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From Our Pastor . . .

It is incredible what we can see every time we open our eyes. Think about the first thing you see in the morning. Is it the alarm clock? Is it your cell phone? Is it the open blinds with the sun beaming in? Whatever it is has the potential to shape the course and the trajectory of the day that lay ahead of us.

But it is not only when we open our eyes in the morning that we see things that direct our attention, focus, and efforts. There are times when we see things we have not seen before. And we do not see them because they are not there, but we do not see them because we have not been looking for them.

This happens to me quite often. Every time I take a walk around the city block on which our church campus rests, I see something I have not seen before. It might be a sign or a tree. It might be the angle of the sun in that moment in the day. It is often the case that these things have been there all along, but I have simply not seen them. I have not been looking for them.

In recent days, the gentle and guiding voice of the Lord has been leaving this on my heart. "Be on the lookout for simple ways you can serve Me today, Andrew." That is what I hear over and over again in times of private prayer. Now, as simple as that is, and as often as it has come to my heart through the years, I do believe it is a central aspect to being a disciple of Jesus. Always be looking for ways we can serve God. If we will open our eyes, they are all around us.

And they are simple things. You see someone struggling to load groceries from the buggy into the trunk of a car, and you offer to help. You notice there is someone sitting on a bench, head down, and you can tell this is a moment of despair, and you offer to pray. Your attention is captured by the neighbor you don't yet know who is working to change a flat tire. The examples are boundless and endless, but they all point to the very same thing.

There are boundless and endless examples each and every day for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to be the living embodiment of the gospel, to live out the resurrection of Christ in the here and now. All we have to do is look for them, then be ready to do something when the Lord brings the moment to our attention. In praying for the Ephesian congregation, Paul writes, "***I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance***" (Eph. 1:17-18).

There is a cycle of discipleship described here. The closer we draw to the Lord the more we the opportunities to serve and the deeper our hope is rooted in Christ and the closer we draw to the Lord. It is a beautiful and hope-filled cycle of growing and serving all in the Name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of God the Father.

As you take a walk today, as you drive through town today, as you work in your yard today....whatever you do today there will be blessed opportunities brought to you by God. These will be opportunities to serve out of the hope we have in Christ and to embody the resurrection of Christ. Let us all look, see, and serve.

God really is good....all the time....

-Andrew

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MAY NEWS!

We are winding down the 2020-2021 school year! And wow, what a year it has been! We are so blessed to have been able to stay open and give the children an environment in which they could learn, grow, and interact with their friends. Seeing their smiling faces and laughter in the hallways and outside has been a sight to behold!

We are so excited for our 4 year olds to have Graduation this year. Last year we were only able to have a photo session with teachers. We are following the Covid guidelines and limiting the number of people to attend and of course social distancing. They are already practicing songs and making lots of crafts!

Our Summer registration is almost completely full as well as Fall registration with a waiting list. We are so grateful for this preschool and staff, families and the caring and supportive Viewmont Baptist church family. We are looking forward to our exciting summer camps! Preparations have already started. Our staff is looking forward to spending time with their children and families. Summer is always fun and exciting!




Music ~ Worship



...is one of the Hymns in our worship medley this coming Sunday. How this hymn came to be!

Luther B. Bridgers served as an evangelist in the American South and in mission work in Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Russia. He pastored in Georgia and North Carolina before retiring in 1945 in Gainesville, Georgia. A preacher, Luther Bridgers, was born in 1884, he married Sarah Veatch and three lovely sons were born of their union. Pastor Bridgers accepted an invitation to minister at a conference in Kentucky in the year 1910, so he left his family in the care of his father-in-law and made the trip to Kentucky. There, two wonderful weeks of ministry resulted. The last service closed with great joy and he was excited to be called to the telephone. He couldn't wait to tell his wife about all the blessings.

But it wasn't her voice on that long distance line. He listened in silence to the news that a fire had burned down the house of his father-in-law and his wife and all three of his sons had died in the blaze. That distraught father leaned heavily on His Savior and expressed his faith in God during a tearful moment by penning words to the hymn...**He Keeps Me Singing**.



**Sundays
LIVE
at Viewmont**

May 2 ~
"What Else Can We Say?"
Psalm 29:1-11

Mother's Day
May 9 ~
"The Meeting That
Changed Everything"
Acts 16:11-15

Graduate Recognition
May 16 ~
"Our Permanent Address"
Numbers 9:15-23

CHURCH REPORT FOR MARH:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,160.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 63,361.00
Designated:	\$ 6,738.00
Total Given:	\$ 70,099.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,694.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 157.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 44,851.00

Capital Campaign given: \$645,242.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2021:

Budget Approved:	\$589,914.00
Budget Offering:	\$163,432.00
Designated:	\$ 12,885.00
Total Given:	\$176,277.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$120,321.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 2,548.00
Total Expenses:	\$122,868.00

April, 2021


Avg In-person Morning Worship:	126
Avg YouTube Live:	59
Total Worshippers:	185

**Ministers Hospital
Visitation Schedule**

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


As You Pray, Remember . . .

- The Family of Glenda McCann on her recent death.*
- The Family of Ronnie Watts on the recent death of his mother, Christine Watts.*
- The Family of Cindy Sigmon Bolton on the recent death of her mother-in-law, Margaret Bolton.*
- The Family of Butch Gryder on the recent death of his cousin, Kirk Pennell.*
- The Family of Joyce Huffman on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Patricia Gordon.*
- The Family of Richard Benfield on the recent death of his uncle, Guy Ervin.*
- The Family of Marjorie Hooper on the recent death of her grandson, Robert Glenn.*
- The Family of Gayle Stafford on the recent death of her brother, Jack Hutchinson.*
- The Family of Margaret Baker-Dull on the recent death of her grandson-in-law, Chris Munro.*



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

A need was identified and a new ministry created to reach out in a tangible way to our members who are struggling with a prolonged, life-threatening illness and cover them literally and spiritually with our love and prayers. 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, please contact Linda Sloniker (828) 781-2316.



VBS 2021

June 27 - 29
6:00 - 8:30 pm

We need you!!

Talk to Regiani to volunteer.

Missions and Evangelism News

The Missions and Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the Baptist Children's Home "Food Card Round Up." We received \$760 in gift cards and monetary donations as of Sunday, April 18th and expect more to come in through the end of April.

During the months of May and June, we will be collecting funds for "The Bucket Project."

These funds provide supplies to make hospice kits for those dying of HIV/AIDS in Kenya. You can help share the love of Christ to these patients by participating in this project!

Buckets of supplies are around \$110 each but any amount is helpful. We plan to assemble buckets or give a monetary gift toward this ministry in the fall.

For donations, please make checks out to Viewmont Baptist Church and write "The Bucket Project" in the memo. Stay tuned for more information.



May 2021

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-designated rooms 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		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			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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2	3	4 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	5 11 AM Full Staff	6 	7	8 		
9 	10	11 6 PM Finance Committee	12	13	14	15		
16 Graduate Recognition 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	17	18	19	20	21 	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31 	Vision Newsletter Articles Due						

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m./ Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Designated rooms
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday, May 5

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
11:00 a.m. Full Staff
5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

Thursday, May 6

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

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

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

Flower Calendar

Please contact Beth at 322-6732 or
email beth@viewmontbaptist.org
to be placed on the calendar.

May 2021

Deacon of the Week

May 2~ *Marion Roseman*
May 9 ~ *Brenda Starnes*
May 16~ *Tim Turner*
May 23~ *Terry Abee*
May 30~ *Todd Bowman*

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

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.

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