
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

The city of Thessalonica in modern day Greece still exists today. The Apostle Paul preached the gospel and planted a church there in Acts 17. It was a ministry filled with outside opposition which should not alarm, surprise or discourage us. When the devil has had a stranglehold on a community for years, decades or even centuries he does not yield that back to God's glory easily.

In spite of the problems outside of the church, the language of the 1 Thessalonians epistle lets us know that the Christian community there shared a sweet fellowship and love. In 1 Thessalonians 1:3 Paul affirms their ***“work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope...”***. In 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, he recognizes their care for one another, ***“But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren...”***

What produced this sweet affection within the Christian community? Certainly the presence of the Spirit will do that, but even more, what about the godly leadership and ministry they had witnessed in Paul and Silas? 1 Thessalonians 2:7 reads, ***“But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.”*** Don't you love that image? The missionary pastors loved on the new believers like a new mother loves on her new baby! That's a powerful picture for every church leader, pastor, deacon, and teacher to copy.

I can hardly read the word “mother” without thinking of my own. Everyone doesn't have a mother still with them. Some don't have a mother who exhibited these qualities of Paul and Silas, like many of your mothers and mine: unselfish, unassuming, generous, quick to serve, compassionate, affectionate, knowledgeable about God and desirous to impart that knowledge to her children. On and on the accolades could go, but in this month of Mothers Day, I pray you can remember yours fondly if she is gone or love her fiercely if she is not.

Thanking God for gentle mothers who nursed and cherished us,

*Love,
Pastor Chris*

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 8AM for a focused time of prayer for our church. Our upcoming meetings will be ***May 1st*** and ***June 5th***. Contact Steve Cook with questions.

“A mother understands what a child does not say.”
~Jewish Proverb

Transformation 2022 - Gospel Above All

The gospel alone has the power to change lives. Changed lives mean broken addictions, financial peace and restored relationships. Join other churches of Davidson County the first week of May for this exciting meeting that has already been showered in prayer, planning and sacrifice. The meetings will be at Rich Fork Baptist Church (3993 Old US Hwy 29, Thomasville, NC) and will take place Sunday, **May 1st** through Thursday, **May 5th** at 7PM. We will be focusing on sharing the Gospel with those who do not yet know the hope that is within us. The event is interdenominational and all are welcome. Our desire is to invite the unreached/unchurched so that Davidson County can be won for Christ. The speaker is Ronjour Locke (Instructor of Preaching and Urban Ministry and Director for the Center for Preaching and Pastoral Leadership at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary). Let Pastor Chris know if you desire transportation.

Women's Missionary Union

The WMU's morning and "After Hours" groups will meet on Monday, **May 9th** at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. Although it will be after Mother's Day, our theme will be Mothers of the Bible and a Mother's Day Game. We look forward to sharing and discussing Mothers.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Suppers are the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month. Meals are served at 6PM.

May 11th - Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Biscuits

May 25th - Pork Tenderloin, Apples, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Sister Schubert Rolls

Summer Camp Deposits Due

Lifeway Camps for our students this Summer include CentriKid at Gardner Webb University (Monday, **July 18th** through Friday, **July 22nd** for Grades 3rd-6th) and Centrifuge at North Greenville University (Monday, **June 20th** through Saturday, **June 25th** for Grades 7th-12th). Cost per camp week is \$250 with a \$100 deposit which is due no later than Sunday, **May 15th**. See Pastor Chris for more information or to register your student.

Kenya Mission Trip

I am planning a mission trip back to Kenya from Sunday, **October 2nd** through Friday, **October 14th**. We will be ministering in the area of Makindu which is southeast of Nairobi. We will go into many schools and have a hut to hut ministry. We will safari on the Maasai Mara in a tented camp at the end of our trip. Our first organizational meeting will be on Sunday, **May 15th** at 4PM in the Fellowship Hall. In His Service, Jack Hutchins

Senior Adults To Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre

The Senior Adults will be headed to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre to see the production, "Sensational 70s" on Thursday, **May 26th**. Lunch begins at 12PM, the show will start at 1:30PM. The bus will leave the church at 9:30AM. If you have reserved a ticket and have not paid, please see Gwen Bracknell as soon as possible.

Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Hospitality Committee** is a blessing as they minister for special occasions, special recognitions and holidays. They provide meals, refreshments and special times of fellowship for the church family.

Darrell Woosley is the Chairman of this Committee. Committee Members are: Wayne Arrowood, Gwen Bracknell, Paul Hawkins, Jennifer Hill, James & Kathy Holbrook, Emma Hursh, Imo Plemmons and Bill Smith.

With Sincere Christian Sympathy

~ to the Family of Carolyn Whitehurst who passed away March 18th

~ to the Family of Vickie Schenck who passed away April 11th

~ to the Family of Ted Moore who passed away April 13th

~ to the Family of Bonnie Cason who passed away April 14th

"Mother is one to whom you hurry when you are troubled."

~ Emily Dickinson

Nursery Workers Needed In 2022

Jean Kiger is currently working on our nursery schedule. Sunday mornings are scheduled out but 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 Wednesday nights, please contact Jean 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

Looking Ahead In 2022

- Graduation Recognition - Sunday, **June 5th**
- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, **June 12th** through Thursday, **June 16th**
- CentriFuge (Youth) - Monday, **June 20th** through Saturday, **June 25th**
- CentriKid - Monday, **July 18th** through Friday, **July 22nd**
- Youth and College Mission Trip - TBA
- Fall Revival (various speakers) - Sunday, **September 11th** through Wednesday, **September 14th**
- 195th Homecoming - Sunday, **September 18th**

April Numbers At New Friendship:

Sunday School Average: 108

Avg AM Worship Attendance: 163

General Offering: \$31,992

Building Fund: \$8,923

Debt Remaining: \$149,900

Ongoing NFBC Project

As our community recovers from COVID, we are discovering several needs that are not being met in our churches. The most pressing need is to bridge the gap between church and family. NFBC would like to bridge this gap by taking on a project that would involve our entire congregation. The first hurdle will be to let those who are seeking a church family know that we see them and want to help meet their needs. Our first step in crossing this hurdle is to meet the need in a tangible way. In order to do this, we are collecting the following items: small wrapped tissue packets, gum, ink pens, small note pads, small containers of hand sanitizer, water bottles, granola bars, diapers, burp cloths, washcloths, towels, reusable bottles, neutral onesies, pacifiers, socks, etc. Donations should be placed on the bench outside of the church office.

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)

