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From Our Pastor . . .

The brilliant colors of fall attract countless leaf-lookers to the North Carolina mountains. Sitting atop a mountain, overlooking a valley exploding with the vibrancy of autumn, can be one of the most peaceful moments in life. Couple that view with the thin, crisp air, and you've got yourself a very nice afternoon. Truth be told, we have to wait for the palate of colors to be displayed. We wait through the hard winds of winter, the blooms of spring, the heat of summer, before arriving at the display hues that would make any artist ripe with envy to be able to paint.

Every year when the news reaches the Hickory area that the leaves in the High Country are beginning to turn, I am ready to head to those hills. The beauty is unmatched, the splendor unrivaled. During our annual fall trip to the mountains, sitting in my favorite spot, I tell the Lord the view is worth waiting for. Some years the leaves are prettier than others, but every year the leaves are beautiful.

Having grown up in the mountains of North Carolina, I often heard the phrase "peak weekend," but I did not pay attention to it. The phrase did not matter to me because I was always in the area, seeing the beauty every single day, and, unfortunately, taking it for granted. It was only when I moved "off the mountain" that "peak weekend" became important. You are familiar with the phrase, I am sure. It refers to the window of time when the leaves are at their brightest, their shades their most alive. And this window of time is very narrow, lasting only a few days. Though "peak weekend" lasts only a few days, it is always worth waiting for.

Each of us have that one place where we long to be. Some people find the beach to be most relaxing. Some find a walk by a river to soothe their soul. For me, it is sitting on the peak of a mountain, overlooking a valley in the fall of the year. This is the one thing that is always a salve to my soul. Since the days of my youth, I have noticed the reason is because this is where I can gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and seek Him, hearing His voice. When the busyness of life threatens to overtake, one trip to the mountains, one gaze over the valley, and there is peace.

The psalmist, overwhelmed and overcome with threats to joy, writes:

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple." ~Psalm 27:4

The one thing we all need the most is communion with the Lord. The one place we all need the most is to be in the presence of the Lord. The one thing we need to hear the most is the voice of the Lord. The one thing we all need to see the most is to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. Why? Because we need the Lord. There is a beauty in the Lord that even the most vibrant of "peak weekends" fails to ever capture. In fact, every "peak weekend" combined would never come close to capturing the beauty of the Lord. Once we have experienced the presence of the Lord like this, we know nothing else will ever do and we can hardly wait to get back there.

Psalm 27 is an expression of trust that is tried and true in the life of the psalmist. There are times when we are desperate to get alone with the Lord. And when we do, we know it is worth waiting for. Here's how the psalmist closes out **Psalm 27**:

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." ~Psalm 27:13-14

I am learning in my own walk with the Lord that every time I draw into His presence, every time I seek refuge under His wing, every time I cry out in prayer, the beauty of the Lord stills my soul. And it is always worth waiting for. I implore you, as your pastor, friend, and brother in Christ, to take time to truly rest in the presence of the Lord, seeking His face in prayer, and gazing upon the beauty of His presence. Let's always make this a priority together.

It is a joy to be your pastor and your brother in Christ...

~Andrew

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**Sundays LIVE
at Viewmont**

October 2 ~
**"Lord, Teach Us To Pray:
Seeing Jesus"**
John 12:20-29

October 9 ~
**"Lord, Teach Us To Pray:
Unchanging"**
Hebrews 12:20-29
Guest Speaker



**VBC Fall, Family,
Food & Fun 2022!**

Attention Viewmont
Family...
Our VBC Fall, Family, Food
& Fun 2022
is scheduled for
Wednesday,
October 26th from
5:00 to 7:00 pm.

We need to get ready!
Here's how you can help:
Get your chili recipes
ready and be prepared for
our chili contest.
Volunteer to work at
stations.
Bring candy ... lots of candy!
Sign up for Trunk or Treat
Invite people

UPCOMING WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH

Oct. 2	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	CH
Oct. 9	<i>"Let the Celebration Begin"</i>	PT
Oct. 16	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i> Handbell Choir Rings	CH
Oct. 23	<i>"I Have a Hope"</i> Children's Choir Sings	PT
Oct. 30	<i>"Majesty and Glory of Your Name"</i>	CH

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join the Sanctuary Choir!
 We would love to have more singers! Wednesdays @ 6:45

Music and Health

- 9 Health Benefits of Music**
- It's heart healthy.
 - It elevates mood.
 - It reduces stress.
 - It stimulates memories.
 - It manages pain.
 - It eases pain.
 - It relieves symptoms of depression.
 - It helps people eat less.
 - It increases workout endurance.

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Paula Hammer on her recent death.

The Family of Eddie Rhyne on his recent death.

The Family of Jane Mosteller on the recent death of her cousin, Lori Duckworth.

The Family of Ralph Yount on the recent death of his aunt, Leona Cansler.

The Family of Frances Raney on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Gertrude Roberts Bumgarner.

The Food Pantry is in Need Of...

Canned Meat & Peanut Butter at this time. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Don't forget... to get your VBC Mugs, T-shirts and Cookbooks.

They are available for purchase Monday-Thursday 8 AM - 5 PM

All proceeds go to benefit VYTT

2022 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.

Also, you will need to give the church office your information for the bulletin by Wednesday.

Open dates for 2022

Oct-16, 23
 Nov-6, 13

CHURCH REPORT FOR AUGUST:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,908.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 43,079.00
Designated:	\$ 11,143.00
Total Given:	\$ 54,223.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 43,149.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 19,757.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 62,906.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$441,163.00
Designated:	\$140,712.00
Total Given:	\$581,875.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$366,651.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$160,703.00
Total Expenses:	\$527,354.00

September, 2022

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	89
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	147
Avg YouTube Live:	47
Total Avg Worshipers:	194

Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm 138

Tuesdays @ 10 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome!!

Missions & Evangelism News

Thank you for your donations to Kentucky Flood Relief, School Supplies for schools in our community and Carolina Caring during the 3rd Quarter. 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: bars of soap, washcloths, pocket-sized combs, disposable razors, toothbrushes, travel-sized toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant and lotion.

Our 4th Quarter missions emphasis is **Baptists on Mission: Disaster Relief.** Any money designated to "Missions" for the months of October 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. Make a note and please plan to attend our **2nd Missions Emphasis Night on Wednesday evening - November 2nd.**

October 2022

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><u>Each Monday</u></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><u>Each Tuesday</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study</p>		<p><u>Each Wednesday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting Dinner is served 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><u>Monday-Friday</u></p> <p>7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry</p> <p><u>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</u></p> <p>5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p>				<p>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.</p>
						<p>1</p> <p>8 AM Caleb's Kinsmen Breakfast, Fellowship Center</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<p>1:30 PM WOM, Fellowship Center</p>	<p>6 PM Property Committee, Conference Room</p>		 <p>6 PM Christmas Bonus Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		<p>6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center</p>		<p>3 PM Missions & Evangelism Committee Room #230</p>		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>6 PM Deacons, Room #230</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Preschool Fall Pictures</p> </div>		<p>PM Closed</p>	<p>8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Center</p>
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
	 <p>Vision Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>6 PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room</p>	 <p>5-7 PM VBC Fall, Family, Food & Fun</p>	 <p>6 PM Christmas Bonus Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>		

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, October 2

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

Monday, October 3

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, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
11:00 a.m. Full Staff

Thursday, October 6

6:00 p.m. Christmas Bonus Rehearsal

Friday, October 7

Saturday, October 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:

10/2: Jeff & Susan Gouge
10/9: Edith McAlpin
10/16: Bruce & Janet Ogle
10/23: Jim & Nancy Beck
10/30: Joe & Donna Brittain

Viewer Response

10/2: Amie Moore, Judy Benfield
10/9: Amie Moore, Susan Watts
10/16: Cheryl Ramsey, Susan Watts
10/23: Beth Rogers, Jeanne Titus
10/30: Beth Rogers, Jeanne Titus

Bethany Ministry

10/2: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin
10/9: Ronnie & Susan Watts
10/16: Tim & Angie Turner
10/23: Chris & Jamie Jones
10/30: Jeff & Susan Gouge

Ushers for October

Scott Sanders, Jerry Long, Ronnie Watts,
Bob Hibbitts, Carroll Garland, Ray Ledford,
Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

October 2 ~ Ronnie Watts

October 9 ~ Terry Abee

October 16 ~ Todd Bowman

October 23 ~ Nancy Corpening

October 30 ~ Lorie Costner

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