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From Our Pastor . . .

One of the practices I keep during the season of Lent is the reading of a devotional book. It is a series of three devotional books, actually, one for each year in the lectionary. This year is known as “Year B” in the lectionary cycle of bible readings, which focuses on the Gospel of Mark. These Lenten devotionals are a walk-thru the Gospel for that year, so, I am reading through Mark during Lent this year, in addition to the passages we are reading each week as a congregation.

The other night, as I settled in to read the devotion for that day, I happened to glance at the title page in the book. There, in the upper right corner, was my name – like in all books I possess – along with each year I have read through that devotional book. This particular one has listed 2012, 2015, 2018, and now, 2021. I paused for a moment of reflection before turning to the page for the specified day. As I saw the years listed on the title page of the book, I could not help but think about those years.

I thought about where we were as a family; where we lived and how we were serving the Lord. I thought about our children; who was born when in relation to each year. Furthermore, I thought about the move of God in our lives in each one of those years. I recalled times of prayer and times of longing, there were times of joy and celebration and times of wondering. I remember specific situations where we were praying and now, looking back, I remember where we were when God answered the prayers and *how* God answered the prayers. You know, each time God answers our prayers, we should draw closer to God and our trust in God should deepen. That’s why we need to be reminded of moments in our walk of faith. Though the seasons have f life have changed, God’s presence hasn’t.

Then, reading through the devotions, now for the fourth time, these memories are even clearer. I can remember reading some of these words and how they spoke then to the situation where we found ourselves in life. Through the Holy Spirit, the words still ring true and are relevant for where we are today. Isn’t that one of the incredible aspects of the Holy Spirit?

With each passing day, looking back, I remember where we were each time this devotional book was the one to read during the season of Lent. And with each reflection, It is as if the Holy Spirit is saying, “Andrew, I was there then and I am here now.” Each passage speaks as clearly now as it ever has, at the same time it is always something I need to hear and to be reminded of: it is all about Jesus.

Every time we read the scriptures, they come alive all over again. We can hear or read a passage over and over again and always hear and find something we have never heard or seen before. That’s the move of the Spirit. This year, as I am reading through the Gospel of Mark – again for the first time – the interactions between Jesus and other people are especially striking. These are moments in the lives of people when they encountered the living God in living form. These are small glimpses of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. These are encounters with God in Christ that are so moving, they cannot be forgotten. In fact, they are written down that we will always remember, and we will always look for the ways God is moving among us today, drawing closer and trusting God all the more.

With each passing day, reading through Mark, I am asking God to help me put myself inside the story. Help me identify with the people Jesus meets and who meet Him. But time after time, what comes to mind is how this is all about Jesus. It’s always been all about Jesus. It will always be all about Jesus. Each Sunday morning during this season of Lent we are placing ourselves inside the final days of the life of Jesus. We are asking ourselves “Were You There?” The answer is a resounding, “YES!” I hope you are joining us on this journey.

The next year this devotional book will come around will be 2024. I am sure when the season of Lent arrives then, I will, once again, look at the cover page and remember the season of Lent in 2021. What are the moves of God and prayers of our souls that we will remember then? What is God doing in us now that will stick with us for years and years to come? I invite you to ask the same questions.

It is a true joy to be on this journey of Lent with you. . . .

~Andrew

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Viewmont Baptist Preschool

Tree of Learning

"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"



MARCH NEWS!

Spring is coming and we are so excited! It's hard to believe it's been a year since Covid 19 became a household word. We are very fortunate to have been able to open and stay open during these trying times. We are always hard at work to ensure the safety of our staff and students and are very grateful to the VBC church family for all of your support and extra cleaning and sanitation of the church building. The old saying "that it takes a village" is very true!

We will begin our Summer Registration for our current students and church members on March 16th. Summer registration will open to our new fall families on March 23rd. The summer registration will begin on March 29th to the public ...if we decide to open to the public.

Looking ahead, we will be closed April 2-9 in observance of Easter. We always enjoy this time with our families as a time to be together and reflect on our blessings as we remember that Christ died, so that we may live!



Attention Parents!!

The Children's Ministry is offering

WEDNESDAY Sunday School!!!

When? Every Wednesday

What Time? 5:15 - 6:15 pm

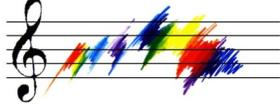
Where? Fellowship Center

Wear a Mask? Yes, please!

More questions? Call Ms. Regiani (828) 446-1113

We hope we will see your children!
Ms. Brenda, Ms. Wanda, & Ms. Regiani

UPCOMING



WORSHIP MUSIC

MARCH

- 7 Solo-Debbie Espey
- 14 Solo-Jimmy Rogers
- 21 Duet-Lori & Mike Costner
- 28 Duet-Dale, guitar & Helen, piano

Update...

The 2 accidents which occurred last year to the front of the educational building are being handled by insurance companies. Three local construction companies have submitted bids. The delay is the insurance companies; also, the possibility of extensive structural damage. Engineers are evaluating the situation.

Easter Flowers



April 4, 2021, we will celebrate Easter with beautiful 10" hanging baskets of brightly colored petunias in honor or memory of a loved one or special person. Please place your order by March 28th. 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 _____

How many? _____ \$12.50 each



Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

March 7 ~
"Were You There?
Remember This!"
Luke 22:7-23

March 14 ~
"Were You There?
The Prayer Of Undoing"
Mark 14:32-42

March 21 ~
"Were You There?
Left Speechless"
Mark 15:21-34

March 28 ~
"Were You There?
Resting & Trusting"
Luke 23:50-56

Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

- Monday Rev. Jimmy Rogers
- Tuesday Dr. Andrew Rawls
- Wednesday Regiani Perzira
- Thursday Minister Rotation
- Friday Deacon of the Week

CHURCH REPORT FOR JANUARY:

Budget Approved: \$ 49,160.00
Budget Offering: \$ 54,219.00
Designated: \$ 4,341.00
Total Given: \$ 58,560.00
Total Budget Expenses: \$ 37,070.00
Total Designated Expenses: \$ 2,391.00
Total Expenses: \$ 39,461.00

Capital Campaign given: \$636,436.00

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February, 2021 (through February 21st)

Avg In-person Morning Worship: 54
Avg YouTube Live: 56

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of David Futrell on his recent death.

The Family of Helen Mercer & Suzanne Lawrimore on the recent death of their sister & aunt, Mildred Kestner.

The Family of Chris Moore on the recent death of his uncle, Hogan Moore.

The Family of Ray Ledford on the recent death of his cousin, Patricia.

The Family of Jeri Barnette on the recent death of her cousin, Bryan Caldwell.

The Family of Terry Miller on the recent death of his uncle, Ned Bowman.

Thank You From . . .
The Roger Bowman Family

Missions and Evangelism News

Food Card Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH)

Each year BCH holds a "Food Round Up" to help stock their shelves in order to provide meals for children living in their cottages across the state. Many of these children come from tragic situations of abuse and neglect. Cottages can house up to a dozen children-- you can imagine that it takes a lot of food to keep their little tummies full! Viewmont Baptist Church wants to help! Starting in March and through the end of April, we will be collecting gift cards from **Food Lion** or **Walmart** to give to the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. You may also contribute monetary gifts (please designate these funds toward "BCH gift cards"). You may place your gift-card donations in the offering plate or give to the church office. Thank you, as always, for your support!

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. We will be collecting funds for BCH from January through 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 [Baptist Children's Homes of NC \(bchfamily.org\)](http://Baptist Children's Homes of NC (bchfamily.org))



March 2021 Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Each Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

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
5:15-6:15 p.m. Children's Sunday school

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

Wednesday
8:30 am-12:30 pm After School Morning Remote Support Program

Closings
Mar 12-15 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.

	1	2 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	3 11 AM Full Staff	4	5	6 
7 The Lord's Supper	8	9 6 PM Finance Committee	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17 	18	19	20 
21 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	22	23	24 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31	 <p>Holy Week & Easter April 2nd - Virtual Good Friday Tenebrae & Communion service (In place of Wednesday Worship & Prayer) April 4th - Easter Sunday</p>		

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, March 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday, March 10

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

Thursday, March 11

Friday, March 12

Saturday, March 13

Monday - Friday

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

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. After School Remote Learning

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Just so you know.....

Worship Bulletins & Prayer Sheets are available @ noon on Thursdays. They are located on the ledge in the foyer outside of Beth's office.

March 2021 Deacon of the Week

March 7~ Mike Costner
March 14 ~ Butch Gryder
March 21~ Jason Kahrl
March 28~ Sandy McAlpin

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

Flower Calendar

Please contact Beth at 322-6732 or email beth@viewmontbaptist.org if you would like to be placed on the Flower Calendar.

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Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am - 5 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 12 pm

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