



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

For as long as I can remember, Thanksgiving has been my favorite holiday. There is just something about it that always puts a smile on my face. Maybe it is the visual of most of the leaves having fallen to the ground. Maybe it is the smells. You know, a turkey ready to be sliced and sweet potatoes sprinkled with cinnamon. Maybe it is the thought of being together with family and friend, some we have not seen since last Thanksgiving, completed by much laughter and deep love.

These are all what I would call “signs of thanksgiving.” They are outward displays that point us to something much deeper. They are reminders, much needed reminders, to stop and give thanks. We need reminders like this in life for there are times when life spins and sways in such ways that we might be tempted to forget to give thanks.

It looks like the “signs of thanksgiving” will be different this year. There likely will not be the travels we might be used to. The smells and sights of thanksgiving may not be the ones to which we are accustomed. But could it be that this year the deepest and clearest signs of thanksgiving will bubble to the surface of our souls? I think so.

The reason is because thanksgiving is much more than a holiday; it is a way of life. Living a life of thanksgiving requires us to stop what we are doing, intentionally take a look around, and take stock of the signs of thanksgiving among us. Thanksgiving is our expression of gratitude unto God for that which only God can give. Those things are much more than what we can see with our eyes and touch with our hands. The deepest blessings of God are the gifts of God’s grace that are manifest throughout life in priceless ways. Behind the thanksgiving is the gift of life. These are signs that there is life among us and within us.

Those aspects of life are constant, not dependent upon the circumstances around us. They do not change. If there was ever someone who understood what this all means, it is Paul, the Apostle in the New Testament. It has always been encouraging to me to see how, regardless of what was happening to Paul, it was not going to detract him from the life of Christ living within him. In fact, he tells the Corinthians:

***“We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.” -2 Corinthians 4:8-11***

There is always much in our lives that prompts thanksgiving unto God, regardless of the circumstances around us. Sometimes, we need to stop what we are doing, take a look around and see all the ways God is giving us life through the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Though the typical signs of thanksgiving may or may not be present this year, one thing is for sure, the work of Christ is still present. It never changes, never falters, never fails.

I must tell you that I am deeply, deeply grateful to God for the move of His Holy Spirit amongst us and the multiple signs of thanksgiving that are at work in our church family. I truly love you and thank God for you!

Thankful...

-Andrew

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



Our Fall Semester is off to a great start. The hallways are once again filled with laughter and music and even an occasional cry from a hungry baby can be heard. To watch the children on the playground enjoying the fall weather and having fun just being a kid, is a welcome and delightful site!

As October ends and November begins, we start to reflect on our many blessings. We are so very thankful for our staff and families here at VBC Preschool. We hope everyone has a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends.

We will be closed November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day and November 25-27 for Thanksgiving.

### **Attention Parents**

of VBC Children’s Ministry!!!  
Coming Christmas this year

#### **“The Promised Gift”**

You will want to take it home with you!  
Have you signed up?  
If not, just text Regiani  
(828-446-1113)



UPCOMING



WORSHIP MUSIC

- Nov. 1 "The Potter's Hand" Praise Team
- Nov. 8 "You Give Me Joy" Praise Team  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Bell Choir
- Nov. 15 "Knowing You" Praise Team
- Nov. 22 "Giving Thanks Medley" Praise Team  
"Thanksgiving Medley" Bell Choir
- Nov. 29 "Call Him Emmanuel" Praise Team  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Bell Choir



Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

November 1 ~ "Rohi: The Shepherding One" Ezekiel 34:11-16

November 8 ~ "Immanuel: The With One" Matthew 1:22-23

November 15 ~ "Christ: The Humble & Exalted One" Phil 2:5-11

November 22 ~ "Gratitude Makes All The Difference" 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

CHURCH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:

Budget Approved: \$ 48,653.00  
 Budget Offering: \$ 35,013.00  
 Designated: \$ 867.00  
 Total Given: \$ 35,880.00  
 Total Budget Expenses: \$ 35,023.00  
 Total Designated Expenses: \$ 42.00  
 Total Expenses: \$ 35,065.00

Capital Campaign given: \$604,005.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved: \$583,834.00  
 Budget Offering: \$380,359.00  
 Designated: \$ 21,300.00  
 Total Given: \$401,659.00  
 Total Budget Expenses: \$334,423.00  
 Total Designated Expenses: \$ 23,787.00  
 Total Expenses: \$358,210.00

October, 2020

Avg In-person Morning Worship: 91  
 Avg YouTube Live: 47  
 Total Worshipers: 138

Missions and Evangelism News

Carolina Caring would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to VBC for choosing to support their mission to care for friends and neighbors who are facing the struggles of advanced illness. The 464 servings of various protein drinks will make a significant difference.

For the month of October through November 8th we will be collecting items for hygiene bags for Cooperative Christian Ministries. You will find the collection table in the gathering area. Please provide the following supplies: quart-sized bags, bars of soap, wash cloths, combs, disposable razors, travel-sized toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant.

Our 4th quarter missions emphasis is Baptist on Mission: Disaster Relief. Monies designated to "Missions" for the months of October through December will go toward disaster relief. With your giving you will help Baptist on Mission aid victims of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Dorian, and the coronavirus crisis. Your gift will provide hot meals, debris removal, child care, family assistance, and other types of aid needed during times of disaster.

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Jill Phillips on the recent death of her brother-in-law, Ken McGrady.

The Family of Margaret Barham on the recent death of her brother-in-law, Joe Spangler.

The Family of Howard Pruitt on his recent death.

The Family of Jimmy Rogers on the recent death of his mom, Laura Ann Rogers.

The Family of Gayle Stafford on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Shirley Hutchinson.

Thank You From . . .

Jeri & Bill Barnette  
 Richard & Wanda Byrd



POINSETTIAS



During the Christmas season we decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias. The flowers are purchased by members/friends to remember special people in their lives. They will be displayed during our services December 6th through December 20th. You may pick up your flower following the candle-light service on December 20. The flowers may be ordered through Sunday, November 22. Amie Moore will be gathering the poinsettia orders. Payment must accompany your order. Place this order form with payment in the offering plate or bring to Amie at the church office. All the poinsettias will be RED.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: In Memory of or In Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 6-1/2" Pot, w/Sleeve  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$19.00 8" Pot, w/Sleeve

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Monday, November 2

Theme: LIFE

[www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year](http://www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year)

This site will provide you with the program (no separate prayer guide this year). If you are unable to meet together to pray, we encourage you to pray simultaneously on November 2 or set a time during the month.



# November 2020

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Praise Team, Sanctuary Worship Service	<b>Monday-Friday</b> 7:15 am-6:00 pm 8:30 am-12:30 pm	Weekday Preschool Ministry After School Morning Remote Support Program	<p><b>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</b>  <b>Pray without ceasing!</b>  <b>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.</b></p>		
<b>Each Monday</b> 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Second Harvest Food Distribution	<b>Closings</b> Nov. 11 Nov 25-27	Preschool/Afterschool Ministries Preschool/Afterschool Ministries			
<b>Each Wednesday</b> 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Minister's Meeting Wednesdays Worship & Praise Viewmont Handbell Choir					
<b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b> 5:30 p.m.	AA, Youth & Activities Building					
1	2 <i>Harvest Week Information mailed out!</i>	3 6 PM Property Committee, Fellowship Center	4 11 AM Full Staff	5	6	7
8	9	10 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	11 Veteran's Day 	12	13	14
15 Harvest Week Begins 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	16	17 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen	18 Prayer & Thanksgiving Service 6:30 PM Sanctuary	19 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	20	21
22	23	24 6 PM Personnel Committee, Fellowship Center	25	26 Church Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
<b>If you can help decorate the Church for Christmas, Please contact Lena Piercy at 828-495-8919</b>					<b>Help decorate for Christmas</b>	
29 	30					

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, November 1

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, November 2

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

### Tuesday, November 3

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, November 4

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

6:00 p.m. Viewmont Handbell Choir

### Thursday, November 5

### Friday, November 6

### Saturday, November 7

### Monday - Friday

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

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

## November 2020 Deacon of the Week

November 1~ Timothy Turner

November 8 ~ Terry Abee

November 15 ~ Todd Bowman

November 22 ~ Nancy Corpening

November 29~ Mike Costner

### 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)

Search: Viewmont Baptist Church Hickory NC

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