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From Our Pastor . . .

For almost two years, I have been meeting a couple of guys in downtown Hickory three days a week to exercise. These mornings, though difficult to get into the routine, have proven to be good for my physical and spiritual health. It is not just the walking that strengthens us, but is also our conversation. More often than not, our discussion turns to the work of the Lord, the move of the Lord, and what the Lord has been speaking to us.

Just the other day, it was just two of us out there to exercise and we were riding our bikes. As we rode, we discussed the move of the Lord. In particular, we discussed how often times when the Lord moves in our lives and wishes to move us to a new place, in a new direction, or give us a new task, we can be left wondering why. What is it the Lord wishes to do in our lives? Why do we feel the move of the Lord in this way? What is it the Lord has for us to do?

My friend and I both said that it is only by looking backward that the understanding comes to us. We look in reverse and we realize what the Lord was doing all along. We even say to ourselves, "Oh yeah...now I get it. Now I see what the Lord was doing."

But there comes a crucial moment in life when the Lord is leading. We are left with a choice of what to do. Will we follow where the Lord leads or will we keep to ourselves and say, "You know, I am good where I am. I don't know what this is all about, so I will not pursue it." How often does that happen in our lives? Faith is never easy. However, when we step in faith, when we walk the Easter way, we find the Lord is leading and guiding us all along and, if we will follow Him, if we will invite Him to lead everything, there will be a blessing not possible otherwise.

Take for instance the passage at the end of Luke's gospel: the journey to Emmaus. Here are two disciples of Jesus walking home on the first Easter day. They are downcast and wondering what they have just given so much time to in following this man Jesus. All of a sudden, Jesus is with them. Walking with them. Talking with them. They tell Jesus about Jesus without realizing they are telling Jesus about Jesus. Then, Jesus opens the scriptures to them and tells them all about Himself throughout the history of Israel.

What happens next is a pivotal moment in the journey. They are about to reach their destination. Jesus acts as if He will keep going, leaving the two disciples to themselves. What will happen? The choice is a remarkable one, to be honest. These two disciples are presented with a choice to let Jesus keep going or to invite Him to be with them. This is a choice that will change the rest of the story.

As you and I walk the Easter way, we see these things. We reflect on the move of the Lord in our lives. We look back and see moments in life when Jesus has walked with us and we did not realize we were in the presence of resurrection. But there comes a point when we must make the choice as to what to do with the presence and leading of the Lord. What will we do with the prompting of the Holy Spirit? What we choose changes the direction of where we are headed.

You and I are walking the Easter way together. As we do so, may we recognize the presence of the resurrected Christ, may we journey on together every single day, and may we consistently and constantly choose to follow the Lord. Walking the Easter way strengthens us in a way that nothing else can. One day we will look back and say, "Wow! What a journey!"

I will confess to you that whether our group is walking or riding bicycles, we often feel like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Christ shows up, walks with us, and stretches us to walk the Easter way ever more.

Viewmont, I love you and it is such a joy to walk the Easter way with you. Let's see what the Lord will do when we follow Him!

-Andrew

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Sundays at Viewmont

May 7 ~
*"Walking The Easter Way:
Everything Pointed This Way"*
Luke 24:25-27

May 14 ~ Mother's Day
*"Walking The Easter Way:
What Will I Do With The Rest
of the Day?"*
Luke 24:28-29



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

Well, we blinked and we are at the end of the school year! It's been an awesome year of milestones, learning, laughter, smiles, and even some tears! We welcome May and all the warmer weather and possibilities its brings!

We are gearing up for another great summer full of fun themes and exciting activities to keep our little ones engaged in learning, playing and having fun! Our Fall Registration is off to a great start with most of the classes already full. We do have a few openings in the 3's and 4's. If you know of someone interested, please send them our way!

We would like to thank the staff and congregation at Viewmont Baptist for all of their support, prayers, love, and dedication with the preschool. We love and appreciate your support more than you know!

Our upcoming dates:
-Muffins With Mom
Friday, May 12th
-4-year-old Graduation
Thursday, May 25th
-Last day of school
Thursday, May 25th
Summer Sessions start June 12th



UPCOMING

WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Adult Choir-AC;
Handbells-BL

May 7	"Shall We Gather at the River" Meditation on "Beautiful Savior" "I See You"	BL BL PT
May 14	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" "How Can I Keep From Singing"	AC PT
May 21	"Cornerstone with Solid Rock" "Jesus Is the Song"	PT AC
May 28	"God Gave Me the Song"	Trio

As You Pray, Remember . . .

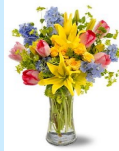
The Family of Rhonda Allison on the recent death of her mom, Juanita Shirley.

The Family of Jean Patton on the recent death of her daughter's father-in-law, Jerry Tate.

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.

Wednesday's in May

May 3 & May 10 - Last 2 Bible
Studies on Psalms 23

May 17 - Quarterly Church
Conference

May 24 - End of Year Program,
Last Family Night Supper



Casey West -
Fred T. Foard High School on Thurs-
day, May 25th.
Lucas Pereira - UNC Charlotte on
Saturday, May 13th.

CHURCH REPORT FOR MARCH:

Budget Approved:	\$ 53,039.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 51,744.00
Designated:	\$ 10,342.00
Total Given:	\$ 62,087.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 49,576.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 9,671.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 59,248.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2023:

Budget Approved:	\$636,468.00
Budget Offering:	\$154,873.00
Designated:	\$ 32,842.00
Total Given:	\$187,716.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$156,430.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 20,190.00
Total Expenses:	\$176,620.00

April, 2023 (4 out of 5 Sundays)

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	81
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	136
Avg YouTube Live:	77
Total Avg Worshippers:	213



Missions and Evangelism News

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

These funds supply much needed
supplies to make hospice kits for
improverished people dying of
HIV/AIDS in Kenya. Buckets of
supplies cost around \$110 each, but any
amount is helpful. For donations,
please make checks payable to
Viewmont Baptist Church and write
"The Bucket Project" in the memo.

Clean your closet ends in 2 weeks!

The Black Mountain Children's Home
Truck will be here on Thursday, May
11 @ 10 AM to pick up donations.
Please bring your items to the church
Wednesday night or Thursday morning
on May 11 by 10 AM.

Thank You,
Missions & Evangelism Committee

Viewmont Baptist Church Columbarium

currently has several niches available.

If interested in purchasing a niche, please contact a member
of the Columbarium Committee: Nancy Simmons-Beck,
Edith McAlpin, Brenda Starnes, Burlene Price,
Joyce Huffman or Jeri Barnette.

COMING SOON



VBS '23

June 25-29
6:00-8:15pm



Cost: \$30.00

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



BROADCAST MINISTRY

Our worship service
is broadcast on a week delay
each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on:
Spectrum TV Channel 191
& live each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on
YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/
@ViewmontBaptistChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@ViewmontBaptistChurch)

May 2023

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each Sunday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Each Monday</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>Each Tuesday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study</p>		<p>Each Wednesday</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 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m.</p> <p>Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry</p> <p>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p>				<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>
	1 1:30 PM WOM Fellowship Center	2 6 PM Property Committee Room #230	3 11 AM Full Staff	4 	5	6
7  4 PM in the Sanctuary for Mrs. Regiani Pereira	8 2 PM Columbarium Committee Conference Room Last BSF until Fall	9 6 PM Finance Committee Room #230	10	11	12 Preschool's Muffins for Mom 9:15 AM	13
14 	15	16	17 5:45 PM Church Conference	18 6:30 PM Fellowship Ctr. Update Cmte. Fellowship Center	19	20
21	22	23 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	24 5:00 PM Last Family Night Supper 5:45 PM End of Year Children's Program	25 6:30 PM 4's Preschool Graduation Last Day of Preschool	26	27 8:30 AM Fresh Start Breakfast, Fellowship Center 
28 	29 Church Offices Closed 	30	31			

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Ordination Service-Regiani Pereira

Monday, May 8

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry
- 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

- 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served
- 5:40 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, May 11

Friday, April 7-Preschool's Muffins for Mom

Saturday, April 8

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

Serving in Jesus' Name

Welcoming:

- 5/7: Roger & Laminda Fox
- 5/14: Amy Sanders, Carlene Woods
- 5/21: Chuck Baxley
- 5/28: Gary & Joyce Huffman

Viewer Response-(10:00) & (11:00)

- 5/7: Amie Moore, Jeanne Titus (both)
- 5/14: Cindi Morrison, Jeanne Titus (both)
- 5/21: Amie Moore (both), Judy Downs (10:00)
Judy Benfield (11:00)
- 5/28: Carolyn Garland (both), Judy Downs (10:00)
Judy Benfield (11:00)

Bethany Ministry

- 5/7: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin
- 5/14: Ralph & Evelyn Yount
- 5/21: Tim & Angie Turner
- 5/28: Roger & Laminda Fox

Ushers for May

- Wanda Byrd, Bob Hibbitts, Isaac Mosteller,
Eddie Barham, Jon Mosteller, Roger Fox,
Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

May 7 ~ Ronnie Watts

May 14 ~ Terry Abee

May 21 ~ Todd Bowman

May 28 ~ Wanda Byrd

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