
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

~ President Abraham Lincoln

The world has yet to witness the first perfect mother, but for many of us, mother is the most perfect person we have ever met. Her ability to work tirelessly, love unselfishly and give generously endears her to us eternally.

The very first celebration of human motherhood took place near my boyhood home: Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, Grafton, WV. Like many of us, Anna Jarvis had a godly mother who worked for peace during the Civil War and cared for the wounded on both sides. On the anniversary of her mother's death, Anna organized the first service of worship honoring Mothers in 1907. It caught on, became an observance in every state, and was proclaimed a national holiday on the 2nd Sunday in May by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914.

Jesus honored motherhood to the degree that He spoke from the cross to His mother in **John 19:26-27** as He provided for Mary's perpetual care. The Bible gives us many admonitions for obeying, honoring and caring for our earthly parents. Mothers have done much to teach their children Biblical lessons, instruct them to pray and prepare them for life.

Honor Motherhood with us in Worship on Sunday, May 11th at 10:30AM.

**LOVE,
PASTOR CHRIS**

MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:

7th - Hotdogs, Tater Tots and Fixins

14th - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

21st - Pizza, Salad

May 21st will be the last Wednesday Night Meal until September.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/11 - Mother's Day

6/4 - Senior Adults To Lavender Farms

6/8-6/11 - Southern Baptist Convention

6/22 - 6/26: Vacation Bible School

7/25 - Senior Adults to Mount Airy

8/11 - Senior Adults to Replacement LTD

5/26 - Memorial Day

6/15 - Father's Day

6/16 - 6/20: Centri-Kid Camp

6/30 - 7/4: Teen Camp at Fort Caswell

7/27 - 8/2: Teen Week in Covington, VA

Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

This past Sunday was the deadline to sign up for camp at **Fort Caswell** and I was thrilled with the response that we got! I am very excited for the group that we will be taking with us to camp this year and I am looking forward to seeing what God does in their hearts. Please be in prayer, beginning now, for that week! We will be leaving Monday, **June 30th** and returning Friday, **July 4th**. Pray for the speaker for that week, for those who will be leading in other facets of worship and for soft hearts for our teens.

Looking at the upcoming schedule, our May event is this coming Sunday night, **May 4th**. We will be doing an escape room in the Pod from 6PM to 8PM. Food and drinks will be provided. Teens are encouraged to invite friends!

Our April event was a movie night; however, I was not there to take pictures. I trust that Reese being born that week excused my absence! Brittany and I are so blessed to have been entrusted with another child from the Lord; we pray that He will save Reese in His own good time and as with our other children we pray that God will use her life greatly for His glory. A big thanks to Joe and Lori Bowser and to John Davis for helping cover for me during that time! Thanks as well to everyone at NFBC who gave gifts, brought food and helped out in so many ways. We covet your prayers as we seek to be faithful disciple-makers to our children!

The best thing that I read this month was a journal article from Southern Seminary titled **“He Descended to the Dead: The Burial of Christ and the Eschatological Character of the Atonement.”** That title is a mouthful, isn't it? In spite of the intimidating title, the article takes an interesting look at an under-discussed aspect of Easter week, that being the time that Christ spent in the tomb. We rightly remember the sacrifice of Good Friday and the glorious events of Resurrection Sunday; however, the author of this article points out to us that there is also great significance for the believer in what has traditionally been called “Holy Saturday.” During this time, the body of Christ lay dead in the tomb, having made atonement for sin and yet waiting the day of resurrection. This already/not yet tension relates to believers as we have been united with Christ, as we are so often reminded in Romans. Therefore, just as Christ lay in the tomb, truly dead and yet awaiting a certain, coming day of glory, so we also will one day die, if the Lord tarries, with our bodies falling asleep and our souls going to be with the Lord. However, just as Christ's body was destined to not remain in the grave, so also the bodies of every person who dies in Christ is destined to not remain in the grave. Because of our union with Christ, there is coming a day of resurrection for every believer in which our bodies will be glorified and freed from sin and death to live with Christ forever. This blessed truth reminds us that for every loved one who has gone on before and for us as well, there is the certain hope that, just as Christ's death was not final, we also live in that already/not yet tension. We are already redeemed, and yet we have not yet reached that final day of glory when we stand complete in Christ. However, because of Holy Saturday and our union with Christ, that hope is assured. Praise God for that!

**FOR HIS GLORY,
PASTOR BRANDON**

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - MAGNIFIED

We are excited for our annual Vacation Bible School (preschool through 6th grade) which will take place Sunday, **June 22nd** through Thursday, **June 26th**. This year's theme is **MAGNIFIED: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things!** There will soon be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office about available helper positions. Please see Julie Hart or Vikki Cook with any questions.

"Oh, magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt His name together!" - Psalm 34:3

HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT IN DURHAM

Join us Saturday, **May 3rd** as we take a trip to hear Hope Arrowood's Handbell Choir at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Durham, NC. The bus will leave the church at 2PM. We will stop for dinner after the concert. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

SENIOR ADULT JUNE OUTING

The Senior Adults will be going to the Lavender Oaks Farm on Wednesday, **June 4th** for lunch and a tour of the Lavender Farm. (As this is a Wednesday morning, there will be no Wednesday Morning Bible Study.). The cost of the lunch and tour is \$65 per person. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. All money must be turned in to Cyndi by Sunday, **May 11th**. The church bus will be leaving the church at 9:15AM.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU morning and "After Hours" groups will meet Monday, **May 12th**, at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. Our theme for May is "**A Purposeful Generosity**", helping those in need. Let's help others by using our time and talents: cutting out fabric for Pre-K nap blankets and drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. **Please bring pinking shears if you have them.** All fabric and sewing machines will be provided. You will also have an opportunity to sew the drawstring bags. Thought for the month: "**God does not need our good works, but others do**".

REMODEL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

After months of work, the Remodel Committee will make their presentation / recommendation to the church on Sunday, **May 18th** in the 10:30AM Worship service. It will be brief and the committee will entertain questions in the 6PM service that evening. Please pray for this important work. The vote on the proposal is scheduled for Sunday morning, **June 1st** during the 10:30AM Worship service

NEEDED FOR BABY BASKETS

We are in need of:

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| ~Size 1 diapers | ~Size 2 diapers | ~Wipes |
| ~Baby wash/shampoo | ~Bibs | |
| ~Hooded towels | ~Hand sanitizer | |

NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of:

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| ~Cereal | ~Pancake Mix (water added only) |
| ~Syrup | ~Crackers |
| ~Cookies (boxes) | ~Dish Soap |
| ~Rice | ~Instant Potatoes (boxes) |

Please try and purchase items in boxes instead of plastic bags. The boxes are less temptation for the mice.

MISSION TRIP GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Again this year, Haley Vaughan will be traveling with CVM - Christian Veterinary Mission in **July to Arizona**. She is endorsed by the church and we have already made a donation, but you are encouraged to support her 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.

April Numbers	2025	2024
Sunday School Average:	127	113
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	191	138
General Offering:	\$48,448	\$39,836

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)

