
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

Here we go again. For almost everyone, the last six weeks of the calendar year are filled with all sorts of activities. With the climactic flurry of Christmas and New Year's, 2022 is filed into history and 2023 steps out from behind the curtain. There are uncertainties with any new year. Will your health be worse or better eleven months from now? Will there be exciting new relationships formed this year? What will the economy do in the coming months? What kind of loss will we experience in the coming year? Will there be retirements from work to celebrate? Births? Weddings? Will we capitalize on a great season of momentum at New Friendship to pursue even greater things in 2023?

In a sermon on *January 8th*, I am excited to share highlights of last year and also cast a vision for New Friendship for the days ahead. The great questions to be asked are:

- Who are we?
- Where are we?
- Where are we going?

It's been exciting to see God's hand at work in hirings, blessings and ministries in 2022. The bottom line is that New Friendship is alive and well and poised to be a great influence for the gospel in 2023.

Please plan to start the New Year faithfully in discipleship, worship, service and generosity. My earnest prayer is that those who are grieving losses will be comforted and those who have battled illnesses will be healed.

To God Be The Glory!
Pastor Chris

Worship Schedule In January:

1/1 - starting the year off with a customized holiday schedule: 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:30AM Worship, No PM service

1/8 - Pastor Chris will be delivering a visionary message celebrating highlights of 2022 and looking ahead at 2023 opportunities

1/15 - Pastor Brandon will be preaching in Morning Worship

1/22 & 29 - Pastor Chris will begin a series addressing the secularism of our culture

Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

What a joy it has been for my family and I to spend our first Christmas season here at New Friendship! The fellowship with God’s people through events such as caroling was a blessing and services such as the cantata and candlelight service were such special times of worship.

Looking forward, we are excited to begin a new year of serving the Lord alongside everyone here! We have a couple of upcoming youth events that our young people will not want to miss out on. First, on Wednesday, *January 18th*, we are going to Surge Trampoline Park in Winston-Salem. We will meet for Wednesday Night Supper at 6:15PM and leave for the trampoline park at 6:45PM. We will come back at 8PM. Teens will need \$8 for admission. We are also excited for our Super Bowl Party at 6PM on *February 12th* at the Parker house. We live at 188 Virginia Road in Lexington. We will have plenty of food and are looking forward to a great time together!

As we begin a new year, many people like to make resolutions. As you think about positive changes that you would like to make in the coming year, may I invite you to join me in reading more of the Bible? Scripture tells us that it is breathed out by God (*2 Timothy 3:16*), that it is light for our path (*Psalms 119:105*), and that it sustains us in our day-to-day lives (*Matthew 4:4*). As Charles Spurgeon famously said, we should “visit many books, but live in the Bible.” This year I will be following a plan that will take me through the Bible in a year. Feel free to hold me accountable through the year! If you do not currently have a consistent Bible-reading plan, now is a wonderful time to find one. Reading just one chapter per day will take you through the New Testament in a year, and four will take you through the entire Bible! I am prayerfully hoping to be a more faithful student of the Word this year, and I would love for you to join me in that goal. Would you pray that God would help us to love His Word more? I truly believe that rich blessings will be in store for our church as we see that prayer answered.

**For His Glory,
Pastor Brandon**

<p>December Numbers At New Friendship: Sunday School Average: 125 Avg AM Worship Attendance: 151 General Offering: \$73,390 Debt Remaining: \$0</p>	<p>November Income 2022 - \$37,477 November Expenses 2022 - \$33,944 November Income 2021 - \$34,214 ***** December Income 2022 - \$73,390 December Expenses 2022 - \$TBA December Income 2021 - \$36,417</p>
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Women's Missionary Union

The morning WMU ladies will meet on Monday, *January 9th* at 10:30AM. We will discuss plans for 2023.

With Sincere Christian Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to:

- Judy Tucker and family in the passing of her husband, John on November 30th
- Gloria and Inez South and family in the passing of their husband and son, Roy on December 7th
- Gene Lookabill and family in the passing of his sister, Shirley Harden on December 23rd
- Cheryle Hawkins and family in the passing of her mother, Betty Linville on December 25th
- Ernie Whitman and family in the passing of his wife, Nancy Whitman on December 28th

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.

Looking Ahead In 2023

- **Pray For The Bride Of Christ**, Sunday, *January 1st* at 8:30AM.
- **Painting with a Friend**, Saturday, *February 4th*
- **Ladies Banquet**, Saturday, *March 25th*

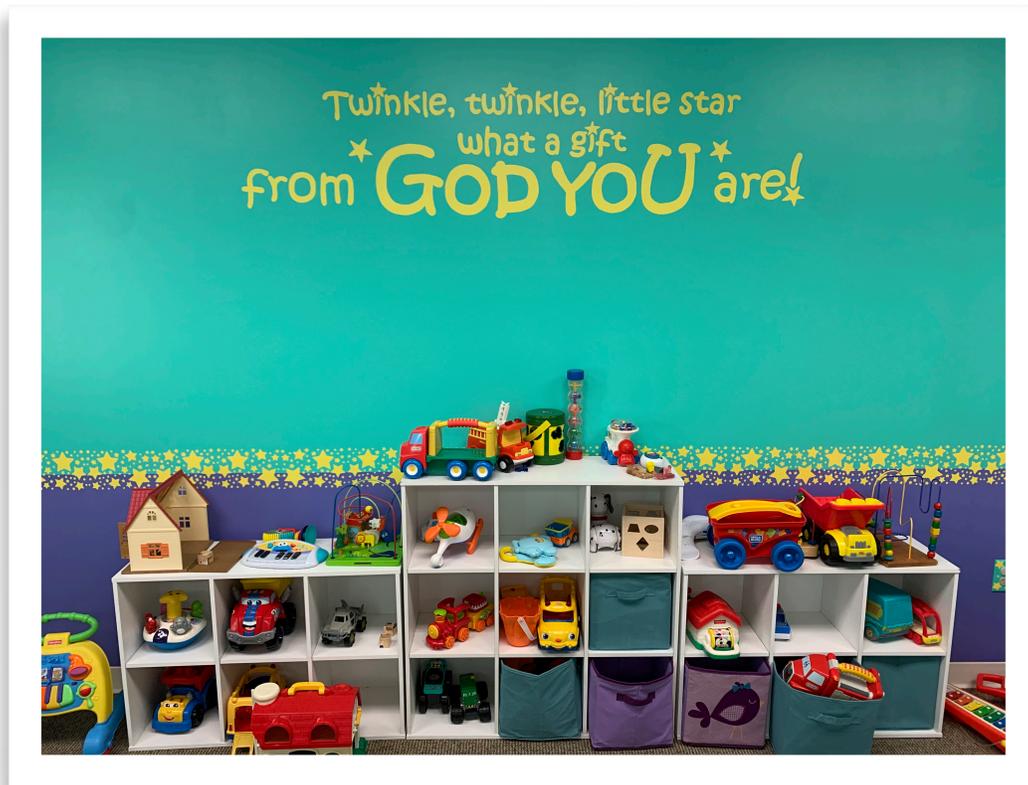
Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Chef Boy R Dee, Rice
- Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltine Crackers
- Green Beans, 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)

