



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

## *The Viewmont Vision*

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

We awakened on a Saturday morning and told our children that if we were able to get all of our chores done for the day, we would do something fun. So, we worked together to make sure everything was done. Then, just after lunch, we headed out the door for an afternoon of something fun. We did not get home until after supper, and it was time to get ready for bed. As we were in the middle of our bedtime routine, Annlyn came up to me, gave me a big, tight hug, and said, "Thanks for a great day, dad. I love you."

Within seconds my eyes filled with tears as I wrapped by arms around her, kissed her on the forehead, and said, "Thank you, sweetheart. That means a lot. I love you more than I can ever tell you." And, with a big grin on her face and a twinkle in her eye, she said, "I know you do, dad." That moment of an unprompted and unsolicited expression of gratitude caused my heart to swell ten times over! Even now thinking about it, I get a little emotional.

In the days that followed, I have thought about the impact that has had on me. I've noticed a change in my own heart and life as it relates to gratitude. On her own, she approached me to say she was thankful and grateful for the day and what we enjoyed together. What struck me was just how much it did to my father-heart. Then, I began to think about and pray through, what it must be like for Our Father in heaven when we come, unprompted, to say "Thanks for a great day, Dad. I love you."

We look around our lives and there is so much for which we should be grateful to God. And we should make it a regular habit, a disciplined practice, of coming to Our Father and expressing how grateful we are. It strengthens and deepens our relationship with Our Father in a way that nothing else can. Repeatedly in the scriptures we find the call to give thanks to God. One of the most common places to find the instruction is in the Psalms where the psalmist will say:

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." ~Psalm 136:1***

What strikes me the most about this particular psalm is how before any particular reason is listed for why the psalmist gives thanks to the Lord (i.e. wonder of creation, deliverance from Egypt, leading through the desert, driving back enemies, etc), the emphasis is first and foremost on the character of God: God is GOOD. This should be a word for us to truly pray through. Before we come to God with our list of thanksgivings, which is always a good thing to do, we first come to God in worship, knowing that it is God's heart, His enduring and faithful love, that makes all of it possible.

Before anything else is listed, any reason as to *why* we should give thanks, the psalmist emphasizes the one to *whom* we are grateful and the blessed relationship we find there. Everything that comes after this opening line – which every stanza in *Psalm 136* comes back to the refrain "***His Love endures forever***" – is an overflow of the goodness of God. In other words, before we say *what* we are grateful for, we remember the relationship with God is at the center.

Consider what an expression of gratitude like that does to the Father-heart of God. Before listing out the reasons why we are grateful, as if our gratitude hinges on the gifts from God, we simply come to give thanks knowing that God is good. We know the goodness and faithfulness of God by experience, by being in deep relationship with Him and trusting Him and following Him.

We all have very specific reasons why we are grateful to God, and it is a good thing to be specific. But ask yourself this: if all of those things were gone tomorrow, would you still be grateful to God? For God is still good. Our gratitude truly begins when we simply know deep in our souls and our lives that God is good. And when we approach God in worship and prayer, expressing our gratitude, we are focused on the relationship we have with God first. It is a good thing to come to Our Father, throw our arms around Him and simply say, "Thanks." And we know the response will be, "I love you more than you will ever know."

Thank to Our Father for you....

-Andrew

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### *Sundays LIVE at Viewmont*

*November 6 ~  
"What Is This?"  
Exodus 16:13-20*

*November 13 ~  
"Don't Forget To Rest"  
Exodus 16:21-30  
Guest Speaker*



### **The Food Pantry is in Need Of ...**

Canned Meat, Jelly, Peanut Butter & Toilet Paper. Thank you so much for your continued support!

### 2023 Proposed Budget

Copies of the budget are available on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings or in the Church Office. You may also contact Amie if you would like a copy emailed to you. The 2023 budget will be presented to the congregation on Wednesday, November 9 at our church conference. Please feel free to contact any of the Finance Committee members with questions prior to church conference: Tim Turner (chair), Wanda Byrd, Todd Bowman, Dan Massey, Chris Jones, Dale Williams, Susan Gouge, Tom McCann, and Denise Volz.



### **Just A Reminder...**

**get your VBC Mugs, T-shirts & Cookbooks.**

**Available for purchase  
Monday-Thursday  
8 AM - 5 PM**

**All proceeds benefit VYTT!  
They make GREAT gifts!!**

**UPCOMING**



**WORSHIP MUSIC**  
Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH

Nov. 6	"Come to Jesus"	PT
Nov. 13	"Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Handbell Choir Rings	CH
Nov. 20	"We Will Remember" Children's Choir Sings	PT
Nov. 27	"O Loving Father of the Stars"	CH

**Fun Fact to Know...**  
The "Happy Birthday" Song Brings A Bunch of Royalties

In 1893, the Hill sisters needed a song for their kindergarten class to sing on birthdays. Today, "Happy Birthday" is the most profitable song of all time. The song's ownership had changed hands a few times over the past 100 years. But music holding company Warner Chappell bought the rights for \$15 million in 1990, and have held them since. Today the song brings in \$2 million a year in royalties, which comes to \$5,000 per day. Another fun fact: the song costs \$25,000 to use it in a movie or TV show.




Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are available in the church lobby.

Please pray for this opportunity to share the Gospel with children around the world. Take a shoebox, fill with toys & other special items, include a \$10 donation per box & return it by Sunday, November 20th.

<http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ>

**Missions & Evangelism News**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter missions emphasis is **Baptists on Mission: Disaster Relief**. Any money designated to "Missions" for the months of November through December will go toward disaster relief. Your donations will provide hot meals, debris removal, child care, family assistance, and other types of aid needed during a disaster.



*Ladies,*  
you are invited to  
Viewmont Baptist Church's  
**Luncheon & Ornament Swap**  
on Saturday  
December 3rd, 2022  
12:00-2:00 pm

- Sign up to decorate a table
- Invite a friend
- Bring up in the Gathering Area
- Bring a covered dish to share
- Bring a wrapped ornament

2022 Church Flower Calendar



Only two left for 2022, so sign up today! Order your flowers from your preferred florist and call/email the church office with your information for the bulletin by Wednesday.

Open dates for 2022  
Nov-13; Dec-25

**CHURCH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,908.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 42,842.00
Designated:	\$ 23,074.00
Total Given:	\$ 65,916.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 51,435.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 59,127.00
Total Expenses:	\$110,564.00

**CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:**

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$484,005.00
Designated:	\$163,786.00
Total Given:	\$647,791.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$418,086.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$219,830.00
Total Expenses:	\$637,917.00

**October, 2022**

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	91
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	146
Avg YouTube Live:	59
Total Avg Worshippers:	205



**Attention Children:**  
3 years old-6th graders!

You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

Sunday, December 4th  
12:30-2:30 pm (Fellowship Center)  
Viewmont Baptist Church  
1246 2nd St NE, Hickory, NC 28601

**RSVP: Regiani 828-446-1113 by Nov. 27th**

**POINSETTIAS**

It's time to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias. Purchase your flowers today to remember the special people in your lives. They will be displayed during our services November 27th through December 18th (pick up your flower following the candlelight service). **You can order through Sunday, November 21.** 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**.

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**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

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

Circle one:     **In Memory of**                     or                     **In Honor of**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**How many?**     \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.50 (6-1/2" Pot, w/Sleeve)

**Amount Enclosed**     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# November 2022

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		<b>Each Wednesday</b> 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		<b>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</b> <b>Pray without ceasing!</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>Each Monday</b> 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)		6:15 p.m. <b>Monday-Friday</b> 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry <b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building				
<b>Each Tuesday</b> 10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study						
		1 6 PM Property Committee, Conference Room	2 11 AM Full Staff 5:45 PM Missions Emphasis Night	3	4	5 
6 Time Change	7 1:30 PM WOM, Fellowship Center	8 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	9 5:45 PM Church Conference	10	11 	12
				<b>Preschool Closed</b>		
13	14	15 6 PM Deacons, Room #230	16 5:45 PM Thanksgiving Meal & Service of Prayer	17	18	19
20  Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ingathering	21 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 NO Wednesday Ministries or Activities	24 	25 Advent Decorating for Sanctuary and Campus	26 8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Center
			<b>Church Offices Closed</b>			
			<b>Preschool Closed</b>			
27 	28	29	30			

**Opportunities for Service**

Sunday, November 6

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

Monday, November 7

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

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Full Staff  
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Ministry  
Prayer Meeting/Quarterly  
Church Conference-FC  
6:15 p.m. Children's Missions  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10-Preschool Closed

Friday, November 11-Preschool Closed

Saturday, November 12

Monday - Thursday: 7:15 am-6 pm/Friday: 7:15 am-5 pm  
Weekday Preschool Ministry

**Serving in Jesus' Name**

Welcoming:

11/6: Roger Laminda Fox  
11/13: Katie Mitchell  
11/20: Chuck Baxley  
11/27: Ronnie & Susan Watts

Viewer Response

11/6: Donna Mosteller, Wanda Byrd  
11/13: Donna Mosteller, Wanda Byrd  
11/20: Cheryl Ramsey, Ruby Fulbright  
11/27: Ruby Fulbright, Judy Benfield

Bethany Ministry

11/6: Arlene Taylor & Jenny Piercy  
11/13: Eddie & Diane Lowman  
11/20: Bruce & Janet Ogle  
11/27: Jon & Laura Mosteller

Ushers for November

Chris Moore, Chris Jones, Gary Huffman,  
Cindi Morrison, Tammy Buff, Diane Lowman,  
Anna Grace Riley

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**November 2022**

**Deacon of the Week**

November 6 ~ **Debbie Espey**  
November 13 ~ **Jeff Gouge**  
November 20 ~ **Butch Gryder**  
November 27 ~ **Bob Hibbitts**

• Return Service Requested

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