

# VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

## New Friendship Baptist Church

### From the Pastor's ❤️...

Thanking God this week for our church's **198th birthday**. What a great milestone and significant step toward our bicentennial celebration in **2027**. I'm growing more aware of the coming day (whenever it may be) that I am not your pastor. What I mean is, **what has remained from our founding in 1827?** The first sanctuary is not here. The education building erected in 1952 was completely overhauled a decade ago. **We've had twenty-six pastors throughout our history.** What do we have to show for all those years?

Well, a few buildings remain, and if properly maintained, their value can increase. Property has been acquired, currently 13.8 acres dedicated to the glory of God; but what is really going to last?

Jesus' final words for all believers in **Matthew 28:19** were, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."** That's all that will last - **THE DISCIPLES!** *A disciple is simply defined as a follower, specifically one who follows the teaching and example of Jesus.* We are not called, equipped or commissioned to build an empire, oversee programs, increase budgets or serve as glorified cruise directors. *We are called as pastors, staff, teachers, deacons and leaders to "make disciples."* With that as our ultimate job description, **how are we doing?** Sometimes I confess that I don't think I'm doing very well. Let's ask the **Lord of the Harvest** to help us to be determined and intentional in 2025 to make disciples! We can't force conversions, but we can instruct, encourage and empower new believers to see genuine followers of Jesus. He said, **"If you love Me, keep My commandments."** **(John 14:15)**

If you have any interest in attending the Disciple Making Conference hosted by our State Convention all day on Tuesday, **February 25th**, please let me or Pastor Brandon know soon.

**Love and Peace,  
Pastor Chris**

### ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Salem Pregnancy Care Center's annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** is in progress. While we are not making this a special offering this year, baby bottles will be available if you care to make a donation to support their efforts in helping women to make the right pregnancy decision. Bottles can be returned to New Friendship by **March 1st** or to Chick-fil-a for a free chicken sandwich.



## Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

Wintry weather forced us to adjust our plans in January, but we managed to reschedule and still get everything in. Thanks again to everyone who made it possible for us to take some of our college students to CrossCon in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a great joy to see more than 15,000 young adults from all over the world gather to worship our great God. One of the great challenges facing Christians of all ages, our young adults included, is how to think biblically about the many issues that dominate our cultural discourse. I was encouraged to hear some of our young adults talk about how they felt equipped from several of the sermons to do just that. Lord willing, we are exploring the possibility of going again next year. If you have an 18–25 year old in your life, encourage them to block off January 1–3, 2026 for CrossCon! Looking forward, we have a busy month of youth ministry coming up in February. On Sunday, February 9, Brittany and I will host a Super Bowl party at our house. We will start at 6:00 and teens are welcome to stay as long as they are able. Pizza and drinks will be provided; teens are encouraged to bring a snack to share! We will also have board games for those who are not interested in watching football. Later that week, on Saturday, February 15, we will be going to Winter Jam in Greensboro. I will be sending out more definite information concerning departure time as we get closer to that date. Tickets are \$15 at the door and teens are welcome to bring money for concessions.

I only have space for a short book recommendation, so I will recommend a short book with a very long title. *An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens* was written by William Carey as he prepared to go to the mission field. While Carey was not the first modern missionary, his passion for missions and to raise up other missionaries earned him the title “The Father of Modern Missions.” In this little book, barely longer than its title, Carey lays out for Christians just why missions matter. Carey is biblical in his thinking and has a knack for putting truth simply so that it may be easily understood. Whether you consider yourself passionate about missions or would admit that your passion for missions could stand to be stirred up, you will be encouraged and informed by Carey’s work. Not only will you come away with a better understanding of Christian missions, you will understand better what the Bible has to say about our place in it.



For His Glory,  
Pastor Brandon



### LADYBUG VALENTINE DINNER

Our annual event for our widows and single ladies sponsored by the men of the church is Thursday, **February 6th** at Cagney's of Midway. Invitations have been sent to our single ladies. Please RSVP the church office if you would like to attend.

### YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

The youth group will have their annual Super Bowl party at Pastor Brandon and Brittany's house on Sunday, **February 9th**. Make plans now to attend. More information will be available closer to the date.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU morning and After Hours groups will meet on Monday, **February 10th** at 10:30AM and 6PM. Our guest speaker at both times will be Sandra Kearns, Founder and President of On Wings Like A Dove, a ministry to loved ones of prodigals and prisoners. A list of needed items will be posted at a later date.

### SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE BANQUET

Join us on Saturday, **February 15th** at 5PM for our annual Senior Adult Valentine's Banquet. There will be a meal (Prepared by Vivian's Team), music, games and an evening of fun and fellowship. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office or in your Sunday School classroom. See Cyndi with questions.

### REGION 5 MISSIONS RALLY

Come experience the excitement of worship, volunteers' testimonies, mission videos and prayer for missions throughout our state, nationally and internationally. Join us **Thursday, February 20th**, for the **Region 5 Missions Rally** at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church (1415 Neeley Rd, Pleasant Garden, NC) The evening begins with a FREE meal at 5:45PM, with the Missions Program from 6:50PM to 8:30PM. *This event is for Men, Women and Youth.* Registration is required. Contact Pat White by **February 9th** if you'd like to attend. Carpooling is available.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

**Living Sent - March 14th & 15th**, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. The cost is \$32 for the conference & Friday night meal and \$20 if you plan on only attending the conference. **Guest speakers include:** *Anne Graham Lotz, Tom Richter, Sheila Walsh, Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild and Kyle Idleman.* *Worship will be lead by Michael O'Brien.* *More than 100 different breakout sessions will be available.* For more information contact Pat White, Linda Spiva or Sandra Hall.

### DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

There will be a day of Disaster Relief Training on Saturday, **April 12th** at First Baptist Church in Clemmons from 8:30AM to 3PM. The cost is \$40 per person (**Scholarships are available**). Learn basic skills in Administration (General & Recovery), Assessment, Chaplaincy, Family Care, Communications, Drivers, Feeding, Forklift, Logistics, Maintenance, Medical, Recovery, Safety, Shower/Laundry, Recovery Trailer. Let's get as many NFBC people certified as we can so that we can be a part of rebuilding WNC with other NC Baptists! For more information on any of these events, contact Pat White, Linda Spiva, or Sandra Hall.

### ANNUAL LADIES BANQUET

Join us Saturday, **April 12th**, at 6PM for our annual Ladies Banquet hosted by the Outreach Committee at New Friendship. Our speaker this year will be Jennifer Ziglar Smitherman. She will share with us from her life experience (#livelikenorah), **"Finding Joy In The Journey"**. See Angie Mahaffey or any member of the Outreach Committee with questions.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

SIGN UP!!!! To sign up you can:

1. Call the church office and place your name on that weeks list or on the permanent list
2. Fill out the orange card in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate
3. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF DESSERTS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS.**

**Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office to bring a dessert.**

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**FEBRUARY MENUS:**

**February 5th** - Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Chips

**February 12th** - Salisbury Steak and Gravy, Potatoes, Green Peas, Carrots, Rolls

**February 19th** - Breakfast Pancakes, Breakfast Casserole, Bacon, Fruit

**February 26th** - Chicken and Noodle Casserole, Slaw, Mixed Veggies, Rolls

**WITH SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

~ We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Peggy Hawkins and family for the unexpected passing of her brother, Sonny Vannoy, on January 26th. Please also remember Sonny's wife, Joy, in your prayers.

~We also share our prayerful support to the family of Na'Yomi Samuels, a child who drowned in an accident just a few hundred yards from our campus last month.

**URGENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

We are so blessed to have food on our tables and electricity in our homes. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for many in our neighborhood. There are many adults and children in our surrounding area that are **food** insecure. The NFBC food pantry has been actively serving many families in our community and we are in need of the items listed below. Please pick up a few as you food shop this week. Food Pantry Needs:

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| ~ Saltine crackers                                    | ~ Peanut butter and jelly      | ~ Spaghetti noodles and sauce     |
| ~ Macaroni & cheese                                   | ~ Chef Boyardee pastas         | ~ Instant potatoes                |
| ~ Stove Top Stuffing                                  | ~ Ramen noodles                | ~ Canned fruit                    |
| ~ Canned pintos, blackeyed peas, whole & creamed corn | ~ Pancake mix with syrup       |                                   |
| ~ Bath soap   | ~ Toilet paper (4-6 roll pack) | ~ Paper towels (individual rolls) |

**NFBC'S DESIGNATED MISSIONARIES**

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has assigned us our own designated missionaries. Please pray for **Don & Cheryl Jones** serving in South Africa with IMB. Look for more communication to come about our partnership. The Jones family has connections n the Winston Salem area and we were honored to have them worship with us in December.

**Dear New Friendship Family,**  
**Thank you for your love and support as we have traveled this road of grief. Your support and prayers have been felt and appreciated.**  
**Dwayne and Kathy Hines and Family**

**Save The Date:**

**Ladies Banquet**

**April 12, 2025**

**“Finding Joy in The Journey”**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Jennifer Ziglar Smitherman**

**#livelikenorah**



<b>January Numbers</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Sunday School Average:	123	111
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	159	127
General Offering:	\$42,912	\$37,413

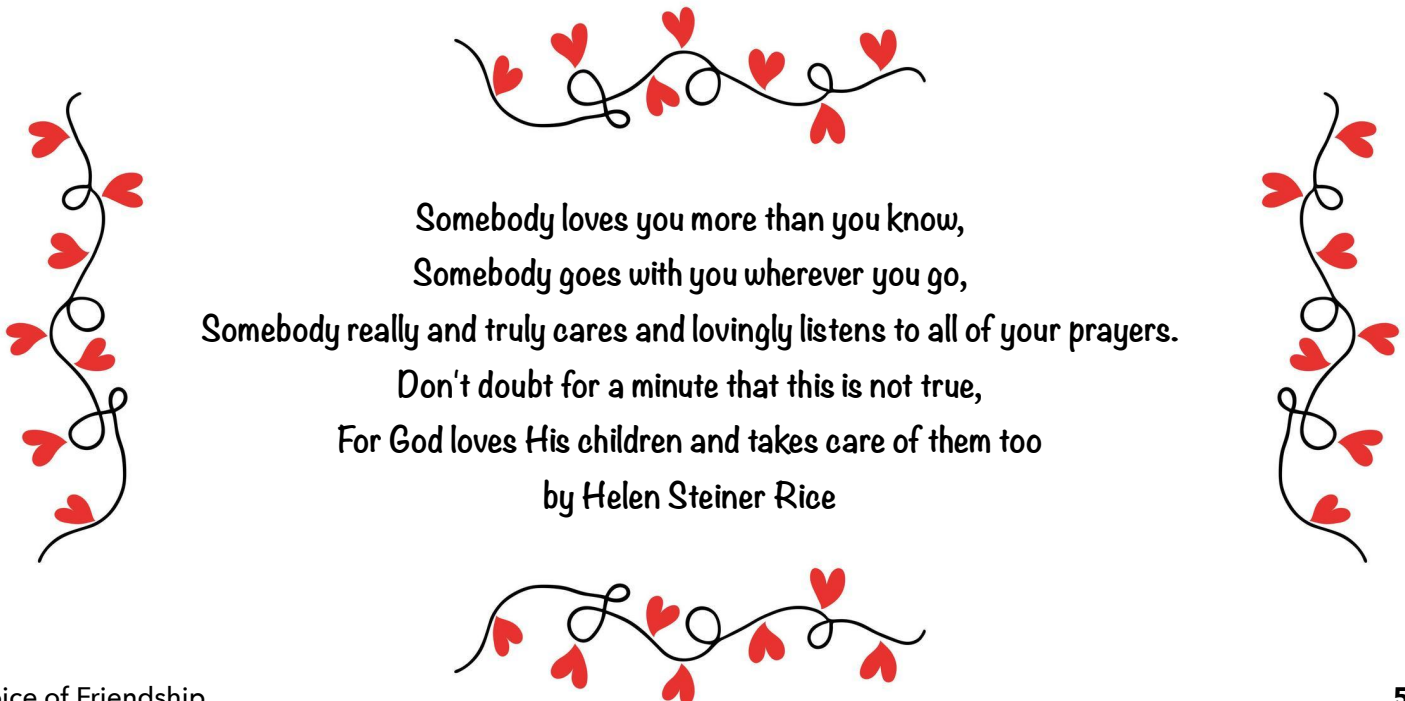
If you need to reserve the building or the bus for any reason, please call the church office at 336-788-3112 or email us at [newfriendship@icloud.com](mailto:newfriendship@icloud.com) as soon as you know about your event so that we can keep the calendar organized. If you have information that needs to be put in the bulletin, please have that to the church office by **10AM on Thursday mornings**. If you have information that needs to be put in the monthly newsletter, please have this information to the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday (8AM to 1PM)**



Christmas with a “Capital C” and the Baptist Men’s Outreach for the local homeless mission (Salvation Army) are self-supporting. You can contribute any time using an offering envelope. All donations are appreciated.



Somebody loves you more than you know,  
 Somebody goes with you wherever you go,  
 Somebody really and truly cares and lovingly listens to all of your prayers.  
 Don't doubt for a minute that this is not true,  
 For God loves His children and takes care of them too  
 by Helen Steiner Rice