
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From The Pastor's Heart:

THE CORONA SAGA CONTINUES..

The faithfulness of the New Friendship family during this time has been amazing. I've enjoyed producing daily videos that have been watched by over 200 people. The church has received faithful donations on-line, by mail and in the drop box provided at various worship services. We have resumed small gatherings all while observing social distancing. Children's gatherings have not resumed. While we know this further isolates a significant and special part of our congregation, we are committed to keeping everyone as safe as possible.

We have averaged 67 in our three indoor worship gatherings. This has fit fine with our social distancing precautions, but so many have told me that they were coming to our last two months of drive-up services but not coming inside at this time.

To try to give the community some options, on June 28th, we returned to a drive-up service in our church courtyard on Sundays at 9AM as well as an indoor service in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM. Of course, rainy weather could disrupt our outdoor plans, but we will plan to keep this schedule through *July 26th*. We will revisit in the second half of July and make any new announcements at that time. Please remain safe, prayerful and helpful!

God Bless!
Pastor Chris

Youth Minister Search Concludes

We were excited to unanimously approve Austin Decker as our Youth Minister on June 7th. He and his fiancé, Cheyenne, began attending worship on June 14th and began formal youth meetings on June 17th. They will be married *October 17th* and New Friendship is very excited to receive this wonderful couple into our fellowship!

Personnel Committee News

On Sunday, June 7th, our congregation approved Austin Decker as our new Part-Time Youth Minister effective June 15th. We are excited to have this young man and his fiancé, Cheyenne, join our congregation and work with our youth. His love for Christ and for our youth is evident and we are blessed to have them minister to us. Please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to Austin and Cheyenne. Special thanks to Darren Combs and Kim Longbottom who led our Youth during 2020. They are not leaving the Youth but will continue to be Youth Leaders working with Austin.

Celebrating 2020 Graduates

We regret that the Class of 2020 had to endure the COVID-19 pandemic which, unfortunately, left them unable to experience most of the "normal" senior activities that a graduate looks forward to. We hope to honor their accomplishments on Sunday morning, *August 2nd*. Please provide the church office all relevant information on your graduates to help us prepare.

Hello, New Friendship Student Ministry Families and Youth!

My name is Austin Decker, and I am more than excited to serve as the new Youth Pastor at New Friendship. The church and staff have been a blessing to myself and to my fiancée, Cheyenne Hendrix.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am on track to graduate with my Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Baptist Seminary in December. My entire family is in ministry and I have been raised in the church. I look forward to this experience as I begin my journey in leading a youth ministry.

Cheyenne and I are getting married on *October 17th, 2020* at Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville, NC. There will be an open invitation to the New Friendship congregation and there will be more information about the wedding soon.

On Monday, June 29th, I started my additional job as a Chaplain at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. I look forward to getting to know each of you and please reach out to Cheyenne or myself with any questions.

Although this summer will likely look very different than usual summers, there are still some exciting things on the horizon! Here is a look at just a few things that are coming:

- *July 25th* we are planning to do a Youth outing to Hanging Rock National Park. More details to come on that soon!
- The Union Grove youth will be attending summer camp at Word of Life in New York. This is an awesome opportunity for your teenager to have a great time of fun and spiritual growth while staying safe from COVID-19. A few of the Youth are already planning to attend. The camp dates are *July 12th-17th*. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Pastor Chris for more information. (David Jefferys is the youth pastor at Union Grove. His number is 336-953-5029.)
- We are working on having a drive-in movie event, which the date is **TBD**.
- We *ARE* meeting **every Wednesday at 7PM** in the Fellowship Hall, so if any eligible youth are interested in coming, please come by! We have fun each week hanging out, playing games and learning more about Christ.

Over the past four weeks, Cheyenne and I have been encouraged as we have gotten to know some of the Youth members. It is easy to tell that the teens have hearts for the Lord and serving with them so far has been a blast. She and I are very excited to watch them grow and provide them with the spiritual environment to do so. When I accepted this job, I was praying and reflecting about how to serve the Youth and teach them more about Christ. Romans 12 immediately came to my mind and I shared the entire chapter with Cheyenne. Specifically, Romans 12:20-21, which says: *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* This verse has already come up in our Wednesday night lesson and will continue to be a theme for the Youth group. Being a guide for the teenagers as they figure out how to be good in a world of evil is what I will do while serving at New Friendship. Thank you all for being so welcoming to Cheyenne and I. We are excited to be here!

**In Christ,
Austin Decker**

Nominating Committee News

It is getting that time of year again when we start planning our officers, teachers and committees for the 2020-2021 church year which begins *September 1st*. Your Nominating Committee will begin our planning sessions in July. If you feel led to volunteer for a position, please notify one of the Nominating Committee Members and let them know what you are interested in! Remember our slogan from last year? *"If you don't come looking for us, we'll come looking for you!"* Feel free to contact anyone on the personnel committee (listed below) with questions.

Nominating Committee: Theresa Coleman - Chairperson, Chris Byrne, Eddie Hauser, Darren Combs, Butch Motsinger, Pat White, Ann Combs, Randall Spiva, Sue Shepherd, Carla Arrowood

WMU

The WMU will meet Monday, *July 13th*, at 10:30AM. We will wear masks and social distance as we return to our monthly meeting sessions. We look forward to seeing you. (Next WMU - *August 10th*)

Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Christmas Project

The Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Christmas Project will again be sponsored by the WMU. We plan to fill 24 of the 48 backpacks requested by Green Hills Elementary School and Grace Baptist Church in Bledsoe, KY. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Mark your envelopes WMU. All donations received will go toward purchasing Bibles, food, clothes, hygiene items and a toy.

Senior Adults

To all of the NFBC Seniors, most of us are still staying in to keep safe. Whenever COVID-19 is under better control, by God's Hands, or they get a vaccine for it, we will have a Senior Celebration. Sending hugs, kisses and prayers to each and everyone. Keep your chin up, it's good for us!!! Love in Christ, Gwen Bracknell

Offerings for June

Offerings: Received in June through through June 28th: \$27,217. Many are taking advantage of our new on-line giving option <https://give.idonate.com/new-friendship-baptist-church/give>

Youth And Children

Our young people will likely remember the Spring/Summer of 2020 for the rest of their lives. It will be the year of no Vacation Bible School, no camps, no mission trips and no graduation ceremonies. We want to look for the earliest opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates. A date will be announced later but help us begin by providing the names, schools and degrees or achievements of those students affiliated with New Friendship Baptist Church. Please submit these to Pastor Chris or the church office by *June 6th*.

Examples: *Pearl Woolard is a graduate of Oak Grove High School.*

Ruby Daniels completed 5th grade at Friendship Elementary School.

Pauline Peterson received a BS in Biology at North Carolina State University.

Mary Boyd completed Kindergarten at Kimmel Farm Elementary School.

Sally Martin completed 8th Grade at North Davidson Middle School.

Bereavement

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to those who have lost loved ones recently:

~ to the family of Clara Norton, Rita Cook's mother, who passed away on June 7th.

~ to the family of Dian Branch, Bobby Branch's sister, who passed away on June 12th.

~ to the family of Tanner Pennell, who passed away on June 14th.

~ to the family of David Lee Carter, Eddie Carter's uncle, who passed away on June 19th.

Prayer List

Sick: Patrice Addertion, Dennis & Gwen Annas, Malachi & Markus Autry, Rita Berrier, Robin Brown, Michael Bunn, Carolyn Calhoun, Temple Cameron, Daryl Carter, Eddie Carter, Pastor Barry Clement, Roger & Sharon Cook, Ray Cope, Vic Cranfill, Katrina Darr, Erica Douglas, Susie Gardner, Robert Gentry, Darrin Grogan, Wilma Hall, Pastor Ken Harris, Brianna Hendley, Jimmy Hill, Betty Hilton, Jack Hutchins, Bob Jellison, Pastor Brian Johnson, Susie Jones, Max & Merle Lambeth, Phoebe Lambeth, W.F. & Gloria Lawrence, Joanna Lookabill, Betty Love, Devin Moore, Melba Moore, Donna Newsome, Jeff Otey, Robin Pennell, Jackie Peoples, Ricky Perryman, Michael & Sandra Pinnix, Ray Pippin, Rudy & Peggy Puckett, Gene Reich, Delores Romesburg, Barbara Roten, Herb & Vickie Schenck, Charles & Susan Simpson, Janie Simpson, Albert & Diane Smith, Pat Swaim, Fred Trivette, Jimmy Weaver, Tim White, Delores Wiley, Joyce Williams, Zelda Wilson

Elderly & Shut-Ins: Ellen Adams, Jim Adams, Verona Altman, Hubert Asbury, Elsie Bean, Betty Beck, Gwen Bracknell, Margaret Callahan, Pauline Cook, Earl Dittus, Mary Doby, Pauline Eads, Jo Alice Edwards, Ruby Embler, Grace Everhart, Raymond & Mae Everhart, Faye Fincher, Donna Floyd, Don & Thais Ghiata, Jennell Hart, Tom Hart, Shirley Higgs, Eli & Elizabeth Hine, Pat & Pauline Hines, Bill & Norma Jean Holcomb, Helen James, Opal Kallal, Lewis Kiger, Dan Klutz, Rayvena Lambeth, Ms. Lawson, Gene Lookabill, Mary Lyons, Ila Mabe, Mossie Marshall, Jan Moore, Bobbie Morris, Junior Nuzum, Lois Otey, Bobbie Pace, Jean Peak, Betty Pell, Shirley Pennell, Nancy Reid, Jim Scales, Margaretha Shelton, Nick & Betty Snyder, Inez South, Joe Wade & Margaret Stewart, Bubba Swaim, Jeanette Teague, Jim & Jan Waddell, Nancy Wagoner, Mrs. Whitehurst, Nancy Whitman, Frank Woosley

Surgeries: Audrey Edwards (6/29), Max Lambeth (6/30)

Our Military: Landon Bowen, Jake DeHart, Jack Dugan, Hunter Esp, Jaie Maness, Robert Russell, Ben Rutledge, Alex Saylor, David & Amber Breedlove Smith, Jake Smith, Adam Spiva, Casey Taylor, Matt Ziglar

Missions & Ministries: City Lights Ministry, Daryl & Leah Burnette, Blake Comer-NAMB in NYC, Compassion International, Piedmont International University, The Root Cellar in Lewiston, ME, Salem Pregnancy Care Center, David & Kathy Parsons, Swerve Church, Danny & Melissa Torres, On Wings Like A Dove, Easton Elementary School, Energize Ministries, Who's Your One?

Special Requests: Gretchen Bennett, Stacey Goodwin, Jason Blevins, Holly Reedy's family, Israel & Middle East, unsaved friends and loved ones, many unspoken requests, Travis & Heather Schenck, churches seeking pastors/pastors seeking churches, law enforcement personnel, our students & teachers, first responders, our marriages, Sue Waller, college & high school students, Bracken Kiger, travel mercies, USA & elected leaders, Garrett Morgan, Jessica Miller, Job: Bobby Whitehurst

Bereaved: David Lee Carter family, Dian Branch Family, Tanner Pennell family, Clara Norton family

Address Change

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"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Thank You

I just want to say thank you to my church family for all your prayers and cards in the passing of my Nana, Clara Norton. I told her many times how blessed I am to have the wonderful church family I do. Once again, thank you and I love you all. Your sister in Christ, Rita Cook

Nancy and Ernie Whitman would like to thank everyone who has prayed, called and sent cards during Nancy's illness. You have been faithful since her illness started on April 7th, through her hospital stay in May as she was finally diagnosed with and treated for an ulcer. Nancy is home and making progress. Please continue to pray that she will continue to strengthen so that she can walk with her walker and be able to resume her normal life. Thanks again!

You kindness is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and the gift card to Arcadia Grill. Both are much appreciated. We love you and would not know what to do without our church family. In God's Love, Dennis & Gwen Annas

New Life Bible Class, I would like to thank you for the cards, food, flowers and gift in memory of Donald Emblar. I especially appreciated your prayers during a difficult time. Love, Ruby Emblar

Reminders:

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**.

