
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ❤️...

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At the moment of this writing, John Tucker has had over a week in the hospital. Dan Berrier was admitted this week but is home now. Both have pneumonia. Nancy Whitman is home from a respite stay at Trellis KBR, but is not doing well, and Eli Hine was in the Emergency Room this past week. Please pause to lift each of these and their families in prayer during this already often stressful holiday season.

You have noticed our December calendar filled and overflowing with worship services designed to bring you face to face with the Savior and fellowship opportunities to foster your position as a member of the New Friendship family. Our individual Sunday School classes are scheduling even more celebrations of togetherness for the Christmas Season.

The four traditional Sundays of Advent run **November 27th - December 18th** and build the anticipation to the ultimate climax of Christ's birth. These weeks focus on the themes: **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy!** Each word has its own special place in the Christmas story.

During the four Sundays of Advent at New Friendship, I (Pastor Chris) am developing four messages around the theme of **Light!** I preached November 27th and will be preaching, the Lord-willing, **December 11th, 18th and 25th.** Our newest staff member, Pastor Brandon Parker, (you were introduced to him in our last newsletter) is scheduled to preach **December 4th.**

Christmas is a unique holiday that takes us back generations to simpler and perhaps sweeter times. More than that, it takes us back 2,000 years to the incarnation, when God became a man, through the womb of a virgin, to live the life that we could never live, and die the death that we deserved to die, so that we can have eternal life in Him!

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas!

Pastor Chris

John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."



Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

Throughout November, each night Brittany and I have asked Beau and Rhett to share one thing that they are thankful for. We write each thing down in a notebook, and it is fun to see what they include on their list. Being little boys, their lists include things such as fire trucks, monster trucks, and our dog. However, I also find it to be a nightly reminder of my own need to be thankful. As I think about all that God has done for my family in the last year, I would certainly have to include Him bringing us to NFBC. What a blessing this past month has been! My family and I have so enjoyed getting to know everyone here, and we count ourselves as incredibly blessed to be here. The Lord has made it clear time and time again that this is exactly where He wants us to be, and we are excited to see what He is going to do in the life of our church!

We had a great hike with the teens at Hanging Rock State Park and have enjoyed getting to know the students here. Our next youth activity will be our Christmas party on **December 7th** at 7PM in the Pod. Wear an ugly sweater and bring a gift worth \$5 or less for our gift exchange! There will be plenty of snacks and games. Long-term, I also wanted to let you know that our week of summer camp will be **July 10th-15th, 2023**. We will be going to Fort Caswell, NC. Caswell is located near Oak Island and has a great facility that includes their own private beach. The speaker for that week, Ronjour Locke, is one of the most outstanding preachers that I have ever heard, and I am very excited to see how God will use him in the lives of our students. If you have teens in your life, be sure to mark your calendar for that week!

For His Glory,
Pastor Brandon



<p>November Numbers At New Friendship: Sunday School Average: 120 Avg AM Worship Attendance: 158 General Offering: \$37,477 Building Fund: \$39,200 Debt Remaining: \$0</p>	<p>October Income 2022 - \$46,156 October Expenses 2022 - \$23,702 October Income 2021 - \$40,411 ***** November Income 2022 - \$37,477 November Expenses 2022 - \$TBA November Income 2021 - \$34,214</p>
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be received churchwide and nationwide during **December** to support International Missions. Ms. Lottie was a missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She was born and educated in Virginia, a teacher and prolific writer whose letters pleading for missions support still resonate today. After following her younger sister to China and teaching what she called “unstudious” children, Lottie found her real passion was direct evangelism. Other missionary men and their wives found that only women could reach Chinese women. The Women’s Missionary Union, through the suggestion of Annie Armstrong, named the Christmas offering for Lottie to honor her work and sacrifice to keep missionaries in the field. Today, 100% of the offering goes to missionaries! New Friendship’s goal is \$5,000! ***Give generously to continue the call to make Jesus known to all nations and peoples.***

Senior Adult Christmas Party

Our NFBC Seniors have had a busy year. We have enjoyed events in the Fellowship Hall, Dinner Theaters, Dan’l Boone Inn and our trip to Myrtle Beach to see the Christmas shows/shopping. The Senior Adult Christmas party will be held Friday, **December 9th** at 12PM in the Fellowship Hall. We have a delicious meal planned along with some fun activities and door prizes. Our favorite band, Raincheck, will be playing for us. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please sign up so we will know how much food to prepare. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Thanks to our Senior Adult Committee for their help. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Love in Christ, Gwen Bracknell

Children And Student’s Christmas Program

The Children and Student’s Christmas Program will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, **December 11th** at 6PM. The program will be followed by a time of refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. The last practice is scheduled for Saturday, **December 10th** at 10AM. Lunch will be provided. See Carla Arrowood with questions.

Women’s Missionary Union

The WMU morning group will meet at 10 AM on Monday, **December 12th** to assemble gift bags and then visit our shut-ins. The “After-Hours” group will not meet in December but are encouraged to help with Christmas with a Capital “C”.

Christmas Caroling

Join us Wednesday, **December 14th** from 6PM to 8PM for a time of fellowship and caroling with our NFBC family. We will carol from 6PM to 7PM then have light refreshments and fellowship from 7PM to 8PM. We want to encourage everyone to bring your family and make this a night of bringing joy to our shut-ins. Everyone is welcome!

Deacon/Staff/Spouse Christmas

The deacons, staff and their spouses will be gathering on Tuesday, **December 20th** at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall for a fellowship meal followed by a time of preparing Christmas sacks for all who attend the Candlelight Lord’s Supper Service. Please let Steve Cook know if you are unable to attend.

Candlelight Lord's Supper

A true highlight of the Christmas season at New Friendship is the Candlelight Lord's Supper which will be held on Wednesday, **December 21st** at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Join us for a night where all is calm and all is bright. You will be glad that you did.

Christmas Day Worship

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. We plan to meet at 10AM for one worship service to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **(There will be no Sunday School or PM Services.)**

Looking Ahead In 2022

- **Pray For The Bride Of Christ**, Sunday, **December 4th** at 8AM.
- **Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon**, Friday, **December 9th** at 12PM.
- **Children and Student's Christmas Program**, Sunday, **December 11th** at 6PM, followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Christmas with a Capital "C" Event** for needy families in our community, Monday, **December 12th** at 6PM (please participate by giving in your offering envelope).
- **Christmas Caroling** to our elderly and shut-ins, Wednesday, **December 14th** from 6PM to 8PM.
- **Celebration Choir Christmas Cantata**, Sunday, **December 18th** at 6PM.
- **Candlelight Lord's Supper Service**, Wednesday, **December 21st** at 7PM.
- **Christmas Day Worship Service**, Sunday, **December 25th** at 10AM (No Sunday School or PM Worship).

Upcoming Events From Outreach For 2023:

Painting with a friend in **January**

Ladies Banquet in **March**

More details to follow on both of these events!

Thank You!

WOW! We asked....and you answered! On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I would like to say THANK YOU! Thank you to the ones who prayed, donated candy, decorated a trunk, prepared and served the food and to the ones who came and shared HIS love with our community. 250+ hotdogs, 33 trunks, lots of candy (yes, we had to make another candy run) and several hundred people came out to this event. A special thanks to Tri County Realty (Eddie and Kim Longbottom) for donating all of the food for this event. Eddie Longbottom and Darren Combs prepared all of the food for us and we could not have done this without them. Steve and Vikki Cook organized and ran the Hayride. Terry and Shannon Saintsing donated the Trunk or Treat signs and the people of our church loved on our community. Thanks so much to everyone who played a part in making this another successful event. Many Thanks, Angie Mahaffey and the Outreach Team

We would like to thank all of you who helped us celebrate our baby shower and the arrival on November 24th of Lea Abigail Holton. It was a fun day and one that we will remember for a long time. The cards and gifts were very appreciated and will be well used. Mom and Dad are over the moon and you can be sure lots of spoiling will be going on. Chris and Candace Holton

Thank you again to all the supporters of the WMU Appalachian Backpack Christmas Project, especially to the WMU morning and "After-Hours" WMU members who generously gave so that 142 children could have a better Christmas and know the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Thanks! Pat White

The Holton Family wishes to thank NFBC for the beautiful baby basket for Lea Abigail Holton. We appreciate your love, kindness and prayers. The Holton Family

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Chef Boy R Dee, Rice
- Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltine Crackers
- Green Beans, Green Peas, Canned Pintos, Corn
- Cereal (Individual Boxes)

Kitchen Guidelines

If you use the kitchen, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wash, dry and put away cooking and serving items.
- Make sure sinks are clean.
- Wipe all surfaces, including tables in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mop up all spills.
- Take all garbage to dumpster.
- Launder and return any dish towels or tablecloths used.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Holbrook at (336) 816-8333.

Nursery Workers Needed

We are in need of workers on Sunday and Wednesday nights. The purpose of our nursery is so that those attending and/or visiting with small children can enjoy worship without worrying about their child. We are looking for teams that will alternate. It is our hope to have enough volunteers that each team only works once a month. If you are able to help on Sunday and/or Wednesday nights, please contact Jean Kiger or the church office. Thank you!

	9AM	11AM
1st Sunday	Jean Kiger	Linda Cantrell
2nd Sunday	Rodney & Katrina Darr	Morgan Akins & Makayla Motsinger
3rd Sunday	Jean Kiger	Vikki Cook
4th Sunday	Julie & Greg Hart	Krystal Byrne
5th Sunday	Rodney & Katrina Darr	Linda Spiva

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 12PM)

