

# VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

## From the Pastor's ❤️...

You may hear us say regularly that New Friendship is "almost 200 years old." Well, that is certainly true and no small feat, but the full truth is that the church we love will turn 195 this month. That does a lot of things in me. It makes me thankful for God's faithfulness over all that time. It makes me appreciate the spiritual forefathers who preceded us and held the line for missions, against liberalism, proclaiming salvation in Christ alone.

195 years ago John Quincy Adams was the U.S. president. Slavery was the law of the land in North Carolina and West Virginia wasn't a state yet. So much has changed. Our community has changed. Winston and Salem were two separate towns until 1913. For most of our history, we have been rural. Today, we are in the city limits and thousands of homes are visible from our steeple.

While much has changed, many things remain the same. The needs of people are the same: a Savior, a community and a retreat from the world. Jesus meets the need for a Savior to all who call upon Him. Christians meet the need for fellowship together thus providing community. NFBC continues to meet the need of a retreat from the world. A retreat to rest, recharge and resume.

Who knows what the New Year 2022 will bring? We can enter it with faith and assurance that God still has a plan for His church toward our next anniversary!

*Until He Comes,  
Pastor Chris*

## Wednesday Is Word Day In 2022

Join us as we expand our Bible and book study in the new year. Pastor Chris will offer the same study opportunity two times on Wednesdays, 11AM and 7PM. We will read and review David Jeremiah's latest book, "Where Do We Go From Here" with relevant scriptures. You can purchase your own copy of the book through the church for \$15.00 while supplies last. A purchase is not required to participate.

## Nursery Workers Needed In 2022

Jean Kiger has graciously offered to keep our nursery schedule so that those attending and/or visiting with small children can enjoy Sunday School and/or worship without worrying about their child. As this is our goal, we are in need of help in the nursery. We would like to set up 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 mornings, please contact Jean Kiger or the church office. Thank you!

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday night suppers will resume this month. The meals will take place on the second (**January 12th**) and fourth (**January 26th**) Wednesday nights of the month. Butch has placed a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you plan on being here, please sign up or let the church office know by Sunday, **January 9th**.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS MAIL.  
WE HAVE MANY CARDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP.**

## Happy New Year, NFBC Family!

This year Cheyenne and I are starting to learn Spanish ultimately for ministry and because we want to! We think learning Spanish will be an invaluable tool to reach those around us and for future opportunities. We are not doing it half-hearted though. We are paying an online teacher to give us live, private classes every day. This will not be cheap, but we plan to stick with it. I think of the Apostle Paul when he said, “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.”

Here is a brief look at our schedule for the new year:

- We are meeting at 10AM each week for **Sunday School** in the POD. If any eligible youth are interested in attending, please join us! Sunday School tends to have a longer lesson that is fairly laid back.
- We have laid back **Sunday night youth gatherings** from 6PM to 7PM every week!
- We are meeting **Wednesday at 7PM** in the POD. We have fun each week hanging out, playing games and learning more about Christ. Wednesday nights have games, videos and a shorter lesson. If any eligible youth are interested, please come by!
- The Youth will be taking our annual ski trip to **Winterplace Ski Resort** in West Virginia from Friday, **January 28th** to Sunday, **January 30th**. There will be a Super Bowl Fundraiser in February that will pay for the entire trip. However; if your student does not participate in the fundraiser, the cost will be \$150.
- **Student and Parent Remind Group** - If you are not already a part of it, we have a Remind group where we send out messages to parents and students about everything the youth is up to. It is a great way to stay in touch with us. If you'd like to be a part of our **Remind** group, please text Pastor Austin at (336) 250-3683.
- **Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** - Join us on Wednesday, **January 19th** at 6PM for a Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward the Youth. Please come out and enjoy a meal in the Fellowship Hall or pick up a to-go meal. There will be spaghetti, meatballs, salad and bread.

I'd like to say a quick word of thank you to everyone who helped with **Christmas with a Capital “C”**. It was a huge event and we've already had at least one family want to come visit our church and kid's ministry because of it. I especially wanted to recognize Cheyenne Decker, Kim Longbottom, Butch Motsinger and Kathy Holbrook for all the hard work they put into Capital “C”. What a wonderful way to serve those in need!

*With Grace and Love,  
Austin & Cheyenne Decker*

### Gideon Sunday

We will host a speaker from the Forsyth Gideon Camp on Sunday, **January 9th**. Please share a cash offering for this special ministry on that day if you are able.

### Kenya Mission Trip

Jack Hutchins is leading another team to Kenya, Africa from June 12th to June 24th. The first organizational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **January 9th** at 5PM.

## Women's Missionary Union

First, we would like to thank you for your generous donations of used and like new pocketbooks. The WMU will meet Monday, **January 10th** at 10:30AM to pack ladies pocketbooks for prodigal women or prisoners wives/mothers/sisters/girl friends of “**On Wings Like A Dove**” ministry. The On Wings Like A Dove ministry provides love and support of prodigals and prisoners. Sandra Kearns, Pastor Jim Scales daughter, is the founder and director.

We will need items found in ladies pocketbooks such as: **nail file, nail clippers, wallets, pocket size Kleenex, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, small mirror, fountain pens, notepads, devotion book, lip balm (chapstick), comb/brush, breath mints, lip gloss, sunglasses, hair clips or ties.** A donation box is outside the church secretary’s office.

### “After Hours” WMU

For those of us who can’t join the WMU ladies at their 10:30AM meeting (monthly on the 2nd Monday), we are starting an “After Hours” group that will meet at 6PM (same day and place). It is a combination of the WMU and the CARE group. Please join us for an evening of Missions Study and helping with mission projects. For our introduction meeting, a light dinner will be provided. Bring your ideas for upcoming mission projects. We hope to see you at 6PM on Monday, **January 10th** in the Fellowship Hall. **The “After Hours” WMU will also pack pocketbooks for the “On Wings Like A Dove” ministry.**

### Next Deacons’ Meeting

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, **January 23rd** at 5PM. (Max Lambeth has resigned as a deacon, due in part to health issues. Jack Hutchins has agreed to complete the two years of Max’s term.)

### End Of Year Numbers For 2021

<b>November Numbers:</b>	<b>December Numbers:</b>
Sunday School Average - 123	Sunday School Average - 110
Worship Average - 160	Worship Average - 155
General Offering Receipts - \$34,214	General Offering Receipts - \$36,417
Building Fund Receipts - \$25,209	Building Fund Receipts - \$36,875
	Debt Remaining - \$179,304

### Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Baptist Men** serve not only our church family but in the community as well. They have built ramps and provided aid where needed when called upon. In the past, the Baptist Men have had regular meetings and intend on gearing back up once COVID has run its course.

Butch Motsinger is the Chairman of this Committee. Committee Members are: Wayne Arrowood, Jack Hutchins, Jerry Shepherd and Robert Gentry.

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](mailto: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)**



