



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

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### *From Our Pastor . . .*

The other night I was washing dishes and looking out the kitchen window, which is just above the sink. The window looks out over the back deck and the backyard. From there we can see the kids' swing set and, just past that, the tree line. As you might expect, there are all kinds of trees in the wooded area behind our house. But what caught my attention was a small grouping of yellow leaves on what, from a distance, looked like an oak tree. The reason it caught my attention is because in the sea of green, there is this spot of yellow. "It's coming," I thought, "Fall is on its way."

Each season of the year brings with it its own set of blessings and amazement, and we need each season. Each season plays an important role in the passing of time, for without fall, leaves dropping to the ground, there would be no winter, full of sleepy hibernation, and there would be no spring with budding flowers and leaves, and there would be no summer with fireflies and bike rides. Each moment of each season is important because each moment is an opportunity to use the gift of the present to give ourselves unto the Lord in worship and service.

The last time I noticed those trees in the back yard was in the Spring of the year. I remember standing at the same sink looking out the same window and noticing there were buds on those brittle branches that, from the outside, appeared lifeless. In *that* moment I thought to myself, "It's coming. Spring is on its way." Those leaves that were once budding are now turning colors in preparation to fall to the ground.

All of this – the changing of seasons and the beauty thereof – has caused me to reflect on several things. I have thought that though the seasons change, God does not; though the leaves fall to the ground in death, God is ever-living. I have thought about how each season brings its own beauty and majesty and how God provides each season to help give way to the next. I am sure you can see this played out in your own life. It sure has played out in mine.

It has also come to mind that each season brings with it its own set of tasks to be completed. In the weeks to come, it will be time to rake the leaves that are falling. Our homes are being decorated for fall. Together, all of this points to the truth that God is always and consistently present AND each season in life brings about a new set of tasks. However, the presence of God and the tasks of our hands are linked together. The tasks to which we set our hearts and our hands should always be about the business of the Father, serving in the Kingdom of God. Regardless of the season of life in which we find ourselves – or the season of the year – there will always be ways to serve the Lord.

That is because each day, regardless of season, is a gift from God. In one of the most well-known verses in all of the psalms, the psalmist pens these words that put every day of every season in perspective: ***"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"*** (Psalm 118:24). Let's join together for this to be our prayer each and every day of each and every season. How are you serving the Lord in this season of life? How are you rejoicing in the present moment of this season, giving praise unto the Lord?

Tomorrow morning, when I am standing at the kitchen sink washing dishes and looking out at those trees, I will rejoice in the Lord. I hope you will too.

Your pastor and friend....

-Andrew

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Saturday, October 24  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Black Mountain Children's  
Home New Born Baby  
Shower Drop-Off  
at Food Pantry pickup area

Needs:  
Anything for a newborn-  
male or female



### Agenda

Church Conference

Sunday, October 11, 2020

- Motion from Diaconate
- Motion from General Nomination Committee
- Motion from Finance Committee
  - Vote

**UPCOMING**



**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Oct. 4 "Praise Awaits You" Praise Team  
 Oct. 11 "Moses" Jimmy Rogers  
 Oct. 18 "Holy and Mighty" Praise Team  
 Oct. 25 "How Can I Keep From Singing" Praise Team

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
~ Psalm 150 (NRSV)



**Sundays LIVE at Viewmont**

October 4 ~ "Elohim: The Powerful One" Genesis 1:1-2

October 11 ~ "Yahweh: The Faithful One" Exodus 3:11-15

October 18 ~ "Jehovah Jireh: The Providing One" Genesis 22:7-14

October 25 ~ "Rophe: The Healing One" Exodus 15:22-27

**New Church Year Information**

It is the time of year when we are thinking about the new church year. By now, you should've received a packet by email, mail or picked one up at church. If you haven't gotten one yet, please pick one up at the church during office hours or on Sunday morning.



**We need a few volunteers to assist with our Food Pantry.**

Shopping for the food is each Thursday, 8:30-10:00am. If you are willing to serve in this great area of ministry and to find out more information, please contact Carol Bowman at 828-302-7608.

**CHURCH REPORT FOR AUGUST:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 51,696.00
Designated:	\$ 2,2021.00
Total Given:	\$ 53,717.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 42,098.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 2,544.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 44,642.00

**Capital Campaign given: \$599,190.00**

**CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:**

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$342,014.00
Designated:	\$ 20,433.00
Total Given:	\$362,447.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$297,298.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 23,745.00
Total Expenses:	\$321,043.00

**September, 2020**  
Morning Worship: 90

***As You Pray, Remember . . .***

*The Family of Jerry Titus on the recent death of his father, Glenn Titus.*

*The Family of Roger & Carol Bowman on the recent death of their sister-in-law, Nancy Bowman.*

*The Family of Tara Tramble Neel on the recent death of her mother, Jean Barber.*

*The Family of Marjorie Hooper on the recent death of her grandson, Ethan Jaymes.*

*The Family of Burlene Price on the recent death of her cousin, Lamar Coffey.*

*The Family of Nancy Von Dohlen on the recent death of her brother-in-law, Frank Roberts.*

*The Family of Vicky Hyland on her recent death.*

*The Family of Terry Miller on the recent death of his uncle, Sam Lail.*

*The Family of Bob Olsen & Gwyn Keener on the recent death of his cousin & her niece, Gwyndolyn Mae Harrison.*

***Thank You From . . .***

Jeri & Bill Barnette  
Richard & Wanda Byrd  
Bruce Ogle  
Lois Snyder

***Missions and Evangelism News***

Thank you, VBC, for your donations to Carolina Caring (protein drinks) and Hickory schools (sanitation/cleaning products). Thank you for being such a giving congregation and for helping spread the love of Christ with our community.

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.** Any money 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.

# October 2020

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		<b>Monday-Friday</b> 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry 8:30 am-12:30 pm After School Morning Remote Support Program		<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pray without ceasing!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>		
<b>Each Monday</b> 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution						
<b>Each Wednesday</b> 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise						
<b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building						
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4	5	6 6 PM Property Committee, Fellowship Center	7 11 AM Full Staff	8	9	10
11	12	13 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	14	15	16 Preschool/ Afterschool Ministries Closed	17
18 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	19 Preschool/ Afterschool Ministries Closed	20 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen	21	22	23	24 Black Mountain Children's Home New Born Baby Shower Drop-Off 10 a.m.-12 noon
25	26 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	27	28	29	30	31

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, October 5

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

### Tuesday, October 6

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

11:00 a.m. Full Staff

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays Worship & Praise

### Thursday, October 8

### Friday, October 9

### Saturday, October 10

### 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

## October 2020 Deacon of the Week

October 4~ Sharon Olsen  
October 11 ~ Cheryl Ramsey  
October 18 ~ Marion Roseman  
October 25 ~ Brenda Starnes

### 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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