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From Our Pastor . . .

I pulled into the parking lot in the morning. It was scheduled to be a full day and there was a lot packed onto the proverbial plate. As is often the case on a day like this, I was thinking about all of the tasks that needed to be checked off the list by the end of the day. And, of course, the tasks ranged and varied in nature and difficulty. I am sure you have had a day like this before. All I could think of was what was ahead of me.

But as I pulled into the parking lot, I almost missed the budding tulip. On this particular day, it was opened about halfway. Bright. Red. Beautiful. It rested atop a healthy stem and the foliage beneath it was lush. I should have seen this coming but had missed it all along. I was in too big a hurry, bustling around from here to there to notice it was bursting forth from the ground. When it did catch the glance of my eye and the attention of my soul, I paused. I thanked God for new life. I asked God to forgive me of not seeing it coming and to grant me grace to live each day expectant with hope to see new life unfold before us.

It also caused me to think and reflect and pray upon the true message of Easter. We all know Easter is coming. In fact, this year it is April 4, the first Sunday in the month. It is the day when we, together with one voice with our brothers and sisters across all time and space, tribe and tongue, shout for all of creation to hear, "HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!" This is the greatest of days, when the darkness of the grave was driven back forever by the light of the world breathing the first breath of resurrection. We should never underestimate the sheer power of Easter. We should never take it for granted or think of it as an afterthought. This day is the unfolding of the glorious plan of God, the plan of salvation, redemption, and resurrection that comes about only through Jesus.

There is more to this, though. You see, that lone tulip bloom was the first one to be opened. It was the first of many to open. Just below that lone bloom were several healthy stems, coming out of the same lush foliage, that had burst out of the same ground from the same bulb planted in the ground. The other blooms were on the verge of opening and I suspect in the coming days they will be opened. But they are not yet opened.

Paul describes the resurrected Christ like this: ***"He is the start of it all, Firstborn from the realms of the dead; So in all things He might be the chief. For in Him all the fullness of the deity of God was pleased to dwell"*** (Colossians 1:18b-19). If Christ is the *firstborn from the dead*, this means there are others yet to come. That's you. That's me. That's us...in Christ. For when we come to life in Christ, the bulb of the resurrection is planted within us, and we begin to burst forth in grace to be a living example of the resurrection of Christ.

Our lives are lived in the power and light of the resurrection of Christ and in anticipation of the day when Easter is complete, when the resurrection of Christ is finished, and the dead will rise. Until that day comes, you and I are like the small blooms, slowly opening, while the one above us is alive and well. Until that day comes, may you and I continue to keep in step with the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Until that day comes, may you and I continue to announce, proclaim, and live out the glory of the resurrection of Christ Jesus in all we say and do. Until that day comes, may you and I never be too busy to take note of the signs of resurrection life that are blooming all around us. I am grateful you and I share this journey of Easter faith together each and every day.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

-Andrew

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Friday, April 2 @ 5 p.m.

On Facebook & YouTube

The Tenebrae Service is a service of darkness. It is a time to mournfully and prayerfully hear the seven words from the cross as Jesus hangs there to die. We begin this time of worship by sharing in the bread and the cup together as the body of Christ. Then, we move to the cross to hear the final words of our Lord. If you do not already have a prepacked set of communion elements, they are available through the church office.



Are you ready to return to Sunday School?

More news to follow in the next few weeks!

Be on the lookout!!!!

Music ~ Worship



...is one of the Hymns in our worship medley this coming Sunday.

This hymn declares that we are to crown our Lord with many crowns, but this does not mean that Jesus is a "man of many hats." Christ was not simply a prophet, He was not simply the carpenter's son, and He was not simply human, nor simply divine. Rather, this call to "crown him with many crowns" is a simple and yet profound declaration that Christ is many things, and everything.

He is Lord of all, to be crowned for many things that all add up to Him being Savior of the world. Each crown represents a different aspect of who Christ is – Lord of life, Lord of love, Lord of years, Lord of heaven, the Lamb upon the throne. Christ is King, Servant, Lamb, Shepherd, and we celebrate this all-encompassing, paradoxical nature of our Savior by crowning Him the Lord of all.

Reflect on these things Sunday as we lift our voices in praise singing "Crown Him with Many Crowns."



**Sundays
LIVE
at Viewmont**

*Easter Sunday
April 4 ~*
"Were You There?"
*His Beating Heart &
His Living Voice"*
John 20:1-16

April 11 ~
"Were You There?"
Will You Be There?"
1 Corinthians 15:54-58

April 18 ~
"The Sweetest Fruit"
Psalm 133:1-3

April 25 ~ "Fruit That Lasts"
John 15:1-8



**The Prayer Quilt
Ministry**

A need was identified and a new ministry created to reach out in a tangible way to our members who are struggling with a prolonged, life-threatening illness and cover them literally and spiritually with our love and prayers. Please pray for this ministry and consider donating your time (if you can sew a straight seam); materials such as good cotton clothing or material; or by making a monetary donation to "cover" the cost of creating a beautiful expression of our love to the Prayer Quilt Ministry. For questions or to donate your time, please contact Linda Sloniker (828) 781-2316.

CHURCH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,160.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 45,852.00
Designated:	\$ 1,806.00
Total Given:	\$ 47,658.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 38,557.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 38,557.00

Capital Campaign given: \$640,931.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2021:

Budget Approved:	\$589,914.00
Budget Offering:	\$100,071.00
Designated:	\$ 6,147.00
Total Given:	\$106,218.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 75,627.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 2,391.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 75,627.00

March, 2021 (through March 21st)

Avg In-person Morning Worship:	101
Avg YouTube Live:	<u>54</u>

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Pat Sigmon on her recent death.

The Family of Patsy Bailey on her recent death.

The Family of Kelly Mosteller on the recent death of his mother, Doris Mosteller.

The Family of Jeri Barnette on the recent death of her cousin, Ruby Ann Caldwell.

The Family of Burlene Price & Kay Crooks on the recent death of their cousin, Jim Griffin.

Thank You From . . .
Lutherhaus

**Ministers Hospital
Visitation Schedule**

Monday	Rev. Jimmy Rogers
Tuesday	Dr. Andrew Rawls
Wednesday	Regiani Perzira
Thursday	Minister Rotation
Friday	Deacon of the Week

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



APRIL NEWS!

We love all the signs of Spring- the sunshine, birds singing, flowers blooming, and the sounds of children's laughter while playing on the playground or in the classrooms! We are excited to wind down on the last two months of the school year.

The 4's enjoyed "Donuts For Dad" near the end of March. It wasn't exactly the way we had celebrated in the past. Due to Covid restrictions, we could not gather in person. Instead, the children worked hard and loved making crafts and telling how special their fathers are to them. They took their items home, along with donuts and shared them together!

Our Fall registration is going great. Most of the rooms are full, and some have a waiting list. What a difference a year makes! Our Summer registration has started and is looking pretty good so far.

We are counting our blessings and are thankful for our wonderful families and staff.

Missions and Evangelism News

Food Card Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes of NC (BCHNC)

Each year BCH holds a "Food Round Up" to help stock their shelves in order to provide meals for children living in their cottages across the state. Many of these children come from tragic situations of abuse and neglect. Cottages can house up to a dozen children-- you can imagine that it takes a lot of food to keep their little tummies full! Viewmont Baptist Church wants to help! Starting in March and through the end of April, we will be collecting gift cards from **Food Lion** or **Walmart** to give to the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. You may also contribute monetary gifts (please designate these funds toward "BCH gift cards"). You may place your gift-card donations in the offering plate or give to the church office. Thank you, as always, for your support!



April 2021

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Each Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

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

Each Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise
5:15-6:15 p.m. Children's Sunday school

Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat
5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

Monday-Friday
7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry

Wednesday
8:30 am-12:30 pm After School Morning Remote Support Program

Closings
Apr 2-9 Preschool/Afterschool Ministries

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.

				1	2 Virtual Good Friday Tenebrae & Communion Service	3
4 	5 Easter Monday Church Offices Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area 6 PM Finance Committee	14 11 AM Full Staff	15	16	17
18 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	27	28	29	30 	

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

9:45-10:45 a.m. Youth SS-youth Building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, April 5

Easter Monday - Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 8

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10/3

Monday - Friday

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekday Preschool Ministry

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. After School Remote Learning

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

April 2021

Deacon of the Week

April 4~ Don Miller
April 11 ~ Chris Moore
April 18~ Sharon Olsen
April 25~ Cheryl Ramsey

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
Search: Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory NC

Just so you know.....

Worship Bulletins & Prayer Sheets are available @ noon on Thursdays. They are located on the ledge in the foyer outside of Beth's office.

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Flower Calendar

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