



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

## The Viewmont Vision

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## From Our Pastor . . .

Ronna looked up from the supper table with a look of intensity and focus. We were out to eat as a family the night before Eva was to go to the doctor to have a small outpatient procedure. As we were discussing the upcoming events as a family, is when Ronna looked up and said, "Look at that sunset! It's gorgeous! Another *beautiful* sunset!"

I joined her by lifting my head unto the horizon to see that what she witnessed was indeed true. Another *beautiful* sunset. There were rays of magenta and streaks of amethyst all with a hue of pure majesty and glory. You may think I am romanticizing this, but you may have seen the very same sunset I saw that night. It was beautiful. That's all I know to say.

As is often the case, we were tempted to get up from the table and go take a picture of it. But I knew by the time I got up and got in position to do so, the moment could be gone. It was in the midst of this that I noticed something. Something almost as glorious as the sunset itself. I noticed other people taking notice of the sunset. A mom and dad with their children were walking into the restaurant when they were stopped by the beauty of the setting sun. We could see the same look of intensity and focus on their faces that we had on ours. I watched as the dad handed his son a cell phone, picked him up high and let his son take a picture of the sunset.

That's when it hit me that they were captivated by the moment of glory just as we were, and they wanted to capture the moment to remember it. You see, things catch our focus. There are moments that demand our attention. And the moments that do so, I mean truly and completely consume our focus, are those that are filled with a beautiful glory beyond all description. It brought to mind these words from the psalmist: "*Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming His handiwork*" (*Psalms 19:1*).

What is so striking about this is that the sunset is declaring the glory of God. The sky is canvas on which the glory of God is painted. The glory of God is the heavy and holy presence of God too strong for words, to weighty for mortals, and too bright to be contained. The heavens, the skies, the sunsets declare and point to, they reflect the glory of God. I wondered that night, I mean truly wondered, what the full unfiltered radiant glory of God must be like. It consumed my imagination, thoughts, and prayers that evening.

How incredible the presence of God must be? The eternal glory of light on light. Described by John in *Revelation 21:23* as being bright enough to light the eternal city of the New Jerusalem. This presence surely does catch our attention. It lifts our heads. It causes us to take notice, to focus, and to breathe in the holy moment.

That sunset did not last long the other night. In a few minutes it was gone. I am sure we will catch another one. Likely it will be soon, too. But the thing about the glory of God is it never fades. It never wanes. It never changes. It always...is. From time to time we are able to catch glimpses of the glory of God. But one day...one day we will see it. We will lift up our heads, taking notice of the Lamb of God who has revealed and embodied the glory of God and He will be our light.

What a joy it is to be your pastor and your friend....

-Andrew

## Coming Events . . .

**Sunday, March 15**  
**12:30 PM-1:30 PM**

Sabbath Soup Kitchen  
Fellowship Center

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**11:45 AM**

JOY (Just Older Youth)  
Annual BBQ and Bingo

**VBC Blood Drive ~ March 19**  
**Fellowship Center**  
**3-7:30 p.m.**

## March 2020 Deacon of the Week

**March 1 ~ Don Miller**  
**March 8 ~ Chris Moore**  
**March 15 ~ Sharon Olsen**  
**March 22 ~ Cheryl Ramsey**  
**March 29 ~ Marion Roseman**

## Sundays at Viewmont

**March 8, 2020**  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**March 8 - 11 am**  
**"The Journey"**  
**Psalms 121:1-8**

**March 15 - 11 am**  
**"Is He Really The One?"**  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13**



## Pregnancy Care Center

Filled baby bottles due in the office by end of March.

For more information/details, contact Wanda Ledford at 828-310-8694.



Come Join The FUN  
J.O.Y. ~ March 17, 11:45 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Annual BBQ and Bingo  
Fun Prizes and Preview of Coming Events  
Suggested Donation \$5.

**UPCOMING**



**WORSHIP MUSIC**  
Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH

Mar. 1	"Show Your Power"	PT
	"All Good Gifts"	CH
Mar. 8	"Holy Ground"	PT
	"Then Sings My Soul"	CH
Mar. 15	"I Can Be Glad"	PT
	"The King of Who I Am"	CH
Mar. 22	"Blessing and Honor"	PT
	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	CH
Mar. 22	"So Good"	PT
	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	CH



April 12, 2020, we will celebrate Easter with beautiful floral arrangements each in honor or memory of a loved one or special person. Please place your order by April 5th. Payment must accompany your order. Place this order in the offering plate or bring to Amie in the church office. Let's have an enthusiastic response!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

10" hanging basket with mixture of spring colors of Million Bells and Petunias.

How many? \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.50 each

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

*The Family of Cyril Hammer on the deaths of two uncles, Fred Hammer & J.L. Hammer.*

*The Family of Jerry Titus on the death of his cousin, Sue Ann Hunt West.*

*The Family of Boyce Starnes on the recent death of his sister, Verna Brookshire.*

*The Family of Joyce Stewart on the recent death of her cousin, Tommy Howard.*

*The Family of Dan Drinkard on his recent death.*

**Thank You Notes From**

Pat Phillips

**CHURCH REPORT FOR JANUARY:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 41,556.00
Designated:	\$ 3,789.00
Total Given:	\$ 45,345.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,874.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 3,506.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 48,380.00
Capital Campaign given:	\$541,787.00

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February, 2020

**Missions Opportunities**

**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. Through the end of March you may place your gift in the offering plate designated to "Missions" or "Baptist Children's Home." To learn more about BCH please visit <https://www.bchblog.org/about>

**Gift Card Round-Up for NC Baptist Children's Home**

According to the Baptist Children's Home website, "When churches, businesses, and other community friends unite for the annual Food Roundup, it feeds HUNDREDS and HUNDREDS of boys and girls living at Baptist Children's Homes."

Viewmont Baptist Church will be collecting gift cards to Food Lion and Walmart as well as monetary contributions for the Baptist Children's Home annual "Food Round-up."

All cards or money donations are due to the church by April 5th. You may place your donations in the offering plate on Sunday or drop them off at the church office. For monetary contributions, please indicate "BCH Gift Cards" on your check/envelope.



It's amazing how fast time flies when you are having fun!! We cannot believe that this year is almost over!

We will begin summer registration for our current students and church members on March 2nd. Summer registration will open to our new fall families on March 17th. Then summer registration will begin on March 23rd for the public...if there are any spots available.

Again, we are so appreciative to have such a wonderful church family and ministerial family to work with. The entire staff here at VBC is amazing!! We truly appreciate the prayers and cards telling our staff, children and their families that we were being prayed for. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

# March 2020

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 8:45 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		<b>Each Wednesday</b> 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 5:00 p.m. Supper Served 5:45 p.m. Children's Music & Missions Wind Ensemble Practice Prayer Time/Adult Bible Study Youth Sanctuary Choir Practice		<b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building		
<b>Each Monday</b> 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal		6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.				
<b>Each Tuesday</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm. 134		<b>Monday - Friday</b> 7:15am-6:00pm 3-6:00 p.m.		Weekday Preschool Ministry After School Ministry		
<b>1</b>  Start Ordering Easter Flowers until April 5th	<b>2</b>  WPM Summer Registration open to Current Students & Church Members	<b>3</b>  6 PM Property Committee, Conf Rm 107	<b>4</b>  11 AM Full Staff	<b>5</b>  3:30 PM Missions & Evangelism Conf Rm 107	<b>6</b>  Donuts for Dads 9 AM	<b>7</b>  Youth Tubing
<b>8</b>  <i>Daylight            Savings Time            Begins</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  6 PM Finance Committee, Conf Rm 107  6 PM WOM 3 With Brenda Starnes	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Youth to the Movies  PM/ASM Closed	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Center	<b>16</b>  PM/ASM Closed	<b>17</b>  11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen  11:45 AM <b>JOY-BBQ &amp; Bingo</b>  6 PM Deacons Rm 230  <b>WPM Summer            Registration open to            our New Fall Families</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>3:30-7 PM            VBC Blood Drive            Fellowship Center</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>WPM Summer            Registration open            to the Public</b>	<b>24</b>  6 PM Personnel Committee, Conf Rm 107	<b>25</b>  <b>Vision Newsletter            Articles Due</b>	<b>26</b>  6 PM Children's Ministry Committee, Conf Rm 107	<b>27</b>  <b>VBC Bell Choir participates in            the NC State Bell Festival            in Winston-Salem.</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>Communion-            Benevolence            Offering</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p><b>Holy Week &amp; Easter</b></p> <p><b>April 8th - Wednesday, Tenebrae Service 5:45 PM</b></p> <p><b>April 9th - Maundy Thursday, Communion Gathering Area, 5:30-7 PM</b></p> <p><b>April 12th - Easter Sunday</b></p> </div> </div>			

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, March 1

8:45 a.m. Praise Team Practice

**\*9:00 a.m. Everyone is Invited to Join Us for Prayer Time, Conf Rm 107**

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:20 a.m. Front Entrance Opened

11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, March 2~ WPM Summer Registration

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

6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm 134

6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Conf. Rm. 107

### Wednesday, March 4

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Supper Served

5:45 p.m. Prayer Time/Adult Bible Study  
Preschool & Children's Choirs & Missions  
Instrumental Ensemble

6:30 p.m. Youth Wonderful World of Wednesday

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 5

3:30 p.m. Missions & Evangelism, Conf. Rm 107

### Friday, March 6

9:00 a.m. WPM Donuts for Dads

### Saturday, March 7

#### **Youth Tubing**

### Monday - Friday

7:15 a.m.-6p.m. Weekday Preschool Ministry

3-6:00 p.m. After School Ministry

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

### Welcoming:

3/1: Tommy, Elissa Kincaid

3/8: Richard, Wanda Byrd

3/15: Dorothea Starnes, Marge Chapman

3/22: Jeff, Susan Gouge

3/29: Joe, Pat Smith

### Viewer Response

3/1, 8: Cheryl Ramsey, Sherry Shuford

3/15, 22: Brenda Starnes, Amber Bowman

3/29: Judy Benfield, Susan Watts

### Ushers for March

Chuck Baxley, Teresa Fry, Ray Ledford,

Ralph Yount, Ron Watts, Chris Jones

### **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)

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