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From Our Pastor . . .

Surprises are few and far between these days because we live with instant news and communication. We have heard it all and seen it all, so nothing surprises us any longer. If we are not careful, we can carry this same attitude into Easter. We hear it over and over again. Year after year, the story never changes. And on the one hand, that's good because it is the constant of the eternal brought into the temporal. It is the solid-rock-never-changing events of the death and resurrection of Jesus that we need to keep us anchored in a hope that never falters, and never fades. On the other hand, it can become so rote that we lose touch with it. We have heard the story so many times that we know it too well.

Easter, however, is the great surprise. It is what J.R.R. Tolkien called "the euchatastrophe of the incarnation." I never tire of reading the accounts as presented by the gospel writers. They are brief, first-hand reports of what was found - and what wasn't found - by the women on the first day of the week. We have heard the story all our lives, but somehow, in some way, the end should still surprising to us.

The surprise comes in resurrection itself. That's not how things work in this world. Dead people don't simply come back to life. However, that is exactly what gets me every year. This Jesus who died for you and me, has been resurrected back to life, by the power of God. This Jesus who will walk and talk - as He did before -, who will eat and drink - as He did before -, but who will pass through walls and no longer be threatened by death, is a surprise. Easter is a surprise every year, not only in terms of the resurrection, but also how the resurrection of Christ affects daily living.

None of the four gospels end with the tomb found empty and the disciples wondering what to do next. There is a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus in each of the four gospels. Why? Because Jesus' resurrection from the dead changed history. It changed cosmic history. It changes our history. Jesus appears and embodies resurrection with the disciples. Each time He appears, it is a surprise; the disciples do not even see it coming. Each time He greets them each time with a word of peace and a promise of power, sending them forth to live the Easter way.

The resurrection of Christ is then front and center in the rest of the New Testament. Without it, there is no Christian life and Christian discipleship. The New Testament teaches there is coming a day of great resurrection, when the glory of Easter is made complete and the last trumpet and the dead in Christ will rise. So, we live between these two events. At each turn along the way, when we live in time between the resurrections, we are surprised at what God does, using the flow of the resurrection of Christ to do it. The Holy Spirit moves in us to bear the fruits of resurrection. Sometimes we see these fruits. Sometimes we don't. We catch glimpses of new life, we see sprigs of hope bursting forth, we watch as the power of the resurrection of Christ takes hold of us and, through our life in Christ, the world around us. Viewmont, never underestimate what Easter can do. Never underestimate Easter itself.

Through the season of Lent, we found ourselves on "The Way of the Cross." As we now approach Easter, and life on the other side of Easter, may we be continually surprised at what it will do in us and through us. I want you to know it is a joy - an honest, true, and humble joy - to live this life of resurrecting faith in Christ with you! I pray we are continually surprised at the move of Easter when we walk with the resurrected Christ.

I look forward to celebrating resurrection with you Easter Sunday (April 9) and every single day thereafter.

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

*April 2 ~ 6th Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday*

*"The Way Of The Cross:
Stand Here With Me"
Mark 15:37-39*

April 9 ~ Easter Sunday

*"The Way Of The Cross:
The Cross-Shaped Life"
Philippians 3:4b-11*

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



Spring is here! We are so glad for warmer weather and being able to play outside! We have a brand new fence on the playground and it looks amazing!

The children will be busy with all things spring! We will have an egg hunt and also learn the real reason we observe Easter. If you have a chance, check out the spring artwork down the hall.

School will be closed April 7-16 for Easter Break. We look forward to spending time with family and friends remembering God's ultimate sacrifice of giving his only Son, so that we may have eternal life.

It's hard to believe that we only have April and May left in this school year. It has flown by so fast! We look forward to May with Muffins With Mom and the 4's graduation. Summer registration has started and it looks like it will be a fun and exciting summer! Our new hours will start in June. Our new closing times will be 12:45 and 3:00.

We hope you have a wonderful April!



WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Adult Choir-AC;
Children Choir-CC; Bells-BL

Apr. 2	"The Old Rugged Cross" "Lead Me To Calvary"	BL AC
Apr. 9	"Glory to the Risen Lord" "Christ is Risen Indeed" "Sing the Resurrection Song"	CC PT AC
Apr. 16	"You Are Holy" "Wings of the Dawn"	PT AC
Apr. 23	"Rock of Ages" "On Eagle's Wings"	PT AC
Apr. 30	"So Good" "As the Deer"	PT AC

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Roger Fox on the recent death of his cousin.

The Family of Lois Hefner on the recent deaths of her aunt, Louise, and her brother-in-law, Mike White.

The Family of Linda Mason on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Shirley Branch Short.

The Family of Boyce Starnes on the recent death of his daughter, Tammy.

2023 Church Flower Calendar



Contact Beth at 322-6732, stop by the church office or send an email to be placed on the Flower Calendar. You will need to order your own flowers from your preferred florist and have them delivered by 2 pm on Friday.

CHURCH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 53,039.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 46,730.00
Designated:	\$ 11,958.00
Total Given:	\$ 58,688.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 52,677.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 6,382.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 59,059.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2023:

Budget Approved:	\$636,468.00
Budget Offering:	\$103,129.00
Designated:	\$ 22,500.00
Total Given:	\$125,629.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$106,854.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 10,519.00
Total Expenses:	\$117,372.00

March, 2023

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	96
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	148
Avg YouTube Live:	74
Total Avg Worshippers:	222

Missions & Evangelism News

Our April missions emphasis will be the **Food Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH).**

Please bring a gift card from Food Lion or Walmart.

Also, we will do a "Clean out closet" this month. Box everything and watch for the date in May to bring to the church by the Black Mountain Children's Home Van.

COMING SOON



VBS '23
June 25-29
6:00-8:15pm



Cost: \$30.00

Includes: T-shirt, Snacks, all activities and crafts.



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

or <https://www.youtube.com/@ViewmontBaptistChurch>

(Beginning April 2, we will broadcast a week delay on Spectrum Channel 191 at 10:00 AM in most of our current viewing area. We hope to have several weeks overlap with WHKY and Spectrum 191. Our YouTube Live Stream will continue as normal.)



A Tenebrae Service is one where the Seven last words of Christ

are heard in a time of reverent reflection. As each word is spoken, a candle is extinguished, leading to darkness. Join us on Wednesday, April 5th at 5:50 pm in the Sanctuary for this time of hearing these Holy words.

On Maundy Thursday (April 6), you are invited to a drop in Communion Service in the Gathering Area. Come by anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 pm for a moment of quiet, Holy and personal reflection upon the sacrifice of Christ.

April 2023

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Min. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Children's Missions Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal		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.		
Each Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)		6:15 p.m. Children's Missions 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building				
Each Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study						
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> VBC Mugs & T-shirts are still available. Pick up Monday-Thursday 8 AM-5 PM All proceeds benefit VYTT! </div>						
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>6th Sunday of Lent</i> 	3 1:30 PM WOM Fellowship Center	4 6 PM Property Committee Room #230	5 11 AM Full Staff TENEBRAE SERVICE 5:40 pm Sanctuary	6 Mandy Thursdays IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME 5:30-7 pm Gathering Area	7 GOOD FRIDAY <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Preschool Closed</div>	8
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 	10 <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	11	12 <i>No Evening Activities</i>	13	14	15
Preschool Closed						
16	17	18 6 PM Deacons Room #230	19 5:45 PM Allen Schuyler NC Baptist Foundation	20 3 PM Missions & Evangelism Room #230 6:30 PM Fellowship Ctr. Update Cmte. Room # 230	21	22 8:30 AM Fresh Start Breakfast, Fellowship Center
23/30	24 2 PM Columbarium Committee Conference Room Vision Newsletter Articles Due	25 6 PM Personnel Committee Conference Room	26	27	28 	
29						

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 3

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry
1:30 p.m. WOM-Fellowship Center
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir
6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm.134
6:00 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
11:00 a.m. Full Staff
5:00 p.m. Dinner is served
5:40 p.m. Children's Choirs
5:50 p.m. Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

5:30-7 p.m. Maundy Thursday in Gathering Area (Drop-in Communion)

Friday, April 7

Saturday, April 8

Monday - Thursday: 7:15 am-6 pm/Friday: 7:15 am-5 pm
Weekday Preschool Ministry

Monday - Thursday: 8 am-5 pm/Friday: 8 am-2 pm
Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

Serving in Jesus' Name

Welcoming:

4/2: Todd & Amber Bowman
4/9: Edith McAlpin
4/16: Bruce & Janet Ogle
4/23: Jim & Nancy Beck
4/30: Joe & Donna Brittain

Viewer Response

4/2: Brenda Starnes, Cheryl Ramsey
4/9: Brenda Starnes, Jane Mosteller
4/16: Nancy Beck, Evelyn Yount
4/23: Nancy Beck, Jane Mosteller
4/30: Cheryl Ramsey, Evelyn Yount

Bethany Ministry

4/2: Jean Patton & Joyce Stewart
4/9: Roger & Laminda Fox
4/16: Jeff & Susan Gouge
4/23: Jon & Laura Mosteller
4/30: Chris & Jamie Jones

Ushers for April

Teresa Fry, Tim Turner, Jenny Piercy,
Gary Huffman, Todd Bowman, Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

April 2 ~ Sandy McAlpin

April 9 ~ Cheryl Ramsey

April 16 ~ Marion Roseman

April 23 ~ Sherwin Speight

April 30 ~ Shea Teague

• Return Service Requested

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