



# Viewmont Baptist Church

*Our Vision: Excellence in Preaching, Teaching, Caring, and Reaching*

## *The Viewmont Vision*

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

We sat on the beach, the sun blazing down upon us, and the gentle to-and-fro lapping of the tide splashing against our feet and watched our children as they played. The kids were back and forth between playing in the water and playing in the sand. They love the beach and each year, Ronna and I talk about how our children could stay out on the beach itself all day, every day while we are on vacation. Each year the beach vacation is a bit different, and this year was no exception. The kids really got the hang of boogie-boarding and building sandcastles.

One afternoon while on the beach, Annlyn was working on a sandcastle. She spent more than an hour working on it and was really making progress on it. She would call out from time to time, "Mom and dad...look at this!" But I noticed something: the longer she worked the further in the tide came. As the tide rose that afternoon, it inched closer and closer to her sandcastle. Eventually, with her back to the ocean, she felt the first gentle splash of the ocean water against her bare foot. The next wave that came up was, as you would expect, a bit stronger and began to wash around her sandcastle.

I felt bad for her because she worked so hard on the sandcastle, and she was so proud of it. But as soon as the water got close enough to wrap around her work of art, she could see what the waves were going to do and she abandoned her project, grabbed her boogie-board and went into the water to "ride the waves."

Through all of this, I could not help but think about a few things, though. I thought about what those waves do: they wash up and they wash away. The beach looks different every single day, depending on the flow of the tide. But even deeper than that, I thought about the parable Jesus tells at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. After moving through such profound and prophetic teaching, Jesus summarizes what it means to follow Him with the parable of the wise and foolish builders. Each builder builds a house, and each house has to stand against a storm. The difference is in the foundation. The house built on the rock does not wash away while the house built on the sand washes away easily (*Matthew 7:24-27*). While watching Annlyn's sandcastle give way to the ebb and flow of the tide, I heard the whisper of the Holy Spirit ask me to check the foundations of my life. Where is my life built? On the solid rock of following Jesus or on shifting sand?

When we allow Jesus to build His house, He will build it on the solid rock of himself. The rock-solid nature of Jesus is rooted and grounded in His death and His resurrection from the dead. And there is no storm, no wind, no wave, nothing that can wash away the reality or the power of the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. What does it look like for our lives to be built like that? Well, a read through the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*) describes it to a tee. I am deeply, deeply grateful to God for this gift and the building power of the Holy Spirit.

For the record, I am not much of a beach-y kind of guy. I would much rather sit on the front porch and read a good book than go out on the beach for the day. But, I would not miss boogie-boarding, sandcastles, and the whispers of the Holy Spirit for anything!

It is a true joy to be your pastor and friend....

-Andrew

### *Welcoming Committee*

Beginning in September, we will resume the Welcoming Committee who will greet visitors upon entrance into morning worship. Eddie and Margaret Barham will serve as the leaders of this ministry. For more information, please contact the Barhams.

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## *Sundays LIVE at Viewmont*

August 1 ~

*"There's Always Enough!"*  
2 Kings 4:42-44

August 8 ~

*"GOD WITH A CAPITAL G"*  
Children's MusiCamp

August 15 ~

*Who can Be Our Example?*  
An introduction to the  
*Heroes & Heroines*  
Of Our Faith  
Hebrews 11:1-2; 12:1-2

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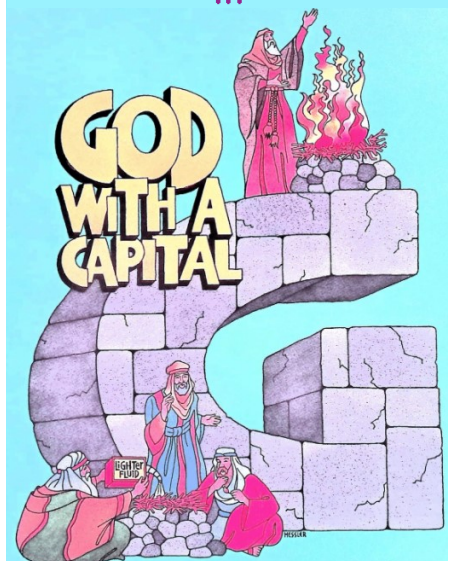
Music Ministry

Presents

Children's

MUSICAMP

in



A MUSICAL BIBLE STORY FOR CHILDREN  
BY BETTY HAGER & FRED BOCK

**Sunday, August 8  
11:00 am Worship**

## Missions and Evangelism News

Carolina Caring will be our mission's emphasis for the months of August and September.

During these months, the Missions and Evangelism Committee will be collecting protein drinks (such as Ensure and Boost) as well as monetary donations for much needed items (like snacks and hygiene items).

Any money designated to "Global Missions" during the months of August and September will go toward this very important ministry.

The donation table for the protein drinks will be located in the gathering area. You may find out more about Carolina Caring by visiting [www.carolinacaring.org](http://www.carolinacaring.org). Please contact Becky Buchanan with any questions.

## August 2021 Deacon of the Week

August 1~ Cheryl Ramsey  
August 8 ~ Marion Roseman  
August 15~ Brenda Starnes  
August 22~ Timothy Turner  
August 29~ Terry Abee

## Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

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

## As You Pray, Remember . . .

*The Families of Burlene Price & Kay Crooks on the recent death of their aunt, Willie.*

*The Family of Jerry Titus on the recent death of his aunt, Caroline Hunt.*

*The Family of Wayne Johnson on his recent death.*

*The Family of Bruce Buchanan on the recent death of his sister, Beverly Pigford.*

*The Family of Joe Mercer on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Caroline Hunt.*

*The Family of Brett Miller on the recent death of his mother, Barbara "Bobbe" Hove Miller.*

*The Family of Sonjia Murray on the recent death of her husband, Bill Murray.*

## CHURCH REPORT FOR JUNE:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,160.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 50,002.00
Designated:	\$ 4,696.00
Total Given:	\$ 54,698.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 45,431.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 7,484.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 53,15.00

Capital Campaign given: **\$734,927.00**

## CHURCH REPORT FOR 2021:

Budget Approved:	\$589,914.00
Budget Offering:	\$314,231.00
Designated:	\$107,518.00
Total Given:	\$421,749.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$245,198.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 28,405.00
Total Expenses:	\$273,603.00

## July, 2021

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	72
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	132
Avg YouTube Live:	<u>51</u>
Total Avg Worshipers:	183



## The Prayer Quilt Ministry

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, contact Linda Sloniker (828) 781-2316.



The Food Pantry is in Need Of jelly & canned green beans at this time. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Invite Your Family

You ALL are Invited to Sing with the...



## SUMMER CHOIR DATES

August - 1, 22, 29  
September - 5



Everyone Meet in  
Choir Room  
upstairs at 10:40 am  
Brief Rehearsal & Sing

August 1: **"Salvation's Story Medley"** with Glory to His Name; Down in My Heart; Heaven Came Down; He Touched Me; Thank You, Lord  
August 22: **"Our Lords Return Medley"** with When the Roll is Called Up Yonder; Do Lord; I'll Fly Away; The King Is Coming  
August 29: **"Faithfulness Medley"** with Leaning on the Everlasting Arms; Stand-  
ing

Invite Your Friends

# August 2021

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>            9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal            9:45 a.m. Sunday School            10:40 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal            11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Each Monday</b>            10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution</p> <p><b>Each Wednesday</b>            9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting</p>		<p><b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b>            5:30 p.m. AA, Youth &amp; Activities Building</p> <p><b>Monday-Friday</b>            7:15 am-6:00 pm Summer Weeks: Weekday Preschool Ministry August 2-6; August 9-13</p>		<p><b>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</b>  <b>Pray without ceasing!</b>            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>		
1 	2	3 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	4 11 AM Full Staff	5	6	7
		<b>Children's MusiCamp 9 am-1 pm</b>				
8 11:00 am Children's MusiCamp presents, "GOD WITH A CAPITAL G"	9	10 6 PM Finance Committee, Gathering Area	11	12	13	14
15 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen @ Hickory Soup Kitchen	16	17 6 PM Deacons Rm 230	18	19	20	21 
22	23 	24	25 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m./ Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Sumer Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, August 2

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

### Tuesday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, August 4

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

### Thursday, August 5

### Friday, August 6

### Saturday, August 7

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

### Viewer Response

8/1: Judy Downs, Ryan McCreary  
8/8: Susan Watts, Brenda Starnes  
8/15: Brenda Starnes, Cheryl Ramsey  
8/22, 29: Joyce Huffman, Nancy Simmons-Beck

### Ushers for August

Bruce Buchanan, Jason Kahrl, Joe Mercer,  
Ray Ledford, Mark Suddreth, Jerry Titus

### **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](http://www.youtube.com)  
Search: Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory NC

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