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From Our Pastor . . .

Here we are in the season of Lent once again. These weeks when we focus on the cross of Christ, we remember our mortality, we remember that our sin and God's deep love for us is what brings the cross to reality. This journey of Lent is the marking off the weeks leading up to Holy Week and, eventually, to Easter. It is a holy time and a time to draw near to the cross in a very intentional manner.

As a congregation, we are walking our way through the Christ-hymn in *Philippians 2:5-11* as the way of the cross. It is a necessary way of walking and living, for Jesus calls out to us to lay our own selves down, to take up our own cross and walk with Him all the way to His.

My temptation from time to time is to focus on the cross only this time of year when we are moving our way toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday. However, when that temptation comes, I am quickly reminded that the cross is not just for a weekend, a week, or a season. The cross of Jesus Christ should *always* be the focus of our lives. Whether we are in the season of Lent or not, the cross is our focus. Whether the season of our lives is one of joy or sorrow, the cross is our focus. The cross of Jesus Christ the focus of our days and our nights, our work and our rest, our worship and our service. The cross of Jesus Christ stands in the middle of it all.

As we make our way to Holy Week and Easter Sunday, let us embrace the cross and allow the cross to embrace us, not just for this season, but for our entire lives. Every single day and in every single way, I pray the cross will be our way of life. The season of Lent marks out the way *of* the cross, but we would do well to remember that this way *of* the cross is the only way *to* life. The only way to know the life of Christ Jesus – in all its fullness, power, and light – is to come through the cross. The only way to live out the life Christ Jesus gives us – in all its fullness, power, and life – is through the cross.

Lent is also known as a season of intense prayer and reflection. Many of you keep the practice of holding a Lenten discipline through the season. Lenten disciplines usually involve fasting from something that is taking up too much room in our hearts and lives, and replacing it with prayer and a Holy-Spirit focus on the cross of Jesus Christ. Regardless of whether you engage in this discipline of Lenten fasting or not, I ask you to make our television ministry a serious priority in your prayer life. With the change in management/ownership taking place at the television station, we are unsure at this time what it means for this four-decade ministry the Lord has entrusted to our care.

Let us remember this is the Lord's ministry and it is the Lord's gospel because it is the Lord's cross. I ask you to pray, therefore, for wisdom, guidance, discernment, and the opportunity to minister through the technology of television. This will in no way affect our streaming ministry on YouTube. I ask you to take this ministry and place it at the foot of the cross every single day, even several times a day. Every time you go to the Lord in prayer, please ask the Holy Spirit to guide in a way that will proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Take this on as your Lenten discipline and carve out the time each day to seek the Lord regarding this ministry.

The way of the cross is our way of life. The cross is the focal point of our lives – all we say and do – as well as directing our worship unto the only one worthy of worship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us make our way to the cross and let us make the cross our way of life.

Viewmont, Ronna, our children, and I cannot tell you just how much we love you and how grateful we are for you. It is a gift of God's grace to share in this way of the cross with you.

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

March 5 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent
*"The Way Of The Cross: The
Choice of Emptiness"*
Philippians 2:7

March 12 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent
*"The Way Of The Cross: His
Obedience Was Even More"*
Philippians 2:8



**VBC Mugs & T-shirts
are still available.**

**Pick up Monday-
Thursday 8 AM-5 PM**

All proceeds benefit VYTT!

Viewmont Baptist Preschool
Tree of Learning
"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"



It's hard to believe
that it is March already!

We will be finishing this
school year in just 3 months!
We are enjoying the warmer
weather and hope the fence
will be finished soon!

We are getting ready for
Donuts for Dad on March
10th and spring pictures on
March 28th and 29th.

We will also start our summer
registration for our summer
weeks on March 20th.

It will open for our current
users and our new fall
families.

Happy Spring!!



WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH

Mar. 5	<i>"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"</i>	CH
Mar. 12	<i>"At the Cross Medley"</i>	PT
Mar. 19	<i>"Once Upon a Tree"</i>	CH
Mar. 26	<i>"Worship at the Throne Medley"</i>	PT



Hickory Rings!

Eleventh Annual Spring Concert

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Viewmont Baptist Church
1246 2nd Street NE Hickory

Concerts begin at 7:30pm

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Roger Fox on the recent death of his sister, Barbara Wilson.

The Family of Nelson Fry on the recent death of his mom, Alice Fry.

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.

Missions & Evangelism News

Our March missions emphasis is still **Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH)** and the **Baby Bottle Campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center.**

Please make your donations by the end of March.

Turkey Earthquake Relief

We are collecting a special offering for Turkey Earthquake Relief. This will go through NC Baptist Relief Ministry to aid the earthquake victims there.

Please mark your offering "Turkey Relief" and submit it by March 5th

CHURCH REPORT FOR JANUARY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 53,039.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 56,399.00
Designated:	\$ 10,542.00
Total Given:	\$ 66,941.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 54,177.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 4,137.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 58,314.00

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February, 2023

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	96
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	137
Avg YouTube Live:	63
Total Avg Worshipers:	200



The Journey With The Shepherd: A Study Through Psalm 23

Join us Wednesday evening for Bible Study at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.



Easter Flowers

We will celebrate Easter on April 9th with beautiful floral arrangements in honor or memory of a loved one or special person.

Please place your order by March 26th. 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-mixture of spring colors of Million Bells & Petunias.

How many? _____ X \$19 each

Total: \$ _____



VBC Garden Opportunity

We would like to offer prepared garden plots at the church: 6' x 10', 20', 30', 40' or 50' feet plots for members who would like to have a small garden for their personal use this spring and summer. These plots can be rented for an amount of your choice. These donations will go to support the Food Pantry ministry. The plots will come tilled and ready to plant for the individual, and bean poles can be set up if desired. The individual or family will take it from there and tend their own garden plot from planting to harvest. Everyone will have water access at the garden. Any questions contact Tim Turner or Daniel Espey.

March 2023

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><u>Each Monday</u></p> <p>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)</p> <p><u>Each Tuesday</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study</p>		<p><u>Each Wednesday</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Monday-Friday</u></p> <p>7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry</p> <p><u>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</u></p> <p>5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</p> <p>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>			
<p><u>Coming Events...</u></p> <p>April 5 - Tenebrae Service April 6 - Maundy Thursday (Drop in Communion) April 9 - Easter Sunday</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>2nd Sunday of Lent</p> 	<p>1:30 PM WOM</p>	<p>6 PM Property Committee</p>	<p>11 AM Full Staff</p>		<p>9:15 AM Preschool's Donuts for Dad</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>3rd Sunday of Lent</p>  		<p>6 PM Finance Committee</p>			<p>HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY</p> 	
				Preschool Closed		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>4th Sunday of Lent</p> 	<p>hello spring</p> 					<p>8:30 AM Fresh Start Breakfast, Fellowship Center</p> 
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p>Last day to purchase Easter Flowers</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent</p> 	<p>Vision Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>6 PM Personnel Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Concert in Sanctuary</p> 				
Preschool-Spring Pictures						

Opportunities for Service

Serving in Jesus' Name

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, March 6

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry
- 1:30 p.m. WOM-Fellowship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir
- 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:30 a.m. Minister's 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, March 9

Friday, March 10

Saturday, March 11

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

Welcoming:

- 3/5: Joe & Pat Smith
- 3/12: Jerry & Alice Long
- 3/19: Chris & Amie Moore
- 3/26: Jeff & Susan Gouge

Viewer Response

- 3/5: Carolyn Garland, Susan Watts
- 3/12: Beth Rogers, Susan Watts
- 3/19: Barbara Fulbright, Ruby Fulbright
- 3/26: Barbara Fulbright, Ruby Fulbright

Bethany Ministry

- 3/5: Ronnie & Susan Watts
- 3/12: Jerry & Alice Long
- 3/19: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin
- 3/26: Edith McAlpin & Denise Volz

Ushers for March

- Bruce Buchanan, Bruce Ogle, Chris Moore
- Jerry Titus, Jim Beck, Sherwin Speight,
- Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

March 5 ~ Jeff Gouge

March 12 ~ Bob Hibbitts

March 19 ~ Chris Jones

March 26 ~ Dan Massey

• *Return Service Requested*

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