
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From The Pastor's ...

Fifteen young adults from New Friendship have finished high school or college this Spring. Their names and schools are listed in this newsletter. All of those institutions of higher learning celebrate the completion of their education programs with a ceremony called "*Commencement*." At first thought or glance, that word calls us to observe that something is done: high school, junior college, a bachelor's degree or higher. I ask you to consider this, commencement doesn't mean something is completed, rather it means something is beginning. It could mean more education is beginning, a career or business venture is beginning, a beginning of military service or simply the beginning of adulthood with its freedoms and responsibilities.

As these graduates finish a portion of their education and begin something new, I am reminded of the new administration assuming the throne in Israel as King David neared death. Solomon, his son, was coming to power. His agenda would be different from his father's. Notice what David said in **1 Chronicles 22:16** "*Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.*"

In context, the people needed a permanent place of worship. David said, "All you need for success has been provided. Just get to work and God bless you!" How appropriate is that? You have what you need to be productive and to make your mark. Now get busy.

The application is not only for those completing part of their education. The Holy Spirit spoke to all of us through Peter and said, "*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*" ~2 Peter 1:2-4)

Like the endless supply of precious metals to Solomon, so we have been given exceedingly great and precious promises and all things that pertain to life and godliness. There is nothing left for us to do but arise and begin working for the Lord. The Lord be with you!

Love,
Pastor Chris

High School Graduates:

Peyton Byrne, Union Grove Christian School
 Zachary Combs, Union Grove Christian School
 Zack Cook, Calvary Baptist Day School
 Faith Hauser, Union Grove Christian School
 Tyler Holden, Davidson Early College
 Devin Moore, Homeschool
 Kayla Moore, Homeschool
 Elijah Reece, Oak Grove High School

College Graduates:

Alex Arrowood, AA, Davidson-Davie Community College
 Seth Byrne, AA, Davidson-Davie Community College
 Payton Combs, BA, Liberty University
 Kayla Douglas, AA, Forsyth Technical Community College
 Allison Lambeth, AS, Davidson-Davie Community College
 Luke Spiva, BA, Catawba College
 Matthew Whitehurst, BS, University of NC - Charlotte

Greetings Church Family!

Youth camp is coming up within two weeks and I just found out there is still some room to sign up. Don't let the teenager in your life miss it! I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for NFBC. I'm praying everyone can stay healthy and ready to serve as our church opens up even more for the summer time. Be on the look out for a youth trip to the Billy Graham Museum sometime later in June.

1. **Children's Sunday School** - Sunday School will be offered for your child each Sunday at **10AM**. We offer Sunday School for all in kindergarten to 6th grade.
2. **Children's Church** - Every Sunday at **11AM**, we offer children's church where your child will get a chance to play a game, eat a snack, sing fun songs of praise and learn a lesson from the Bible.
3. **Youth Centrifuge Camp** - I have confirmed as of this week that there is still time to sign up if anyone would like to go. We will be going to Lifeway's Centrifuge Camp this summer from Monday, **June 7th** to Saturday, **June 12th** at North Greenville University. Camp costs \$250 and will be well worth it as a time of fun and growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. Don't let your teen miss it!
4. **Youth Mission Trip** - From Friday, **July 16th** to Friday, **July 23rd**, we will be going to **SWARM** at Bryson City, NC to serve and reach Native American Reservation families. We will mostly do this through VBS but we will also be serving at nursing homes, flea markets and construction projects. There will be one fun day of tubing as well. We will have a fundraiser for the mission trip soon.

If you have any questions about these events, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 336-250-3683. I am praying for our families, parents, teens and children as we grow in our walk with the Lord.

God gifts each day to us. Do not let today go to waste. Try to make an impact for Christ on someone you know today, even if that is a family member or close friend.

Lamentation 3:22-23 - *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

With Grace,
Austin and Cheyenne Decker

Sunday School And Children's Church

We are thankful for these workers: **Nursery:** Judy Tucker, Kathy Sneed and Bradley Motsinger; **Pre-School - K5:** Renee Russell; **1st - 3rd Grades:** Ernie and Joanna Lookabill; **4th - 6th Grades:** Esther Arrowood and Stephanie Woosley; **Youth:** Steve and Vikki Cook, Kim Longbottom, Darren and Ann Combs; **College:** Mark and Carla Arrowood. **Children's Church** has moved to the Fellowship Hall under the direction of Austin and Cheyenne Decker. Children will gather for worship with their families in the Sanctuary and then exit for Children's Church after the music portion of the service.

College and Career Class Welcome Back

The College and Career Class will meet at Mark and Carla Arrowood's home, Sunday, **June 13th** at 7PM for a Backyard Bonanza to **Welcome Back** all those that have been away as well as our newest High School Grads. Text us at 336-247-2589 if you need our address.

2021 Southern Baptist Convention

The 2021 Southern Baptist Convention will be Sunday, **June 13th** to Wednesday, **June 16th** at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conference Center in Nashville, TN. Contact Pastor Chris if you are interested in attending. We are scheduled to commission new missionaries and elect a new president. The annual convention is a wonderful time to refocus our efforts on fulfilling the Great Commission.

Women's Missionary Union

The WMU will meet Monday, **June 14th** from 10:30AM to 2PM to cut and sew nap blankets for Konnoak Elementary School. Sewing experience is not necessary. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the fellowship while doing home missions work!

Senior Adult Thank You

What a wonderful time we had at our May Day Luncheon! We felt very blessed to be able to fellowship with each other again. Many thanks to Butch and his crew...the food was delicious! The Fellowship Hall was decorated in Spring flowers and looked so welcoming. Thanks to Emma Hursh, Bronda Lee and Imo Plemmons who helped with decorating. The band, **Raincheck**, did an outstanding job entertaining us after Jack Hutchins had our devotion. Remember that Pastor Chris has two services on Sunday, one in the Sanctuary at 9AM and one in the Courtyard at 11AM. Praying that all of us Seniors can attend one of these services each Sunday. Keep checking the newsletter for our next planned event! Love in Christ, Gwen Bracknell

Thank You

Dear New Friendship Donors, Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity to my folks, Don and Brenda Hale as they rebuild their lives and home from the house fire. You all are so special! Love, Tina Bartlett

Christian Sympathy Extended

~ to the family of Betty Pell, who passed away on May 13th. Please keep her village in your prayers.

Financially Speaking In April

By The Numbers:

Average Worship Attendance - 130

General Offering - \$37,348

Building Fund - \$6,817

Offering envelopes are available in the Vestibule to encourage regular giving. If you are sending your offerings via US mail, call the office and we will be happy to send you a package of giving envelopes (specify if you would prefer 12, 24 or 52).

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

If you need to reserve the building or the bus for any reason, please give Vivian a call at 336-788-3112 or email her at (vivianleigh@me.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 Vivian by **10AM on Thursday mornings**. If you have information that needs to be put in the monthly newsletter, please have this information to Vivian by the **20th of each month**.

