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PLANTING FOR THE HARVEST

A THEME TO MOBILIZE THE CHURCH FOR GOSPEL ACTION IN 2021

Throughout the course of this year, our theme as a congregation will be *planting for the harvest*. This principle, of sowing and reaping, is an unalterable and unshakeable law of God. We frequently see this principle on display in the characters of Scripture, as well as in our own lives. The Bible tells us, “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.” From this principle we discover three major implications. First, the harvest is *determined* by the planting.

In other words, what we reap is in *kind* with what we sow. If we want a different harvest, we need a different seed. Secondly, the harvest is always *later*. Sowing is all about the future – and the challenging part of the future is *waiting*. But the Bible reassures us that “We will reap, if we do not give up.” So in this challenging season we choose to persevere. Finally, we know the harvest is always *greater* – both in its rewards and in its consequences. So the question for each of us remains – What are you planting for the harvest?

What do you want to reap *then* that you are choosing to plant *now*? It reminds me of that old saying: “The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is today.” Planting is intentional. It requires knowing what you want to harvest so that you plant the right kind of seeds. Our desire is to see 2021 be an incredible year of focused and strategic planting. Let’s cast the gospel seed together for the glory of God!

- Pastor Aaron Mansfield

WILD GAME DINNER

2021



THE MISSION OF WILD GAME DINNER

Wild Game Dinner is the largest yearly fundraiser for our student ministries! All proceeds directly support student scholarships as well as the ministry cost for the coming year. When you buy tickets, participate in the auction, and make donations, you are actively making a difference in a child's life!



HOW IT WORKS THIS YEAR

In light of the ever-changing circumstances we've faced, this year's Wild Game Dinner will be virtual for the first time ever! The change in format, however, has not changed the purpose of our event, nor has it dampened the experience of Wild Game Dinner. In our new format, instead of one night, the event is ongoing over the course of a few weeks with giveaways, raffles, and our auction, *all done exclusively online*.

The night of **February 26th** is simply the culmination of what has been happening those weeks before, in which you'll be able to pick up your delicious meal and any of the auction or raffle items you may have purchased or won. Meal and item pickup will be drive-thru style in order to keep your health and safety as our number one priority. It's going to be yet another wonderful year of Wild Game Dinner in 2021!



TICKETS, AUCTIONS, AND RAFFLE INFO

Ticket sales began on **January 8, 2021** and are available through **February 19, 2021**. We are offering two ticket packages this year:

Standard Ticket Package: \$13.00

Includes a Wild Game Dinner meal, an entry for the grand prize drawing of a Traditions G4 Pursuit Ultralight muzzleloader, the ability to bid in our online auction, and the ability to enter raffles.

VIP Ticket Package: \$20.00

*Includes everything in the standard package, **plus** a Wild Game Dinner T-shirt and an entry into an exclusive raffle for a Barnett Whitetail Hunter STR Crossbow.*

Our online auction begins **February 14** and will continue throughout that week until **February 21**. You will receive important updates regarding the auction via email after you have purchased your ticket. **Remember, purchasing a ticket is the only way to access the online auction and enter the raffle drawings!**

To purchase tickets and find all things Wild Game Dinner, please visit our website today. Don't miss out on this spectacular event!

CATALYSTS FOR CATAWBA

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

CAT·A·LYST an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action

ABOUT Here at Catawba Valley, it is our conviction that discipleship takes place primarily through the context of the local church. Catalysts for Catawba are transformative equipping seminars designed to explore an aspect of theology through the lens of a relevant issue the church faces today.

Each Catalyst includes 6 hours of interactive study (3 hours of material to be completed *before* the Saturday morning seminar and 3 hours of in-person education and discussion).

Catalysts are designed with a purpose of encouraging followers of Christ to effectively connect the dots between core doctrines of Christianity to aspects of everyday life. The courses are structured in such a way to **expose** individuals to a broader understanding of the Bible and theology, to **equip** individuals for practical Christian living, and to **evoke** a desire for deeper personal study in that area of theology.

WHO, WHEN and WHERE

Catalysts are available for individuals ages 14 and up. Catalysts are typically offered every-other month on the fourth Saturday from 8:30am-11:30am in the Chapel. Catalysts are taught by one of our pastors or friends of the ministry with expertise in specialized topics.

WHAT UPCOMING CATALYSTS WILL BE OFFERED?

"Standing on a Biblical Worldview" | Philosophy

MARCH 27 | Pastor Aaron Mansfield

"Endure or Embrace: A Survey of Politics throughout Church History" | Church History

MAY 22 | Pastor Stephen Vaughan

"Identity Crisis & the LGBTQ+ Community" | Biblical Manhood & Womanhood

JULY 24 | Pastor Aaron Mansfield

"Tracing the Thread: The Trinity in the Gospel" | Biblical Theology

SEPTEMBER 25 | Pastor Stephen Vaughan

"Solace for the Soul" | Biblical Counseling

NOVEMBER 20 | Pastor Aaron Mansfield

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about Catalysts or help registering for an upcoming course please visit our website. Additionally, you may contact the Church Office with specific questions or assistance with registration.

The logo features the word "CATALYSTS" in a large, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized white icon consisting of a vertical line, a horizontal line, and a series of three vertical bars of varying heights, resembling a hammer or a set of scales. The entire logo is set against a solid olive green background.

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER!

MULTIPLE PLATFORMS FOR DELIVERY

During this unique time in ministry, we understand how important it is to stay connected with all that's happening at CVBC. One of our greatest tools to do so is this newsletter! You can now receive the Catawba Focus in an electronic format, directly to your inbox. The e-newsletter is sent on the first of the month, so you don't have to wait for the physical copy in order to stay caught up!

If you would like to sign up to receive the e-newsletter in place of a physical copy during this unique season of ministry, please notify us by sending an email to the church office, admin@catawbavalleybc.org



JOURNEY IN TOGO WITH THE ARCHERS

PARTNERING IN MISSIONS THROUGH GREAT COMMISSION GIVING



As one of our Missions Staff families, the Archer's are an extension of Catawba's ministry around the world. The Archer's currently serve on the field in Togo, West Africa, seeking to plant churches, reach the community, train future pastors, and make disciples who make disciples.

Through an offering called *Great Commission Giving* we are able to provide financial support to our missions staff and ministry partners in the Roanoke Valley, Southwest Virginia, nationally, and around the world, just like the Archers. When you become a Great Commission Giving partner, you become an active partner for gospel work with of our missions staff that serve around the globe!



If you want to join in Christ's mission to reach the world with the gospel, consider becoming a Great Commission Giving partner today! More information about Great Commission Giving, our missions staff, and ministry partners can be found on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

FEBRUARY

- 6 | Student Ministry Training & Volunteer Appreciation
- 26 | Wild Game Dinner

MARCH

- 18-20 | Ladies' Prayer Advance
- 28 | Palm Sunday

APRIL

- 4 | Easter Sunday

MAY

- 9 | Mother's Day
- 16 | Youth Emphasis Sunday

JUNE

- 20 | Father's Day
- 21-26 | Teen Camp @ the Wilds

JULY

- 11-14 | Vacation Bible School
- 22-24 | Student Prayer Advance
- 26-30 | Junior Camp @ Camp Eagle