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From Our Pastor . . .

I recently purchased a new bicycle to get more exercise and be a little healthier. When I bought it, the fellow at the bike shop commented and said, “having a bike you like to ride will make you want to ride more. The more you ride the more you want to ride.” And in the last month of having the new bike, I have learned he was right. In fact, I have wanted to ride so much that the new bike went to the beach with us on vacation.

Nearly every morning I would get up and ride all over Oak Island, missing one day because of rain. The route was a little different each day, I would get up and make the decision to ride. I kept track of how far I was riding each day and was blown away to see that at the end of the two-week vacation, I’d logged more than 106 miles on that bike. At first, it was hard to get up in the morning while on vacation but once the habit was created, I actually looked forward to it. I loved the time riding through creation and though Oak Island is a very familiar place, everything looked different from the saddle of a bicycle. Each morning when I returned from the ride, Ronna and the kids were there to ask, “how many miles did you ride today?” and then offer encouragement to keep going. Once they learned I was headed for a goal of at least 100 miles, they kept saying, “You can do this, dad!”

The whole experience reinforced for me something very important: the need for healthy habits. Healthy habits are a good thing. Healthy habits bring about growth and lead to strength. They challenge us in good, productive, and fruitful ways. These habits need to be cultivated in our lives and it is good to have encouragement to keep focused and to allow the habits to produce good fruit.

The rhythm of the life of the disciple of Jesus is filled with these kinds of habits. Jesus speaks clearly in **John 15** about how He is the vine, and we are the branches, with the Father as the vinedresser. The intent of the vine is to bear much fruit and we, as disciples of Jesus, will bear much fruit if we remain connected to Him and He to us. These habits in the Christian life include prayer, time in the Word of God, worship, service, and a host of other things. Think about the fruit that is produced in your life through the Holy Spirit when you have spent time in deep prayer. Reflect on how much deeper you go with the Lord when you are spending time in His Word on a regular basis. There is no way to describe the depth of the move of the Holy Spirit when we open ourselves to worship.

While all of these healthy habits are possible to keep on our own, it is also important that we keep them together. And what is wonderful about our congregational life is the way we cultivate these healthy habits together as a church family. We encourage one another to keep it up, stay focused, and we rejoice together as the fruit-bearing habits take root and the Holy Spirit brings about new life. Each Sunday morning we gather for worship and for Bible Study. These are good habits to keep because we are engaged in them together. The preacher in Hebrews encourages the church to continue meeting together that we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (**Hebrews 10:25**).

I want to encourage you to cultivate these good, healthy habits in your life. If you are new to our fellowship and have not joined a bible study class, or if you’ve simply not been to bible study in a while, join in a class. Make it a good habit. If you have not joined in a ministry to serve, take a look at the worship bulletin each week – and throughout the rest of this newsletter – to find ways to be involved in the ministry and service through the congregation. Each Sunday morning, give yourself to the worship of God with other believers. If you have questions about which bible study class might be a good fit, or about various ministries, please contact a member of the church staff and we will be glad to help. These things are great by ourselves and they are wonderful with one another.

With this new bike, I have been riding with a group of guys in Hickory a couple of times a week. As great as it was to ride solo on Oak Island, I missed riding with the group. There is something encouraging and challenging and unifying when cultivating a habit like this together.

We, as a church family, are bound to one another in Christ. We need one another. We worship, grow, study, and serve together. Let’s enjoy this ride and watch as the Holy Spirit bears much fruit in our lives.

Viewmont, I want you to know just how much I love you and what a joy it is to be your pastor, your friend, and your brother in Christ....

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

August 7 ~

*“Lord, Teach Us To Pray:
The Best Teacher”
Luke 11:1-13*



AUGUST NEWS!

Well Summer is almost over! We have 2 weeks of Summer Camp fun left. (August 1-5, August 8-12th) We are now gearing up for our 2022-2023 school year starting on September 6th.

We are so excited to begin a new school year! Our teachers are already hard at work planning and preparing to greet those eager and smiling faces! We will have 2 Open House nights: August 31st and September 1st. Parents are able to choose either night to meet the teachers and see the classrooms.

We are also very thankful and excited to show off some improvements to our classrooms and playgrounds. We have updated some classrooms with new carpet and tile floors. They look amazing. We have also added shade structures to the 2-year-old playground and the Infant and 1-year-old playground. This has been great for those hot summer days when our children want to be outside and play! There is a mural on the 4-year-old hallway that is absolutely breathtaking!

John Audish outdid himself on this one! (Thank You Mr. John!) Please stop by and check out our Preschool hallways!

September will be here before we know it and we are getting ready for the best year yet!

You ALL are Invited
to Sing with the...



Invite Your Family
Invite Your Friends
August 7, 21, 28

Kidz Music Day
Wed., August 10
9am - 1pm
Children thru 6th Grade



- ♫ Boomwhackers
- ♫ Music Preview
- ♫ Handchimes
- ♫ Singing

Snacks Provided!
Bring Sack Lunch!

Please sign up by Sunday, August 7 @ Mrs. Regiani's office door!



Water Fun
and Food!



Back to School Party!!!

To wrap up our Summer, nothing better than water, food, fun and, of course, more water! You don't want to miss the party!

Sunday, August 21

from 4 – 6:30pm
(serving hotdogs @ 5:30)

at our church's grassy area.
Cost: free ~ For ALL ages

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Chris Moore on the recent death of his aunt, Anne Creech.

The Family of Sue Wallace on the recent death of her sister, Betsy Napier.

The Family of Wil Worley on the recent death of his father, Jerry Worley.

Thank You From . . .
The Stroud Family

**2022 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
flowers from your preferred florist.

Open dates for 2022

Aug-7, 28; Sept-11

Oct-2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov-6, 13, 20



**The Food Pantry
is in Need Of . . .**

Canned Meat & Peanut
Butter at this time. Thank you so
much for your continued support!



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

Please pray for this ministry & consider donating your time; good cotton 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.



4 Kids - August!!

Please sign up @ Regiani's office
door by Sunday, August 7

***Kids Bake Day-Tues, Aug. 9**
1 PM-4 PM

Ms. Regiani's Home!
Kids: Rising K-Grade 6

CHURCH REPORT FOR JUNE:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,908.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 68,443.00
Designated:	\$ 48,276.00
Total Given:	\$116,719.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 42,070.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 73,861.00
Total Expenses:	\$115,931.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$284,598.00
Designated:	\$107,300.00
Total Given:	\$391,898.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$227,743.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$127,321.00
Total Expenses:	\$355,064.00

July, 2022 (4 out of 5 weeks)

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	78
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	138
Avg YouTube Live:	47
Total Avg Worshipers:	185

**Missions & Evangelism
News**

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

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

Any money designated to "Missions" during this time will go toward this very important ministry.

The donation table is located in the gathering area.

Please contact Becky Buchanan or a member of the Missions & Evangelism Committee with any questions.

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Mission Emphasis Night

The Missions & Evangelism team has planned a Mission Emphasis Night to be held the first week back from summer break - **Wednesday evening, September 7th @ 5:45 pm.**

Please plan to come and learn more about some of the important mission entities we are partnering with and praying for.

August 2022

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
 10:40 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Each Monday

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

Each Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Monday-Friday

7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry
 Summer Weeks: August 1-5; August 8-12

Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

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

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 6 PM Property Committee, Conference Room	3 11 AM Full Staff Meeting	4 3 PM Missions & Evangelism Committee, Conference Room	5	6
7	8	9 Kids Bake Day 1 PM-4 PM 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	10 Kids Music Day 9 am-1 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 6 PM Deacons, Room #230	17	18	19	20 
21 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, @ Hickory Soup Kitchen  Back to School Party!! 4-6:30 pm	22	23 6 PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room	24 Newsletter Articles Due	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31			

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:40 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, August 8

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 9

1 p.m.-4 p.m. Kids Bake Day
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 10

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Kidz Music Day
9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

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

Weekday Preschool Ministry
3rd Summer Session: August 1-August 12

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:

8/7: Teresa Fry
8/14: Elissa Kincaid
8/21: Bill & Ann Jurney
8/28: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin

Viewer Response

8/7: Susan Watts, Carolyn Garland
8/14: Carolyn Garland, Joyce Huffman
8/21: Cheryl Ramsey, Joyce Huffman
8/28: Barbara Fulbright, Judy Benfield

Bethany Ministry

8/7: Eddie & Diane Lowman
8/14: Bruce & Janet Ogle
8/21: Jon & Laura Mosteller
8/28: Roger & Laminda Fox

Ushers for August

Sherwin Speight, Ryan McCreary, Chris Jones,
Todd Bowman, Shea Teague, Gary Huffman,
Anna Grace Riley

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August 2022

Deacon of the Week

August 7 ~ Butch Gryder

August 14 ~ Bob Hibbitts

August 21 ~ Sandy McAlpin

August 28 ~ Don Miller

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