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From Our Pastor . . .

The last thing I grab in the morning before heading out the door for the day is my shoulder bag. Each and every morning, I throw that bag over my shoulder, coffee cup in hand, and walk out the door to another day. In that bag is my bible, laptop computer and charging cables, a few other books depending on what I am reading that week, and then there are the miscellaneous items such as a USB thumb drive, pens, etc.

Most of the time the bag is not too heavy, though from time to time, the bag is really full and very heavy. But I have noticed something about this shoulder bag. I purchased it toward the beginning of this year to replace an older bag that was finally worn out. I have noticed that when I place the bag on my shoulder, it tends to push on a nerve or something at the base of my neck. And if the bag has a few extra books in it, the weight pinches that nerve and I cannot carry the bag very long or very far before having to put it down.

There could be any number of reasons as to why this happens. The shoulder strap may not be long enough; the angle of the strap as it rests on my shoulder is not right; or Andrew simply tries to carry too much in it. But the point remains the same: there are times when the way it rests on my shoulder coupled with the weight itself causes pain.

Admittedly, there is great relief when I can set the bag down. I also try to keep in mind that carrying a heavy weight like that day after day – though for just a few minutes throughout the day – the weight can cause pain that could linger for a while, even after the bag is put down.

So many times, this is a description of our lives, isn't it? We all carry burdens and weights on our shoulders. They are the burdens and weights of life. We are burdened and weighed down by so much in life. I am sure that you could quickly write a list, a long list, of the things that rest on your shoulders. These things sit on us in ways that cause us pain. We don't have to carry these burdens long before we realize that we are not capable of carrying them at all.

The words of Peter, the apostle, written to the early church in the region of Asia Minor have been on my mind and heart. ***“Throw all your care upon Him, because He cares about you” (1 Peter 5:7).*** I don't know why we try to shoulder so many burdens. I don't know why we think we are capable of carrying it. Our shoulders are not able to bear all the burdens of life. They are simply too much.

I am learning, and I hope you are too, that these things are carried to the Lord in prayer. We come to the cross and there find that we can lay these burdens down at the feet of Jesus. Whatever they may be, Jesus can carry them. I promise. It seems to me that we need to heed these words from Peter about throwing our cares on Jesus. Peter knew what that was like. Peter walked and learned to live that lesson of discipleship. This is something that I am continuing to learn. I forget it and I am sure you do too. Which is why it should be a daily practice we should keep. We keep praying about them, but we do not keep carrying them – except to carry them to Jesus.

This is my prayer for you: ***throw all your cares upon Him, because He cares about you.*** Jesus loves you and is the only one able to carry all of our burdens. And the next time you pick your shoulder bag, remember not to pick up the burdens you have left with Jesus.

You know what, my shoulder feels better already.

Your pastor, your friend...

-Andrew

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Viewmont Baptist Preschool
Tree of Learning

"Nurturing God's Children with Love and Knowledge"



The preschool is gearing up for another great year! The summer gave us time to try some different ways of getting children in and out without parents in the hall. We are still perfecting some things. It is all trial and error while trying to keep our children and staff safe and healthy.

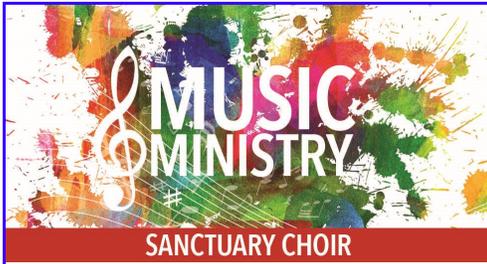
We do have a few spots open at this time, so if you or someone you know is interested, please have them call the preschool.

Debbie Duncan, one of the directors will no longer be with us. Her husband has a new job in Raleigh and they have purchased a house there. Robbin Mann has been moved to the director position. She is doing a fantastic job.

Please continue to pray for all our staff, children and families for health and safety.

New Church Year Information

It is the time of year when we are thinking about the new church year. So, be on the lookout in the coming weeks for information from the General Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, and Deacons regarding the upcoming church year.



Well, It looks like the Sanctuary Choir will have to be on HOLD for awhile longer. So sorry. Until the virus cases begin to drop significantly, we need to "un-sing." Each of you keep on singing. Sing those hymns and praise songs that you know well. Keep the voice in shape.

UPCOMING

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sept. 6	<i>"Today Is the Day"</i>	Praise Team
Sept. 13	<i>"I Have a Hope"</i>	Praise Team
Sept. 20	<i>"The Majesty and Glory"</i>	Praise Team
Sept. 27	<i>"Christ Is the Rock"</i>	Praise Team

Parents of School Age Children!!!

Morning Remote Support Program for school age children K-6th grade Monday -Friday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Need more information? Contact Rose Bibeau, Afterschool Program Coordinator at asm@viewmontbaptist.org

Registration fee: \$30
Tuition fee: \$50 per week

We are looking for a caring Christian person interested in working during this morning program supervising K-6th grade children with Remote Learning/Homework, snack and play. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Rose Bibeau.

Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

September 6 ~
"ATTENTION!"
Hebrews 12:1-3

September 13 ~
"Aching for Life"
Romans 8:26-28

Congratulations!

We are happy to announce that Theodore Patrick Gouge entered this world on Friday August 7, 6lb 6oz. He is the son of Jessica B. Gouge and the late Patrick E. Gouge. Proud Grandparents are Susan & Jeff Gouge. Proud Great Grandmother, of now 13, is Marie Gouge.

CHURCH REPORT FOR JULY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 48,653.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 39,385.00
Designated:	\$ 4,506.00
Total Given:	\$ 43,891.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 42,419.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 6,716.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 49,135.00

Capital Campaign given: \$591,478.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2020:

Budget Approved:	\$583,834.00
Budget Offering:	\$289,878.00
Designated:	\$ 18,412.00
Total Given:	\$308,290.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$307,991.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 21,200.00
Total Expenses:	\$329,191.00

July, 2020
Morning Worship: 75

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Christopher Moore on the recent death of his grandfather, Albert Milton Edwards.

The Family of Joyce Huffman on the recent death of her cousin, William "Dub" Callendar.

Thank You From . . .
Shirley Pless & Family
Ralph & Evelyn Yount

FOOD PANTRY

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.

Missions/Evangelism Opportunities

Protein Drinks for Carolina Caring

We are now collecting protein drinks (such as *Ensure* and *Boost*) for hospice patients at Carolina Caring. Please place donations on designated table in the gathering area or drop off on Mondays between 10:00-1:00 in the drive-thru during the Food Pantry distribution. For monetary donations please designate "Protein Drinks" on your contribution envelope. See Becky Buchanan for more information.

Hand Sanitizer Pumps/Disinfectants for Schools

We will be collecting disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray, and hand sanitizer pumps/refills for our local schools until September 6. Please place items on the designated table in the gathering area.

Baptist Global Response (BGR): Bucket Project

Our third quarter mission's emphasis is "Baptist Global Response: The Bucket Project." Buckets are estimated to be \$85 each. Any monies designated to missions (or "The Bucket Project") from July-September will go toward this very important ministry.

September 2020

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 9:30 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building		<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray without ceasing!</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>		
Each Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution						
Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting						
Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry 8:30 am-12:30 pm After School Morning Remote Support Program						
		1	2 11 AM Full Staff	3	4	5
6	7  Office Closed	8 10 am-1 pm Second Harvest Food Distribution 6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center	9	10	11	12
13	14 6 PM Property Committee, Fellowship Center	15 11 AM Volunteers to Hickory Soup Kitchen	16	17	18	19
20 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen	21 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Updated Office Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM</p> </div>		

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, September 6

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Offices Closed

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

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. NQ Property Committee

Wednesday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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

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Deacon of the Week

September 6~ Jason Kahrl

September 13 ~ Sandy McAlpin

September 20 ~ Don Miller

September 27 ~ Christopher Moore

Welcoming:

9/6: Joe, Pat Smith

9/13: Richard, Wanda Byrd

9/20: Dorothea Starnes, Marge Chapman

9/27: Jeff, Susan Gouge

Viewer Response

9/6, 9/13:

9/20, 27:

Ushers for September

Todd Bowman, Ralph Yount, Teresa Fry,

Ryan McCreary, Bruce Ogle, Carroll Garland

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

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