

CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church



NEW TO OUR FAMILY

Dylan & Erica Scaglione

Welcome new members Dylan, Erica, and soon to be baby Jett to the Catawba family! Dylan and Erica met at Liberty University, where Dylan studied in pastoral leadership and graduated with a masters in pastoral counseling. In the words of Erica, "We have prayed about and feel led to Catawba Valley as our home church. We are eager to continue to worship and serve alongside the church family!"



CHURCH WORKDAY

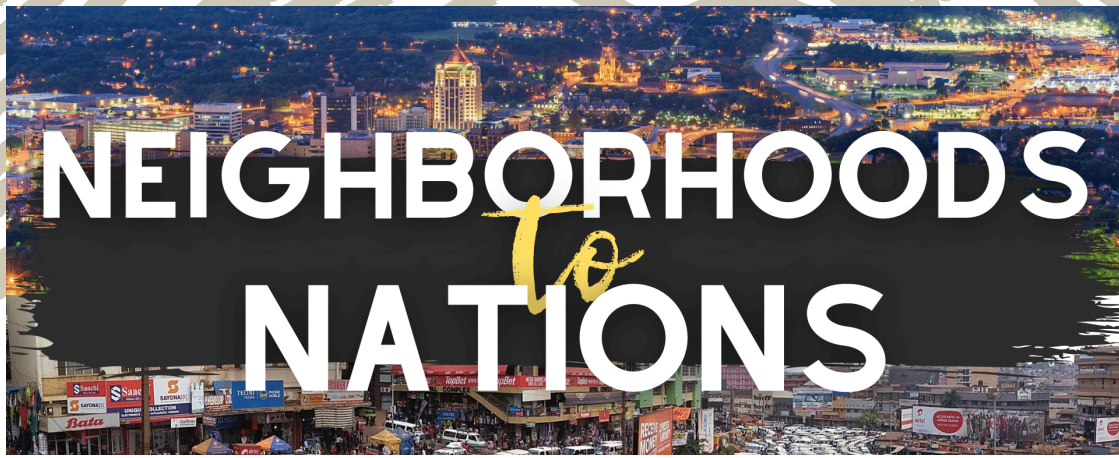
Giving our facilities some needed TLC

On Saturday, July 18, we hosted a church workday from 9:00am to noon. Our goal for the day was to tackle some much needed updates around our facilities that had been set on the backburner due to other ministry needs.

About 25 people from our church family showed up bright, early, and eager to work! We had volunteers of every skill level show out to accomplish a number of projects together.

From updating electrical fixtures and lighting, cleaning and organizing all children and student classrooms, donating materials we no longer use, painting downstairs classrooms, updating and organizing our front office, brush cleaning and landscaping, and pressure washing and detailing all of our vehicles, we completed a massive amount of work in a very short amount of time!

We want to thank every single one of you who came and offered your time and abilities in service to one another, to our church body, and to the Lord!



Last year, we held our first ever missions conference. We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting our second annual Global Missions Conference from **September 16 to September 20, 2020**. Our theme for the upcoming conference is **Neighborhoods to Nations**.

God calls each of his believers to participate in His Great Commission - to make disciples of all nations! Global missions is central to the call to follow Jesus. And though your individual role in global missions may differ from another believer, the call to participation is universal among every believer.

This year's conference will illuminate the link between our neighborhoods, the nations, and how God orchestrates our obedience **here** to advance his gospel **everywhere**.

Our Objectives for the Missions Conference

See clearly the mission before us. The weekend will be saturated in the preaching, teaching, and singing of God's Word. We will be reminded of our mission mandate, bring awareness to the gospel need, and refresh our vision and strategy in world missions as a local church.

Pray fervently for life-changing gospel advancement. In response to seeing the need, we will pray for the advancement of the gospel in our generation as well as intercede in prayer for our church's missions staff.

Give sacrificially to see the gospel change lives. Compassion does not merely see the need, but is moved in response through the giving of resources, time, and abilities entrusted to us. The apostle Paul reminded the church in Philippi it's "not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit" (Phil. 4:17). Giving to world missions is an eternal investment!

Participate individually in God's mission. It might be going on a short-term mission team, or maybe God is leading you on a long-term assignment to the foreign field? Regardless of the location, as a follower of Christ, God is calling you to active participation in furthering His mission "both here and around the world."

Love generously on our missions staff. We consider our global missions family a part of our staff on international assignment. At Catawba Valley, we believe that the work of world missions is our responsibility, and as such by entering into partnership means ongoing love, support, prayer and care for our missions staff around the world.

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*As the father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.*

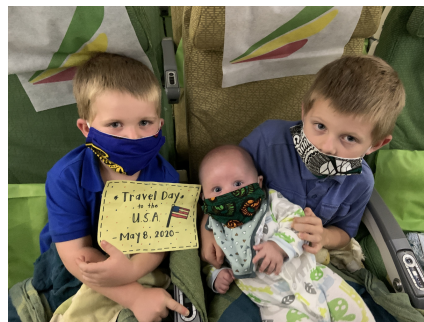
John 20:21

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Featured Missionaries: The Frady Family

Missions Staff | Kampala, Uganda

One of our own missions staff families will be joining us as our featured guests for this year's conference. Bryan and Wendy have three children: Henry, Gunner, and baby Alistair. They currently serve in a ministry team through the IMB with other missionaries in the large city of Kampala, Uganda. The focus of their ministry in Uganda is strengthening the local church and training pastors on the topics of church health and disciple making. The Frady's are sent out of Brentwood Baptist Church in Tennessee. Since May of this year, the Frady's have been stateside after returning to the US on an unexpected medical leave for Alistair, and are waiting on the Lord to plan their return to Uganda. This time in the US has proven to be a season of rest, renewal, and rejuvenation for the Frady's, and they are grateful for the special memories they are making with family and friends. We're excited that the Fradys plan to be with us for the duration of the conference.



Conference Schedule

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 pm | Outdoor Cookout
7:00 pm | Session in Chapel

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm | Session in Chapel
Following | Prayer Meeting for our Missions Staff

Friday, September 18

7:00 pm | Session in Chapel
Following | Coffee & Dessert Fellowship

Saturday, September 19

Fun activities with the Frady Family

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am | Breakout Sessions
10:30 am | Worship Service

Where do my kids go during the sessions?

Each main session of the conference, the following children's ministries will be provided:

Nursery | Available for babies 0-36 months

Children's Conference | K3 - 2nd Grade

TRANSFORMING DISCIPLESHIP

Training disciples who make disciples

As we look toward the fall semester, we do so with the tentative anticipation of resuming additional ministries. The circumstances of COVID-19 brought with it a time to re-evaluate and retool our discipleship ministries to more effectively equip the body of Christ and reach the next generation.

Beginning this fall, we will be moving away from our traditional Sunday School hour in order to emphasize other discipleship opportunities, including Life Groups and Children's Church. The new format begins **Sunday, August 23rd**.

Children's Church will be offered on Sundays for two groups of children K3-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. Both classes will begin together in the Youth Room at 10:30am on Sundays. Starting this fall, 6th grade students will be a part of Student Ministries along with the rest of middle school and high school students.

LIFE GROUPS

Get Connected. Stay Connected.

In our mission to reach people for Christ, our aim this year is to see **Life Groups** become the vehicle for intentional discipleship throughout the week in strategic locations where our church family resides. Over the year, we're seeking to establish new groups sent out of present groups.

What Unites Us Together?

Powerful Prayer | Biblical Truth | Meaningful Community
Authentic Relationships | Intentional Discipleship

Our Strategy is Simple

To create a place of belonging that intentionally builds relationships and fosters spiritual growth by glorifying God, edifying one another, and multiplying disciples.

While each person comes to faith in Christ individually, God has designed the body of Christ in such a way, that we grow in faith together. We all have a desire to belong and be known by others because God created us for community. In the New Testament, there are 59 "one another" commands, which portray how we are to live together in unity. Life Groups provide an opportunity to get to know others in the body of Christ who will walk alongside you in life as well as encourage and challenge you spiritually.

Locations & Times of Life Groups may be found ONLINE.

SPECIAL DATES

A complete list of current online services and ministries may be found on our website at catawbavalleybc.org

August 3-7
JUNIOR CAMP

August 22
STUDENT MINISTRY KICKOFF

AUGUST 26
FALL MINISTRIES RESUME

SEPTEMBER 1
LIFE GROUPS BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 6
HOMECOMING PICNIC

September 16-20
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October 8-10
COUPLES RETREAT

October 28
TRUNK-OR-TREAT

KNOW GOD DEEPLY FOLLOW GOD BOLDLY

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WE GLORIFY GOD BY OBEYING HIS MISSION AND MAKING HIM KNOWN HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD