

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

I am rejoicing over what God has done in our recent revival meeting and homecoming service. It was quite a joy to see our sanctuary filled and to celebrate such high quality programming. God continues to bolster our attendance and we have seen much recent promise of new guests and friends to arrive. At the same time, Youth and Children's ministries are growing. In the midst of all of this, we are devoted to keeping the main thing the main thing.

Jesus said, **"Go... and make disciples of all the nations."** (Matthew 28:19) If we are identifying all the things that churches do: *send missionaries, provide for public worship, feed the hungry, offer programs, plan events, employ staff, teach classes...* Many of these things touch or skirt around the main thing, but we must be continually reminded what the main thing is - **making disciples!**

I am blessed to be part of a local ministers group known as Impact Group 4. We try to meet monthly to lunch and learn and lately all of our talk has been about discipling and I have found it very beneficial. You see, in all the activity of ministry, it can be very easy to take your eyes off the goal and be content to work and serve without really making disciples. What do I mean? While caring for the infirm, completing capital projects, staffing programs and recruiting prospects are all important aspects of ministry; disciple-making includes focusing on new or less mature followers of Jesus and developing them into men and women who can then take their own new converts on a productive journey to service and commitment.

It's not just pastors, teachers and church officers who make disciples. You can, too. Parents especially are charged to discipline their children. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins can do this in their families. When God is blessing us with new believers and young families, don't just leave their discipleship to chance or it likely will not happen. Start an intentional Bible study in your home. Meet someone one on one to pursue holiness together. Use a common area at work before your shift or after work. Show others what it means to passionately follow Jesus.

Let's make disciples!

**LOVE,
PASTOR CHRIS**

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Go in the greek, *poreuomai*, means to travel or simply put, ***as you are going***. You do not have to prepare to go to foreign soil or across the country. You do, however, have to prepare yourself so that ***as you are going***, you are ready to share His love and light with all you come in contact with!

FUNDRAISER FOR KENYA MISSION TRIP

Linda Spiva is making and selling ***chicken pies*** for the Kenya Mission Trip. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office if you would like to purchase one. They are \$16 a piece.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NEWS:

NFBC Family,

We had a great time at the Bible Olympics at Hillside Park Baptist Church. It was great to see our teens get involved in learning the material in the weeks leading up to it and it was encouraging to see their knowledge at the event.

Looking forward, we have a great calendar of events this fall. On **October 5th**, we will be going to Alpha and Omega Corn Maze in Hamptonville, leaving after church and returning that evening. Teens will need a bagged lunch and \$5 for their ticket. We'll cover supper on the way back. On **November 2nd**, we will be going for a hike after church. Teens will also need a bagged lunch for that outing and we'll stop for pizza on our way back. Encourage your teen to invite friends on these fun outings.

In December, we have a few spots for teens to be part of our **Coats for the City** team. Spots are limited and can be reserved with a \$100 deposit. We will fly to New York City the afternoon of Friday, **December 5th** and returning the morning of Monday, **December 8th**, missing one day of school. We only have a few spots left, so please let me know if your teen is interested in being part of the team!

As a general rule, I only recommend books that are short enough to be read in a fairly short period of time. This month may be the shortest yet, as Kevin DeYoung's ***The Not-So-Secret Secret to Reaching the Next Generation*** clocks in at just 26 pages. No local church will last long if they do not effectively reach the next generation; our city is dotted with empty buildings that used to be occupied by churches who failed to do just that. DeYoung's book is not about following the latest trends or building numbers with no discipleship. Instead, DeYoung briefly unpacks how to use the Bible to engage with young people, disciple them in their faith and see them plug into church. Fair warning: all of this starts with us being willing to deepen our own walk with God, engaging with truth in a way that we never have before so that we are equipped to **engage a culture that is hungrily searching for answers**. If reaching the next generation sounds good to you and you are willing to do the hard work needed to do that, check out DeYoung's book for yourself! As always, I'm happy to loan you a copy.

FOR HIS GLORY,
PASTOR BRANDON



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The meals are \$5/person or \$15/family. Your money covers the cost of the meal (all remaining proceeds go toward missions). Our faithful stewardship is the reason we ask to have a count of those coming. There is a permanent sign up sheet and a weekly sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the welcome center. We always plan on a few extra, ***however it is always better to sign up.*** (If you would like to take a meal to a shut in or someone out sick please let us know on the weekly sign up sheet.) There is a dessert sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If everyone would donate a dessert just once that would be great (it does not have to be homemade).

OCTOBER MENUS:

1st - Chicken Pie, Slaw, Peas, Carrots

8th - Taco Bake, Black Bean Salsa, Shredded Lettuce, Chips/Queso

15th - Baked Potato & Salad Bar

22nd - Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Rolls

29th - Vegetable Soup, Chicken Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Join us at Carolina Memorial Baptist Church for the Annual Meeting of the Liberty Baptist Association on Monday, **October 6th** at 5PM for a meal and at 6:30PM for the meeting. The Reverend Tim Landreth will be preaching. The following will share Mission & Ministry Reports: Riki Cansler - FCA, Chris Allen - Southeastern Seminary, Baxter Hunt - Gideons and Steve Chipps - Toy Store.

SENIOR ADULT CONCERT OUTING

The Senior Adults will be going to Temple Baptist Church in Mount Airy on Sunday, **October 12th**. *The Hoppers* and *Joseph Habedank* will be in concert. The concert begins at 6PM and the bus will leave the church at 4:15PM. There will be a love offering taken at the concert. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU morning group will meet at 10:30AM on Monday, **October 13th** and the "after hours" group will meet at 6PM. Both groups will be in the POD. We will be assembling backpacks for the Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach. Let's share Jesus love by filling backpacks for Green Hills Elementary School and Bledsoe, KY children's Christmas!

STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Immediately following ***Haley Vaughan's Missions Update*** on Sunday, **October 19th**, we will have a time of celebration and appreciation for our NFBC staff. Any gifts you wish to share with the staff will be appropriate. Below is a list of staff and their tenure:

- Chris Byrne, Pastor, began 11/1/2000, **almost 25 years**
- Angela Cranfill, Financial Secretary, began 10/1/2003, **22 years** (retiring)
- Vivian Allen, Church Secretary, began 12/27/2009, **almost 16 years**
- Laurie Roberts, Minister of Music, began 10/16/2013, **12 years**
- Alan Morrison, Pianist, began 8/14/2022, **3+ years**
- Brandon Parker, Associate Pastor, began 10/23/2022, **3 years**

SENIOR ADULTS TO THE STATE FAIR

The Senior Adults will be taking the train to the NC State Fair on Tuesday, **October 21st**. Cost of tickets will be from \$20 to \$40 depending on when they are ordered.

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26th
5PM to 7PM

Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship as we share the Light of Christ with our Community!! Please sign up your trunk on the bulletin board outside of the church office. We need candy donations! The collection box is outside of the church office!



APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROJECT

On Saturday, **November 1st** from 9AM to 12pM, we will again be one of thirty collection sites for this year's Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpack Project. More than 24,000 backpacks are needed to be distributed across the mountains of Appalachia. If you can help, please contact Pat White (336) 816-0834.

NARROWAY CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Senior Adults will be headed to the **Narroway Dinner Show, *The Real Christmas Story*** on Saturday, **November 1st**. The bus will leave the church at 9:45AM.

WESTERN NC NEEDS

Please prayerfully consider traveling to Western North Carolina and helping with the rebuilding of homes for those who lost their homes during hurricane Helene. Teams are desperately needed at the five rebuild sites in Western NC. If only for a weekend, you are needed (*experienced or not*)! As of August 10th, 433 homes have been completed and 248 are in progress. However, there are still more than 1300 requests. More than half the cost of building is labor, but with volunteers providing the labor, NC Baptists on Mission can double or even triple the number of families that get back into their homes sooner rather than later. Let's not only receive word of the needs of others, let's continue to respond to their need and show them the love of Jesus Christ. **LET'S LIVE SENT!**

NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of:

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| ~ Canned Meat | ~ Dried Beans | |
| ~ Canned Pintos | ~ Spaghetti-Os | ~ Saltines |
| ~ Spaghetti Sauce | ~ Pasta | ~ Peanut Butter |

Please try and purchase items in boxes instead of plastic bags. The boxes are less temptation for the mice.

NEEDED FOR BABY BASKETS

We are in need of:

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| ~ Hooded Towels | ~ Bibs | ~ 0 to 3 month Onesies |
| ~ Small Hand Sanitizer | ~ Pacifiers | ~ 0 to 3 month Outfits |

We would like to thank everyone for all the wipes and diapers that were donated!

NFBC'S DESIGNATED MISSIONARIES

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has assigned us our own designated missionaries. Please pray for **Dennis & Cheryl Jones** serving in South Africa with IMB. Look for more communication to come about our partnership. The Jones family has connections in the Winston Salem area and we are honored to partner with them.

NOVEMBER AT-A GLANCE

- 11/1** - Pastor Chris Byrne (2000)
 Senior Adults to the Narrowway Christmas Show
- 11/2** - Pray for the Bride of Christ
 Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Youth on a Hiking Outing
- 11/9** - Senior Adult Potluck Luncheon
 6PM Concert with Ray Bennett
- 11/10** - Women's Missionary Union
- 11/12** - Senior Adult Committee Meeting
- 11/16** - NFBC Family Thanksgiving Meal
- 11/23** - Deacons Meeting
- 11/25** - Tuesday Thanksgiving Service
- 11/27** - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER AT-A-GLANCE

- 12/6** - Senior Adult Christmas Banquet
- 12/7** - Pray for the Bride of Christ
 Church Family Christmas Caroling
- 12/8** - Women's Missionary Union
- 12/12** - Senior Adults to Tanglewood
- 12/13** - Trailblazers' Christmas Party
- 12/14** - Children's Christmas Play
- 12/15** - Christmas With A Capital "C"
- 12/21** - Celebration Choir Christmas Cantata
- 12/23** - Candlelight Christmas Service

September Numbers	2025	2024
Sunday School Average:	127	123
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	183	169
General Offering:	\$41,556	\$61,493

Christmas with a "Capital C" and the Baptist Men's Outreach for the local homeless mission (Salvation Army) are 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)**