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From Our Pastor . . .

This summer, our children have played outside every evening until sundown. It is truly a wonderful thing. Riding their bikes, catching lightening bugs to put in a jar, dancing to the drumming of the cicadas and general imaginative play consume their daily moments up until daylight fades to night. But there is something about Calder's play that has caught my attention.

The other day, as he was coming in from a long time outside playing, I noticed his fingernails. There was dirt under them. You can picture it: dirt caked up under his nails that makes the dark line visible from a distance. The kind of dirt that is not going to come out simply by washing his hands, we would have to clip his fingernails to get them clean. Like playing outside until sundown, this is not a bad thing. I love to see it!

But I got to thinking about it. I knew exactly what he had been doing to cause such dirt to rest up under those nails. He was digging in the dirt. I knew the spot where he'd been playing. I knew the toys with which he'd been playing. I knew the "game" he'd been playing. How? Because I had seen him in that spot with those toys playing that game so many times. He was in a spot beside the driveway that has no grass and he had his dumptruck and tractor, just digging in the dirt. I knew where he'd been and what he'd been doing by the evidence on his hands. And when I asked him about it, his response was, "Dad...I always play in the dirt with my dumptruck!"

The evidence of our lives is easy to see. Where we have been and what we have been doing always rise to the surface of our souls. It caused me to think about the evidence of being in the presence of God. There is no way to be with the Lord and come away unchanged. There is always evidence of being with God. For Moses, it was his glowing face – radiating the glory of God. For Peter, it is the miraculous power of God that moves through his shadow – because he is standing in the light of Christ. Paul describes keeping in step with the Holy Spirit in such a way that the evidence of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – emanates from our lives like the sweet aroma of fresh fruit. In all of these instances, it is undeniable what has been happening.


It has caused me to ask myself, "what evidence is in my life that I have been with Jesus?" I am convinced that the more we are with Jesus, the more time we devote to drawing closer to Jesus, the deeper we talk with Jesus, the clearer the evidence becomes. It is worked into us by the power of the Holy Spirit like dirt under our fingernails. It is evident from across the room.

For several weeks now, the Holy Spirit has been bringing to mind the words of **John 1:1-5**. In speaking of the incarnation of God in Christ, John speaks of Jesus as the Word of God and as the Light of the world. In particular, what has held the attention of my soul are these words: **"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light."** So, when we walk in the light of the Lord, the light will always shine. There will always be evidence. There will always be a signal pointing to in whose presence we have been. It is my prayer that as we, together as a congregation, draw closer into the presence of God, it will be evident – more and more each day – that we have been and dwell with the Lord. The best news of all is that the light of the presence of God will never be extinguished.

Your pastor, your friend...

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The Preschool opened up on July 13th for our first summer session. It was so good to see those smiling faces and to hear all the laughter. We sure have missed our children!

Things have gone well during our re-opening. We are working hard to keep the children, their families and our staff safe and healthy.

This has been a challenge; however, but it has clearly been worth it to get these children back to some kind of a normal life. We will be closed for the next week for our staff to take a rest. We will open again on August 3rd.

We are preparing for opening in September. We are excited to see what God has instore for us next year. Thank you again for your prayers for our staff and the children.



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

Many thanks to our Praise Team members for helping to minister through music for our morning worship services. Each of them are dedicated and committed to serving our Lord & VBC.



UPCOMING

WORSHIP MUSIC

Aug. 2	<i>"Peace Like a River w/ Kum Ba Yah"</i>	Praise Team
Aug. 9	<i>"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)</i>	Praise Team
Aug. 16	<i>"Undivided"</i>	Praise Team
Aug. 23	<i>"Let the Celebration Begin"</i>	Praise Team
Aug. 30	<i>"I Have a Hope"</i>	Praise Team

**At-
 tention:
 Parents of School Age
 Children!!!**

We will be offering a Morning Remote Support Program for school age children K-6th grade Monday - Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. For more information please contact Rose Bibeau, our Afterschool Program Coordinator at asm@viewmontbaptist.org

Registration fee: \$30
 Tuition fee: \$50 per week

Also we are looking for a caring Christian person interested in working during this morning program supervising K-6th grade children with Remote Learning/Homework, snack and play. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Rose Bibeau.

**Sundays
 LIVE
 at Viewmont**

August 2 ~ "A
 Good Night's Rest?"
 Genesis 32:22-31

August 9 ~ "A
 Brand New Day!"
 Genesis 33:1-11

August 16 ~ "First
 Words & Last Words"
 Psalm 113:1-9

**Black Mountain
 Children's Home**

We are collecting items for their thrift store. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please bring to the church by Monday, August 3rd or contact Wanda Ledford for more information.

CHURCH REPORT FOR JUNE:

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 35,135.00
Designated:	\$ 1,247.00
Total Given:	\$ 36,382.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 17,137.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 1,120.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 18,257.00
Capital Campaign given:	\$585,546.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$250,493.00
Designated:	\$ 13,906.00
Total Given:	\$264,399.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$212,781.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 14,485.00
Total Expenses:	\$227,665.00

July, 2020
 Morning Worship: 75

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Hilda Simmons on her recent death.

The Family of Ken Pless on his recent death.

The Family of Linda Sloniker on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Betty Sloniker.

Thank You From . . .
 Jeff & Susan Gouge
 James Kahrl
 Bill Barnette

Missions/Evangelism Opportunities

Protein Drinks for Carolina Caring

During the months of August and September we will be collecting protein drinks (such as *Ensure* and *Boost*) for hospice patients at Carolina Caring. You may bring your donations to the church (please place items on the designated table in the gathering area). You may also drop them off on Mondays between 10:00-1:00 in the drive-thru during the Food Pantry distribution. Also, we will accept monetary donations to purchase protein drinks. Please designate to "Protein Drinks" on your contribution envelope. See Becky Buchanan for more information.

Hand Sanitizer Pumps/Disinfectants for Schools

Hickory City Schools will return to in-person instruction in September. As everyone is aware, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray, and hand sanitizer pumps/refills are difficult to obtain during the pandemic. We want to help keep classrooms safe for our students and teachers. Please start collecting these items and bringing them to the church from now until September 6. Please place items on the designated table in the gathering area. Items will be given to local schools.

Baptist Global Response (BGR): Bucket Project

Last year our church partnered with Roger and Rose Anne Childers, missionaries to Africa, to pack buckets of needed supplies for HIV/AIDs patients in Africa. This was a very meaningful experience and a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with our brothers and sisters across the globe.

Our third quarter mission's emphasis is "Baptist Global Response: The Bucket Project." This year, due to COVID, we may not be able to assemble to pack the buckets as anticipated, but we would like to give a monetary gift to the bucket project to aid in their ministry. Buckets are estimated to be \$85 each. Any monies designated to missions (or "The Bucket Project") from July-September will go toward this very important ministry.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each Sunday 9:30 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Each Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution</p> <p>Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting</p> <p>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p>						
<div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 10px;"> <p>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</p> <p>Pray without ceasing!</p> <p>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.</p> </div>						
2	3 <i>Preschool Summer Sessions Monday-Friday</i>	4 6 PM NO Property Committee, Fellowship Center	5 11 AM Full Staff	6	7	1 <hr/> 8
9	10 <i>Preschool Summer Sessions Monday-Friday</i>	11 6 PM Finance Committee	12	13	14	15
16 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	17 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	18 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen 6 PM NO Deacons Rm 230	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107	26	27 6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	28	29
30	31					

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, August 2

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 p.m. NO Property Committee

Wednesday, August 5

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

August 2020 Deacon of the Week

August 2~ Terry Abee

August 9 ~ Todd Bowman

August 16 ~ Richard Byrd

August 23 ~ Nancy Corpening

August 30 ~ Mike Costner

Welcoming:

8/2: Nelson, Teresa Fry

8/9: Jason, Jennifer Kahrl

8/16: Bill, Jeri Barnette

8/23: Carroll, Carolyn Garland

8/30: Tommy, Elissa Kincaid

Viewer Response

8/2, 9:

8/16, 23, 30:

Ushers for August

Eddie Barham, Bruce Buchanan, Jerry Titus,

Mark Suddreth, Ray Ledford, Jason Kahrl

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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