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From Our Pastor . . .

The sun had set at the end of another long day during this season of uncertainty. I found myself standing in a place I have been so many times in the last eight and a half years. It was once again bedtime for the children. When it comes time to tuck in at night, most of the time I take Caulder to his room and Ronna goes with the girls into their room. So, there I stood at Caulder's bed prepared to tuck him in, rub his head one last time, and fist-bump goodnight. But Caulder had other plans. So did the Lord.

Caulder's day was full of play, energy, and fun which meant he was not quite ready to set like the sun. There was still one more game he was ready to play. He stood up on his bed and shouted, "DAD! CATCH ME!" Then, standing on the edge of his bed, he leaned forward. There was nothing to catch him except the arms of his father. That's all he knew. That's all he needed to know. The arms of his father were right there to catch him. He was full of energy which is par for the course of his life. He was also full of trust. Childlike faith. He knew the arms of his father were there and he had complete and unrestrained trust that his dad would catch him.

As his 3 ½ year old body hit my chest and his arms swung around my neck, the Holy Spirit hit me square in the heart and wrapped around my soul. All of a sudden, the last several weeks came flooding back through my mind like a flash of lightening. All of the news. All of the worry. All of the anxiety. All of the questions. All of the uncertainty. These have been weeks when none of us have known exactly what to do. But one thing remains the same: the arms of our Father are still strong, and we can fall against His chest and feel His beating heart for us. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit's comfort, I began to ask myself if I have been completely trusting the arms of my Father through all of this. Am I trusting He will meet our needs? Am I trusting He will catch us? Am I trusting with childlike faith that the arms are safe and secure and will hold us from all alarms?

Then the questions began to go deeper and reach beyond just the last eight weeks as we have been facing the current crisis in which we all find ourselves. Was I trusting the arms of God before this season of uncertainty? Was I living through childlike faith before this present crisis? How will my life of faith be different after all of this is said and done? You see, the call to live in faith is not a call for a season but for a lifetime. It is not a summons to childlike faith only for the valleys of life but also for the mountaintops and everything in between. When life is scary, we trust God. When life is bright and sunny, we trust God.

I was reminded that night, and every moment since, of the words of the wise teacher of the Old Testament: ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight"*** (Proverbs 3:5-6). Just as we trusted God before this current season, I pray we are trusting God during this season, and we will trust God after this season.

It is difficult to put into words – written or spoken – how much I miss our church family being together. As one body. Praising God in one voice. The truth of the matter is we are *still* one body and *still* praising God with one voice. I trust the Lord that we will be back together soon. Until that day comes, and every day after, let us all trust the Lord. Trust the arms of our Father. After all, they are good arms. They are strong arms. Our God is good....all the time!

Trusting the Lord *WITH* You.....

-Pastor Andrew

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Coming Events . . .

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

*Sunday, May 17
12:30-1:30 PM*

Sabbath Soup Kitchen

*Monday, May 25
Memorial Day*

Church Offices Closed

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.

**TEMPORARY
OFFICE HOURS**



**Monday-
Thursday
8:30 AM - 3 PM**

Closed Friday

May 2020

Deacon of the Week

**May 3~ Richard Byrd
May 10 ~ Nancy Corpening
May 17 ~ Mike Costner
May 24 ~ Butch Gryder
May 31 ~ Jason Kahrl**

Sundays LIVE at Viewmont



May 3 ~ "With"
Psalm 23:1-6

Mother's Day
May 10 ~ "No Reason..."
John 14:1-14

May 17 ~ "The Best-Known Secret"
Philippians 4:10-13

CHURCH REPORT FOR MARCH:

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 46,818.00
Designated:	\$ 5,233.00
Total Given:	\$ 52,051.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 45,835.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 4,394.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 50,229.00
Capital Campaign given:	\$565,857.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$122,652.00
Designated:	\$ 10,662.00
Total Given:	\$133,314.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$131,854.00

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Myrtle 'Pat' Duncan on her recent death.

The Family of Butch Gryder on the recent death of his aunt, Dot.

The Family of Gwyn Keener & Bob Olsen on the recent death of her sister & his aunt, Thelma Duckworth.

The Family of Doroti Pereira Lowen & Daniel Pereira on the recent death of her husband & his brother-in-law, Mathias Lowen.

The Family of Boyce Starnes on the recent death of his nephew, Jim Yount.

The Family of Cheri Locke on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Teresa 'Terri' Locke Childers.

Thank You Note From

Roy Bolton
Pregnancy Care Center

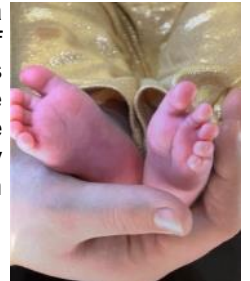
Thank You from:

Care House a ministry of Baptist Children's Homes

Dearest friends at Viewmont Baptist,

Thank you for your love & support of Care House. Your generous donations are so helpful & means so much to us. And Mrs. Wanda Ledford was so helpful in getting those diapers to us-we really love & appreciate her.

I've enclosed a picture of one of our little miracles that you all are helping us care for. Please stay safe & keep on keeping on!
Love & Prayers,
Judy Cable



• **Do you receive e mails from church?**
Please call the Church Office to add/update your information.

• **Ways to Give: Mail, Drop-off @ church office and Online thru Church Website...**

go to www.viewmontbaptist.org

Click "Contact Us" at the top of the page

Click "Giving"

Click "Donate"



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 sauce	pasta
crackers	toilet paper	fruit
cookies	jelly	tuna



Viewmont Baptist Preschool
Tree of Learning
"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"

Hello all,

We hope this finds everyone safe and home.

We had a wonderful response to help DSS raise luggage for those having to leave their home in a hurry. This will allow them to gather their belongings in a suitcase rather than plastic bags. Thank you so much for your support in this.

We will be closed at least until June, but maybe longer depending on what the new rules for childcare centers are. We will hopefully know this information close to the end of May.

As always, we appreciate so much your prayers, love and support.

May 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>	
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3	4	5 6 PM Property Committee, Conf Rm 107	6 11 AM Full Staff	7 3:30 PM Missions & Evangelism Conf Rm 107	8	9
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17 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	18	19 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen 6 PM Deacons Rm 230	20	21	22	23
24 <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26 6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	27	28 6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	29	30
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Opportunities for Service

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

4:00 p.m. Worship & Prayer via Facebook

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

Welcoming:

5/3: Chris, Kate Hall

5/10: Bruce Buchanan

5/17: Chuck Baxley, Jack Williams

5/24: Ronnie, Susan Watts

5/31: Gary, Joyce Huffman

Viewer Response

5/3, 10:

5/17, 24:

5/31:

Ushers for May

Jon Mosteller, Teresa C Fry, Ryan McCreary

Bob Hibbitts, Gary Huffman, Chris Moore

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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