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From Our Pastor . . .

It was a beautiful summer's evening a few weeks back, so Ronna and I decided to sit on the back deck and enjoy the breeze while the kids all played in the yard. The whole family was relaxed, including Tucker, our dog, who was running chasing Eva and Caulder around the yard. I watched as the fireflies began to light up the air, each one followed by either Eva or Caulder as they attempted to catch every firefly they saw blinking. To be honest, it was very comical – watching those two children chasing these flying insects while the dog was chasing the children. I whispered a prayer of gratitude to the Lord for the evening.

But what caught my attention most of all was Annlyn. We bought a swing set when the girls were toddlers and I cannot tell you how many miles back and forth those swings have moved. I cannot tell you how many times the ladder has been climbed to go down the slide. The swing set has been put to good use. On this particular night, the swing set became a stage for praise unto the Lord, and the Lord was the only audience. Annlyn was the only one on the swing set, and she was swinging high back and forth, and was as content as she could be.

As she was swinging, she was singing, *"I to think about the goodness of the Lord. He gives me everything I need and so much more. So I just wanna lift my hands and say that I love Him; I just lift my heart in praise! I wanna be thankful, I wanna be grateful, I wanna remember everything that the Lord has done..."*

This was one of the songs we sung during Vacation Bible School, and Annlyn learned it while preparations were being made for VBS. The moment seeing her swing in the backyard and singing this song out loud, not caring who in the world heard her, has moved me to tears several times in the weeks that have followed. She was not singing for me, for Ronna, Eva, or Caulder. She was not singing for Tucker, the neighbors, or anyone else. The overflow of her heart came forth in a moment of praise and there was an audience of One: The Lord. She paid no attention to us sitting on the back deck. She was simply singing aloud for the Lord to hear. It was an expression of praise, worship, thanksgiving, gratitude. It was an offering unto the Lord. Pure and honest.

As you can imagine, there were a number of things that ran through my heart and mind – and have ever since – as she sang. I thought, "Where is my focus?" I thought, "Do I take time like this to praise the Lord by myself?" I thought, "How grateful am I and am I going to the Lord on a regular basis to express my gratitude?" So many thoughts, ponderings, musings, and reflections went tinkering around in my soul. It was in that moment that I whispered a prayer unto the Lord simply to say, "Thank you." I thanked the Lord for life, the gentle summer's evening. I thanked the Lord deeply for Ronna, Annlyn, Eva, and Caulder. I even thanked the Lord for Tucker (don't tell Ronna and the kids I said that). I thanked the Lord for YOU, our church family. And I thanked the Lord that in that particular moment in June, as the sun was setting behind the horizon, I was reminded to think about the goodness of the Lord and to lift my hands in praise, to say that I love Him.

I was also reminded of our constant need to stay before the Lord in a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving. For it is there, in that spirit, that we are able to see the hand of the Lord moving most generously. When we think about the goodness of the Lord, we are drawn ever closer to His side.

I encourage you to stop what you're doing. Go ahead. Stop reading this article and thank the Lord for something. Go ahead, I'll wait....

Now that you have looked around you to see the goodness of the Lord, what's keeping you from living a life of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord all the time? After all, God is good....all the time....

I wanna be thankful....

-Andrew

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Sundays at Viewmont

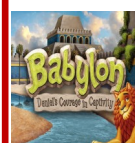
July 2~
Rev. Mile Costner
"Why Did Jesus Leave Us?"
Acts 1:1-11

July 9~
Guest Speaker
Rev. Regiani Pereira
II Kings 5:1-14

July 16~
"If You Could Have One Thing..."
Psalm 27:4

July 23~
"Is It Ready?"
Luke 8:4-15

July 30~
Children's MusiCamp
Presentation



A Huge Thank You to our Fearless VBS workers...


I couldn't be prouder of you!
You worked hard, played hard, taught hard, and provided the children with a fantastic week! VBS wouldn't happen without people like you!

Thank you SO much!

May you have a good rest and remember...January 2024, we start planning VBS again!!

I love all of you! Regiani

UPCOMING



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

July 2	"Goodness, Mercy & Blessing"	SC
July 9	"Jesus Saves" "Praise Is Rising Medley"	SC PT
July 16	"Old Time Gospel Medley" "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"	SC PT
July 23	"Our Friend Medley" "Christ Is Enough Medley"	SC PT
July 30	Children's MusiCamp Presentation: "Life of the Party" The Story of Mary & Martha	

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 "There's a Place for You  
 in the Music Ministry  
 At Viewmont Baptist Church"  
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Pianos Available! We have several pianos that have not been used in over 10 years and are not needed. If anyone is interested in getting one for a donation or free, please call the church music office. You will be responsible for having it moved. Remember, these are used and will require tuning.



Property Committee



Please note that the regular meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, July 11.

As You Pray, Remember . . .
 The Family of David Mitchell on his recent death.
 The Family of Kathy Rector on her recent death.
 The Family of Glenn Bumgarner on his recent death.

You ALL are Invited to Sing with the... Summer CHORUS



**July 2, 9, 16, 23;
 August 6, 13, 20, 27
 September 3**


Meet in the Choir Room at 10:40 am, Rehearse, & Sing in the 11:00 Service.

Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

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

God is Good all the time.
All the time God is Good.

The Food Pantry is in Need Of ...



Healthy Soup, Peanut Butter & Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support!

VBC Mugs & T-shirts are still available.
 Pick up Monday-Thursday 8 AM-5 PM
 All proceeds benefit VYTT!



CHURCH REPORT FOR MAY:

Budget Approved:	\$ 53,039.00
Budget Offering:	\$ 56,420.00
Designated:	\$ 14,023.00
Total Given:	\$ 70,443.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$ 46,275.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 2,612.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 48,888.00

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2023:

Budget Approved:	\$636,468.00
Budget Offering:	\$266,195.00
Designated:	\$ 58,161.00
Total Given:	\$324,357.00
Total Budget Expenses:	\$255,252.00
Total Designated Expenses:	\$ 24,499.00
Total Expenses:	\$279,751.00

June, 2023

Avg Bible Study Attendance:	99
Avg In-person Morning Worship:	138
Avg YouTube Live:	125
Total Avg Worshipers:	263

2023 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 and have them delivered by 2 pm on Friday.

Missions and Evangelism News

During the month of July, we will be collecting funds for our VBC Food Pantry. The monetary donations will be used to purchase necessary items of food, diapers, toilet tissue, etc. to make the bags for the needy in our community. Please make checks payable to Viewmont Baptist Church and write "Food Pantry" in the memo.


BROADCAST MINISTRY



Our worship service is broadcast on a week delay each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on: Spectrum TV Channel 191 & live each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@ViewmontBaptistChurch>

July 2023

Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 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-Friday 7:15 am-3:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry Summer Weeks: July 10-16; July 17-21		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.		
Each Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution		Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building				
Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting						
2 	3	4 	5	6 3 PM General Nominating Cmte Conference Rm	7	1/8
9	10	11 6 PM —Property Cmte Fellowship Center —Finance Cmte Room #230	12	13	14	15
Preschool Summer Week #3						
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22 8:30 AM Fresh Start Breakfast, Fellowship Center 
Preschool Summer Week #4						
Youth Summer Camp @ Snowbird						
23	24 Vision Newsletter Articles Due	25 6 PM -Personnel Committee Conference Room	26	27	28	29
Children's MusiCamp 9 am-1 pm						
30 11:00 AM Children's MusiCamp Presentation	31					

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, July 2

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, July 3

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 4

Offices Closed-Holiday

Wednesday, July 5

Thursday, July 6

3:00 p.m. General Nominating Cmte.

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am-3 pm (July 10-July 21)

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:

7/2: Brenda Starnes
7/9: Jerry & Jeanne Titus
7/16: Kelly & Pam Stroud
7/23: Bob & Kay Marbert
7/30: Teresa Fry

Viewer Response-(10:00) & (11:00)

7/2: Joyce Huffman
7/9: Barbara Fulbright
7/16: Jane Mosteller
7/23: Nancy Beck
7/30: Judy Benfield

Bethany Ministry

7/2: Edith McAlpin & Denise Volz
7/9: Jean Patton & Joyce Stewart
7/13: Jeff & Susan Gouge
7/23: Jon & Laura Mosteller
7/30: Chris & Jamie Jones

Ushers for July

Bruce Buchanan, Chris Lehmans, Chris Hall,
Tim Turner, Todd Bowman, Audrey Bowman

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Deacon of the Week

July 2 ~ Chris Jones

July 9 ~ Dan Massey

July 16 ~ Sandy McAlpin

July 23 ~ Cheryl Ramsey

July 30 ~ Marion Roseman

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