

# **Viewmont Baptist Church**

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#### The Viewmont Vision

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## From Our Pastor . . .

I noticed something while we were recently on vacation. I am sure Ronna and I have picked up on it before, and I am sure it has been a topic of conversation. But this year, more than ever, it hit me between the eyes. Our kids play hard! I mean they play really hard. Like so many other kids their age, they run, jump, and bounce their way through each and every day. We have joked about how it would be nice to have just half of their energy.

And while on our recent family vacation, I noticed this all the more. You see, if we would let them, they would stay out on the beach all day long; playing, swimming, and building sandcastles. But we noticed that the harder they play, the harder they sleep. There comes a point right after suppertime when they are completely out of energy. They have gone until they can do so no longer. You know, it makes me tired to even share all of this with you!

When they reach this point, when they have run out of gas and have no more energy left, they simply collapse into the bed, usually taking only minutes for them to fall asleep. They play hard and they rest hard. It really is that simple.

The thoughts have crossed my mind and wafted through my soul on more than one occasion in the last two months about this very thing. How there is much in life that can exhaust us. These things are both good and bad. There are good things in life that drain our energy. There are also very difficult things in life that drain our energy. We simply cannot handle it all. By watching our children play and sleep, one of the things I am learning about my walk with Christ is that we all come to the end of what we have, and we must be re-charged.

That's when the words of Jesus – some of the most appropriate red-letter words for our days – come into play. As the disciples had followed Jesus for some time now, hearing his very challenging teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, watching as miracle after miracle inaugurated the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven, and even being sent out to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, Jesus reminds them of their need to completely and utterly depend on him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

The only way there can be rest – I mean true, deep, satisfying, and re-energizing rest – is when we come to the end of ourselves, knowing our power nor our might will be enough to accomplish the work of the Lord, and we rest completely and totally in the care of Jesus. The disciples, they were hard at work. They had been out on mission from Jesus and proclaiming the good news. But they needed to be reminded, as do we, that only Jesus can give the rest our souls truly need. Only Jesus can satisfy the longings and still the storms of the heart. Only Jesus has a burden that is light. In *that* we can rest assured. My prayer for you is that this rest in Jesus will be the anchor for your soul.

I must tell you what a joy it is to be your pastor and your friend. I give thanks unto God that together we serve and together we rest, both in the arms of Jesus.

Soli Deo Gloria....

-Andrew

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# Tentative-Subject to Change

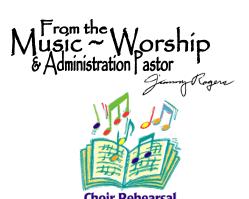
# Plans for Outdoor Worship

- Wednesday evening outdoor service on the back lawn on *July* 8 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and properly spread out and practice social distancing.
- Short, devotional service similar to what we do for Facebook/ YouTube on Wednesdays.
   Service will last approximately 40-45 minutes.
- We ask no hand shaking and no hugging and to observe proper distancing.
- Hand-sanitizing stations available.
- FM transmitter available for those who prefer to stay in vehicles.
  Channel FM 101.3
- Cars should enter and park in the bus parking lot. Lawn chairs in the grass and face toward Lowe's Foods.
- A children's sermon will be held during the outdoor service. We ask families to use the pre-placed markers to sit with children to allow for proper distancing.
- These services will be cancelled for poor weather.

# 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.



WELL....We are anticipating the possibility of our Sanctuary Choir resuming rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2 @ 6:45 pm.

The choir music and demos will be available soon through an email link. Each choir member is encouraged to be looking and listening!

As always, NEW members are always welcome! We would love to have some fresh choir blood! Please let me know if you are interested.



So our plan is ... September!!!

Hang in, be **P**atient, be **P**rayerful, be **P**racticing! You are loved, appreciated and missed! Jimmy





Sunday LIVE at Viewmont July 5 ~ 1st

Sunday
Back In Sanctuary
"Re-Planted"
Psalm 126:1-6

Viewmont Baptist Preschool Tree of Learning



The Preschool is Tentatively planning to open for summer on July 13th. We are looking forward to seeing our sweet little faces in the hall and hearing those giggles and loud voices in the hall as well. Our summer attendance will be smaller and different because of COVID 19, but we are ready to have a good time!!



#### Food Pantry Needs

We normally receive food weekly from Hickory's Second Harvest Food Bank, How-

ever, with the recent turn of events in our nation, their supply is getting low. Here is a list of things that we are in need of at this time. Thank you so much for your continued support!

canned corn chicken green beans peanut butter pasta pasta sauce crackers jelly toilet paper fruit cookies tuna

#### CHURCH REPORT FOR MAY:

\$ 48,653.00 Budget Approved: **Budget Offering:** \$ 54,515.00 Designated: 652.00 Total Given: \$ 55,167.00 Total Budget Expenses: \$ 21,019.00 Total Designated Expenses: \$ 917.00 Total Expenses: \$ 21,937.00 Capital Campaign given: \$579,905.00

#### **CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:**

 Budget Approved:
 \$583,834.00

 Budget Offering:
 \$218,690.00

 Designated:
 \$ 12,659.00

 Total Given:
 \$231,348.00

 Total Budget Expenses:
 \$197,745.00

# As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Sandy Audish on her recent death.

The Family of Nelson Berry on his recent death.

The Family of Cyril Hammer Jr. on his recent death.

The Family of Sandra Dellinger on the recent death of her grandson, Cameron Wayne Dellinger.

#### Thank You From

Marie Gouge & the Gouge Family

## General Re-Gathering Information

- Our guidelines are being put in place to reintroduce worship gatherings at Viewmont in a manner that is safe, communicates faith, encourages unity, and a care and concern for others.
- We ask that if you or someone in your immediate household has recently had a fever or recently been around someone with a fever, to please refrain from gathering with others.
- While we are all excited to regather as a congregation, there may be those who are not ready to do so. Therefore, please use your best judgement taking into consideration your own health situation when deciding when to join in-person gatherings.

# July 2020 Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 9:30 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  Each Monday 10 a.m1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution  Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting  Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building			<b>Temporary Office Hours</b> Monday-Thursday  8:30 AM - 3 PM  Closed Friday			
			1 AM Full Staff	2	3	4 cod Black  ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** *
July 5 ~ 1st Sunday Back In Sanctuary "Re-Planted" Psalm 126:1-6	6 Church Offices Closed	7 6 PM Property Committee, Fellowship Center	8 Tentative Wednesday Outdoor Service 6:30 pm on back lawn	9	10	11
12	13 Preschool Summer Sessions Monday-Friday	14 6 PM Finance Committee	15	16	17	18
19 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	20 Preschool Summer Sessions Monday-Friday	21 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen 6 PM Deacons Rm 230	22	6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	24	25
			outh Camp			
26	27 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107	29	30	31	

## **Opportunities for Service**

Sunday, July 5

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary Monday, July 6 –Offices Closed

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution *Tuesday, July 7* 

6:00 p.m. Property Committee-Fellowship Ctr.

Wednesday, July 8

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

6:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship on the lawn-Tentative-Subject to Change

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

> July 2020 Deacon of the Week

July 5~ Cheryl Ramsey July 12 ~ Marion Roseman July 19 ~ Brenda Starnes July 26 ~ Tim Turner Welcoming:

7/5: Lamar, Brenda Starnes 7/12: Jim, Lena Piercy 7/19: Anza, Doris Stroud 7/26: Burlene Price

**Viewer Response** 

7/5, 12: 7/19, 26:

**Ushers for July** 

Ron Watts, Chris Jones, Bob Hibbitts, Carroll Garland, Shea Teague, Ralph Yount

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 Search: Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory July, 2020 Volume 70 Issue 7

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