
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Another pastor once boasted, ***"I never take a vacation. The devil doesn't take a vacation."*** Well, my response to that would be, ***"We aren't supposed to follow the devil as an example."*** Warmer temperatures, Spring Break, the Easter Holiday; all these things make us think about traveling and vacations. Many of us camp regularly, some have vacation homes and others use time shares. The bottom line is that sometimes you just need a break: a break from work, a break from routine and even a break from serving in church. God the Father and God the Son have both given their approval.

In **Mark 6**, after an especially grueling time of ministry, Jesus said, **31, *"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves."*** ***The disciples took a time of respite at the command of Jesus and this fueled them for future ministry.***

Genesis 2 begins, **1, *"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."***

When God later gave Moses the **10 Commandments**, He reminded His people that He rested on the seventh day. Listen, **He** didn't rest because **He** was tired. **He** rested because **He** knows that we are tired.

So get away, take a break, spend a little money and spoil yourself. Come back ready to continue in the Lord's work for His glory in this community.

Until He Comes...

**Love and Peace,
Pastor Chris**

RESURRECTION '25!

Plan now how you will celebrate the Risen Savior this year (Sunday, **April 20th**).

*6:30AM - Sunrise Service

*7:30AM - Breakfast prepared by our Deacons

*9:15AM - Sunday School

*10:30AM - Worship with NFBC Celebration Choir

SALEM PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return your special offering to Salem Pregnancy Care Center early this month. You may choose to drop it off at a local Chick-fil-A location for a free sandwich. The main thing is supporting the ones ministering to those in crisis pregnancies.

PRAY FOR THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

The church is referenced as the Bride of Christ twice in the Book of Revelation. The Deacons are inviting you to join us on the first Sunday of the month at 8:15AM for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our next meeting is Sunday, **March 2nd**.

Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

We had a busy February for youth ministry, but were blessed to be able to spend that time with our teens! We had a great Super Bowl party and enjoyed being able to meet up with the youth group from Covington, Virginia for Winter Jam.

Looking forward, our March event will be an outing to Urban Air Trampoline Park on Sunday, **March 9th**. We'll meet at the church at 3PM and get supper at Cici's Pizza on our way back. Cost is \$5 and teens are encouraged to invite friends!

We recently finished up a series on the life of David and have begun a series on the book of Colossians. We have been having great times studying the Scriptures together and it is encouraging to see teens growing in their own personal study of God's Word. Please continue to keep our summer trips in your prayers and mark them on your calendar if you have not already! We will be going to camp at Fort Caswell **June 30th–July 4th** and will be going to Covington, Virginia for **Teenweek July 26th–31st**. Please let me know if you have any questions!

I mentioned in a recent newsletter that I have been reading through *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis with my kids. These allegorical books are often categorized as children's stories, yet contain perspectives on biblical truth that I have found helpful reading through them this time as an adult. I recently read *The Last Battle*, the final book in the series, in which Lewis tells a story that reflects the coming day when all things come to an end and are made new. I have read many books on eschatology in the course of my theological studies; none of them have put a feeling of homesickness in my heart the way that Lewis's writing does in this book. While none of us have a complete knowledge of what it will be like in the ages to come, the details that we do see in Scripture paint an incredible picture. *The Last Battle* evokes feelings of homesickness and anticipation that I cannot quite put into words, but I can say that reading this book makes me more excited for an eternity with Christ each time I read it. Who would not want to be just a little more excited for heaven? This little book is well worth reading.

For His Glory,
Pastor Brandon



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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

1. Call the church office and place your name on that week's 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.

MARCH MENUS:

3/5 - Chicken casserole, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls

3/12 - Meatloaf, pintos, new potatoes, slaw

3/19 - Vegetable and chicken soup, grilled cheese

3/26 - Baked potato and salad bar

CENTRIKID CAMP

CentriKid Camp for 2nd-6th graders will be **June 16th - 20th**. We will be going to Eagle Eyrie Camp near Lynchburg, VA. Cost per student is \$215. A \$25 deposit is due **March 2nd**. An additional \$50 is due **April 6th**. Remaining amount due **June 1st**. (**Scholarship assistance is available.**)

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU morning group will meet at 10:30AM on Monday, **March 10th**. Our missions this month will be to clean and organize our churches food pantry and to pray for our North American Missionaries as we prepare for the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering in **April**. If you can, please bring food for our food pantry.

"AFTER HOURS" WMU

The "After Hours" WMU will meet, Monday, **March 10th**, at 6:15AM for a light meal. We will organize and fill baby baskets. Please bring baby wipes or **size 1** or **size 3** diapers. We will also discuss the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries. Let's show God's love by giving of our time, talents and finances as we are able because God gives so abundantly to us!

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.

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

LBA SENIORS LUNCHEON: The Annual Liberty Baptist Association Senior Spring Celebration will be Thursday, **March 20th** at Reeds Baptist Church in Lexington. This is always a great time of food, fun and fellowship. It is FREE to all seniors and our bus will depart at 10:00AM. The menu includes: bbq, baked beans, chips, buns, tea, water & dessert. Please sign up or notify the church office if you plan to attend.

BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Calling all men! Join us for breakfast in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, **March 29th** at 8AM. We will enjoy the meal, have a time of worship and missions strategizing.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER! - APRIL 20TH - SUNRISE, BREAKFAST, SUNDAY SCHOOL, EASTER CANTATA

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY

The children will be leading our morning worship service on **March 30th**. They are preparing music on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Contact Carla Arrowood if you have questions.

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR NC BAPTIST ON MISSION

When a natural disaster hits, do you ever wonder what you can do to help? Do you wish you could deploy with NC Baptists and help those in need and show God's love? Spring training opportunities are coming up. Training is good for 3 years and more information can be found at www.baptistsonmission.com. There are 7 training opportunities, the closest training sites are Clemmons on **April 13th** and Elkin on **April 26th**. For questions, Mark and Carla Arrowood, Sandra Hall and Linda Spiva are currently trained.

MISSION TRIP GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Again this year, Haley Vaughan will be traveling with CVM - Christian Veterinary Mission. Actually she will be part of two trips: **March to Alaska** and **July to Arizona**. Both trips are endorsed by the church and we have already made a donation, but you are encouraged to support these trips personally and to pray that God will bless the team and use them to impact these communities for His glory.

See online giving instructions below:

1. Visit the following website: www.cm.org
2. Find the tab at the top of the website that says "Give" and click "Short-Term Volunteers" in the dropdown list.
3. Search "North Carolina State Students" in the search bar.
4. Find where it says "North Carolina State Students" and type the amount you would like to donate where it says "\$ Amount."
5. Press "Give" and enter payment information.
6. Click "+ Add details for or instructions for your donation and/or payment" and type Haley Vaughan.

WITH SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

~ ~ to Daved Roberts and family in the passing of his grandfather, Jerry Montgomery on February 8th

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 in the Winston Salem area and we were honored to have them worship with us in December.

THANK YOU

New Friendship Baptist Church, Thank you so much for all the prayers, text, phone calls and food. I really felt your prayers. Thanks Again! Linda Collins

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:

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

February Numbers	2025	2024
Sunday School Average:	107	124
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	155	152
General Offering:	\$42,735	\$49,018

Save The Date:

2025 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, **“Finding Joy In The Journey”**. See Angie Mahaffey for tickets or to sponsor a table. You will be glad you did!

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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.

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 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 **20th of each month**.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday (8AM to 1PM)

