



# Viewmont Baptist Church

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

## *The Viewmont Vision*

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## *From Our Pastor . . .*

Like most in our area, our girls started back to school on August 23. They woke up that morning excited about the day and they came home just as excited. Our supper table conversation was filled with stories from the day as Annlyn and Eva each gave a play-by-play of the first day of school. They were thrilled to see friends and teachers and simply had a great start to the school year.

But it is what happened later in the evening that has truly stuck with me and I can't seem to stop thinking about it. We thought the girls would go to sleep pretty quickly because they had each had a long, full day. However, that was not the case. Even after 9:30 that night, we could hear the girls still talking to one another.

Then came the singing. They were filled with such joy they could not contain it and began singing praise songs. We heard *"These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.... Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call. So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes."* The echo of the worship of God coming from their hearts is still ringing in my heart. I asked Ronna to listen and then we both just silently thanked God that they were singing praises to God.

Something happens when we worship the Lord. Something deep happens. Darkness is shaken and put on the run. The forces that stand against the Lord take notice of the worshiping church because these forces know they are no match for the One who is Lord of all and who raises the dead.

It reminds me of when Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi. They spent the night singing praises to the Lord and in prayer. Suddenly there was an earthquake that shook the prison doors open and the chains loose, setting them all free (*Acts 16:25-26*). That is what worship does, my friends! It unleashes the power of the Holy Spirit to set the prisoners of darkness free.

It also caused me to think about our brothers and sisters across the globe who are like Paul and Silas: chained and imprisoned. The worship of God, in the name of the resurrected Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit is the only thing that is pulling them through. We need to be interceding for them, on their behalf. We join in praise to the Lord Jesus with them so let us join in prayer to the Lord Jesus *for* them.

My dear friends, the worshiping church is the church on the move. The worshiping church is the church that is flowing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The worshiping church stands in the life-giving power of Christ Jesus and not even death itself will stop her.

Singer-songwriter Andrew Peterson penned these words in a song several years ago: *"Do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do."* May we, the body of Christ at Viewmont Baptist in Hickory, sing and give glory to the Lord of all. After all, one day He will come riding on the clouds, and we better be ready.

I can tell you this, our girls were not the only ones to learn something on the first day of school.

It is a true joy and honor to be your pastor....

-Andrew

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## *Sundays LIVE at Viewmont*

*September 5 ~  
"Miriam: A Central  
Part Of God's Plan"  
2 Kings 4:42-44*

*September 12 ~  
"Bezalel: Use What God  
Has Given You"  
Exodus 35:30-36:1*

*September 19 ~  
"Hannah:  
Praying To Let Go"  
1 Samuel 2:1-11*

## **Wednesday Evening Ministries & Activities**

Starting on Wednesday, September 8, there will be no supper for the month of September. We hope to resume suppers in October.

The schedule for Wednesday evenings will look as follows:

- 5:45 PM - Children's Choirs/  
Music
- 5:45 PM - Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study in the sanctuary - this  
will allow for extra spacing
- 6:15 PM - Children's Missions
- 6:40 PM - Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study dismissed, children  
pick up from Missions classes
- 6:45 PM - Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal

From the Music ~ Worship & Administration Pastor  
Jimmy Rogers



Children's Choir  
Resumes Wednesday,  
September 8 ~ 5:45 pm



SANCTUARY CHOIR  
Resumes Wednesday,  
September 8 ~ 6:45 pm



Adult Handbell Choir  
Resumes Monday, September 13  
@ 6:00 pm.



WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH  
Summer Choir-SC

Sept. 5	"Amazing Grace Medley" "Down to the River to Pray"	PT SC
Sept. 12	"Praise is Rising Medley" "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"	PT CH
Sept. 19	"Jesus Messiah Medley" "Give Me Jesus"	PT CH
Sept. 26	"Faith and Trust Medley" "Then Sings My Soul"	PT CH

Ministers Hospital  
Visitation Schedule

Monday	Rev. Jimmy Rogers
Tuesday	Dr. Andrew Rawls
Wednesday	Regiani Pereira
Thursday	Minister Rotation
Friday	Deacon of the Week

*As You Pray, Remember . . .*

*The Family of David Call on his recent death.*

*The Families of Kay Mitchell & Jerry McIntosh on the recent death of her mother and his sister, Maxine Mitchum.*

*The Family of Joe Mercer on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Shelburne Ferguson.*

*The Family of Gary Saine on the recent death of his mother, Anne Lee Saine.*

*The Family of Nova Miller on the recent death of her cousin, David Yount.*

*The Family of Marion Roseman on the recent death of his sister-in-law, Jane Roseman.*



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating your time (if you can sew a straight seam); materials such as good cotton clothing or material; or by making a monetary donation to "cover" the cost of creating a beautiful expression of our love to the Prayer Quilt Ministry. For questions or to donate your time, contact Linda Sloniker (828) 781-2316.

CHURCH REPORT FOR JULY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,160.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 47,293.00
Designated:	\$ 6,996.00
Total Given:	\$ 54,289.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 44,439.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 2,210.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 46,650.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2021:

Budget Approved:	\$589,914.00
Budget Offering:	\$361,524.00
Designated:	\$114,514.00
Total Given:	\$476,037.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$289,637.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 30,615.00
Total Expenses:	\$320,252.00

August, 2021

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	73
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	130
Avg YouTube Live:	51
Total Avg Worshipers:	181

COVID PRECAUTIONS

With the rise of COVID cases in our immediate community, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask while in Sunday School and worship. There are plenty of masks available at the entrances to the building should you need one. Let's continue to be wise and careful during these difficult times.

Watch out for the following:

- ◆ Information from the General Nomination Committee
- ◆ Information from the Deacon Nominating Committee

Missions and Evangelism News

Haiti Earthquake Relief

On September 5th, during our morning worship service, we will take up a special offering for Baptists on Missions Haiti Earthquake Relief efforts. Money given will go toward medical needs and other supplies. Please consider giving to this important cause. Please designate "Haiti Relief" on your envelope/check. You may contribute now through September 5th.

Carolina Caring will be our mission's emphasis for the month of September. The Committee will be collecting protein drinks as well as monetary donations for much needed items. Any money designated to "Global Missions" will go toward this very important ministry. The donation table for the protein drinks is located in the gathering area.

# September 2021

## Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service		5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Music 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:45 p.m. 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 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)		<b>Monday-Friday</b> 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry				
<b>Each Wednesday</b> 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting		<b>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building				
			<b>1</b>  Welcome Back Preschool  11 AM Full Staff Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Ingathering for "Haiti Relief"	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	<b>8</b> Resume Wednesday evening activities <u>No Supper</u>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6 PM Adult Handbell Choir, Gathering Area	<b>14</b> 6 PM Finance Committee, Gathering Area	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen @ Hickory Soup Kitchen	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 PM Deacons Rm 230	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Vision Newsletter Articles Due	<b>28</b> 6 PM Personnel Committee, Gathering Area	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Sumer Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

### Monday, September 6

Church Offices Closed-Labor Day Holiday

### Tuesday, September 7

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Wednesday, September 8

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting

### Thursday, September 9

### Friday, September 10

### Saturday, September 11

### Monday - Friday

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. 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

### September 2021

### Deacon of the Week

September 5~ Todd Bowman  
September 12~ Nancy Corpening  
September 19~ Mike Costner  
September 26~ Walter Gryder

### Welcoming:

9/5: Joe & Pat Smith  
9/12: Jerry & Alice Long  
9/19: Chris & Amie Moore  
9/26: Jeff & Susan Gouge

### Viewer Response

9/5: Judy Benfield, Beth Rogers  
9/12: Judy Benfield, Amber Bowman  
9/19: Amie Moore, Cheryl Ramsey  
9/26: Beth Rogers, Amber Bowman

### Ushers for September

Rhonda Allison, Chuck Baxley, Todd Bowman,  
Carroll Garland, Ryan McCreary, Bruce Ogle

### 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)

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