

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's  ...

9 "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. 12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes." ~*Psalm 119:9-12*

By the time David reached this level of experience and maturity he was thoroughly convinced of the sufficiency of Scripture to aid God's children to live holy lives.

Many have never read God's Word all the way through, so we are embarking on a patient, intentional journey from Creation through the Eternal Kingdom.

Please join us. Daily reading assignments will appear on the monthly calendar and the weekly bulletin. Daily Facebook and YouTube devotions will feature assigned texts.

I look forward to dining on God's Word together with you!

**Love,
Pastor Chris**

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Join us as we read through God's Word chronologically together. *Our Sunday messages and Wednesday Bible studies will assist us as we go.* This journey will take us a couple years, but it will be well worth it. To put it simply, our January 2026 reading assignment is **Genesis 1-11** and **Job 1-25**.

"THRU THE BIBLE" SEMINAR

We have a special seminar planned for **January 18th**. Rich Powell will teach "**Thru The Bible**" in this one day seminar. Pastor Powell will preach in the 10:30AM worship service and everyone is welcome. A special PM presentation will round out the seminar, beginning at 5 PM. A workbook will be available for \$10 and we need you to sign up by **January 11th**.

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, **January 4th**.

BUSINESS MEETING TO APPROVE 2026 BUDGET

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, **January 4th** at 6PM to approve the 2026 budget.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Children's Committee will be meeting Sunday, **January 11th** at 4PM.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GROUP

WMU morning group and After Hours group will meet on Monday, **January 12th** at 10:30AM and 6PM. We will be making jump ropes. Please bring cotton t-shirts that you no longer need or want for us to use. These must be cut in the round, so if you precut them start at the bottom and cut two inches wide up to the armpits. Three t-shirts can make one jump rope if you're using large t-shirts. Also bring your scissors if you do not precut your t-shirts.

We will also be learning about one of the eight International Mission Board's affinity groups and enjoying tea from that region. **"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well."** 1 Thessalonians 2:8

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers in 2026 will start up on **January 7th**. January Menus:

7th - Hotdogs, French Fries

14th - Vegetable Soup, Chicken Soup, Grilled Cheese

21st - Chicken Parmesan, Broccoli Casserole, Salad, Bread

28th - Hamburger Stroganoff, Peas, Carrots, Bread

(Our first WNS for 2026 will be January 7th at 6PM! We are still in need of desserts!)

JESUS AND JAMMIES

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a night of fun and fellowship for all ladies (Youth age and up) on Friday, **January 23rd** from 6PM to 9PM. There will be soup with fixings, a hot cocoa bar and devotion time. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office by **January 11th** and receive an extra entry toward the door prize. Wear your favorite PJ's (or come as you are). Best PJ's will win a prize!

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

The Baptist Men are sponsoring a concealed carry class in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **January 24th**. The class will start at 8AM and end at 6PM. You must be 21 years of age to take the class. The cost is \$75 (*part of the money will be donated back to NFBC*).

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Once you have signed up, we have an information sheet available for the day of class that you can find in member pick-up beside the bulletin board. We must have at least ten people sign up to have the class. The class will be presented by Terry Hill.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NFBC!

199th Birthday: New Friendship turns 199 years old on **January 27th**. In recognition, we will host Dr Daniel Akin, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC in our 10:30AM service on **January 25th**. Dr Akin has been a great leader in our Convention and we are very blessed to have him.

WITH SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathy...

- ~ to the family of long-time member, Kitty Sparks.
- ~ to Darrell & Sharon Carter in the passing of his aunt, Pauline Eads.
- ~ to Roxie & Brian Reece in the passing of his mother, Evelyn Reece.
- ~ to Bobby & Lynda Whitehurst in the passing of his father, John Robert Whitehurst.
- ~ to Eli Hine, Angela, Vic & Joseph Cranfill and Stephanie, Darrell & Faith Woosley in the passing of Elizabeth Hine.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we enter the winter season, icy weather may sometimes necessitate modifying or cancelling our church schedule. Any changes will be shared as quickly as possible to local television **WXII** - Channel 12 and **WGHP** - Channel 8. It can also be found on our church Facebook page and if time allows via e-mail. You can always reach out to Pastor Chris if you are unsure.

December Numbers	2024	2025
Sunday School Average:	130	123
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	165	158
General Offering:	\$73,523	\$84,500

Christmas with a "Capital C" is 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)

