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From Our Pastor . . .

Here we are once again: standing at the starting line of another year. With all the trappings and wonder, possibilities and promises, resolutions and requests, we look ahead into the unknown of 2023. I have always considered the start of a new year to be something remarkable, for we have just come through the season of celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, the incarnate and “enfleshed” presence of the Almighty One, and then we begin a new year. We go from celebrating a new life to beginning a new year. The newness is all over the place!

To call the story of Christmas “remarkable” always feels like an understatement. To refer to the “wonder of Christmas” always seems to fall short of the depth of miracle that actually took place in Bethlehem in that moment. The moment in time when God descended into creation in order to bring rescue, resurrection, and redemption. Something so new and wonderful happened at Christmas that time and eternity were brought together in a way that had never been before. So, for us to follow up celebrating Christmas with looking at a new year....well, it just makes a lot of sense.

Consider what it must have been like to be in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. There was business and busyness of a small town was taking place while the Son of God drew His first mortal breath. A group of shepherds come into the village, looking for a newborn baby. Imagine the surprise and excitement when they showed up. They had never heard of anything like this before. Ponder the nature of the conversation between Joseph, Mary, the shepherds in that moment. Joseph and Mary each tell the shepherds what happened nine months prior, while the shepherds tell Joseph and Mary what happened just a little bit ago. They wonder and the worship must have been incredible. It changes them all forever. We do not hear any more from the shepherds after they returned to the fields glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We barely hear anything else from Mary, let alone Joseph, in the rest of the gospel. But Luke tells us that **“treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).**

But the story doesn’t end there. There is also the visit of the Magi. Something new happens then too. A new star shines in the sky and a new journey of worship begins. The Magi travel for miles and miles over the course of, possibly, months and months, to reach their destination. Through lots of distraction and diversions, along with a detour through Jerusalem, they keep their eyes on that new star. They follow it all the way to where it leads. Stick with the gospel accounts long enough, through to the end, and you find yourself standing at a torturous cross and an empty tomb. There has just never been anything like this. It is all so new and amazing and full of wonder.

One of the aspects of this entire first chapter of the story of Jesus is how everyone who encounters Jesus leaves different than how they came. Joseph and Mary are both terrified at first. The shepherds are startled beyond description, only to later leave Bethlehem glorifying and praising God. The Magi enter the home where Jesus is and bow down to worship Him. Then, they go home a different way, and as different men. It is a whole new beginning.

Follow this new beginning through and we find time and time again that Jesus gives new life, new beginnings, and births a new hope. Time and again those who encounter this Jesus are changed forever. It is my prayer that as we begin this new year, we too, will find ourselves changed by Jesus. At every turn in this new year may we fall before Him in worship and serve Him as our Lord. It is a beautiful thing this year to see that New Year’s Day falls on Sunday. What better way to begin this new year than to gather for worship, to be changed by the presence and move of the Lord, and to look ahead in wonder to what the Lord will do in and through us.

It is a joy to worship and serve the Lord with you....
-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

*January 1 ~
Happy New Year
“From Now On”
Matthew 2:1-12*

*January 8 ~
“The Same Kind of New”
Hebrews 1:1-4*

Missions & Evangelism News

Starting in January, 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 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 15th 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.”



...in January!

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

- It's heart healthy.
- It elevates mood.
- It reduces stress.
- It stimulates memories.
- It manages pain.
- It eases pain.
- It relieves symptoms of depression.
- It helps people eat less.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

GROUP	RESUMES	TIME
Children's Choirs	January 4	5:45p
Sanctuary Choir	January 4	6:45p
Praise Team	January 8	8:45a
Adult Bells	January 9	6:00p



The Food Pantry is in Need Of ...

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

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Terry Miller on the recent death of his uncle, Allen Hefner.
The Family of Stacey Thompson on the recent death of his dad, Fred Thompson.

Thank You From . . .
 Hilda Dunlap

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHURCH CAMPUS?

Contact Property Committee

- Pick up limbs in the parking lots.
- Pick up trash in the parking lots.
- Help take care of the flowers.
- Blow off the parking lots.
- Help with grass mowing.
See John Audish
- Help with sidewalk edging.
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- Clean & organize my Bible Study class room.
- Paint my Bible Study class room.
- Do Power washing outside.
- Repaint stained ceiling tiles.



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:	\$ 50,965.00
Designated:	\$ 12,969.00
Total Given:	\$ 63,933.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,683.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 56,183.00
Total Expenses:	\$100,865.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$591,293.00
Designated:	\$188,041.00
Total Given:	\$779,334.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$530,066.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$282,637.00
Total Expenses:	\$812,703.00

December, 2022 (3 out of 4 Sundays)

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	99
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	165
Avg YouTube Live:	51
Total Avg Worshipers:	216



Inclement Weather Policy

1. 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.




2. On some Sundays, even though we will have the 11:00 morning worship service, we may cancel Sunday School (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.

3. 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.

January 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 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) Each Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study		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. 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			<div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</p> <p align="center">Pray without ceasing!</p> <p>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> </div>	
1 	2 Holiday Offices Closed	3 10 AM Adult Co-Ed Bible Study Resumes 6 PM Property Committee	4 1:30 PM Quilt Ministry All Wednesday Ministries & Activities Resume	5	6 	7
8	9  6 PM Handbells Resume	10 6 PM Finance Committee	11 10:30 AM Full Staff	12	13	14
15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Preschool Closed</div>	17 6 PM Deacons	18	19	20 	21
22 	23	24 6 PM Personnel Committee	25 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	26	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Preschool Closed</div>	28 8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Breakfast, Fellowship Center 
29  11 AM All Children's Day	30	31				

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. NO Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, January 2

10 a.m.-1 p.m. NO 2nd Harvest Food Pantry
1:30 p.m. NO WOM-Fellowship Center
6:00 p.m. NO Adult Handbell Choir
6:55 p.m. NO Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
1:30 p.m. Quilt Ministry 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, January 5

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

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:

1/1: Lamar & Brenda Starnes
1/8: Jerry & Jeanne Titus
1/15: Kelly & Pam Stroud
1/22: Bob & Kay Marbert
1/29: Teresa Fry

Viewer Response

1/1: Brenda Starnes, Susan Watts
1/8: Brenda Starnes, Susan Watts
1/15: Joyce Huffman, Cindi Morrison
1/22: Joyce Huffman, Evelyn Yount
1/29: Evelyn Yount, Judy Benfield

Bethany Ministry

1/1: Roger & Laminda Fox
1/8: Jeff & Susan Gouge
1/15: Jon & Laura Mosteller
1/22: Chris & Jamie Jones
1/19: Tim & Angie Turner

Ushers for January

Roger Fox, Carroll Garland, Gary Huffman,
Scott Sanders, Ronnie Watts, Beth Rogers,
Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

January 1 ~ Marion Roseman

January 8 ~ Sherwin Speight

January 15 ~ Shea Teague

January 22 ~ Ronnie Watts

January 29 ~ Terry Abee

Return Service Requested •

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