
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Matthew 18:2-5, “Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”

How do you connect with the loved ones in your life? I’m assuming that if you really want to show your love to your grandson and he is crazy about cars that you would spend some time with him around a car activity. If your mom loves her flowers and you want to connect in an intimate way, a powerful communicator is flowers and floral events.

Well, if you want to connect with The Lord, I notice in His Word that He is passionate about children. He receives them ahead of others. He holds them in His arms. He props them up as an example of humility for us all. We will never be more like Jesus than when we are loving children.

How can you do more for the children of our community? Is God calling you to volunteer for Children’s Ministry at New Friendship? Is He further calling you to check into the foster or adoption programs in your local county? It’s never been more dangerous to be a child. Let’s pray for the kids of our community. Let’s provide excellent programs to lead them to Jesus. Let’s rejoice as each one turns to Him in faith.



Ladybug Valentine Dinner

For the Children,
Pastor Chris

Our deacons agreed with me in a recent meeting that one of our favorite events of the year is this meal honoring our widows and single ladies. Please let us serve you by accepting this simple invitation to an evening of good food, fellowship and fun on Tuesday, **February 21st** at 6:30PM. This year’s meal will be at Arcadia Family Restaurant, 125 Millers Creek Drive, W-S, NC 27127. The bus will leave NFBC at 6:15PM. You don’t drive at night? No problem! We would love to arrange special transportation just for you. You may RSVP your intent to the church office, 336-788-3112, by Wednesday, **February 15th**.

Associate Pastor News:

As we get into February, there are a couple of upcoming events on the youth calendar to be aware of. The first is our youth chicken wing fundraiser, which will take place on Saturday, **February 11th**. Orders can be placed by signing up on the bulletin board at church and can be picked up on the 11th from 3PM to 4PM. Many thanks to Butch Motsinger for putting this together! We will also have our Super Bowl party on Sunday, **February 12th**. Brittany and I will host this event at our home in Welcome. The address is 188 Virginia Road, Lexington. We will have plenty of food and are looking forward to a great time! We have also been enjoying our regular meetings on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We meet at 6PM on Sundays and 7PM on Wednesdays for games and Bible study. We would love to have your teen join us!

In the coming months, I'd like to use this space to highlight some of my favorite books. I am a firm believer that reading well is an invaluable way to sharpen our thinking as believers. As C.S. Lewis once wrote, "In reading great literature I become a thousand men and yet remain myself." There are many great theologians that I will never meet but whose thinking I can interact with through their books. One book that I just finished and thoroughly enjoyed was *Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global* by Andy Johnson. As someone who is called to pastoral ministry, I have, at times, wondered how I can best support the mission of God around the world. I have talked with numerous church members through my life who have asked the same question. In *Missions*, Johnson focuses on the local church and explores how pastors and laypeople alike can cultivate a heart for the nations here in our own churches, whether that means sending and supporting missionaries around the world or reaching the nations that are coming to our own city. As Pastor Chris recently preached, God's heart is for the nations. We would do well to cultivate that same heart in our own lives! I think that you will find this book interesting and edifying. As will all books that I will recommend, you can borrow this book from me, and it is short. Most people don't have time to read through a 1,000 page systematic theology, but most of us can make time to read 100 pages about missions. Let me know if you would like to read it!



For His Glory,
Pastor Brandon



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 8AM for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our next meeting will be Sunday, **February 5th**.

Girls Night Out

Do you have a need to “hang-out” with the girls? If so, then plan on joining some of the ladies from NFBC on Friday, **February 24th** for “Girls Night Out”. This event in Jamestown, NC is billed to be 2 1/2 hours of comedy, worship and encouragement filled with practical information and navigating the unknown twists and turns of life. Please call the church office at 336-788-3112 to reserve your spot. Deadline for signups is Thursday, **February 9th**. Transportation will depart at 5:45PM for the 7PM event. Tickets start at \$16. More information can be found at www.TheUnknownTour.org.

Youth Super Bowl Party

Brandon and Brittany are excited for the Youth Super Bowl Party at 6PM on **February 12th** at their house. Brandon and Brittany live at 188 Virginia Road in Lexington. There will be plenty of food and they are looking forward to a great time together!

Woman’s Missionary Union

WMU will meet Monday, **February 13th** at 10:30AM. Our February missions collection is full-size toothbrushes, toothpaste and toothbrush holders for adults and children. These will be collected through **March 12th**.

Other mission opportunities during February are:

February 11th (12PM to 3PM) - Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte. We will be packing on-line orders. A sign-up sheet is available outside the church office.

February 23rd (5:45PM to 8:30PM) Missions Rally with meal at Bethany Baptist Church, 600 Old Hollow Road, Winston-Salem. Reservations for the meal are required by **February 16th**. Contact Pat White if you have questions. There is no charge for the meal.

“After Hours” WMU

The “After Hours” WMU will be putting together Homeless Bags on Monday, **February 13th** at 6PM. Items needed are: small size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush and holders, soap and soap holders, washcloths, socks, water, small Bibles, individual boxed tuna/chicken salad, crackers, gallon and quart size Ziplock bags. Any and everyone are welcome to attend. We encourage you to be His hands and feet. **“If you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for Me.”**

~**Matthew 25:40**

Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon

Please join us Tuesday, **February 14th** at 12PM for a Valentine Luncheon sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee. Butch and his team will be preparing the meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. See Gwen Bracknell with questions.

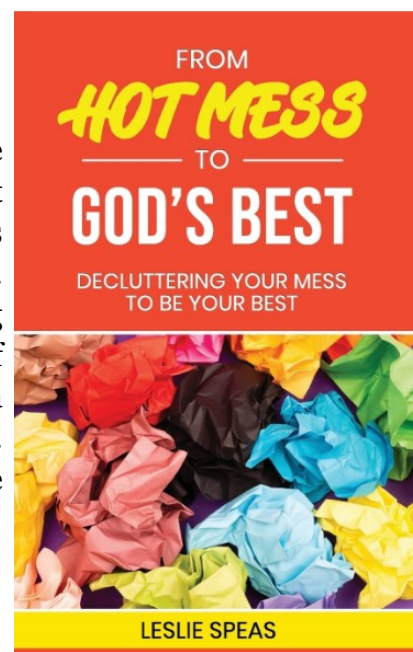
With Sincere Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- ~ Debbie Spainhour and family in the passing of her husband, Rolland, on January 18th.
- ~ the family of Bill Cook of Dobson who passed away on January 19th.
- ~ Linda Collins and family in the passing of her husband, Leroy, on January 21st.
- ~ Raenell Owens and family in the passing of her sister, Pat Johnson, on January 23rd.
- ~ Lisa Weaver and family in the passing of her uncle, Roger Mickle, on January 23rd.

NFBC Ladies Banquet

LADIES, mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 25th**. The Outreach Committee at NFBC has planned a Ladies Banquet that **NEEDS** to be shared with every woman in your life. The theme is **“From Stressed to Blessed”** based on the book by Leslie Speas. Leslie will be our keynote speaker and Brittany Parker will be bringing our special music. Plan on joining us at 6PM that evening for a time of renewal, fellowship and great food! If you are interested in hosting a table for this event, please contact Angie Mahaffey at 336-403-8641. (The tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any member of the Outreach Committee beginning Sunday, **February 5th**.)



Thank You

My girls and I would like to thank everyone who has showed us love and caring as we have journeyed through these last few months with Nancy. It was a blessing to get to spend Christmas together as a family and we are grateful that God gave us this time to make memories. We would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Chris, the cemetery committee, the bereavement committee and the office staff for making our time of celebrating Nancy's life special. It is a blessing to be a part of a church family that not only strives to walk with God but a family that actually strives to be the hands and feet of Jesus. May God richly bless us at New Friendship. Ernie Whitman

Words cannot express my appreciation to my church. So much kindness was shown to me during my accident and Covid. Thanks for the many cards, calls, FOOD AND ESPECIALLY PRAYERS. I realize how much church attendance, teaching and choir mean to me. I am very grateful to be able to participate by viewing at home...but it's not the same. Thanks again and keep praying for my full recovery. Esther Arrowood

Kitchen Guidelines

If you use the kitchen, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wash, dry and put away cooking and serving items.
- Make sure sinks are clean.
- Wipe all surfaces, including tables in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mop up all spills.
- Take all garbage to dumpster.
- Launder and return any dish towels or tablecloths used.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Holbrook at (336) 816-8333.

<p>January Numbers At New Friendship: (4 Sundays) Sunday School Average: 115 Avg AM Worship Attendance: 154 General Offering: \$25,471 Debt Remaining: \$0</p>	<p>December Income 2022 - \$89,847 December Expenses 2022 - \$52,998 December Income 2021 - \$36,417 ***** January Income 2023 - TBA January Expenses 2023 - TBA January Income 2022 - \$31,703</p>
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Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Salmon
- Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Chef Boy R Dee, Rice
- Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltine Crackers
- Green Peas, Canned Pintos, Corn
- Cereal (Individual Boxes)

Nursery Workers Needed

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/or Wednesday nights, please contact Jean Kiger or the church office. Thank you!

	9AM	11AM
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)

