



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

## *The Viewmont Vision*

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

We marked December 21, 2020 as a date to remember. Having heard the news for weeks about the Christmas Star being visible in the night sky, we paused what we were doing just after sunset, loaded up in our minivan and went to see it. We had to drive to the top of the hill to get a good clear look. Once we spotted it in the night sky, we helped each of the children find it as well. It was incredible to see the look of wonder and amazement on their faces because I knew that was the same look on my face as well. Then, overwhelmed with reverence and reflection, I whispered a prayer of praise to God, the one who made it all possible, and the one who has come to us in human flesh, in Christ Jesus.

But our experience with the Christmas Star did not stop when we loaded back into the minivan and returned home to eat supper. This was just the beginning of an evening filled with conversation and imagination involving the planets, the stars, the solar system, the universe, and the Lord. Annlyn asked how all of this could happen. Eva asked about the stars. Caulder wanted to make sure that we knew Pluto was no longer considered a planet. The majority of the conversation was able to come back to the presence and power of the Lord in it all.

It caused me to think about the question the Lord asks the people of Israel through Isaiah. ***“To whom will you compare me, that I should be like him?” (40:25).*** When we consider the stars and the heavens, when we see the work of the fingers of God, when we marvel at the handiwork of the Holy One, who is like our God? Ponder that question. Who is like our God?

It is no secret that the year to which we have said goodbye was one of the most complicated, difficult, and depressing any of us may remember. But through it all I kept hearing the Lord ask this question of my heart: To whom will you, Andrew, compare me?

We must remember that the Lord is the One who put the Christmas star in its place. The One who created Jupiter and Saturn and caused their orbits to align just so. The One who knit each of us together in the wombs of our mothers. The One who has called us and empowered us by the Holy Spirit. There is nothing the Lord cannot do. Just as the Lord holds the universe in place, so the Lord holds you and me – us – in place.

As we begin the new year, we will do so differently than we had planned. With the rise in COVID cases in our immediate community, we feel it is wisest and most loving to begin the year pausing in-person worship. We are deeply grateful for our ministry on television and YouTube and God will hold us together through these great gifts. We pray this pause is only for a few weeks and then we can, once again, safely re-gather in person. Through this time, we trust the Lord completely and are prayerfully putting forth sound judgment.

It seems like everyone I know is becoming weary. We are all burdened and heavy laden. Everyone around is simply running on empty these days. To that, I have good news. We don't have to depend on our own strength to see us through. Just after the Lord asks this question of the Israelites, the prophet speaks the reassuring word: ***“Even youths will faint and be weary and young men will fall exhausted; but they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (40:30-31).***

This is encouraging to me because I know it is not *my* strength that will pull me through. *My strength* is never strong enough. As followers of Christ, we draw our strength from the One Who holds all things together. If the Lord can hold the universe in place and keep it going, I feel the Lord can do the same for you, for me....for us.

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

-Andrew

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Viewmont Baptist Preschool  
Tree of Learning

"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"



### JANUARY NEWS!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! We hope you were able to check out Facebook to see how much fun we had with our last week before break. Our 4's were able to have their program recorded despite the weather delays! School wide pajama days were a blast! We were able to end 2020 and we look forward to all the wonderful things 2021 will bring. We feel our children and families are a blessing to serve and would not be possible without the support and prayers of Viewmont Baptist Church! Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin January 11th for current users and church members. January 25th will begin registration off of our waiting list. And finally, February 1st we will open the registration to the public.



### **Reminder...**

The new Sunday School Material for January-April 2021 is available in the lobby. Please stop by and pick up your copy Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am-5 pm and on Friday, 8:30 am-noon!



At this time, we do not believe it is safe to resume any of the music ministry groups for January. Please continue singing and making a joyful noise to the Lord. Continue practicing and playing your instruments to the Lord. We will overcome this situation. Pray for strength, pray for patience, pray for endurance, pray for each other! *You Are Loved!*



**FOOD PANTRY**  
 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.



**Sundays LIVE at Viewmont**

January 3 ~  
 "Christ: The Humble & Exalted One"  
 Philippians 2:5-11

January 10 ~  
 "Make The Most Of The Time You Have"  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

January 17 ~  
 "The Ordinary Call"  
 1 Samuel 3:1-10

January 24 ~  
 "It's That Simple"  
 Mark 1:14-20



**CHURCH REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 41,880.00
Designated:	\$ 8,356.00
Total Given:	\$ 50,237.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 39,255.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 698.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 39,953.00

**Capital Campaign given: \$615,551.00**

**CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:**

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$488,386.00
Designated:	\$ 30,607.00
Total Given:	\$518,993.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$418,340.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 27,259.00
Total Expenses:	\$445,599.00

**December, 2020 (2 out of 2 Sundays)**

Avg In-person Morning Worship:	70
Avg YouTube Live:	38
Total Worshippers:	108

**As You Pray, Remember . . .**

*The Family of Janice Moore on the recent death of her daughter, Tenita Moore.*

*The Family of Tommy Kincaid on the recent death of his father, J. T. Kincaid.*

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

*The Family of Dot Rhyne on her recent death.*

*The Family of Faye Young on the recent death of her sister, Emma Lee Sullins.*

*The Family of Nelson Fry on the recent death of his brother, Frank Fry.*

**Thank You From . . .**

Bill & Jeri Barnette  
 Pregnancy Care Center  
 Safe Harbor

**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, but if you would like to make **DOUBLE** the difference in a child's life, gifts given through the church until January 17th will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000 (by an anonymous donor to BCH). 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))



# January 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**  
Jan 1-4 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.

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3	4	5 6 PM Property Committee, Fellowship Center	6 11 AM Full Staff	7	8	9
10 	11	12 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	13	14	15	16 
17 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <hr/> 31	25 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	26	27	28 	29	30

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, January 3

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, January 4

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

### Tuesday, January 5

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, January 6

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

### Thursday, January 7

### Friday, January 8

### Saturday, January 9

### 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

## January 2021

### Deacon of the Week

January 3~ *Chris Moore*

January 10 ~ *Sharon Olsen*

January 17 ~ *Cheryl Ramsey*

January 24~ *Marion Roseman*

January 31~ *Brenda Starnes*

### 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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