
VOICE OF FRIENDSHIP

New Friendship Baptist Church

From The Pastor's ...

Brother John Rasey would preach revival at the church of my youth about every year. One thing he said will forever stick with me. *"Revival is not abnormal or unusual. It is the way God wants to work among His people all the time."* Isn't that a novel idea? That a time of joyful celebration, renewed spiritual commitment and intimacy as well as fresh fervor for evangelism would be common rather than rare.

In these uncommon days, we are praying that God will pour out a fresh anointing on our hearts to draw us closer to Him and His work. Michael Barrett will kick off our preaching time on Sunday Morning, **September 13th**. Steve Roberson will then continue four nights of preaching in our outdoor courtyard at 6PM. With that early time, *feel free to bring your supper* and enjoy it as we worship together. Large trash cans will be available for trash collection.

"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" ~ Psalm 85:6

Revive Us Again!
Pastor Chris

Fall Revival

When we were launching the Capital Campaign for our major building overhaul, there was concern over the state of the economy and the unemployment in our community. I remember talking to Dr. Mark Harris about what we should do. He said, "It could be at this time, that God is raising up a great church to meet the present and future needs of your community." As we look at the steady decline of our indebtedness, it seems that Mark's words were divinely inspired. That is exactly what our church needed then!

Now, in the midst of the Corona Crisis, we need a good, old-fashioned, Heaven-sent revival! I know my heart does! Our OUTDOOR revival service will take place **September 13th - 16th**. Our schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, **September 13th** at 8:30AM - Dr. Michael Barrett, Associational Missionary, Piedmont Baptist Association, Greensboro, NC
- Sunday - Wednesday at 6PM - Pastor Steve Roberson, Union Grove Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, NC **(NOTE THE 6PM WEEKNIGHT SERVICES...the sun sets about 7:25 this time of year.)**
- We realize that 6PM is early for some families. If that is the case for you, we invite you to bring your supper and enjoy it in your vehicle or "picnic" style in our courtyard.

Wonderful music will be offered in all services. The whole family is welcome! Spread out a blanket, bring the lawn chairs, put the top down or sit on the tailgate.

Children's Craft Activity

Pastor Chris will be leading a craft for our kids outside, behind the facility, on Tuesday, **September 1st** at 4:30PM. It should take less than an hour to complete. Each child will make a unique concrete paver with their name, date, handprints and any other trinkets and toys they want to include. They will be left at the church property to dry and then delivered to your home on Wednesday, **September 2nd**. You must sign up to participate through email, text or call, pstrnfbcb@aol.com or 336-918-0366. If you need more information, Pastor Chris announced this on his Facebook Daily Briefing on Tuesday, August 26th. Segments will be recorded and posted in the Wednesday, **September 2nd** Facebook Daily Briefing.

Hello, New Friendship Baptist Church!

COVID-19 sure has changed all of our lives, hasn't it? If you are anything like me, you are probably sick and tired of hearing "COVID-19." Deep down we all know that abiding by these changes and guidelines will help us love others and keep each other safe. Let me tell you about one big change. This change concerns a wedding! I'd like to let everyone know that we have made the decision to move our wedding outdoors. Many of our closest friends and family felt like it was safer this way. Cheyenne and I thought it was a good idea, too. The weather should feel great outside on Saturday, **October 17th** at 2PM as we shuttle everyone out to the 17 acres of land behind Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville, NC. Additionally, all tables and chairs will be distanced so everyone can feel safe to enjoy our wedding day. Following the wedding, there will be dessert reception held inside a large, open gym, and it will be distanced as well. We are so excited to get married and would love for you to come share this very special day with us. Please pray for us!

On a different note, here is a look at just a few things that are coming:

- Saturday, **September 5th**, we will host a **"Movie Night on the Lawn"** event starting at 8PM. This event is primarily for the youth group, however, the entire church is invited to bring their lawn chair out and enjoy a family friendly movie. We will have popcorn, sodas and candy for sale. Please feel free to bring your own food as well. (The 2019 release of *The Lion King* is tentatively scheduled.)
- **The entire church** is invited to the wedding of Cheyenne Hendrix and Austin Decker on Saturday, **October 17th**. It will take place at 2PM at Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville, NC. The address is: 1175 South Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284.
- We are meeting at **9:30AM each week for Sunday School in the POD**. If any eligible youth are interested, come on by! We have fun each week hanging out, eating, playing games and learning more about Christ.
- We are also meeting **every Wednesday at 7PM** in the POD. We have fun each week hanging out, playing games and learning more about Christ.

This month, I'd like to share my favorite passage of scripture with you. It is Matthew 16:25-26: **"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"** I pray every reader will take this to heart and live for Christ, our King.

**With Grace,
Austin Decker**

Women's Missionary Union

The WMU will be presenting our New Friendship public school teachers a \$25 gift card for school supplies along with sweets and an inspirational note on Sunday, **August 30th**. Contact Pat White if you were missed. The WMU will meet Monday, **September 14th** at 10:30AM. Please bring girls or boys hairbrushes/combs for the Appalachian Coalfields Christmas backpacks.

Deacon Election

The church deacons met on August 23rd. Normally we would elect deacons this time of year. To give this virus time to subside and encourage as much church participation as possible, the decision was made to postpone that nomination/election day to **January 24, 2021**. Larry Anthony, Michael Bowen, Darren Combs and Bobby Whitehurst have agreed to serve until then. Mark Arrowood, Eddie Longbottom, Chris Reece and Randy Reid have terms that expire in August 2021. Jim Brooks, Bill Gerrard, Butch Motsinger and Terry Saintsing have terms that expire in August 2022.

"Compelled By Love" NC Missions Offering

The year 2020 has been a year like no other in our lifetime. Events of this year have left many people hurting in numerous ways. As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should be compelled by the love He demonstrated for us through His death on the cross to love others, serve them, and point them to Christ. **"Compelled by Love"** is the theme for this year's North Carolina Missions Offering. Being compelled by Christ's love involves showing and sharing the love of Jesus with those in our community and around the world. The NC Missions Offering does this by focusing on Baptists on Missions (disaster relief, ramp building, backyard VBS, etc.), Church Planting throughout NC, Mission Camps in Shelby and Red Springs, Associational Projects and Mobilization Ministry Projects (medical, dental, and health screening ministries). Please be in prayer the week of **August 30th - September 6th** for the 2020 missions offering. The statewide goal is \$2.1 million. New Friendship's goal is \$1,000. **"For Christ's love compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, if one died for all, then all died."** 2 Corinthians 5:14 (HCSB)

2020-2021 Nominating Committee Information

Your Nominating Committee has been working to finalize the positions and committees that are critical to our church during this pandemic and restriction phase. Since we have started having Sunday School in the courtyard, the Adult Sunday School Teachers are rotating teaching, thus filling the teaching positions at this time. The Children's Sunday School class is being taught by the Children's Ministry Team along with Pastor Chris. The Youth Sunday School Class is still being taught by their regular teachers along with Austin Decker, our Youth Minister.

As we move forward, we will fill the remaining teacher positions for Sunday School, Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening as we get closer to the restart of our ministry programs. Please pray for our church leaders and workers as we migrate through this unprecedented time. We do not have experience in dealing with a pandemic; therefore, we are proceeding cautiously until we feel that we can restart our full programs.

We will give our church members the opportunity to review and approve the 2020-2021 Officers and Teachers at the appropriate time. Normally, we vote on these positions in our Annual Church Conference in August. Since we cannot have the Annual meeting in August, we will present the roster and obtain your approval when we all can be together. Stay tuned! We will keep you informed as we know more! Theresa Coleman, Nominating Committee Chair

Churches Seeking Pastors

A regular request on our church prayer list is "Churches Seeking Pastors / Pastors Seeking Churches." This is a crucial time in the life of any church. With four pulpits in the Liberty Baptist Association being vacated in August, please pray for these churches specifically:

- Abbott's Creek Missionary Baptist Church in High Point
- Churchland Baptist Church in Lexington
- Park Place Baptist Church in Thomasville
- New Testament Baptist Church in Lexington

Financially Speaking

Since we haven't been able to have our regular business sessions, here is an update of key financial numbers:

- July total offerings: \$32,122 general offering, \$8,655 building fund
- August total offerings (thru 8/25 - this doesn't include 5th Sunday or on-line giving): \$27,404 general offering, \$4,890 building fund
- July 31st Building Loan Balance: \$359,930
- July 31st Building Fund Balance: \$67,667

New Addresses:

Our beloved Evon Parker has moved. She'd love to hear from her church family. That new address is Spring Arbor, Room 121, 915 W. Cooksey Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360

With Sincere Christian Sympathy

~ to the Nancy Reid family. She passed away on August 21st.

~ to the Grady Reynolds family. He passed away on August 24th (Carla Arrowood's uncle)

Services For Senior Adults And Shut-Ins

We realize that this time in history is unsettling. We are aware that there may be those who need the services of a Notary but have no access to one. If you find yourself in need of a Notary, please contact the church office and we will be glad to set you up with a Notary who will come to your house.

We are also aware that many Senior Adults and Shut-Ins would like to vote but do not have access to transportation. Therefore, we would like to offer transportation to all of our Senior Adults and Shut-Ins to the early voting polls in Forsyth and Davidson County. Contact the church office to set up a ride on. (See attached information.)

Dates	Times
Monday - Friday	8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 17 th Saturday, October 24 th	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, October 31 st	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**One-Stop Early Voting Schedule for November 3, 2020 General Election
October 15th - October 31st**

Davidson County Early Voting Locations	Forsyth County Early Voting Locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davidson County Board of Elections • Thomasville Library • Denton Library • Midway United Methodist Church • Arcadia Community Building • Davidson County West Campus Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forsyth County Board of Elections • Brown & Douglas Community Center • Clemmons Branch Library • Kernersville Branch Library • Lewisville Branch Library • Mazie Woodruff Center • Old Town Recreation Center • Polo Park Recreation Center • Rural Hall Branch Library • Southside Branch Library • WSSU - Anderson Center

During the early voting period, you can vote at any location listed below instead of waiting for Election Day on **November 3rd**. Your normal voting precinct may not offer early voting! Curbside Voting is available for Senior Adults or those with limited mobility.

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**.





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IN HONOR OF

Cheyenne Hendrix

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2020 2:00-4:00 PM

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST COURTYARD

4258 OLD LEXINGTON ROAD, WINSTON-SALEM

THIS IS A DROP (OR DRIVE) BY EVENT AND SAFETY GUIDELINES
WILL BE ADHERED TO

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