

CATAWBA FOCUS

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What is a life group? The Bible gives us a sketch in Acts 2 where we are told how the early church continued “daily with one accord in the temple, breaking bread from house to house... praising God... and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (vs. 46-47). We model that same concept with our Life Groups. It is important to meet each Sunday and Wednesday to worship with the larger body of Christ but we also recognize the tremendous value of cultivating an environment where we can deepen relationships with others and the Lord Jesus Christ in a small group setting. How do we do that? As in Acts, we gather with one another in various locations around the area.

A member of one of our life groups shared this: “As a new member, gathering together with a life group has brought me in closer and has had a great affect on my life; by sharing a meal together, singing hymns and studying scripture together, I’m getting to know everyone on a more personal level. I am so blessed to have found this church.” Are you longing to stretch your understanding of the things of God? Longing to develop a closer friendship with others in the body of Christ? Life Groups launch for the year in September so now is the perfect time to take that first step to find a Life Group today! Here's a look at the Life Groups that will be offered this fall.

SALEM Life Group

2 & 4 Sundays at 6:00pm
The Ronk's Home

CATAWBA Life Group

2 & 4 Sundays at 6:00pm
The Clemons' Home

SUNDAY AM Life Group

Sundays at 9:30am
Adult 1 Classroom

Y.A.G. Life Group

1 & 3 Fridays at 6:30pm
Various Locations

LADIES Life Group

1 & 3 Mondays at 10:00am
The Perry's Home

HIS PLAN OUR PURPOSE

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missions Conference

SEPTEMBER 21-25

Over the weekend, we will be reminded of Christ's commission to His church, highlight the Gospel impact around the globe, and refresh our vision to missions as a local congregation.

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 missions staff. Compassion does not merely see the need, but is moved in response through the giving of resources, time, and abilities entrusted to us.

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 the responsibility of the local church. Our commitment is evidenced by our ongoing partnership of prayer, encouragement and financial support. Make plans to participate in our global missions conference this year!

Conference Schedule:

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 pm | Southern Classics Dinner

7:00 pm | Session

Thursday, September 22

7:00 pm | Prayer & Praise Session

Following | Coffee & Dessert Fellowship

Friday, September 23

7:00 pm | Community Cookout & Outreach

Saturday, September 24

During the Day | Mission Projects

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am | Videos from our Global Staff

10:30 am | Morning Worship Service

Featured Conference Speakers:

CVBC MISSIONS STAFF

Become a Great Commission Giver

Our growing missions family is evidence of our conviction and commitment to the great commission given by Christ to His church. Our conviction is that **every individual** has a part to play in these efforts. That's what makes Great Commission Giving so special, because it's a way for every individual to be involved in missions here at Catawba Valley.

Great Commission Giving is a special offering, above your regular, systematic giving. This offering provides the funding for all of CVBC mission endeavors locally, regionally, and globally. Based upon the cumulative amounts of these funds, the church makes commitments to its mission endeavors for the forthcoming year.

Learn more about Great Commission Giving by visiting our website today! Annually, Great Commission Giving cards are tallied at the end of our annual missions conference. Begin praying about how you might participate in this exciting endeavor!

Continuing Through the Summer

Sunday Morning Sermon Series

This summer finds us in the midst of an incredible and deeply thought-provoking Sunday sermon series titled “Questions God Asks Us.” The series considers 7 key questions that God asked people in the Old Testament. We often make inquiries of God regarding life, purpose and direction; but have you ever considered the questions God may be asking you? Questions that indeed point us to the meaning of life, our purpose in God’s kingdom and the direction we should take on our journey. In this series we’ve already explored such questions from God as “Where are you?” (asked of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden); “What troubles you?” (asked of Hagar, Sarai’s Egyptian servant); and “Where were you when...?” (asked of Job as he struggled to comprehend what was happening in his life). If your desire is to seek God’s heart and to know Him in a more intimate way then make plans to join us Sunday mornings as we continue to explore the questions God asks us. If you missed any of the sermons from this series; not to worry! Previous sermons are posted at our website and are available in video or audio format.



Vacation Bible School

Let’s celebrate together a wildly successful Vacation Bible School for Summer 2022! Our Mountain Campus was transformed to an amazing Australian “down-under” world. We discovered the many wonders of God’s creation; learned the value of all of God’s creation and experienced just how “...fearfully and wonderfully” we are made by our Creator.

We welcomed new faces and were able to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone and everyone who had ears to hear! And praise the Lord we saw a student come to faith in Christ as a result of this community outreach!

A special thank you to our God who reminds us that every life is valuable and precious. And thank you to all our volunteers and those who committed to prayer for this event. Because of the hard work of all of our volunteers and the prayer, there's no doubt many hearts were touched during VBS.

Student Prayer Advance

Please pray for safety and spiritual growth for our students and leaders attending the Student Prayer Advance on August 4 - 6 in Beckley, West Virginia. For those who attend a Prayer Advance event, this intensely focused time of worship and prayer often results in a renewed outlook on life that strengthens a personal relationship with the Lord; which has long-lasting impacts. Your prayers are an essential part of “a changed life.”



Looking Forward



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 4

We're making plans to celebrate another anniversary of our church on September 4th. This year will mark our 163rd year as a local congregation here in Catawba Valley. In Deuteronomy Chapter 6 the Lord reminded the Israelites that they must love the Lord with all their hearts, souls, and might and also instructed them to teach the commands of the Lord to their children. And these words of the Lord are still fitting for us down through the ages.

Since 1859 the people of Catawba Valley Baptist Church have gathered as a local body to worship the Lord and to pass on a rich legacy to future generations. Today we reap the benefits of so many that have gone before us; but the work is not finished. You too are part of God's plan to further His kingdom and to ensure the legacy continues! Join us on September 4th as we celebrate our rich history and our promising future.

FALL MINISTRY KICKOFF

Wednesday, August 31

Summer family nights and Vacation Bible School have been a tremendous blast - but summer is nearly over and soon it will be time to kickoff our fall midweek ministries! Join us on Wednesday, August 31 as we unveil the exciting plans for our Awana (3 years old to grade 6) and CVBC Student (teenagers in grades 7-12) programs. You don't want to miss this kickoff! Church provided transportation is not available this first night so we encourage all parents to come out, register their children and join in on the fun as well! There's even inspiring learning opportunities for adults this fall as well, as our Adult Midweek Reset will resume on September 7.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

AUGUST

4-6 | Student Prayer Advance
31 | Fall Midweek Ministries Resume

SEPTEMBER

4 | Homecoming Sunday
21-25 | Missions Conference

OCTOBER

2 | Pastor Appreciation Day

WE GLORIFY GOD BY DEVELOPING DISCIPLES WHO LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE AND INFLUENCE THE WORLD WITH THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL.

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