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From Our Pastor . . .

The story of Viewmont Baptist Church is one of many chapters. Eighty-seven years ago, a group of faithful and devout followers of Jesus Christ were led by the Holy Spirit to establish a congregation in this part of Hickory. Through the years, Viewmont has been blessed in a tremendous manner and with tremendous growth. It has all been through the hand of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit as the resurrection of Jesus Christ has sprouted up new growth in so many ways. It all belongs to the Lord and it is all given back to the Lord as an offering of praise. Everything the Lord pours out upon us is to be given back in an act of worship. We are all so grateful for the Lord's hand in leading and guiding Viewmont to this place and entrusting into our care the wonderful and bountiful resources which He has.

In just three short years, we will celebrate our 90th anniversary and the weekend of **September 24-25** will be a wonderful way to focus on the Lord's leading. To help us begin thinking now about the 90th anniversary of Viewmont Baptist, we are going to host VYTT weekend **September 24-25**. The weekend will begin with a church-wide picnic on Saturday, September 24. There will be food, games, music, and a lot of fun. This is a time for us to be together as a church family. It is a time to celebrate our fellowship, thanking God for the relationships and friendships we share with one another. Then, on Sunday, September 25, we will collect a special ingathering offering to go to the VYTT fund.

Several years ago, this fund was established as *Viewmont Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (VYTT)* as the means of paying off the debt on the building. Thanks be to God the debt was retired more than a year ago and all gifts to VYTT since the debt was paid off have gone to help complete various projects around our property. There are more projects to complete, many of them are projects of "deferred maintenance" that took a back seat to paying off the debt.

As we prepare for the 90th anniversary and to remember Viewmont Yesterday, let us begin to anticipate the future of Viewmont Tomorrow and do it TODAY. In the coming days, you will hear more about the details of the weekend of **September 24-25** and more goals for VYTT.

God has blessed us with so much. We have a fantastic facility in a fantastic location. God has entrusted all of this into our hands as tools and resources to share the gospel, the good news, that Jesus is Lord of all; to proclaim from the rooftops that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. We are called to be good stewards of all the gifts and resources God has given us. The gift of the gospel and the gift of the tools and resources we have to share and proclaim the gospel. All the while, we trust that God is the one who makes it all grow, take root, and produce fruit.

When he writes to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul, gives credit to God for the growth of the church:

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So, neither he who plants, nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." ~1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Notice how the credit is given to God for the growth, but how God moves through the work of His people. This is you and me. We are God's field, God's building. Mark your calendar for **September 24-25!** Join us for this time to look back to yesterday and ahead into tomorrow to see how God is building His church in and through us today.

What a joy it is to live the life of faith with you...

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

September 4 ~

*"Lord, Teach Us To Pray:
Until That Day Comes"*
John 11:38-44



SEPTEMBER NEWS!

"Welcome Back! Let The Adventure Begin!" was the theme for the teacher's beginning staff meeting on August 29th. It was great to get back together, talk about new issues, and usher in a new school year! We prayed, laughed and even took a few silly team pictures for Facebook! Open House nights are scheduled for August 31st and September 1st from 6:00-7:30. The teachers are so excited to meet the children that will be in their class for the new school year. They have been super busy getting classrooms ready with new name tags, cubbies, rosters and more.

Our first day of school will be September 6th. There will probably be a few tears at first from children and some parents dropping off for the first time!

Please join us in prayer as we ask God to bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers and directors as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts. Bless the children and youth, along with their parents, as they begin a new school year. May this year be a time of grace as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom. We are so very grateful and thankful for the Viewmont Baptist church staff and families who continue to support the preschool program. We are so fortunate to have your support, love, and prayers!

From the
Music ~ Worship
& Administration | Pastor
Jimmy Rogers



Children's Choir
Resumes Wednesday,
September 7 ~ 5:45 pm



MUSIC MINISTRY
SANCTUARY CHOIR
Resumes Wednesday,
September 7 ~ 6:45 pm



Viewmont Handbells
Adult Handbell Choir
Resumes Monday, September 12
@ 6:00 pm.

UPCOMING
WORSHIP MUSIC
Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH
Summer Choir-SC

Sept. 4	"Today Is the Day"	PT
	"Good Old Gospel Singing"	SC
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Sept. 11	"Days of Elijah"	PT
	"People Need the Lord"	CH
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Sept. 18	"My Love and My Light"	PT
	"Here I Am, Lord"	CH
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Sept. 25	"Let the Celebration Begin"	PT
	"Give Me Jesus"	CH

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

*The Family of Kenny Joe Crump on his recent death.*

*The Family of Linda Sloniker on the recent death of her brother, James W Huggins.*

**Thank You From . . .**

Elissa Kincaid  
Holly Manzi



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

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

**Mission Emphasis Night**

The Missions & Evangelism team has planned a Mission Emphasis Night to be held the first week back from summer break - **Wednesday evening, September 7th @ 5:45 pm.**

Please plan to come and learn more about some of the important mission entities we are partnering with and praying for.

**Mark Your Calendars**  
**VYTT Weekend**  
**September 24-25**



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**CHURCH REPORT FOR JULY:**

Budget Approved:	\$ 49,908.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 54,712.00
Designated:	\$ 9,701.00
Total Given:	\$ 64,413.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 52,346.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 10,568.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 62,914.00

**CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:**

Budget Approved:	\$598,901.00
Budget Offering:	\$398,083.00
Designated:	\$129,569.00
Total Given:	\$527,652.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$323,502.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$140,946.00
Total Expenses:	\$464,448.00

**August, 2022**

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	87
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	142
Avg YouTube Live:	46
Total Avg Worshipers:	188

**Coming Saturday,  
October 1st  
@ 8 AM**

**Caleb's Kinsmen  
Organizational Breakfast**

**All men welcome!**



**Adult Co-Ed Bible Study,**  
**Rm 134**  
**Starting Tuesday,**  
**September 6th at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Everyone Welcome!!**

**Missions & Evangelism News**

Carolina Caring will be our mission emphasis for the month of September. We will be continue collecting protein drinks (such as Ensure, Boost and Equate) as well as monetary donations for much needed items (like snacks and hygiene items).

Any money designated to "Missions" during this time will go toward this very important ministry.

The donation table is located in the gathering area.

Please contact Becky Buchanan or a member of the Missions & Evangelism Committee with any questions.

# September 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 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Min. Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study Children's Missions 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 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 &amp; Activities Building</p>				<p><b>Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</b></p> <p><b>Pray without ceasing!</b></p> <p>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>
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				6-7:30 PM Preschool Open House		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	 Church Offices Closed	10 AM Adult Co-Ed Bible Study Resumes, Room #134  6 PM Property Committee, Conference Room	Resume Wednesday evening activities			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6 PM Adult Handbell Choir, Bell Room  6:55 PM Bible Study Fellowship	6 PM Finance Committee, Fellowship Center				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		6 PM Deacons, Room #230				8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Center  4 PM VYTT Church Picnic  
25	26	27	28	29	30	
 <b>Ingathering for VYTT</b>	Newsletter Articles Due	6 PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room				

## Opportunities for Service

### Sunday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
10:40 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday, September 5-Labor Day

Church Offices Closed  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. NO 2nd Harvest Food Pantry

### Tuesday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 7

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

### Thursday, September 8

### Friday, September 9

### Saturday, September 10

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:

9/4: Joe & Pat Smith  
9/11: Jerry & Alice Long  
9/18: Chris & Amie Moore  
9/25: Jeff & Susan Gouge

### Viewer Response

9/4: Brenda Starnes, Judy Downs  
9/11: Brenda Starnes, Judy Downs  
9/18: Cheryl Ramsey, Cindi Morrison  
9/25: Cindi Morrison, Judy Benfield

### Bethany Ministry

9/4: Arlene Taylor & Jenny Piercy  
9/11: Edith McAlpin & Denise Volz  
9/18: Jerry & Alice Long  
9/25: Ralph & Evelyn Yount

### Ushers for September

Diane Lowman, Bruce Ogle, Teresa Fry,  
Eddie Barham, Tammy Buff, Beth Rogers,  
Anna Grace Riley

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### September 2022 Deacon of the Week

September 4 ~ Christopher Moore  
September 11 ~ Cheryl Ramsey  
September 18 ~ Marion Roseman  
September 25 ~ Timothy Turner

• Return Service Requested

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