

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Have you looked at the world's landscape? We hear more and more each day about escalating tensions and fears. Multiple sites are experiencing all out war. Natural disasters seem to be more common than ever before. The older I get, the less dogmatic I seem to be in areas where the Scripture is silent. Certainly where the Bible is emphatic, we can be certain, but sometimes we just have to read the text and consider the possibilities.

Romans 8:22 says that all of creation groans and labors with birth pangs awaiting the future glorification. Just as our president says that war is deescalating in the Middle East, a news report will alert us to renewed fighting. It would be so discouraging if we didn't have the assurance that God is in control and all of creation is bending toward a great coronation.

Beginning in **Revelation 19:11-16** we read, ***"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war... He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!"***

He must first make war with the injustice of the world, only to then establish peace with the remaining inhabitants of earth. What a day that will be.

To Him be glory forever and ever!

Amen!
~Pastor Chris

Our normal schedule resumes Sunday, **September 13th, with our Fall Revival!**

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 them on the first Sunday of the month for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our next meeting is Sunday, **September 6th**, at 8:15AM.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

9/9 - Hamburgers, Baked Beans

9/16 - Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls

9/23 - Lasagna, Salad, French Bread

9/30 - Breakfast: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Breakfast Casseroles

NC MISSIONS OFFERING

September is NC Missions Offering month. This year's theme is ***"Living Sent"***. Do you know how these offerings are spent? 62% of the offerings go directly to Baptists on Mission Ministries. These include disaster relief and training, rebuild centers which now include 5 in Western NC, 3 mission camps, medical and dental buses and much more. 28% goes to church planting; and 10% to Associational Missions. Most importantly, the gospel of Jesus Christ is shared! Let's ***Pray***, let's ***Send***, and let's ***Go!*** The state-wide goal is \$2.8 million. ***New Friendship's goal is \$1,500.*** "Jesus said to them again, ***'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.'***"

John 20:21 CSB



REVIVAL & HOMECOMING

Please plan to join us for these special services and opportunities for fellowship:

9/13 Sunday, 9:15 AM: Message by Austin Decker, Baptist Children's Home, in Sanctuary for Youth & Adults, Children & Nursery have Sunday School.

9/13 Sunday, 10:30AM: Morning Message by Dr Danny Akin, Southeastern Seminary, Children's Church

9/13 Sunday, 6PM: Message by Pastor Rob Decker, Triad Baptist Church, regular Children's Ministry.

9/14 Monday, 7PM: Message by Pastor Nick Decker, Gospel Baptist Church. Children will have worship packets in the sanctuary.

9/15 Tuesday, 7PM: Message by Pastor Zack Decker, Griffith Baptist Church. Children will have worship packets in the sanctuary.

9/16 Wednesday, 7PM: Message by Pastor Matt Smith, Lebanon Baptist Church, regular Children's Ministry.

9/20 Sunday School at 9:15AM, followed by our Homecoming Service at 10:30AM with NC Baptist Executive Director Todd Unzicker. Children's Church will be offered.

We will follow the service with a covered-dish meal. Please plan to stay and help by bringing enough food for your household, plus a little extra for our guests. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship!

EXPERIENCING GOD - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Some studies help you know the Bible. This one helps you know the Author. We are looking for 12 committed men to take part in a 13 week Christian growth opportunity. ***Experiencing God*** has been used by churches for 26 years to grow and revitalize Christians in their relationship with God. We will meet Thursdays at 7PM beginning **September 10th** and run through **November 12th**. Contact Daniel Pierce with questions (336-408-0016).

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU will meet Monday, **September 14th**, at 10:30AM in the POD to pack hygiene bags for the Appalachian Christmas Backpacks. The "After Hours" group will also meet in the POD **September 14th** at 6PM to pack hygiene bags for the backpacks. This is one of our largest Missions projects of the year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER BENEFIT

Our WNS during the revival on **September 16th** will be a special benefit meal with proceeds going to a single mother in our community facing some legal fees. All proceeds from this meal will go to helping this family.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our annual Children's Christmas Program will begin practicing on Wednesday, **September 16th** at 7PM in the Sanctuary. We will continue on Wednesdays through **December 6th** when we will perform our program in the 10:30AM service. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Roberts or Brittany Parker.

SENIOR HIGH TRIP

All Juniors and Seniors are invited for a trip to Judson College in Wake Forest on **September 16th – 17th**. The group will leave Wednesday evening and return Thursday evening. While at Judson, students will tour campus, sit in on a class, and join in a chapel service. For more information, see Pastor Brandon Parker.

12 DARING WOMEN OF THE BIBLE - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Real Women. Real Trials. Real Triumphs. Join us for a women's Bible study, **12 Daring Women Of The Bible**, on Thursdays at 7PM beginning **September 24th**. The Bible study will run through November 19th. Contact Hilda Morrison with questions (559-269-7775).

JUNIOR HIGH EVENT

All 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are invited to the Parker home on Friday, **September 25th** at 6PM for a Mario Kart tournament! Pizza and drinks will be provided. For more information, see Pastor Brandon Parker.

DINNER 'N' DUDES

Calling all **men** for Dinner 'n' Dudes on Saturday, **September 26th**, from 5PM to 7PM. We will enjoy a time of food, fun and Cornhole! Sign up today!

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your prayers, texts, calls, cards, food and donations during the passing of my husband, Bud. Each one was special and heartfelt. I love you all! Pat White

PACKING CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS!

Mark your calendars for Sunday night, **October 4th**, at 6PM. All hands on deck to pack 100-149 Christmas backpacks for the children at Green Hills Elementary School in Bledsoe, KY. Backpacks will include 4 "pop top" cans of food (2 Chef Boyardee, fruit, and chicken noodle soup) hygiene items, warm socks, gloves & hats, age appropriate toy (ages 8-14). Bibles and backpacks will be provided. **Donations of toys for ages 8-14 that fit into a backpack will be appreciated.**



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, **October 25th** from 5PM to 7PM. We are now collecting candy! A tote has been placed outside of the church office for your donations!

LOOKING FORWARD IN 2027

On **August 7, 2027**, New Friendship will welcome the Mobile Dental Bus to our campus as part of our 2027 ServeNC week. These buses are equipped with state of the art equipment and supplies. Watch your bulletin and newsletters for more information.

SENIOR ADULT QR CODE

This is a new venture for the Senior Adult Committee. They will be sharing this code in the bulletin and newsletter so that you can use it to sign up for all upcoming events. See Cyndi Budhisetiawan or Kathy Hines with questions!



CHURCH LIBRARY

Calling all readers! If you like to read, please let us know what kind of books you would like to see in the library. If you have slightly used, recently published books (no writing or torn pages) that you would like to donate, contact Angie Mahaffey or Patty Reid. **Do not drop off books without contacting Angie or Patty first.** Thank you!

CELEBRATING OUR BI-CENTENNIAL

Mark these special dates and guests so you don't miss out on anything:

10/4/26 10:30AM: Music with Justin Branch / Jake Burnette Preaching

1/31/27 10:30AM: Dr. Hershael York Preaching

2/28/27 10:30AM: Student Pastor Tyler Shepherd Preaching

2/28/27 6PM: Student Pastor Zachary Combs Preaching

8/7/27 ServeNC Week - Mobile Dental Bus

9/12th - 15th/27 Fall Revival with Pastor Ronjour Locke Preaching

9/19/27 10:30AM: Homecoming with Pastor Michael Rakes Preaching

LIGHT ON A HILL PROGRAM

Through the Museum of the Bible's **Light on a Hill Program**, NFBC is able to offer a **free** one-year membership that includes free admission at their Washington, DC campus as well as online resources. Scan this QR code to claim your free membership!



2026 At -a - Glance

September ? - Senior Adult Apple Orchard Trip and Lunch in Cana, VA

October 4th - Worship with Justin Branch, Message from Jake Burnette (10:30AM)
Packing Christmas Backpacks (6PM)

October 11th - Youth Trip to the Alpha & Omega Corn Maze

October 25th - Trunk or Treat (5PM)

November 8th - NFBC Concert Series - The Siler Family

November 8th - Youth Hiking and Supper at Cici's pizza

November 11th - Senior Adult Committee Meeting (12PM)

November 29th - Church-wide Gingerbread House Building Workshop (6PM)

December 4th to 6th - Coats For The City

December 5th - Christmas Caroling (3:30PM)

December 6th - Children's Christmas Program (10:30AM)

December 7th - Christmas with a Capital "C" (6PM)

December 9th - Youth Group Christmas Party

December 12th - NFBC Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon (12PM)

December 13th - Celebration Choir Christmas Program (6PM)

December 23rd - Christmas Candlelight Lord's Supper (7PM)

<u>August Numbers</u>	2026	2025
Sunday School Average:	131	126
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	174	166
General Offering:	\$42,639	\$50,844
Building Fund	\$8,295	

Christmas with a "Capital C" is 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)

