take them to the Pregnancy Care Center.

Thank You, Wanda Ledford



**General Re-Gathering
Information**

- Our guidelines are being put in place to reintroduce worship gatherings at Viewmont in a manner that is safe, communicates faith, encourages unity, and a care and concern for others.
- We ask that if you or someone in your immediate household has recently had a fever or recently been around someone with a fever, to please refrain from gathering with others.
- While we are all excited to re-gather as a congregation, there may be those who are not ready to do so. Therefore, please use your best judgement taking into consideration your own health situation when deciding when to join in-person gatherings.

June 2020

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><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</p> <p><u>Each Monday</u> 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Each Tuesday</u> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm. 134</p>		<p><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</p> <p>6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.</p> <p><u>Monday - Friday</u> 7:15am-6:00pm Weekday Preschool Ministry 3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry</p>		<p><u>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</u> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  <p style="margin: 0;">TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Monday-Thursday</i> 8:30 AM - 3 PM</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Closed Friday</i></p> </div>		
	1	2 6 PM Property Committee, Conf Rm 107	3 11 AM Full Staff Wednesday Outdoor Service 6:30 pm on back lawn			
7		9 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen 6 PM Deacons Rm 230	17	18	19	20
21  12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	22	23 6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	26	27
28	29	30	<p><i>Congratulations To Our Graduates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vincent Shirreffs - Alexander Central High School</i> • <i>Caroline Turner - Appalachian State University</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Formal Recognition to Come</i></p>			

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, June 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service via WHKY/Youtube

Monday, June 8

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution

Tuesday, June 9

Wednesday, June 10

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Thursday, June 11

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

June 2020

Deacon of the Week

June 7~ Sandy McAlpin

June 14 ~ Don Miller

June 21 ~ Chris Moore

June 28 ~ Sharon Olsen

Welcoming:

6/7: Dot Rhyne

6/14: David, Terrie Nelson

6/21: Linda Sloniker

6/28: Jerry, Jean Titus

Viewer Response

6/7, 14:

6/21, 28:

Ushers for June

Chuck Baxley, Roy Bolton, Shea Teague,
Chris Jones, Joe Mercer, Dick Von Dohlen

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

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