

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ❤️...

Have you ever known anyone who attempted something big?: *pay off a big debt, lose a bunch of weight, hike the Appalachian Trail...* how did they do it? Typically they developed small incremental steps, adopted good habits and ***DID NOT QUIT!***

If you began our journey through the Bible with us, you committed to read 66 separate books. That's **1,189** chapters or **31,102** verses. **66** books sounds easier, doesn't it? Here's some good news, if you're still on track, you are over 5% complete. You've already knocked out the 6th largest book in Job and by the end of March you will have finished the 2nd largest book, Genesis.

I have really enjoyed these verses of wisdom and history and the sermons and studies they have provided. If you haven't begun, ***it's not too late***, but you need to hustle. In March we will read Genesis 27 - Exodus 11 at 8 chapters per week.

Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Love,
Pastor Chris

PASTOR BRANDON'S YOUTH CORNER:



YOUTH TO TRAMPOLINE PARK

On Wednesday, **March 11th** at 6:15PM, the Youth are headed to the Trampoline Park. See Pastor Brandon for more information.

(This picture was taken at Winter Jam in Greensboro at the Coliseum. We enjoyed Valentine's Day praising the Lord!)



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 1st**.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is Sunday, **March 1st** through Sunday, **March 8th**. The following families are highlighted this year. Please be persistent in praying for these families and their ministries this month:

- Jordan and Jessamy Adams, The Chapel, Lafayette, Indiana. The Chapel is a collegiate ministry church plant (2023) near Purdue University. The Chapel baptized 81 people in its first year!
- Fred and Casey Weymouth, two transformed addicts who found Jesus and became missionaries! They now run “The Fix”, a church plant in Tappahannock, VA where “*there are no lost causes with Christ*”. Fred continues “**breaking the cycle**” by holding Saturday night church so he can take recovering addicts to church on Sunday morning where some of his friends have also become pastors.
- Andrew Mark and Petra Adil, Christ Covenant Church, Montreal, Quebec. Andrew Mark was raised a Muslim but was discipled by International Mission Board missionaries. After meeting and leading Petra to Christ, they married and moved to Montreal, one of the most unreached cities in North America, where less than 1% of the population is evangelical. Their new church, Christ Covenant Church, baptized 10 people in one year and has doubled in number after two years. Andrew says, “**Only God can do such amazing things**”.
- Troy and Chanel Gause, Cross Community Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. Troy was a landscaper, but also a church planting missionary. He and his wife were looking for a new meeting space. Ames Boulevard Baptist Church was declining and after months of praying, the two churches joined forces and replanted another church which continues to grow in their community.
- Oscar and Wendy Ortiz, Iglesia Bautista Esperanza Eterna, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. What started out as six adults meeting in the driveway of their home, the Southern Baptist compassion ministry, **Send Relief**, stepped in which allowed Oscar and Wendy to “*Go Big*”. With **Send Relief's** help, the Ortiz's tiny church plant is building relationships in another small village where Lord willing, another new church, in an unchurched place will begin.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the **Annie Armstrong Easter offerings**, please be in prayer for these and more than 3,000 other North American missionaries who are making Jesus known in unreached places all over the United States and Canada. The **ANNIE ARMSTRONG Easter Offering** will be taken up in **April**. New Friendship's goal is **\$3,000**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

March Menus:

4th - Chicken Chili, Beef Chili, Cornbread

11th - Wallace's Roman Holiday (hamburger/noodle casserole), Salad

18th - Rita's BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Mixed Veggies

25th - Baked Potato Bar

(We are still in need of desserts!)

LBA SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

(The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 1st.) Join us Thursday, **March 19th** at 9:30AM for a trip to Reeds Baptist Church for our annual LBA Senior Spring Luncheon. The bus leaves NFBC at 9:30AM. The event begins at 10AM with the luncheon at 11AM.

COATS 4 THE CITY

In December, dozens of churches from NC and SC distributed thousands of winter coats with local churches in New York City. As temperatures warm and we transition our closets to warmer weather, feel free to drop off any coats you don't plan to use again at the church building. We are already collecting for next time.



MOLDED CLAY IN CONCERT

Join us Sunday, **March 8th** at 6PM for **Molded Clay** in Concert in NFBC Sanctuary. We ask that you share this both on-line and with your co-workers and neighbors. **Molded Clay** was founded in January 2017 by our tenor singer, Darrell Duggins. They are a southern gospel music ministry. Our mission statement is to edify and encourage others through song and testimony while lifting up the name of Jesus Christ by remaining humble and faithful to His will. *A love offering will be taken up.*

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU groups will meet on Monday, **March 9th**, at 10:30AM and the "After Hours" group at 6PM. The morning group will assemble homeless bags, discuss our "Spiritual Gifts" and pray for our North American Missions featured families. A \$5 donation will help defray the cost of items for the bags. The "After Hours" group will **meet in the pod** to assemble baby baskets, put cording in bags for Kenya and bag flip flops for Kenya. Baby blankets are needed, either hand made or purchased. Let's use our spiritual gifts by serving others.

"Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed." 1 Corinthians 12:1

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

(The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 18th.) Immediate families of our children birth through 6th grade are invited to our Palm Sunday Celebration on **March 29th**. This event includes an Egg Hunt, lunch and family time. Activities are planned for ages 3 and up. Bring a basket or bag for the egg hunt if you'd like.

CENTRIKID CAMP 2026

CentriKid Camp will be Monday, **June 15th** to Friday, **June 19th** at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA for current 3rd-6th graders. Cost per participant is \$220. A deposit of \$110 is due Wednesday, **March 18th** and the balance of \$110 is due Wednesday, **May 20th**. Please see Joanna Lookabill for additional questions.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR JORDAN AND KAYLA

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **March 22nd** from 2PM to 4PM to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Jordan Moore and Kayla Venable. ♥ They are registered on Amazon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADING WORSHIP

Our children's ministry will be leading worship on Sunday, **March 29th** through song and scripture. They are practicing on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Contact Laurie Roberts or Carla Arrowood for details to get your child involved.

SECRET PRAYER SISTER REMINDER

For those ladies that attended the "Jesus and Jammies" event, it's almost time to reveal your Secret Prayer Sister. Send them a card and let them know who you are. I know for myself it was an honor and privilege to lift up a dear friend in prayer for 30 days. A special thanks to all of the ladies that came to this event and shared in the fellowship and fun! Looking forward to doing this again next year! Blessings, Angie Mahaffey (Outreach Team)

HILLBILLY HIDEAWAY

(The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 8th) The Senior Adults are heading to Hillbilly Hideaway in Walkertown for dinner and gospel music on Saturday, **April 25th**. The meal is family style and includes drinks, dessert and tax. Your tip is extra...all this and gospel music too! Cyndi has reserved 20 seats but can add or delete within two weeks of our reservation. The church bus will leave at 3PM and should be back around 8PM.

2026 LADIES' BANQUET

Join us **April 18th** at 6PM for our Annual Ladies' Banquet. ***Glow Up~Shine On*** is our theme this year and our guest speaker is Renee Christensen. **(RENEE IS A SPEAKER, AUTHOR, PODCASTER AND BUSINESS OWNER. HER PASSION IS TO ENCOURAGE DISCIPLESHIP, HELP OTHERS BECOME BIBLICALLY LITERATE AND ESTABLISH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW.)** We encourage every woman at NFBC to plan on attending and bring a guest with you. For those of you who love to decorate, see Angie Mahaffey and sign up to decorate a table. ***The tables are one of the highlights each year.*** Tickets are \$10 each and will be available through Angie Mahaffey.

THANK YOU

Charles and Susan Simpson would like to thank all those for the many cards, phone calls and visits in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the lovely baby basket for our precious granddaughter! Our daughter will enjoy using these things. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness & kindness in this exciting time in our lives. With love and gratitude, Jeff & Linda Baity.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we enter the winter season, icy weather may sometimes necessitate modifying or cancelling our church schedule. Any changes will be shared as quickly as possible to local television **WXII** - Channel 12 and **WGHP** - Channel 8. It can also be found on our church Facebook page and if time allows via e-mail. You can always reach out to Pastor Chris if you are unsure.

WITH SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our sincere Christian sympathy to:

- ~ Jim & Camey Whitaker in the death of their son, Shane, on January 8th.
- ~ The family of Don Rayfield, who died on February 4th.
- ~ Sharon Carter and family in the death of her brother, Brian Spear, on February 5th.
- ~ Joe Wade Stewart and family in the death of his wife, Margaret, on February 10th.
- ~ Brad Lewis and Christy Baker and their families in the death of their mother, Susie Lewis, on January 31st.
- ~ Angie Mahaffey and family in the death of her sister, Debbie Sears on February 20th.



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday Schedule:

- ✦ **6:30AM** ~ Sunrise Service
- ✦ **7:30AM** ~ Deacon Breakfast for the entire church
- ✦ **8:15AM** ~ Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- ✦ **9:15AM** ~ Sunday School
- ✦ **10:30AM** ~ Worship including the Celebration Choir Cantata



<u>BABY BASKET NEEDS:</u>		<u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:</u>	
~ SHAMPOO/BODY WASH	~ LOTION	~ INSTANT POWDERED MILK	~ CEREAL
~ SMALL HAND SANITIZER	~ SOCKS	~ SPAGHETTI O'S	~ GRAPE JELLY
~ MITTENS	~ WHITE ONESIES	~ STUFFING MIX	~ INSTANT RICE
~ SMALL SOFT TOY (SNUGGLY)	~ BLANKETS	~ PANCAKE MIX	~ PANCAKE SYRUP
~ HOODED TOWELS/WASHCLOTH		~ TUNA	
		<p>Please continue to refrain from purchasing things in glass. Canned, bagged and boxed food work best. Also, please be mindful of expiration dates.</p>	

<u>February Numbers</u>	2026	2025
Sunday School Average:	123	107
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	166	155
General Offering:	\$47,526	\$42,856

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)

