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From Our Pastor . . .

I have shared with you on more than one occasion the bedtime routine in the Rawls home. We all arrive home in the late afternoon and the marathon begins. By the time we get to bedtime we have been through cooking supper, eating supper, cleaning up from supper, then on to baths, before getting ready for bed. And somewhere in the midst of all of that is homework. You know how all of that goes. It is an all-to-familiar scenario.

Well, the other night, after a long and busy day and a full evening, we gathered in the girls' bedroom for our nightly time of reading the scriptures together. Then, it was time to kiss everyone goodnight. I walked Caulder to his bedroom and he said, "Dad, tell me a 'Cowboy Caulder' story." This is a character he and I have made up together about a little cowboy name Caulder and all of the adventures he finds himself in. It is a lot of fun for both Caulder and me. It takes both of us into a whole new world of fun and imagination.

The other night when he asked for a Cowboy Caulder story, I said, "Buddy, it is really late and we are really tired. Let's do a story tomorrow night." His response? "That's what you said *last* night. You promised you would tonight." There is something humbling about being called out by a six-year-old! I relented and started telling a story. He interrupted me immediately and said, "Dad, you are supposed to lay down with me and tell the story." So, you have likely guessed what I did: laid down on his bed and told a story about Cowboy Caulder.

In the days since, it is dawned on me that the depth of what took place in that moment. It was not about the end of the day. It was not about bedtime. It had nothing to do with the story about Cowboy Caulder. It was about spending time together. To Caulder, it meant more to him for his dad to just lay down beside him and tell a story. It was about spending time with dad. That's the root of it all.

When I realized this, I was moved, deeply moved, and asked the Lord to forgive me of the times when I chose to truncate these moments and check them off, just to get on with what I had to do. Sure, there were other things I needed to do that evening (laundry, phone calls, etc), but spending time with my son was far more important than any of that. What mattered most of all was time together.

If this rings deep between a father and son, how much deeper does it go between us and our Heavenly Father? Is there anything we desire more than the presence of Our Father? Is there anything that matters more to us than to be with Our Father?

The psalmist has a unique way of describing this. **Psalm 84** could be described as a psalm of longing. The longing and desire is for the presence of God. Nothing else matters. Likely the most well-known verse from this lesser-recognized psalm goes like this:

"Better is a single day in your courtyards than a thousand days anywhere else! I would prefer to stand outside the entrance of my God's house than live comfortably in the tents of the wicked." ~Psalm 84:10

That night and the days that followed, I have thought about the moment with Caulder. Asking the Lord's forgiveness of rushing these moments, I asked for the Holy Spirit to make me more aware of the fact that he wants to be with his dad. I asked the Lord's forgiveness of the times I have rushed through or avoided moments in worship and prayer and to re-instill in me a longing to be in the Lord's presence.

I wish words allowed me to communicate the joy on Caulder's face when I said, "Ok, son....slide over. One time, Cowboy Caulder....." May we long to look upon the face of OUR FATHER and in so doing find an everlasting joy.

Seeking Him with You....

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

February 5 ~

"What Do You Want?"

John 1:35-42

February 12 ~

*"There's Nothing Average
About It"*

John 1:43-50

Viewmont Baptist Preschool
Tree of Learning

"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"



FEBRUARY NEWS!

We have been busy learning all things winter! If you have a chance, check out some of our winter art displayed through out the preschool hallway! Now, all we need is a snow day!

Some of our preschool students participated in All Children's Sunday. We look forward to that day each year to be a part of this wonderful and supportive congregation!

Registration has started. It began with current users & siblings. It opens up to the waitlist on February 1st. There will be a change in the operating hours starting in June. Our new closing time is 3:00 pm. Registration is going great with some classes already full! Our waitlist is growing also. We are very blessed even with changes in closing times.

We are participating in a "Valentine's Share the Love" to help stock some items for the food pantry. The parents & students are collecting Peanut butter and Jelly to donate. We will let the classes bring the items down to the fellowship hall and include lessons on giving and sharing love for all of God's children young and old.

UPCOMING



WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH; Bells-BL

Feb. 5	"Power of Your Love"	CH
Feb. 12	"Loves Pure Light" "Holy, Holy, Holy"	PT BL
Feb. 19	"We Shall Behold Him"	CH
Feb. 26	"Oh, I Want to Know You More/ More About Jesus"	PT

Pianos Available. We have several pianos that have not been used in over 10 years and are not needed. If anyone is interested in getting one for a donation or free, please call the church music office. You will be responsible for having it moved. This is offered to church members first, from Feb. 1 — Feb 12, then to our preschool teachers and families. Remember, these are used and will require tuning.



"There's a Place for You in the Music Ministry At Viewmont Baptist Church"



The Journey With The Shepherd:
A Study Through Psalm 23

Join us Wednesday evening for Bible Study at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Amie Moore on the recent death of her aunt, Deborah Edwards.

The Family of Ray Ledford on the recent death of his aunt, Geneive Martin.


The Family of Jeri Barnette on the recent death of her cousin, Gail Caldwell.

The Family of Greg Gambill on the recent death of his dad, Grady Gambill.

The Family of Connie Harrington on the recent death of her mom, Phyllis Jennings.

The Family of Ryan McCreary on the recent death of his dad, Ron McCreary.

Sanctity for Human Life



Our baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center has begun. You will find baby bottles and information sheets in the gathering area, on the table in the hallway, and on the table in the back foyer. Please return your filled bottle by March 31 to the church office. For more information, please see Wanda Ledford.

Missions & Evangelism News

During the first quarter of this year, our missions emphasis will be **Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH).** 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 situations of abuse, neglect and abandonment. We will be collecting funds for BCH through March. You may place your gift in the offering plate designated to "Missions" or "Baptist Children's Home."

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 OCTOBER:


Budget Approved:	\$ 49,908.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 57,207.00
Designated:	\$ 13,703.00
Total Given:	\$ 70,910.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 55,658.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 8,736.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 64,394.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$648,420.00
Designated:	\$201,744.00
Total Given:	\$850,164.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$585,725.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$291,373.00
Total Expenses:	\$877,098.00

January, 2023

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	72
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	151
Avg YouTube Live:	38
Total Avg Worshipers:	189



The Food Pantry is in Need Of ...

Canned Meat, Jelly, Peanut Butter & Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support!


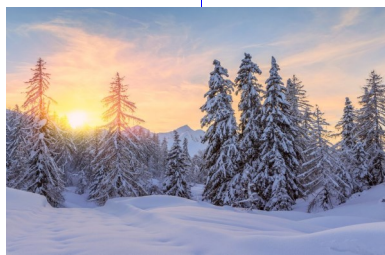




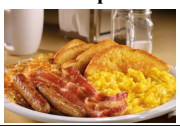

Inclement Weather Policy



- It is the general policy of Viewmont Baptist Church to hold Sunday morning worship services regardless of the weather. We feel a particular responsibility/privilege to provide a worship service on television for those who cannot get out. However, we urge you to use your own good judgment as to whether or not you choose to attend in person.
- On some Sundays, even though we will have the 11:00 morning worship service, we may cancel Bible Study (9:45 am). Notice of SS and other cancellations (Sunday evening activities, special events, etc.) will be announced by All-Call, Email, Facebook, Viewmont Baptist Website, word of mouth, and on WCNC-TV, WSOCTV, & WBTV.
- Weekday activities will be cancelled when the Hickory City Schools are closed. If Hickory City Schools run on a delayed schedule, our Weekday activities will run on a regular schedule. Church office may follow the delay. If school is not in session or bad weather comes on a Saturday, the procedure found in #2 will be followed.

February 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 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m.		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)		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			1 11 AM Full Staff	2 	3	4
						
5	6 1:30 PM WOM	7 6 PM Property Committee	8	9	10 	11
12	13	14 6 PM Finance Committee 	15	16 3 PM Missions & Evangelism 6 PM Weekday Children's Ministries	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Preschool Closed</div>	18
19	20  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Preschool Closed</div>	21 6 PM Deacons	22 Vision Newsletter Articles Due 	23	24	25 8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Breakfast, Fellowship Center 
26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 	27	28 6 PM Personnel Committee				

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

- 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, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Ministry
Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

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:

- 2/5: Elissa Kincaid
- 2/12: Carroll & Carolyn Garland
- 2/19: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin
- 2/26: Bill & Ann Jurney

Viewer Response

- 2/5: Beth Rogers, Jeanne Titus
- 2/12: Beth Rogers, Carolyn Garland
- 2/19: Amie Moore, Carolyn Garland
- 2/26: Amie Moore, Jeanne Titus

Bethany Ministry

- 2/5: Arlene Taylor & Jenny Piercy
- 2/12: Eddie & Diane Lowman
- 2/19: Bruce & Janet Ogle
- 2/26: Ralph & Evelyn Yount

Ushers for February

- Wanda Byrd, Teresa Fry, Bob Hibbitts,
- Chris Jones, Jerry Long, Shea Teague,
- Anna Grace Riley

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**February 2023
Deacon of the Week**

February 5 ~ Todd Bowman

February 12 ~ Wanda Byrd

February 19 ~ Lorie Costner

February 26 ~ Debbie Espey

• *Return Service Requested*

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