

VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

I am struck today by the notion of secondary citizenship. The Bible lays open in front of me with Sunday's text about obeying government staring me in the face. We scan the history of our great nation and we see a timeline of war for purposes like acquiring freedom as a nation, defending ourselves against attack, securing liberty for enslaved persons brought here against their will, and answering the calls for freedom around the world from those oppressed by despots and tyrants. We ought to be thankful for what God has given us in the United States of America and pray that God would bless our leaders with wisdom, virtue, courage and a passion for justice.

The Bible tells us in **Romans 13** that kings, presidents and governors are God's ministers for good. **Daniel 2:21** tells us that God removes leaders and raises up leaders. Do you know what that tells me? There's a greater kingdom than the U.S.A. and a greater citizenship. At VBS this week, I have led the children in "The Pledges." While we have honored America, we have also pledged our allegiance to the Christian faith and the Bible. One day in the eternal kingdom we won't be interested in flying our territorial flags. **Revelation 7:9-10** pictures it, "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ***"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"***

Until that day it's still okay to say, "God Bless America!"

Let freedom ring!

**LOVE,
PASTOR CHRIS**

SUNDAY	EVENT	TIME
July 6th	Independence Day Church Cook Out & Games	5PM
July 13th	No PM Services	
July 20th	Rhapsody Praise in Concert	6PM
July 27th	No PM Services	
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	

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NEWS:

NFBC Family,

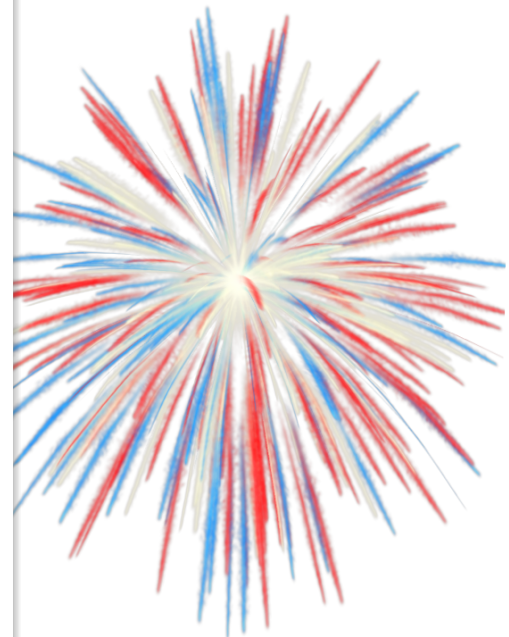
What a great week of VBS we had! It was a blessing to serve alongside so many of you. There was an energy throughout the building all week and many who put in countless hours of work before and after each night. I don't have room to list every person who helped but you know who you are and more importantly, God knows who you are! Your faithful labor this week has not gone unnoticed and will be richly rewarded by our Heavenly Father. By the time you read this, we will be at Fort Caswell for our week of camp. Pray for us!

There have been a number of answered prayers and "God things" that have allowed teens to go to camp and brought blessings that we would never have imagined. Isn't God good? Pray for receptive hearts for our teens. Our teens are at a point in their lives where they are considering their salvation and I would love nothing more than to see at least one of these precious teens come to know Christ this week. I am praying that the Word and the Spirit would produce a lasting impact and I would ask you to join me in that prayer.

I find myself drawn to short books. This month I would recommend to you ***What is a Healthy Church?*** by Mark Dever because this book is just that. There's something that I like about a book that gets to the point quickly and I like the feeling of being able to finish a book in a short timeframe. Dever is well-known for his ***Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*** and in this book he has distilled those nine marks into a very accessible read. I believe that thinking about church should not be the exclusive domain of pastors or seminary professors. We should all think about church: working out in our minds what the Bible says about church, evaluating how well we stack up and thinking through how we can align ourselves more closely with Scripture. This book will help you do just that. It is thoroughly biblical which I consider to be the main point on which a book should be evaluated and is written in plain language that everyone will understand. This is no dry academic work and there is no need for a seminary degree to understand what Dever is saying. As always, I invite you to check this book out for yourself to deepen your understanding of what the Bible says about a healthy church.



**FOR HIS GLORY,
PASTOR BRANDON**



YOUTH AT CAMP CASWELL

Please be in prayer for the youth as they head to Camp Caswell from Monday, **June 30th** to Friday, **July 4th**. We pray that God will be working in our youth's hearts to receive God's Word for His glory and their growth.

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, **July 6th**.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU and "After Hours" WMU will meet Monday, **July 14th** at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. We will be assembling shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child packing party which is Wednesday, **July 23rd** and putting together baby baskets. Let's serve with great joy!

OCC PACKING PARTY

The WMU will be hosting our annual Operation Christmas Child packing party on Wednesday, **July 23rd** from 7PM to 8PM. If you have any questions, please see Pat White or Linda Spiva.

JULY SENIOR ADULT OUTING

Join the Senior Adults on Friday, **July 25th** for an early dinner at **The Copper Pot Restaurant** and then a fun evening at the show "**Footloose**" held at **The Andy Griffith Playhouse** in Mount Airy. The show is at 7:30PM and there is a \$25 charge. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. All money is due to Cyndi by **July 15th**. The church bus will leave the church parking lot at 4PM.

SERVENC

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. Some of the opportunities available will be bagging cat and dog food for Senior Services Meals on Wheels recipients, volunteering at City Lights Ministry, assembling boxes of food and distributing them, prayer walking around an area school and 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 hand outs for more information!

NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of:

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| ~ Canned Meat | ~ Dried Beans | |
| ~ Canned Pintoes | ~ SpaghettiOs | |
| ~ Spaghetti Sauce | ~ Pasta | ~ Peanut Butter |

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

We would like to thank everyone who generously gives to this ministry and want you to know that you are serving many in need from our community!

NEEDED FOR BABY BASKETS

We are in need of:

~ 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 have them worship with us in December.

June Numbers	2025	2024
Sunday School Average:	129	130
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	173	167
General Offering:	\$54,436	\$56,624

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)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

7/27 - 8/2: 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