

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ❤️...

I smiled recently as someone close to me shared that they were celebrating almost three and a half years of sobriety. So many challenges in life require commitment, courage and follow through. For one it may be avoiding alcohol. For another it may be choosing purity over pornography. Still others strive to avoid gluttony or using credit cards. All require decision, dedication and diligence.

Breaking bad habits can be tough; so can establishing good habits. Did you stay on track with our Bible reading plan through the first month of 2026? If so, you've read 3% of all God's revelation in 31 days and you're ready for month 2, finishing up **Job** and reading about the lives of Abraham and Isaac in **Genesis**. (**Job 26-42, Genesis 12-26**).

I just want you to be encouraged to keep going. The website, newsletter and weekly bulletin provide the easy to read daily schedule and our worship services highlight texts along the way. We had good attendance and many said they enjoyed Pastor Rich Powell and "Walk Through The Bible" on **January 18th**.

Our theme verse is **Psalms 119:105**, "**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**" We can all use a little more light.

Stay in the Word! 📖



Love,
Pastor Chris

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, **February 1st**.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The morning WMU and "After Hours" groups will meet on Monday, **February 16th** at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. We will prep, cook, and package vegetable soup and chicken & rice soup to share with **City with Dwellings** and **The Father's Storehouse Ministries**. Soups will also be available in the freezer for shut-ins and church members going through surgery or other illnesses..

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

February Menus:

- 4th** - Chicken filet sandwiches & French Fries
 - 11th** - Spaghetti, Crunchy Romaine Salad, Garlic Bread
 - 18th** - Nancy's Busy Day Chicken(chicken and rice), Green Beans, Rolls
 - 25th** - Taco Bake, Black Bean Salsa, Shredded Lettuce
- (We are still in need of desserts!)**



PASTOR BRANDON'S YOUTH CORNER:

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Youth are having a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, **February 8th** at Brandon and Brittany's house. Contact Brandon for more details. See you there!

WINTER JAM 2026

Join the youth on Saturday, **February 14th** for Winter Jam 2026 at the Greensboro Coliseum. See Pastor Brandon for further details!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Psalm 143:14, "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."

In honor of Sanctity Sunday and our annual Baby Bottle Campaign, we will be collecting funds for Salem Pregnancy Center in Winston-Salem during **February**. Salem Pregnancy Center provides pregnancy testing, abortion education and options, ultrasound services, community shopping, parenting workshops, **Post-Abortion Recovery Program** and HOPE Academy life counseling. They depend on the contributions of engaged donors and partnering churches like New Friendship to continue this critical ministry. Baby bottles will be made available for you to fill with change, dollar bills or checks made out to Salem Pregnancy Center as you show your love for those most vulnerable.

MEN'S GAME NIGHT

Our ladies had a spectacular **Jesus & Jammies** event on Friday, January 23rd! Our guys have planned a similar game night for Saturday, **February 7th**. Come on out at 6:30PM and bring \$5 for the cost of supper and snacks. Eddie Hauser is coordinating.

WIDOWERS' VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, **February 10th** at 11:45AM We have had a very effective Widows' (Ladybug) Valentine event over the years and that is continuing. We have had several men who have lost their spouses over the last few years so 2026 will be our first annual lunch for our widowers at Golden Corral at Hanes Mall. Please let Pastor Chris know of your intent to participate.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Please join us in joyfully celebrating Charles and Susan Simpson's **60th Wedding Anniversary** on Thursday, **February 12th**. (5782 Candlewood Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27127) We are thankful for God's goodness, for their faithful commitment to each other and for their beautiful example to our family. Love, the Simpson Kids and Grandkids!

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

1 Corinthians 13:7

SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE LUNCHEON

The Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, **February 14th** at 12PM in the Fellowship Hall. We have a wonderful time planned for our Seniors and ask that you sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office as soon as possible. (You can also call the church office and have Vivian put your name on the list.) *Due to inclement weather, this event could be canceled. Look for information in the upcoming emails as well as Pastor Chris' morning devotions.*

**LADY BUG VALENTINE DINNER**

Our annual Lady Bug Valentine Dinner for our widows and single ladies sponsored by the men of NFBC is scheduled for 6PM on Monday, **February 16th** at Cagney's in Wallburg. Invitations will be mailed out to our single ladies. See Pastor Chris or any of our deacons with questions.

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

The Baptist Men are sponsoring a concealed carry class in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **February 21st**. The class will start at 8AM and end at 6PM. You must be 21 years of age to take the class. The cost is \$75 (*part of the money will be donated back to NFBC*).

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Once you have signed up, we have an information sheet available for the day of class that you can find in member pick-up beside the bulletin board. We must have at least ten people sign up to have the class. The class will be presented by Terry Hill.

DARRELL & DAWN RITCHIE IN CONCERT

Join us Sunday, **February 22nd** at 6PM for Darrell and Dawn Ritchie in concert! The Ritchies reside in South Carolina and it's been years since they were with us. You will enjoy the quality music and sincere message of Darrell and Dawn. A love offering will be received to support their ministry in churches all over the southeastern United States.

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.

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.

JANUARY NUMBERS

Our numbers are slightly skewed because we missed the 4th Sunday of January. Our attendance is slightly up over over last year (3.2% SS, 6.3% Worship) and giving would be pretty close given the short month.

| January Numbers | 2026 | 2025 |
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| Sunday School Average: | 127 | 123 |
| Avg AM Worship Attendance: | 169 | 159 |
| General Offering: | \$30,002 | \$43,219 |

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. PSALM 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. PSALM 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. PSALM 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. MATTHEW 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. GENESIS 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. ACTS 17:28 For you are my offspring. ACTS 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. JEREMIAH 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. EPHESIANS 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. PSALM 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. ACTS 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. PSALM 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. PSALM 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. PSALM 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. JOHN 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 JOHN 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 JOHN 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 JOHN 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. MATTHEW 7:11 For I am the perfect Father. MATTHEW 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. JAMES 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. MATTHEW 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. JEREMIAH 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. JEREMIAH 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. PSALM 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. ZEPHANIAH 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. JEREMIAH 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. EXODUS 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. JEREMIAH 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. JEREMIAH 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. DEUTERONOMY 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. PSALM 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. PHILIPPIANS 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. EPHESIANS 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. PSALM 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. ISAIAH 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. REVELATION 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. REVELATION 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. JOHN 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. JOHN 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. HEBREWS 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. ROMANS 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 JOHN 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. ROMANS 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 JOHN 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.

ROMANS 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. LUKE 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. EPHESIANS 3:14-15

My question is...Will you be my child? JOHN 1:12-13

I am waiting for you. LUKE 15:11-32

Love,

Almighty God

BABY BASKET NEEDS:

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| ~ SHAMPOO/BODY WASH | ~ LOTION |
| ~ SMALL HAND SANITIZER | ~ SOCKS |
| ~ MITTENS | ~ WHITE ONESIES |
| ~ SMALL SOFT TOY (SNUGGLY) | ~ BLANKETS |
| ~ HOODED TOWELS/WASHCLOTH | |

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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| ~ INSTANT POWDERED MILK | ~ CEREAL |
| ~ SPAGHETTI O'S | ~ GRAPE JELLY |
| ~ STUFFING MIX | ~ INSTANT RICE |
| ~ PANCAKE MIX | ~ PANCAKE SYRUP |
| ~ TUNA | |

Please continue to refrain from purchasing things in glass. Canned, bagged and boxed food work best. Also, please be mindful of expiration dates.

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)