
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From the Pastor's ...

March is known for the wind that controls the transition of our weather from winter to spring. It is said that the month “blows in like a lion and out like a lamb.” Apparently that line comes from an 18th century Pennsylvania proverb, but it does accurately describe this month.

As we consider one of the windiest months of the year, I want to remind you that the Bible frequently mentions the wind (122 times). It's often a sign of God's power, sometimes carrying God's judgment or His blessing. Genesis 8:1 says that God sent a wind to help dry the earth as the Great Flood receded.

Proverbs 27:16 says that restraining a contentious woman is like *capturing the wind*. Ecclesiastes says that all of those things that don't satisfy us are like *grasping the wind*.

As a point of focus today, John 3 reads, 7, **“Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”** Salvation is the most wonderful of God's many gifts, but some people are guilty of treating this precious miracle like a curious teen boy may treat his motorcycle, go-cart or laptop. He wants to take it apart, understand every component and know it thoroughly inside and out.

Jesus asked His followers how much they understood about the wind. Likewise, we may experience salvation by God's grace without knowing everything about it. Truly, how much can we fully discern about the conversion of a carnal heart and adoption into the heavenly family?

Thank the Lord for the wind of His grace that blows upon us.

*Through His Grace,
Pastor Chris*

January and February (3 weeks) Numbers at New Friendship

	January	February (3 weeks)
Sunday School Average	104	109
Worship Average	127	145
General Offering	\$31,703	\$24,288
Building Fund	\$6,135	\$4,075

Parents and Church Members!

The summer is quickly approaching with camps, mission trips, VBS, and more! Today's newsletter is going to give you a glimpse into those dates for this coming summer. I'd like to encourage everyone to mention camp and the mission trip to your teenager or to a teenager you know. These can be complete life-changing weeks for teens.

Here is a brief look at our schedule:

- We are meeting at 10AM each week for **Sunday School** in the POD. If any eligible youth are interested in attending, please join us! Sunday School tends to have a longer lesson that is fairly laid back.
- We have informal **Sunday night youth gatherings** from 6PM to 7PM every week.
- We are meeting **Wednesday at 7PM** in the POD. We have fun each week hanging out, playing games and learning more about Christ. Wednesday nights have games, videos and a shorter lesson. If any eligible youth are interested, please come by!
- The Youth will be taking our annual ski trip to **Winterplace Ski Resort** in West Virginia from Friday, **March 4th** to Sunday, **March 6th**. See Pastor Austin with questions.

I'm very excited about the upcoming summer schedule (*see below*). There are more details right around the corner with prices, fundraisers, and more. I hope that our church can be in prayer for our Student Ministry. COVID has only escalated many of them losing their way, and they need to find a sure foundation in the God of scriptures before anything else. They are being pulled in a million different directions, and so much of our part is simply to pray for them and give back what we can.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” -Proverbs 22:6

*With Love,
Cheyenne and Austin Decker*

Looking Ahead In 2022

- Easter Egg Hunt for Children's Ministry - Saturday, **April 9th**
- Resurrection Sunday - **April 17th**
- Spring Revival with Pastor Mark Harris - Sunday, **April 24th** through Wednesday, **April 27th**
- Basketball Camp - Thursday, **April 28th** through Saturday, **April 30th**
- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, **June 12th** through Friday, **June 17th**
- CentriFuge (Youth) - Monday, **June 20th** through Friday, **June 24th**
- CentriKid - Monday, **July 11th** through Thursday, **July 14th**
- Youth and College Mission Trip - Monday, **July 25th** through Friday, **July 29th**
- Fall Revival (various speakers) - Sunday, **September 11th** through Wednesday, **September 14th**
- 195th Homecoming - Sunday, **September 18th**

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday Night Suppers will take place on the second (**March 9th**) and fourth (**March 23rd**) Wednesday nights of the month. The menus are as follows:

- **March 9th** - Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread
- **March 23rd** - Cheesy Chicken, Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls

WMU

The morning WMU as well as the "After Hours" WMU will meet on Monday, **March 14th**, at 10:30AM and 6PM respectively. They will continue collecting personal care items for **Lifeline Shoeboxes** thru **March 14th**. We appreciate Wanda Reid, Founder of **Lifeline Shoeboxes**, doing a Zoom presentation for us on February 21st.

Both March 14th meetings will be working meetings for our "**Girls Around the World Project**". We will be cutting out patterns so bring your favorite fabric/sewing scissors. Finished products will be available for review. Instructions and kits will be available to take home to complete.

Senior Adults To Myrtle Beach

The Senior Adults will be going to Myrtle Beach with Yadkin Tours again this year. We will leave Thursday, **November 10th** and return Saturday, **November 12th**. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Seats are limited so please sign up as soon as possible. A \$100 deposit is due by Tuesday, **March 15th** and should be given to Gwen Bracknell (make checks payable to Yadkin Tours). More details will follow at a later date or you may see Gwen if you have questions.

LBA Senior Adult Spring Banquet

Join the Senior Adults from the Liberty Baptist Association for a banquet on Thursday, **March 31st** at Reeds Baptist Church. The special guest will be Rachelle Denny, an uplifting and encouraging musician, with a heart for the Lord. The banquet is free to all Senior Adults. The church bus will leave at 10:30AM. Doors will open at 11AM and lunch will be served at 11:30AM. The menu will be barbecue, slaw, baked beans and chips. The Reeds' ladies will be providing delicious homemade desserts. Pastor Chris will need to know if you plan on attending by Monday, **March 21st** (a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office).

Transformation 2022

We are at a crossroads in our country as well as in our faith. What is New Friendship prepared to do to help spread the Gospel in our community? Pastors from like-minded churches have planned an event that will be targeting Davidson County. The event, Transformation 2022 - Gospel Above All, will be at Rich Forks Baptist Church and will take place Sunday, **May 1st** through Thursday, **May 5th**. 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). Join us in prayer, preparation, planning, inviting and supporting this Gospel opportunity.

Senior Adult Encouragement

Seniors, it's almost Spring and the weather is warming up. Soon, we will be able to get out more and enjoy getting together for some delicious food, fun and fellowship. The Senior Adult Committee met on Tuesday, February 22nd to plan some events for us. Please check upcoming Newsletters and Bulletins for outings we have planned. We will post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board prior to each event. Praying everyone is well and healthy...seems we have been cooped up for too long. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our events. In Love of Christ, Gwen Bracknell

"The two great prizes of human life are fellowship with God and in Him fellowship with one another." ~Charles H. Brent.

Nursery Workers Needed In 2022

Jean Kiger is currently working on our nursery schedule. She has Sunday mornings scheduled out but is 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 and Greg Hart	Krystal Byrne
5th Sunday	Rodney & Katrina Darr	Linda Spiva

Congratulations

* To Ernie and Nancy Whitman on the birth of their second great-grandchild, Emory Rose Grimes, born January 26th.

Spotlight On NFBC Committees

The **Bereavement Committee** is a much needed oasis during times of loss for New Friendship families. The Bereavement Committee plans and serves a meal for families who have lost loved ones. What a vital ministry it is to assist others when days are difficult and emotional.

Esther Arrowood is the Chairperson of this Committee. Committee Members are: Tom Allen, Wayne Arrowood, Dan & Rita Berrier, Rusty & Sheila Clinard, Susie Gardner, Robert & Nancy Gentry and James & Kathy Holbrook.

“Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.”

~ Lewis Grizzard

Thank You

We would like to thank Pastor Chris, Deacons and the other church men for taking the widows and the single women of New Friendship out for the Lady Bug Valentine's Dinner. The candies and the devotion book, “Jesus Calling”, were a special blessing to all of us.

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)

