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# VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

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## New Friendship Baptist Church

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### From the Pastor's ...

Ephesians 6:1-3, ***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”***

These three simple verses have application to almost every single one of us and they hold special significance during these six weeks from Mothers Day through Fathers Day. The vast majority of us are mothers and fathers. Nearly all of us have had a relationship with our mothers and fathers. Many, many of those relationships have been positive and rewarding, with few exceptions.

Here in this text, Apostle Paul reminds us of the 5th Commandment to “Honor our parents.” He further admonishes us that obedience to them is a significant part of honoring them. Mom and Dad have more experience than we. Typically they have more wisdom. Seek their guidance. Follow their direction.

Verse 3 reminds us that this is the lone commandment with a promise. Long life and blessing follow those who obey this precept. That should be a general guarantee and not a universal guarantee. It is possible, in God’s sovereignty, that a person who honors their parents could have their life shortened in some way, but the general promise applies.

May God grant you peace this Fathers Day, surrounded by those you love; and regardless of the status and performance of your earthly father, be thankful for a Heavenly Father who meets our every need. Happy Fathers Day!

*God Bless You!  
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 Sunday, **June 5th** and Sunday, **July 3rd**. Contact Steve Cook with questions.

*“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”*

*~ Billy Graham*

*“Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself.”*

*~ Charles Spurgeon*

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! Sunday, **June 5th** is set aside as the day to honor our graduates. Please get details of your degree or diploma to the church office so we can reflect that accurately. High School graduates may have a round table in the Fellowship Hall to decorate with their life memorabilia. College graduates may supply a framed 8 1/2 x 11 print to display. High School graduates will receive a gift from the church in the worship service. Please plan to wear your cap and gown and let the church office know which service(s) you will attend: 9AM, 11AM or 6PM. A meal will follow the PM service in the Fellowship Hall for everyone in attendance.

### **Our current graduate list includes:**

- Luke Arrowood - Arrowood Academy
- Samuel Cartrette - Oak Grove High School
- Derek Noah - Oak Grove High School
- Jonah Reedy - Union Grove Christian School
- Faith Woosley, High Point Christian Academy
- Haley Cook, B.S. Animal Science, Spanish Minor, Certificate in Global Perspectives, NC State University
- Jordan Hart, B.A. Psychology, Sociology & Biology Minor, UNC - Greensboro
- Holly Hoover, B.A. Elementary Education, Catawba College
- Harrison Vaughn, B.A. Biblical Studies, Education Minor, Carolina University

### **Woman's Missionary Union**

The WMU morning group will meet on Monday, **June 6th**, at 10:30AM. Please note the date change because of VBS. The "After Hours" group will NOT meet in June. Additional information will be emailed to regular attendees.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Join us for Vacation Bible School from Sunday, **June 12th** through Wednesday, **June 15th** from 6:15PM to 8:30PM. We encourage you to pray, volunteer to help and bring your friends and neighbors!

### **Senior Adult Picnic Luncheon**

The Senior Adult Committee is planning a "picnic" luncheon on Tuesday, **June 21st** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Vivian and Mark Allen will be preparing hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings. Please bring an item or two for our food pantry. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please sign up so Vivian and Mark will know how much food to purchase. Contact Gwen Bracknell at 336-972-2164 with questions. We are looking forward to our time together!

### **Attention NFBC School Teachers**

Attention New Friendship School Teachers: Save Monday, **July 11th**, at either 11AM or 6:30PM on your calendar. Both WMU groups will honor you for Brunch or Dinner (whichever you can attend). Please RSVP to Pat White or Linda Spiva by Sunday, **July 3rd** if you can attend one of these times.

### **Lifeway Student Camps**

All students in Grades 3-12 are invited to camp starting **July 18th**. \$100 deposits are due. Total cost is \$250. New Friendship contributes over \$125 per student. Contact Pastor Chris for details about CentriKid and CentriFuge, 336-918-0366.

### Kid's Bible Rodeo

Come out and show off your balance and skill on Sunday, **July 10th** in the parking lot at 6PM.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Great-Grandmother Pat Addertion! Brooks Gray Lawson was born on May 4th. He weighed 8 pounds and was 22 inches long. (Gray is Bob's middle name.) Mother and baby are doing well.

### With Sincere Christian Sympathy

- ~ to Gwen Bracknell in the passing of her sister, Lois Davis on 4/26.
- ~ to Hubert McBride in the passing of his mother, Kate McBride on 5/2.
- ~ to Ruby Embler in the passing of her sister, Ann Winstead on 5/3.
- ~ to the Margaretha Shelton family. She passed away on 5/13.
- ~ to Pam Holton in the passing of her sister, Tina Cromer on 5/13.
- ~to Dwayne Hines in the passing of his brother, Rick Hines on 5/15.

### Welcome New Member

Welcome New Member: Conan Good of Lexington, uniting with us by statement of faith, awaiting baptism on May 15, 2022.

### Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Nominating Committee** is responsible for making sure that all positions on our various committees are filled and ready for the church year (August to July). This entails keeping up with the number of years that each member has served and who is rotating off of a committee versus who is remaining. They are also responsible for educating church members as to the responsibilities of each committee so that duties are clear and concise.

The *Church Clerk*, Theresa Coleman is the Chairman of this Committee. Committee Members are: the *Pastor* (Chris Byrne), the *Student Minister*, the *Sunday School Director* (Bobby Whitehurst), the *Deacon Chair* (Steve Cook), the *Baptist Men Chair* (Butch Motsinger), the *WMU Director* (Pat White/Linda Spiva) and Carla Arrowood.

### 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
<b>1st Sunday</b>	Jean Kiger	Linda Cantrell
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	Rodney & Katrina Darr	Morgan Akins & Makayla Motsinger
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	Jean Kiger	Vikki Cook
<b>4th Sunday</b>	Julie & Greg Hart	Krystal Byrne
<b>5th Sunday</b>	Rodney & Katrina Darr	Linda Spiva

### Looking Ahead In 2022

- Youth and College Mission Trip - TBA
- Fall Revival (various speakers) - Sunday, **September 11th** through Wednesday, **September 14th**
- 195th Homecoming - Sunday, **September 18th**

### May Numbers At New Friendship:

Sunday School Average: 111

Avg AM Worship Attendance: 157

General Offering: \$59,009

Building Fund: \$5,850

Debt Remaining: \$97,000

### 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.

*My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.*  
~ Jim Valvano

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 12PM)**

