

# VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

## NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

### FROM THE PASTOR'S ...

October 31st may be Hallowe'en, but it is also a great day for Scriptural truth and the anniversary of Martin Luther's stand against apostasy that sparked the Reformation. Hopefully, you aren't around New Friendship for very long without noticing that we have a very high view of the Bible. That elevated view of Truth will be even more apparent as we enter 2026.

The Bible uses the word **"thanksgiving"** thirty-two times, **"thankful"** 3 times and **"thanks"** seventy-four times. That seems pretty significant. Hallowe'en has become a significant marketing ploy, a partying excuse, a celebration of darkness and a church outreach opportunity. Christmas is a huge holiday, welcomed by excessive spending, extended vacations and the end of the calendar year. Because of all this, Thanksgiving has been squeezed to a smaller and smaller portion of our lives. No one even debates that this is the most entitled and least thankful generation, at least in American history.

Let's not overlook this season of Thanksgiving. Express your appreciation to those who have blessed you. Teach the younger generation to be grateful. Focus on God's many blessings and faithfulness.

**Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."**



### CHURCHWIDE CHICKEN STEW & GOSPEL SING

Leigh and Ronnie Foltz are hosting an evening of fun, food and fellowship on Saturday, **November 15th** at their home on 1379 Friendberg Church Road. There will be chicken stew, hotdogs and music by the Cornerstone Quartet. Leigh and Ronnie ask that you RSVP by **November 8th** to 336-830-2236. Please bring a chair!

### CHURCH THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our annual NFBC Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, **November 16th** at 6PM. This will be a great time of praise and fellowship. Your church will provide bread, stuffing, gravy, meat and beverages. You may help by bringing sides and desserts.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WAREHOUSE

Join us Saturday, **November 22nd** for a day of service at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse in Charlotte, NC. The church bus will leave the church at 8AM. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Our mid-week service for the week of Thanksgiving will be Tuesday, **November 25th** at 7PM. Join us for this special time of celebration and bring a guest. Personal testimonies will be welcomed. There will be no Wednesday Night Supper or Wednesday Morning service that week.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR NEWS:**

NFBC Family,

First of all, thanks to all who have showed my family and me love this month through cards, gifts and kind words. We are grateful for each of you! Looking forward, we have a packed schedule as we close out 2025. This month we are going hiking on Sunday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and then traveling to Charlotte to process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Saturday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

In December, we have a number of teens who will be participating in our Coats for the City trip to New York City and will have our annual youth Christmas party on Wednesday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-ups are closed for our NYC trip, but please keep it in prayer as we approach that weekend! Pray for safe travels and effective ministry for the whole team.

Looking long term, our camp dates for next summer are now set in stone. We will be at Fort Caswell **June 29–July 3, 2026**. Mark your calendars!

I sometimes take book recommendations from what I am reading to my kids and this month's recommendation falls into that category. We have recently been reading through ***The Hobbit*** by J.R.R. Tolkien. God created us with minds that like to learn through stories and we know that Jesus often used that in His earthly ministry. Good stories often serve as good reminders of deeper truths and this story is no different. While Tolkien always insisted that his works were not strictly allegorical, they were informed by his worldview which was informed by Scripture. ***The Hobbit*** differs from Tolkien's later works in that it is not a long, complex book. It is easily read and understood.

Its story, while simple, illustrates several biblical truths such as the ability of ordinary, unremarkable people who accomplish more than they might expect, the dangers of greed and the triumph of good over evils. While the setting of this story is fictional, the messages contained in its pages are anything but fictional.

FOR HIS GLORY,  
PASTOR BRANDON



**APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROJECT**

Join us Saturday, **November 1st** from 9AM to 12pM as we are one of the collection sites for this year's Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpack Project. If you can help, please contact Pat White (336) 816-0834.

**SENIOR ADULT NOVEMBER OUTING**

The Narrowway Dinner Show, *The Real Christmas Story* on Saturday, **November 1st**. The bus will leave the church at 9:45AM. The tickets are \$53 per person.

**YOUTH HIKE AFTER CHURCH**

The youth will be taking a trip to Hanging Rock on Sunday, **November 2nd**, immediately following the morning service for a hike. They will need a bagged lunch and then stop for pizza on the way home.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

On Sunday, **November 2nd** at 6PM there will be a NFBC Business Meeting. The ad hoc committee has completed their work on the Committee Handbook and will be presenting the handbook for church approval. You can obtain a copy for your family in the Welcome Center.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

All women are welcome to join us on Monday, **November 3rd**, at 10:30AM and "After Hours" at 6PM. We will meet in the pod to inspect 84 backpacks. These will be added to the 56 already prepared for distribution at Green Hills Elementary School in Bledsoe, KY as part of Baptists on Mission Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Christmas.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS**

Wednesday night meals are \$5/person or \$15/family. There are sign-ups for a permanent placement, a weekly placement and a dessert volunteer sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

**November Menus:**

**5th** - Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread

**12th** - Oriental Chicken, Oriental Veggies, Rice

**19th** - Beef Chili, Chicken Chili, Cornbread

**26th** - No Meal Thanksgiving Week

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

The Senior Adults will be hosting a covered dish dinner and mini concert immediately following the morning service on Sunday, **November 9th** in the Fellowship Hall. All Senior Adults (55+) are invited to join.

**RAY BENNETT IN CONCERT**

Join us Sunday evening, **November 9th** at 6PM for a concert by *Ray Bennett* in the Sanctuary. Please invite your friends and neighbors and make plans to attend.

**NC BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING**

The NC Baptist Annual Meeting is on Monday, **November 10th** and Tuesday, **November 11th** where the focus will be Missions. Pat White and Linda Spiva will be attending the meeting and welcome anyone interested.

**FUNDRAISER FOR KENYA MISSION TRIP**

Linda Spiva is making and selling **chicken pies** for the Kenya Mission Trip. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$16 each.



**CHRISTMAS WITH A CAPITAL "C"**

One of the most loved traditions at NFBC is ***Christmas With A Capital "C"***. This ministry helps families in need. We are currently accepting donations and ask that you put contributions in an envelope marked accordingly and place them in the offering plate. If you know a family that needs assistance, please have them reach out to Pastor Chris right away.

**SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

The Senior Adult Christmas Banquet will be held on Saturday, ***December 6th*** at 5PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please make sure to list each name individually.

**SENIOR ADULT DECEMBER OUTING**

The Senior Adults will be headed to *The Festival of Lights* at Tanglewood on Friday, ***December 12th***. The bus will leave the church at 4:30PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office if you plan on attending. Cost is \$2 per person.

**JAMMIES AND JESUS**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a night of fun and fellowship for everyone on Friday, ***January 23rd*** from 6PM to 9PM. More details to follow.

**WESTERN NC NEEDS**

Please prayerfully consider traveling to Western North Carolina and helping with the rebuilding of homes for those who lost their homes during hurricane Helene. Teams are desperately needed at the five rebuild sites in Western NC. If only for a weekend, you are needed (*experienced or not*)! As of August 10th, 433 homes have been completed and 248 are in progress. However, there are still more than 1300 requests. More than half the cost of building is labor, but with volunteers providing the labor, NC Baptists on Mission can double or even triple the number of families that get back into their homes sooner rather than later. Let's not only receive word of the needs of others, let's continue to respond to their needs and show them the love of Jesus Christ. ***LET'S LIVE SENT!***

**NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY**

We are in need of:

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| ~ Canned Meat     | ~ Dried Beans  |                 |
| ~ Canned Pintos   | ~ Spaghetti-Os | ~ Saltines      |
| ~ Spaghetti Sauce | ~ Pasta        | ~ Peanut Butter |

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

**NEEDED FOR BABY BASKETS**

We are in need of:

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| ~ 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!**

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Merle Lambeth: Creekside Apts. 3895 Old Vineyard Rd., Apt. 106 W-S, NC 27104 New email: <a href="mailto:lambethmerle@gmail.com">lambethmerle@gmail.com</a>	Allison Lambeth Jordan, Devin, Kayla and Grayson Moore 726 W Clemmons Rd. W-S, NC 27127
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**NOVEMBER AT-A GLANCE**

**11/1** - Pastor Chris Byrne (2000)  
Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpack Collection  
Senior Adults to the Narrows Christmas Show

**11/2** - Pray for the Bride of Christ  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Youth Hiking Outing

**11/3** - Women's Missionary Union

**11/9** - Senior Adult Potluck Luncheon  
6PM Concert with Ray Bennett

**11/12** - Senior Adult Committee Meeting

**11/14** - Brian Free & Assurance Concert

**11/16** - NFBC Family Thanksgiving Meal

**11/23** - Deacons Meeting

**11/25** - Tuesday Thanksgiving Service

**11/27** - Thanksgiving

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**DECEMBER AT-A-GLANCE**

**12/5-8** - Coats for the City Mission Trip

**12/6** - Senior Adult Christmas Banquet

**12/7** - Pray for the Bride of Christ  
Church Family Christmas Caroling

**12/8** - Women's Missionary Union

**12/12** - Senior Adults to Tanglewood

**12/13** - Trailblazers' Christmas Party

**12/14** - Children's Christmas Play

**12/15** - Christmas With A Capital "C"

**12/21** - Celebration Choir Christmas Cantata & Lord's Supper Candlelight Service

<b>October Numbers</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Sunday School Average:	117	133
Avg AM Worship Attendance:	154	158
General Offering:	\$39,111	\$42,203

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 **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday (8AM to 1PM)**

