
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Ephesians 5:1-5, *“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”*

How would you describe your life before Jesus rescued you? Maybe you admit you were bound by addiction and headed for destruction. Perhaps you realize that life was hopeless and nothing you tried worked. Or maybe you think you weren't too bad, just a little mischievous and ornery. Well, God's Word says that when He found you that you were “dead in trespasses and sins.”

Not only do “dead men tell no tales,” as we learned watching Pirates of the Caribbean; dead men don't do anything! We were destined for destruction and condemned in our sin. The mercy of Jesus changed all of that. Ephesians 1:5 says that we are now adopted as His children. That is the power of the gospel!

Gospel Power is on full display for our annual Resurrection Celebration on Easter Sunday, our Spring Revival the following week, and Davidson County's Transformation 2022 the week after that. There are many opportunities over the next few weeks to introduce those that you have been praying for and ministering toward to the life-changing power of Christ, reach out with one more invitation and pray that God will make that heart alive as He grows His family.

*To God Be All Glory,
Pastor Chris*

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

366 million people live on this continent, speaking over 350 different languages. Missiologists estimate that 275 million are spiritually lost. That is 75% of the people in North America.

Over 2200 missionaries with the North American Mission Board are committed to taking the hope of the gospel to cities, small towns and college campuses through church planting and compassion ministries.

New Friendship will be collecting money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in April (you may designate your gifts to the AAEO). The national goal is \$70 million. Our local goal at New Friendship is \$2,500.

Pray For The Bride Of Christ

The church is referenced as the Bride of Christ in scripture. The Deacons are inviting you to join us on the first Sunday of the month at 8AM for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our first meeting will be Sunday, **April 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall.

Farewell Celebration For The Deckers

There will be a Farewell Celebration for Austin and Cheyenne Decker on Sunday, **April 3rd** at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Basketball Camp

Pastor Chris has over 20 years coaching experience at the middle school and high school level. He has been invited to lead a children's camp from Thursday, **April 28th** to Saturday, **April 30th** at Grace Baptist Church, 3305 Peters Creek Parkway. This will be a fun, energetic time of skill development, biblical devotions and competition for third through eighth graders. Thursday and Friday sessions are 6PM to 8PM. The Saturday session is 9AM to 11AM. The cost is \$20 per student if registered by Friday, **April 8th** (registration fee after 4/8 is \$30). See Pastor Chris with any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt For Children's Ministry

Join us Saturday, **April 9th** at 10:30AM for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are currently collecting candy. Please leave donations on the bench in the vestibule or on the benches outside of the church office.

Women's Missionary Union

The WMU and the "After Hours" WMU group will meet Monday, **April 11th** at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. We will fill gift bags for Mother's Day (all products provided). You are also asked to bring one of the following items for our church outreach project box: baby wipes, washcloths, infant or toddler towel, burp cloths, J&J shampoo, ivory bar soap, disposable diapers size three or larger.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Suppers are the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month. Meals are served at 6PM.

April 13th - Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Chips

April 27th - Shredded BBQ Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans

Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration - April 17th

Get up early and join us for each hourly celebration:

- ➔ 7AM ~ SONrise Service on the Sanctuary Porch
- ➔ 8AM ~ Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall provided by the Deacons
- ➔ 9AM ~ First Worship featuring the Celebration Choir and a message from Pastor Chris
- ➔ 10AM ~ Sunday School for all 11 of our classes
- ➔ 11AM ~ Second Worship featuring the Celebration Choir and a message from Pastor Chris

Spring Revival

Dr. Mark Harris is a long-time friend of many churches in the Winston-Salem area. He has endeared himself to us because of his love for God and His Word. Because of this love, Mark desires to see lives transformed for God's glory. We invite you to join us as Dr. Harris leads us in a time of revival and renewal Sunday, **April 24th** through Wednesday, **April 27th**. (Worship times are Sunday at 6PM, Monday through Wednesday at 7PM.). Each service will feature special music and have child care provided.

Senior Adult Spring Fling

The Senior Adult Committee is planning a Spring Fling on Tuesday, **April 26th** at 12PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our meal is being prepared by Vivian Allen. This will be a special time of laughter and fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Transformation 2022 - Gospel Above All

The gospel alone has the power to change lives. Changed lives mean broken addictions, financial peace and restored relationships. Join other churches of Davidson County the first week of May for this exciting meeting that has already been showered in prayer, planning and sacrifice.

The meetings will be at Rich Fork Baptist Church (3993 Old US Hwy 29, Thomasville, NC) and will take place Sunday, **May 1st** through Thursday, **May 5th**. We will be focusing on sharing the Gospel with those who do not yet know the hope that is within us. The event is interdenominational and all are welcome. Our desire is to invite the unreached/unchurched so that Davidson County can be won for Christ. The speaker is Ronjour Locke (Instructor of Preaching and Urban Ministry and Director for the Center for Preaching and Pastoral Leadership at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary). Join us in prayer, preparation, planning, inviting and supporting this Gospel opportunity. Let Pastor Chris know if you desire transportation.

New NFBC Project

As our community recovers from COVID, we are discovering several needs that are not being met in our churches. The most pressing need is to bridge the gap between church and family.

NFBC would like to bridge this gap by taking on a project that would involve our entire congregation. The first hurdle will be to let those who are seeking a church family know that we see them and want to help meet their needs.

Our first step in crossing this hurdle is to meet the need in a tangible way. In order to do this, we are collecting the following items: small wrapped tissue packets, gum, ink pens, small note pads, small containers of hand sanitizer, water bottles, granola bars, diapers, burp cloths, washcloths, towels, reusable bottles, neutral onesies, pacifiers, socks, etc.

Donations should be placed on the bench outside of the church office.

Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Cemetery Committee** is tasked with overseeing the upkeep, maintenance, rules and regulations of the New Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. They interact with the various funeral homes in the area to set up burials and stone placements.

Theresa Coleman, Church Clerk is the Chairperson of this Committee. Committee Members are: Greg Hart, Terry Saintsing, Charles Simpson, Jim Brooks and Randy Reid.

Welcome Newest Members

- Lonnie & Pat Crabb of Lexington
- Katie Gurley (with son Bennett) of Winston-Salem
- Don & Brenda Hale of Kernersville

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the Lifeline Shoeboxes. Wanda Reid, founder, was very appreciative of the items we donated. I'm sure they will add joy to someone in an assisted living or nursing home who do not have money to purchase these necessities.

With Sincere Christian Sympathy

- ~ To Bobby Whitehurst and family during the passing of his mother, Carolyn Whitehurst
- ~ To Adrian Foust and family during the passing of his brother, Bryant Foust

March Numbers At New Friendship:

Sunday School Average: 107
 Avg AM Worship Attendance: 155
 General Offering: \$31,390
 Building Fund: \$9,439
 Debt Remaining: \$156,900

Looking Ahead In 2022

- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, **June 12th** through Thursday, **June 16th**
- CentriFuge (Youth) - Monday, **June 20th** through Saturday, **June 25th**
- CentriKid - Monday, **July 18th** through Friday, **July 22nd**
- Youth and College Mission Trip - TBA
- Fall Revival (various speakers) - Sunday, **September 11th** through Wednesday, **September 14th**
- 195th Homecoming - Sunday, **September 18th**

Nursery Workers Needed In 2022

Jean Kiger is currently working on our nursery schedule. Sunday mornings are scheduled out but 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 Wednesday nights, please contact Jean or the church office. Thank you!

| | 9AM | 11AM |
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| 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)

