
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

I grew up in an era that may not be known for its patriotism. I was born in 1968. I wasn't watching the news as a child, but I've seen the movie re-enactments and heard the stories of the way our VietNam veterans were treated by many upon their return home. I may have grown up in a less patriotic era, but I was also reared in a very patriotic area of the rural Appalachians. My grandfather and at least two uncles served in the military, so did my brother and two first cousins. Actually, my brother and a cousin served an entire career and retired with distinction. The point I'm getting to (eventually) is that I was eight years old when our country celebrated its 200th anniversary. I remember those special bicentennial quarters that were produced. I still save every one I come across.

Now we mark 246 years as a country, a national experiment in a self-governing democratic republic. Not even during the Civil War were the ideologies more polarized than we see today. Every subject, every action seems to push the public to one extreme side or the other. Elections, Supreme Court decisions, natural disasters and international conflicts all seem to divide us even further.

While much that we observe makes us moan and groan, there is still much to celebrate as our nation marks its 246th birthday. Our history includes presidents and statesmen who acknowledged God's gracious hand on our founding, survival and flourishing. The first half of our existence was marked by the mustering of the greatest missionary force the world has ever known. Our military has frequently brought liberation and deliverance to oppressed peoples around the globe. And no nation has done more in world history in ministering benevolent care to the poor and underserved than the United States of America.

The Bible instructs us to respect, honor and obey our government (Romans 13:1-7). Because this government gives us a voice, we should exercise it when possible and necessary. Many believe our nation's best days are behind us. Maybe that's true. We've certainly buried many of the ones who made this country so great, but great days can still be ahead. Psalm 33:12, "***Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,...***"

God Bless Our Nation!
Pastor Chris

Wednesday's Study = The Church, The Bride Of Christ

Ekklesia is a New Testament Greek word meaning "***called out ones.***" Ecclesiology is the study of the church. Here is the question: Is the church called out of the world or is the church called out of the building into the world? Join us on Wednesdays at 11AM or 7PM as we explore what it means to be the church according to the Bible.

Sundays In First, Second And Third John

After writing his unique Gospel record, but before writing The Revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostle John wrote three New Testament epistles: 1, 2 & 3 John. John was an elderly church statesman, a pastor who had walked with Christ and even seen the empty tomb and the risen Lord. His words remind us to embrace the love of Christ and reject the lure of the world. Join us in studying these seven brief chapters over the coming weeks on Sunday Mornings at 9AM and 11AM. Please forward your questions to Pastor Chris.

Praying For The Bride Of Christ

Join us for a special called prayer time on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8AM. Next dates are ***July 3rd*** and ***August 7th.***

Coats For the City 2022

Ann Combs and Kim Longbottom will be collecting coats during the months of **July** and **August** for their upcoming mission trip to NYC in December along with other NC Baptists. Coats for the City shares the love of Jesus by providing warm coats and the gospel to residents of New York City each December. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has partnered with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association (MNYBA) in this effort for eight years. Working with churches across New York City, we desire to distribute coats along with a Bible or Jesus film in the language of every recipient. NFBC is partnering with Shalom Evangelical Church in the Bronx, pastored by Matthew Halder and his wife, Topu. A collection box will be placed outside the church office for clean, gently used coats. Please be in prayer for them as they prepare. Monetary donations for coats, the Shalom Evangelical church plant or to help offset the cost of the trip can be made through your New Friendship offering envelope. Thank you.

Children's Meals On Wednesday Nights

A Wednesday Meal will be provided for kids coming to class. The cost is \$3 (parents can also eat for \$3). You will need to text the number attending to Vikki Cook (336-577-0735) **EACH WEEK** by Monday to reserve your spot.

Attention NFBC School Teachers

Attention New Friendship School Teachers: Save Monday, **July 11th**, at either 11AM or 6:30PM on your calendar. Both WMU groups will honor you for Brunch or Dinner (whichever you can attend). Please RSVP to Pat White or Linda Spiva by Sunday, **July 3rd** if you can attend one of these times.

Kid's Bike Rodeo

Come out and show off your balance and skill on Sunday, **July 10th** in the parking lot at 6PM. There will be bicycle safety and maintenance instruction followed by a few bicycle challenges! Bring your bicycle and join us as we learn, have fun and enjoy food and fellowship. (The evening service will be a devotion with our bikers and a light supper will be served.)

Woman's Missionary Union

The WMU will be honoring our teachers in July. The morning group will meet on Monday, **July 11th**, at 10:30AM. The "After Hours" group will meet at 6:30PM. Additional information will be emailed to regular attendees.

Lifeway Student Camps

All students in Grades 3-12 are invited to camp starting **July 18th**. \$100 deposits are due. Your cost is \$250. New Friendship contributes over \$125 per student. Contact Pastor Chris at 336-918-0366 for details about CentriKid.

Kenya Mission Trip Update

Jack Hutchins is leading a team of nine back to Kenya from Sunday, **October 2nd** through Friday, **October 14th**. Members of our team from NFBC are Jack Hutchins, Sam Hursh, Linda Spiva and Deana Lyons. Jean Claude Gekeri is also going. The team will be ministering in the area of Makindu which is southeast of Nairobi. They will go into many schools and have a hut to hut ministry. They will safari on the Maasai Mara in a tented camp at the end of the trip. Please consider contributing financially toward this trip. We are also still in need of ties and scarves to give our (Kenyan) pastors and their wives as gifts. Thank you for your prayers and monetary gifts.

Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Children's Committee** is responsible for planning and carrying out various children's events throughout the year. This committee is instrumental in our outreach to children in the community. The committee consists of the Student Minister, Sharon Cook, Bradley Motsinger and Renee Russell.

Our Sincere Christian Sympathy To...

- ~ Pat Crabb, in the passing of her husband, Lonnie Crabb on June 10th.
- ~ Ted and Theresa Coleman, in the passing of his cousin, Julia Phipps on June 24th.
- ~ Pam Gates, in the passing of her Aunt Marge on June 25th.
- ~ Pat White, in the passing of her "adopted mother," Pearl Smith on June 27th.

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
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

Thanks

Thanks to all the Senior Adults who came out to our picnic on Tuesday, June 21st. We had a wonderful time. Thanks to Vivian and Mark Allen and their helpers for a real inside picnic. The food was delicious! We all enjoyed the fellowship too. For some, it was their first outing since COVID began. Thanks to the band Raincheck for some fun entertainment. It seems they are part of our church family now. The prizes were a hit also, especially the gift card for GAS. Thanks to Carolyn Smith for a touching devotion. Thanks to the Senior Committee for their hard work to get this event planned and carried out. We all had a blessed day! Thank you God for watching over us all!

New Friendship Baptist, Thank you all for the much needed prayers, the wonderful food and the kind expressions of cherished friendship during this time. We appreciate it all, more than you know. Love, the Crabb Family

Looking Ahead In 2022

- Praying for the Bride of Christ, Sunday, **August 7th** at 8AM
- Monthly Business Meeting (approval of the Nominating Committee Report), Wednesday, **August 24th** at 7PM
- Deacon Election, Sunday, **August 28th** in both AM services
- Youth and College Mission Trip - TBA
- Fall Revival (various speakers) - Sunday, **September 11th** through Wednesday, **September 14th**
- 195th Homecoming - Sunday, **September 18th**

<p>June Numbers At New Friendship: Sunday School Average: 111 Avg AM Worship Attendance: 143 General Offering: \$46,832 Building Fund: \$7,870 Debt Remaining: \$87,789</p>	<p>May Income 2022 - \$59,009 May Expenses 2022 - \$22,687 May Income 2021 - \$40,902 ***** June Income 2022 - \$46,789 June Expenses 2022 - Pending June Income 2021 - \$31,581</p>
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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 - Thursday (8AM to 12PM)

