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

The Viewmont Vision

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From Our Pastor . . .

Over the last several weeks, in every moment of prayer and communion with the Lord, the words of Paul to the Thessalonians have overflowed from the depths of my heart into praise unto the Lord:

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

There are always reasons for overflowing with gratitude and praise unto the Lord and chief among them for us here at Viewmont over the last month has been to watch as the Lord provided more than we needed to pay off the last bit of debt we held as a church family. The presence of the Lord among our flock is a tangible one. In faith, love, and hope, we have moved into a new season of life here at Viewmont and the Lord is leading us. Truly we stand in awe at what the Lord has done, what the Lord is doing, and in a blessed hope of what the Lord will do when we stay behind the Lord, keeping the cross of Christ before us.

Then, to top off that weekend, the surprise birthday party was simply astounding. I want to thank you, personally, from the bottom of my heart for your outpouring of love, prayerful support, kind words, cards, and gifts that truly made this a birthday to remember. You will simply never know how much that evening will always mean to me. And all I can say is, "Thank you and I love you!"

And it only gets better because Vacation Bible School was incredible! For three nights we gathered with children to learn about, study, and track down the One True God. Vacation Bible School was a success because of the move of the Holy Spirit and the teamwork involved.

That's the case with all that happens in our congregation. The Spirit moves and we work together as a team. When the Spirit is at work and we work together, God will continue to do miraculous things. This happens when our eyes, lives, hearts, and souls stay focused on the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. After all, the empty tomb reminds us that "with God all things are possible" (Luke 1:37).

Indeed, my heart overflows with gratitude and praise unto the Lord. Gratitude for what the Lord has done. Gratitude for the Lord's work through you. Gratitude for the Lord's work in us all.

It is a true joy and an honor to be your pastor...

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

July 4 ~ "God Is Great!" Psalm 48:1-14

July 11 ~
"Mark Your Calendar!"
Lamentations 3:19-23



Cost: \$30.00

Includes: T-shirt, Snacks, and all activities.

> August 2-6 9am-1pm

Sign up sheet is by the Church Elevator !!!

Starting in July, the Ushers will begin passing the offering plate again.
Also, Viewer Response volunteers will be listed in the bulletin each week.
If you would like to volunteer for either of these important ministries, please contact
Dorothea Starnes for Ushers and Judy Benfield for Viewer Response.

Missions and Evangelism News

Thank you also for your support of "The Bucket Project" which supports HIV patients in Africa. With your contributions, we have \$1,220 to go toward this project. Stay tuned for more about this project.

One local organization that VBC supports is Safe Harbor. organization offers safe and affordable housing as well as programs and workshops to women, children and youth in our community to teach them life skills and to help them find their purpose in life and their identity in Christ. During July, if you would like to donate money to Safe Harbor, please indicate on your contribution envelope or check. A special donor has offered to match all giving to Safe Harbor up to \$25,000 this summer! If you would like to learn more about Safe Harbor, visit www.safeharbornc.org.

During the month of July we will be collecting school supplies (backpacks, wide-ruled paper, crayons, notebooks, pencils, erasers, highlighters, etc) in support of Vacation Bible School's missions collection. Donations may be placed in the box located near the elevator.

July 2021
Deacon of the Week
July 4~ Sandy McAlpin
July 11 ~ Don Miller
July 18~ Chris Moore
July 25~ Sharon Olsen

Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

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

The Church Offices
will be closed on Monday, July 5th
in observance of July 4th.

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Carole Teague on the recent death of her aunt, Shirley Harris.

The Family of Chris Moore on the recent death of his grandmother, Audie Edwards.

Thank You From . . . Terrie Nelson

CHURCH REPORT FOR MAY:

 Budget Approved:
 \$ 49,160.00

 Budget Offering:
 \$ 50,375.00

 Designated:
 \$ 87,607.00

 Total Given:
 \$137,982.00

 Total Budget Expenses:
 \$ 35,419.00

 Total Designated Expenses:
 \$ 7,161.00

 Total Expenses:
 \$ 42,580.00

Capital Campaign given: \$700,512.00 CHURCH REPORT FOR 2021:

 Budget Approved:
 \$589,914.00

 Budget Offering:
 \$264,229.00

 Designated:
 \$102,822.00

 Total Given:
 \$367,051.00

 Total Budget Expenses:
 \$199,666.00

 Total Designated Expenses:
 \$20,922.00

 Total Expenses:
 \$220,588.00

June, 2021

Avg Bible Study Attendance: 82
Avg In-person Morning Worship: 148
Avg YouTube Live: 47



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating your

time (if you can sew a straight seam); materials such as good cotton clothing or material; or by making a monetary donation to "cover" the cost of creating a beautiful expression of our love to the Prayer Quilt Ministry. For questions or to donate your time, contact Linda Sloniker (828) 781-2316.

e Your Family

You ALL are Invited to Sing with the... Summer

SUMMER CHOIR DATES

July - 11, 18, 25 August - 1, 8, 22, 29 September - 5

Everyone Meet in Choir Room upstairs at 10:40 am Brief Rehearsal & Sing

July 4: Worship from the Choir Loft

July 11: <u>"Old Time Gospel Medley"</u> with Since Jesus Came into My Heart; Old Time Religion; Just a Closer Walk; It Is No Secret

July 18: "Our Friend Medley" with No, Not one; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Lily of the Valley; Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

July 25: <u>"Power in the Blood Medley"</u> with Victory in Jesus; Nothing But the Blood; Are You Washed in the Blood?; There is Power in the Blood





July 2021 Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Pra 9:45 a.m. Sur 10:40 a.m. Sur 11:00 a.m. Wo Each Monday 10 a.m1 p.m. Sec	ise Team Rehearsal Iday School-designated ro Inmer Choir Rehearsal Irship Service in Sanctuary Iond Harvest Food Distribu	Each Mon, Tue 5:30 p.m. oms Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 p Summer Week	Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry Summer Weeks: July 12-16; July 19-23		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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4	5 Church Offices Closed	6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6 PM Finance Committee	14 11 AM Full Staff	15	16	17
18 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen @ Hickory Soup Kitchen		20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	27	28	29	30	31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Designated rooms 10:40 a.m. Sumer Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, July 5

HOLIDAY-Church Offices closed

Tuesday, July 6

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Thursday, July 8

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

Viewer Response

7/4, 11: 7/18, 25:

Ushers for July

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

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 NC July, 2021 Volume 71 Issue 7

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