



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

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## *From Our Pastor . . .*

Our family enjoys the same Sunday evening routine each week. After an afternoon of rest and possible napping, we get ready, load in the car, and drive into Hickory to go through the drive-thru at CookOut. And, we order the same thing. It is the very same routine each and every Sunday evening. The only thing that is subject to change is the length of the drive-thru line. Will it be out into Hwy 127 or not? Will we have to wait in the turn lane or not? You get the picture.

If you have ever eaten CookOut, you know the meal is not complete without a milkshake. So, when we finish placing our order, we make sure there are three milkshakes on the list. Our kids just LOVE those things. It was just a few weeks back when we made our routine Sunday evening trip to pick up supper and we returned home to eat. We sat at the dining room table and talked and laughed and had a good time together. Then, at the end of the meal, Eva said, "OK! TIME FOR MILKSHAKE!" She jumped up ready to get the one they would share together. She said, "Hey, Annlyn.... Hey, Caulder.... Do you want to see my happy milkshake dance?" She didn't wait for them to respond before she started dancing around the kitchen. I thought to myself, "Now, that is some true joy about a milkshake!"

Then I began to reflect on *why* Eva was joyful. Sure, what led to her joy was the fact that she had a milkshake to enjoy with her siblings. But, joy goes deeper than that. Joy is also about trust. From the moment Ronna and I said, "Ok, let's go to CookOut," she knew that meant she would get a milkshake. She trusted what she knew to be true. She knew it to be true by experience week in and week out.

Joy and trust go hand in hand. We are joyful when we trust. We learn to trust by experience. When I saw Eva dancing around the kitchen, I asked myself, "What makes me *that* joyful?" We often say that joy is a central expression of our faith. And why would we not be joyful? God is good...all the time. Jesus is alive. As followers of Christ, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Why would we not be joyful? We sometimes have trouble being joyful because we have trouble trusting. We long to keep control rather than trusting that God is good and we can trust in the presence and power of God. We must remember that joy and trust go hand in hand. We will be joyful people when we completely trust the Lord. We learn to trust the Lord through experience; walking with the Lord in the fellowship of His light.

The psalmist has a way of putting this into words we can all understand: *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the Name of the LORD our God*" (Psalm 20:7). Where we place our trust is where we trust we will find joy. Joy is the overwhelming feeling that good is coming. As followers of Jesus, our trust is in the Lord and our joy comes from the Lord. If we trust in anything or anyone other than the Lord, we will be disappointed, and the joy will be temporary.

However, the opposite is also true. If we trust in the Lord alone, we will not be disappointed, and the joy will be full and eternal. And we learn to trust the Lord by walking with the Lord. We can count on the Lord. We can depend on the Lord. Our joy will deepen when we take stock to see just how much we can trust the Lord. Take some time in the coming days to write down all the things in your life where the Lord has given you joy and write out how your trust of the Lord led to a deeper and more complete joy.

Where is your trust? What is the source of your joy? These are questions we should all ask ourselves.

By the way....the Oreo milkshake at CookOut is a must-have item on the menu. I don't think you will be disappointed.

It is a joy to walk this faith with you as your pastor and your friend...

-Andrew

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



**FEBRUARY NEWS!**

Our Fall registration  
for the 2021-2022 school year  
is well underway!

We are calling off our waiting list  
and registration will open to  
the public on February 8th.

Classrooms are filling up already!

We are blessed to have so many  
people wanting to bring  
their children to VBC  
to be cared for, educated  
and loved!

Thank you all for the much  
appreciated support and love.



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

**Flower  
Calendar**



**Sign up for  
flowers for your  
special occasions.  
There are many  
dates available.**

**Please contact Beth at  
322-6732 or email  
beth@viewmontbaptist.org  
to be placed on the  
Flower Calendar.**



We currently live in a world of stress, fear, anxiety, uncertainty, etc. There is much comfort for us if we try to focus on God. I found this old hymn and found it very comforting. Read and/or sing this classic hymn...  
"Take Time to Be Holy."

Take time to be holy,  
Speak often with God;  
Find rest in Him always,  
And feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on;  
Much time spend in secret  
With Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus,  
Like Him Thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,  
Let Him be Thy guide,  
And run not before Him,  
Whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow,  
Still follow Thy Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus,  
Still trust in His word.



## Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

February 7 ~  
"Jesus Understands"  
Hebrews 4:14-16

February 14 ~  
"Come See The Light"  
John 1:1-8

February 21 ~  
"Were You There?"  
Singing With The Stones"  
Luke 19:28-40

## Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

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



We need a few volunteers to assist with our Food Pantry. Shopping for the food is each Thursday, 8:30-10:00am.

Please consider serving in this great area of ministry. For more information, please contact Carol Bowman @ 828-302-7608.

### CHURCH REPORT FOR DECEMBER:

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 66,698.00
Designated:	\$ 3,118.00
Total Given:	\$ 69,816.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 51,267.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 4,150.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 55,417.00

Capital Campaign given: \$625,381.00

### CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$555,084.00
Designated:	\$ 33,725.00
Total Given:	\$588,808.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$469,607.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 31,409.00
Total Expenses:	\$501,016.00

### January, 2021 (through January 24th)

Avg In-person Morning Worship:	16
Avg YouTube Live:	70
Total Worshippers:	86

## As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Bill Barnette on his recent death.

The Family of Roger Bowman on his recent death.

The Family of Tim Turner on the recent death of his mother, Lua Turner.

The Family of Hal Rowe on the recent death of his mother, Mary Jane Shepard Rowe..

The Family of Jeanne Titus on the recent death of her aunt, Joyce Swanson.

The Family of Kate Hall on the recent death of her father, John-Floyd Crawley.

The Family of Terry Miller on the recent death of his mother, Helen Miller.

The Family of Burlene Price & Kay Crooks on the recent death of their aunt, Ruth Nicholson.

## Thank You From . . .

Jeri Barnette

## Missions and Evangelism News

### Help Support the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) brings hope and healing to children and families in crisis. For more than 130 years, the nonprofit has offered caring homes to countless boys and girls who come from circumstances ranging from family dysfunction to situation of abuse, neglect and abandonment.

We will be collecting funds for BCH from January through March. You may place your gift in the offering plate designated to "Missions" or "Baptist Children's Home." To learn more about BCH please visit [Baptist Children's Homes of NC \(bchfamily.org\)](http://Baptist Children's Homes of NC (bchfamily.org))



# February 2021

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**Each Sunday**  
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  
5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

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

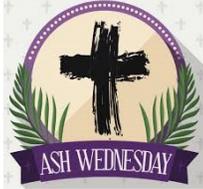
**Monday-Friday**  
7:15 am-6:00 pm  
8:30 am-12:30 pm

**Weekday Preschool Ministry**  
After School Morning Remote Support Program

**Closings**  
Feb 12-15

**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 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area 	3 11 AM Full Staff	4	5	6 
7	8	9 6 PM Finance Committee	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21 First Sunday of Lent 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	22 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	23	24	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday of Lent						

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, February 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, February 8

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

### Tuesday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, February 10

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

### Thursday, February 11

### Friday, February 12

### Saturday, February 13

### Monday - Friday

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

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

## February 2021 Deacon of the Week

February 7~ Timothy Turner

February 14 ~ Terry Abee

February 21~ Todd Bowman

February 28~ Nancy Corpening

### 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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