
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

Welcome to August, the last full month of Summer! In our agricultural past, you knew it was ramp up time for the busy harvest season and the cool days of Autumn also meant that livestock would be butchered. Well, few of us are dependent on the weather for our work as in days past, but the next couple months are still a very busy season for church work.

Our **Sanctuary Remodel Committee** hears the ticking of the clock and really desires to find some common ground for all of us to move forward together. I so appreciate the work of this team as we try to position our facilities to effectively serve future generations.

The **Nominating Committee** will finalize their **2025-2026 Report** this month. There is still time for you to volunteer to serve if you act fast. A healthy, missional church is dependent upon God first, but then on the backs of its workers. It takes an army to love this community for Christ!

Deacons will be elected on **August 24th** and then delegated to families and critical committee positions. Please pray for God's wisdom as we attempt this task. And in just 60 days or so, the **Budget & Finance Committee** will begin their process for the 2026 Church Ministry Budget.

Our perfect model, the Lord Jesus, said in **John 9:4**, ***"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."***

Let's Get To Work!

**LOVE,
PASTOR CHRIS**

DEACON ELECTION

Our annual Deacon Election will take place on Sunday, **August 24th**, during the 10:30AM service. The Bible presents a clear and beautiful picture of pastors and deacons working together for the good of the church and community. New Friendship has twelve deacons serving 3-year terms. They are staggered so that four deacons rotate off each year.

Thank You to Mark Arrowood, Bobby Branch, Eddie Longbottom and David Russell as they complete their service this month. Eight other men will remain active: Alan Morrison, Butch Motsinger, Daved Roberts and Terry Saintsing until 2026; and Steve Cook, Scott Dagenhardt, Bill Gerrard and Jack Hutchins until 2027.

Please consider the biblical qualifications (**1 Timothy 3:8-13**, **Titus 1:6-9**) for those serving as deacons and pray that God will provide direction as we approach this critical ballot.

SERVENC

Our Baptist Men have identified a construction project for ServeNC. A single mom in our community needs a small porch repaired and a small deck added to the back of her home. Reach out to Pastor Chris (336-918-0366) if you'd like to be included.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NEWS:

NFBC Family,

Thanks to everyone who gave, chaperoned and prayed in support of our week of camp at Fort Caswell. We had a wonderful week! Most importantly, two teens made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and we praise the Lord for that! God also worked in specific ways in the hearts of a number of other teens in our group and it was incredibly exciting to watch throughout the week. Please pray for continued growth and that the momentum of camp would lead to consistent youth attendance and discipleship throughout the upcoming school year!

Youth will be in Covington, Virginia for Teen Week, Saturday, **July 26th** through Friday, **August 1st**. Please continue to pray for safe travels, healthy relationships within the group and spiritual impact from the nightly worship times. Teen Week is a wonderful ministry coordinated by several churches in that area, including the church where I spent nearly five years and where my brother currently serves as Music Pastor. We also look forward to being involved in ServeNC and returning to regular youth gatherings. It is always a joy to study the Word together!

Rather than make a specific book recommendation this month, I would encourage you to find books and other resources dealing with the book of Romans. As we approach the end of this series, I have been struck by how often Pastor Chris and myself have remarked on the richness of this book. While we enjoy preaching these texts, the fact of the matter is that it is difficult to delve into great detail in a weekly sermon. There is so much in the text that it is impossible to capture every facet in a single sermon! Daily Bible study provides a wonderful opportunity to dig deeper and glean more truth from the text of this wonderful book. That may be as simple as reading over part of the book several times and consulting an online commentary to learn more about what the author is saying. Matthew Henry's commentary is available online for free and has stood the test of time for a reason. It doesn't take a great deal of money to find helpful resources! As we finish Romans and look to texts elsewhere in the Bible, I would encourage you to find times to dig deeper for yourself. I have known a number of Christians who have made such a practice in their own lives and find that it produces a great impact in their own walk with God. Study hard! The text is worth it.

**FOR HIS GLORY,
PASTOR BRANDON**



SERVE NC (AUGUST 2ND-9TH)

New Friendship will again participate in ServeNC the ***first week in August*** and ***August 17th*** with other North Carolina churches. We had great success last year and plans are being made for more ways our community will see our hands and feet working together for Jesus. This is our tentative schedule:

- Saturday, ***August 2nd***, 10:30AM-12PM (Dropping off the below listed items at City Lights Ministry, 1600 Williams St.)
 - ♦ **Household Needs List:** twin bed sheets, blankets, mattresses, couches, table & chairs, TV's, washers, dryers, refrigerators (all in good condition)
 - ♦ **Baby Items List:** cribs, bassinets, baby wipes, diapers, clothing, toys, baby & toddler clothing
 - ♦ **Children & Adult Clothing All Sizes**
 - ♦ **Other Needs:** gallon size zip lock bags, grocery bags - plastic & paper

*****If pick up is needed, please contact Pat White.*****

- Monday, ***August 4th***, 10AM - 12PM (Bagging cat and dog food for Senior Services Meals on Wheels recipients)
- Tuesday, ***August 5th***, 10AM - 12PM (Assembling snack bags for school age children served by City Lights Ministry.)
- Saturday, ***August 9th***, 9AM -12PM (Building beds for City Lights and helping with their food pantry and/or clothes closet)
- Evening prayer walking around Easton Elementary and North Davidson High School (Date to be determined.)
- Sunday, ***August 17th***, 5PM (Helping with the car show and back to school kick-off)

Make plans now to be available ***August 2nd-9th*** and ***August 17th*** to spread the love of Jesus on our community and beyond! Let's make sure our community would miss us if we weren't here! Watch your bulletin or handouts for more information!

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, ***August 3rd***.

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO REPLACEMENTS, LTD

At Replacements, making and maintaining connections is foundational. Since 1981, almost 45 years, they have looked for what's missing and found what's needed, connecting the right person to the right piece at the right time. Our 500,000-square-foot, stacked-to-the-rafters warehouse is packed with potential. The finds they have faithfully saved and carefully preserved are testaments to survival and patience, now ready for another lifetime of voices, stories, laughter and love. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at Bayside Seafood Restaurant. The bus leaves at 8:45AM on Monday, ***August 11th***.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU morning group will meet at 10:30AM on Monday, ***August 11th***, to visit shut-ins. The "After Hours" group will **not** meet. All WMU ladies are encouraged to volunteer with our ServeNC activities during ***August 2nd-9th*** and ***17th***. This continues our theme on Opportunities to Serve Others. ***"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel but our lives as well."*** (1Thessalonians 2:8) Let's use our spiritual gifts by sharing with others.

ANNUAL CRUISE IN

Please plan to join us on Sunday, **August 17th** at 5PM as community members show off their cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors. Enjoy a good time of fellowship featuring fresh grilled hot dogs and an ice cream truck on site.

ANGELA CRANFILL RETIRING

After 22 years of serving faithfully as our Church Treasurer, Angela Cranfill has decided to retire. Your Personnel Committee has a job description & qualifications posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in applying for this position, please refer to the job posting for next steps!!

NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of:

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| ~ Canned Meat | ~ Dried Beans | |
| ~ Canned Pintoes | ~ 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 were honored to partner with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/26 - 8/1: Teen Week in Covington, VA

8/11 - Senior Adults to Replacement LTD

8/17 - Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Cruise In & Back To School Kick-Off (5PM)

9/21 - 198th Church Homecoming with Joyful Sound, North Greenville University

SUNDAY	EVENT	TIME
August 3rd	No PM Services	
August 10th	No PM Services	
August 17th	Cruise In & Back To School Kick-Off	5PM
August 24th	No PM Services	
August 31st	Labor Day Weekend; No PM Services	



SERVENC SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Event	Time
8/2	Saturday	Drop off needed items at City Lights Ministry 1600 Williams St. (Collecting clothing & household items)	10:30AM - 12PM
8/4	Monday	Bagging cat and dog food for Senior Services Meals on Wheels recipients (at New Friendship)	10AM - 12PM
8/5	Tuesday	Assembling Snack Bags for community school age children that City Lights Ministry supports (at New Friendship)	10AM - 12PM
8/9	Saturday	Volunteer at City Lights Ministry (Building Beds, working in food pantry or clothes closet)	9AM - 12PM
TBD	~	Evening Prayer Walk at Easton Elementary and North Davidson High School	~
TBD	~	Baptist Men Construction Project	~
8/17	Sunday	Work with Annual Cruise-In (at New Friendship)	5PM



Pray for our Teachers!
Pray for our Administrators!
Pray for our Students!
Most of all, pray that our NFBC teachers,
administrators and students shine their
light for Jesus!

July Numbers	2025	2024
Sunday School Average:	126	121
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	162	146
General Offering:	\$39,518	\$43,860

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)

