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# VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

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## NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”**

The very definition of “gospel” is “good news!” Three months ago we celebrated Christ’s incarnation. That is part of the good news, but it is incomplete. To say that He “died for our sins” (v3) is certainly central and critical to our message, but it is not enough. Of course He was buried. Every hero that dies must be buried, but vs.4 tells us that **“He rose again the third day!”**

What a glorious victory Jesus brought by rising from the grave: victory over death, victory over the devil and victory over sin. As I write these lines I want to put an exclamation point after every sentence. (but I resist)

Verses 1 & 2 tell us how the church is to grow through the gospel:

1. Initially the gospel must be preached
2. The gospel must also be received
3. We stand on the gospel as our faith is built
4. The gospel is the essence of our salvation
5. We cling to the gospel as we minister under Christ

Join us on April 20th, Resurrection Sunday, as we celebration the Gospel and the Risen Savior!

**LOVE,  
PASTOR CHRIS**

### JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

As the calendar turns to April, our pastors will begin preaching through the 2nd half of Romans verse by verse. God has added to our membership, souls have been saved and worship attendance has increased during this wonderful study.

#### RESURRECTION 2025!

Plan now how you will celebrate the Risen Savior this year (Sunday, **April 20th**).

\*6:30AM - Sunrise Service

\*7:30AM - Breakfast prepared by our Deacons

\*9:15AM - Sunday School

\*10:30AM - Worship with NFBC Celebration Choir

**“HE IS NOT HERE; HE IS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID! COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.”**

**MATTHEW 28:6**

## Associate Pastor News:

NFBC Family,

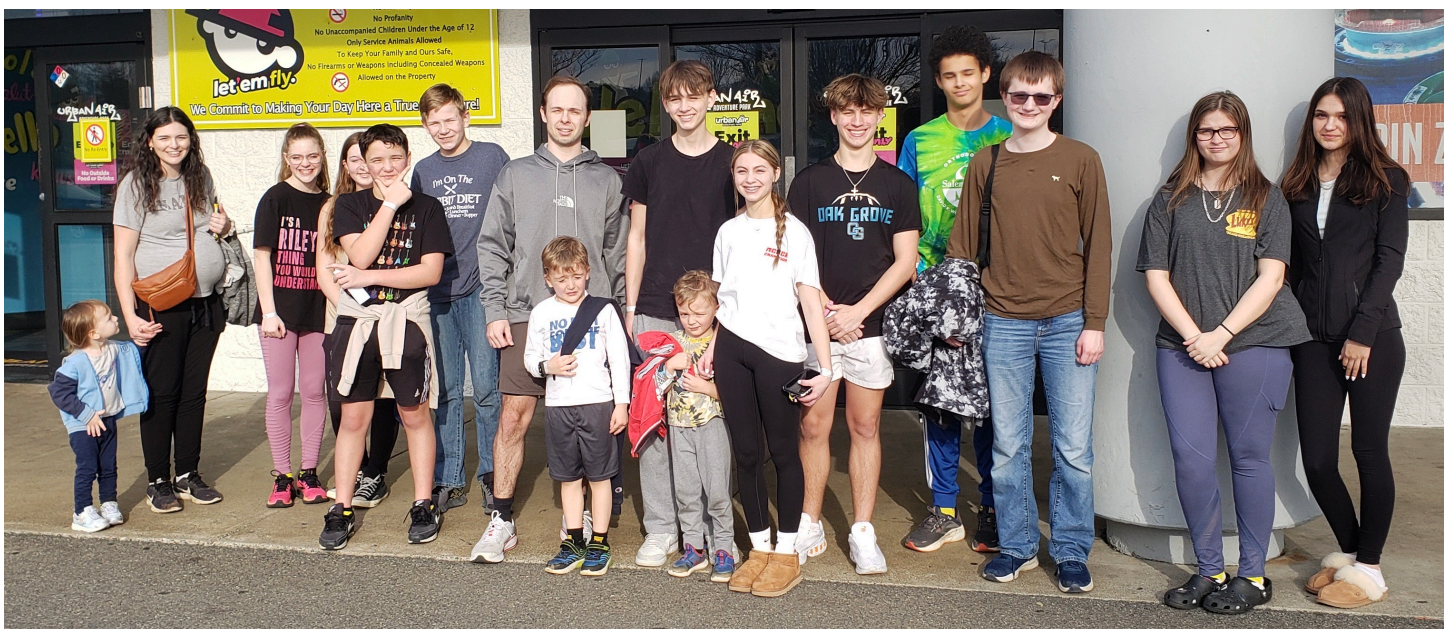
We had a great month of student ministry in March, highlighted by our trip to the trampoline park. It was a blessing to see several of our teens bring their friends! Teens inviting teens is the best way to grow our student ministry. I always love to see our teens do just that. We are currently studying the topic of anthropology, meaning what the Bible says about us: who we are, how God made us, why we are here, and where we are headed. This series has produced some great discussion so far and I am excited to continue with this topic into April.

Looking forward, on **April 6th** we will have a movie night in the pod from 6PM to 8PM. We'll provide pizza, popcorn, and drinks. Teens are welcome to bring a favorite candy to share!

**April 27th** is our deadline to register for summer camp at Fort Caswell. Teens are welcome to invite friends! The cost to attend is \$100, and scholarships are available. Please let me know if your teen plans to attend!

This month's book recommendation is ***The Doctrines that Divide*** by Erwin Lutzer. There are a number of doctrines that, for one reason or another, have tended to be particularly controversial in recent church history. Such debates ignite fierce passion in those who argue for one position or another and yet, many people do not have much understanding of these issues. The combination of much emotion and little knowledge is not a productive one! In this book, Lutzer takes a balanced look at many of these areas of controversy, examining them not from a position of wild emotion but with a calm and down-to-earth manner that is quite helpful. I was required to read this book during my pastoral internship, which took place between my junior and senior years of college. Through three years of Bible college, I had been inundated with piles of doctrine and theological terms that I was able to regurgitate but did not really understand. The wise pastor that I interned under required me to read many books that put these concepts in simpler terms, and this was one of them. I found it to be quite helpful in my life and you will find it helpful to you as well. Let me know if you would like to borrow this book!

FOR HIS GLORY,  
PASTOR BRANDON



### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Annie Armstrong Annual Church-wide Easter Offering will be received in April. Our church goal is \$5,000. Let's be generous in our support of North American Missions just as Annie was unstoppable in her passion for missions. Annie devoted her life to Christ which led her to a life of service and leadership. She rallied support for missionaries and was recognized as a National Southern Baptist trailblazer for visionary missions and leadership.

To date, over \$2 billion has been given by churches through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in support of North American Missions. ALL gifts - **100%** - support thousands of missionaries such as the six families we prayed for during March and other compassion ministries across the US and Canada. Give generously!

### THE LEFEVRE QUARTET IN SALISBURY

Join us Thursday, **April 3rd** as we head to Salisbury to hear the LeFevre Quartet at First Baptist Church Salisbury. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6PM. The concert starts at 7PM. Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and make sure you sign up.

### 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, **April 6th**.

### CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to our Palm Sunday Celebration on Sunday, **April 13th** along with their parents/guardians and siblings. We'll meet following worship for a meal, family art activity and egg hunt. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office by Sunday, **April 6th**. Contact Carla Arrowood with any questions.

### BAPTISM CLASS IN SANCTUARY

Jesus spoke in **Matthew 28:19**, "***Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,***" Baptism is not a recommendation, it is a command; and any honest examination of the text will convince you that immersion is the only legitimate "baptism." Do you have questions? Join Pastor Chris on Sunday, **April 6th** at 5PM on the front pew of the sanctuary for an information overview.

### LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Make plans to join us on Monday, **April 7th** for the Spring Meeting at Faith Baptist Church in Denton. Refreshments will be served at 5:30PM followed by the Meeting & Worship at 6:30PM. Rev. Freddie Moretz of Faith Baptist will bring the message. Our bus will leave at 4:30PM.

### DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING (NC BAPTIST ON MISSION)

When a natural disaster hits, do you ever wonder what you can do to help? Do you wish you could deploy with NC Baptists and help those in need and show God's love? There will be two local days of Disaster Relief Training on Saturday, **April 12th** at First Baptist Church in Clemmons and Saturday, **April 26th** in Elkin from 8:30AM to 3PM. The cost is \$40 per person (***Scholarships are available***). Let's get as many NFBC people certified as we can so that we can be a part of rebuilding WNC with other NC Baptists! For more information on these events, contact Pat White, Linda Spiva or Sandra Hall. (Training is good for 3 years and more information can be found at [www.baptistonmission.com](http://www.baptistonmission.com))

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!****2025 Ladies Banquet**

Calling **ALL** Ladies of NFBC....

It's time to show off your decorating skills...

Host a table of 6-8 ladies while sharing

**HIS** love with others...

Tickets are \$10.00 each...

See Angie Mahaffey to reserve your spot now.  
(bandmom19@yahoo.com) or (336-403-8641)

Saturday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner 6PM

Guest Speaker: **Jennifer Ziglar Smitherman**

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**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

Join us Monday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30AM. The WMU will make Easter Baskets for 12 children (ages 3-13), currently residing in the Family Services domestic violence shelter. Then, the "after hours" WMU will meet at 6PM to make up 12 Mother's Day gift bags for the ladies that currently reside in the Family Services domestic violence shelter.

**THE 4TH CROSS**

The Senior Adults will be taking a trip to the Narrowway Theater in Fort Mill, SC on Saturday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>** to see the play "**The 4th Cross**". The bus will leave our church parking lot at 9:45AM. The cost is \$53 per person which includes the play and lunch. We will have an optional stop afterwards at the Whoopie Pie Ice Cream Parlor. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Fees will need to be given to Cyndi by **March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Several members have had friends tell them that this has been the best play that they have seen...so don't miss out!

**NEEDED FOR BABY BASKETS**

We are in need of:

- ~Size 1 diapers
- ~Size 2 diapers
- ~Wipes
- ~Baby wash/shampoo
- ~Bibs
- ~Hooded towels
- ~Hand sanitizer

**NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY**

We are in need of:

- ~Cereal
- ~Pancake Mix (water added only)
- ~Syrup
- ~Crackers
- ~Cookies (boxes)
- ~Dish Soap
- ~Rice
- ~Instant Potatoes (boxes)

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

**HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT IN DURHAM**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Saturday - Join us Saturday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** as we take a trip to hear Hope Arrowood's Handbell Choir at Duke Memorial in downtown Durham, NC. The bus will leave the church at 2PM. We will stop for dinner after the concert. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office.



**READY FOR SUMMER**

Spring has sprung and Summer will be upon us soon.

Mark your calendar for these awesome events:

**6/16 - 20:** Children at CentriKid in Lynchburg, VA

**6/22 - 26:** Vacation Bible School

**6/30 - 7/4:** Teen Camp at Fort Caswell

**7/27 - 8/2:** Teen Week in Covington, VA

We will be dropping in some other church-wide events as we get closer to the season.

**NFBC'S DESIGNATED MISSIONARIES**

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has assigned us our own designated missionaries. Please pray for **Don & 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.

**MISSION TRIP GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

Again this year, Haley Vaughan will be traveling with CVM - Christian Veterinary Mission. Actually she will be part of two trips: **March to Alaska** and **July to Arizona**. Both trips are endorsed by the church and we have already made a donation, but you are encouraged to support these trips personally and to pray that God will bless the team and use them to impact these communities for His glory.

**See online giving instructions below:**

1. Visit the following website: [www.cm.org](http://www.cm.org)
2. Find the tab at the top of the website that says "Give" and click "Short-Term Volunteers" in the dropdown list.
3. Search "North Carolina State Students" in the search bar.
4. Find where it says "North Carolina State Students" and type the amount you would like to donate where it says "\$ Amount."
5. Press "Give" and enter payment information.
6. Click "+ Add details for or instructions for your donation and/or payment" and type Haley Vaughan.

<u>March Numbers</u>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Sunday School Average:	124	136
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	167	172
General Offering:	\$63,949	\$48,809

**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](mailto: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 **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday - Friday (8AM to 1PM)**

