

# CATAWBA FOCUS

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## VISION SUNDAY | JANUARY 10

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Many people were excited for 2020 to come to an end for a litany of reasons, and because of that, there's probably a number of things we'd like to put behind us - but here at Catawba moving forward into 2021, there's a number of things we'd like to begin! We're confident because we know that regardless of the challenges or pressing circumstances, God will continue to build His church.

In His Word, Jesus promised His followers, that even the gates of hell itself would be unable to prevail against His church. It is because of this present reality, that we continue to boldly advance His mission "steadfast and immovable. Always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58). Think about what that truth means for us today.

It means that regardless of the place in which we find ourselves, God's people dynamically advance *steadfast* and *immovable* - and do so *abounding*. That's good news!

Please make special preparations to join us for Vision Sunday, January 10th, to learn about exciting and new opportunities we're endeavoring to pursue in 2021 as we continue abounding in the work of the Lord!





# WILD GAME DINNER

2021

## TICKET SALES GO LIVE | JANUARY 8, 2021

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. Wild Game Dinner is the largest yearly fundraiser for the student ministries of Catawba Valley Baptist Church, and all proceeds directly support the ministry costs 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!

The change in format has also not dampened the experience of Wild Game Dinner. Our virtual event will still feature great food, amazing giveaways, exciting raffles, an exclusive auction, and more. The virtual Wild Game Dinner will culminate on the night of February 26, 2021, when you'll be able to pick up your meal and any auction items or raffle prizes you've won in the weeks leading up to the dinner. 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!

## WHY WE DO WILD GAME DINNER?

100% of the money from this event directly supports the Student Ministries of Catawba Valley Baptist Church. Wild Game Dinner is by far our largest annual fundraiser, and the main source of financial support for the yearly Student Ministries budget. Take a glance below to see how your donations make an impact in the lives of our students!

### Resources & Materials

Access to God's Word, study materials, and personal devotional books is crucial to the spiritual growth and development of our students. Our Student Ministry funds are used to purchase these resources for our students throughout the year.

### Exciting Activities

We use fun activities throughout the year to build a community of fellowship, leadership, and friendship among our students. Activities also serve as opportunities for our students to engage and reach out to the greater community.

### Spiritual Retreats

Each year, we take a group of students on a Winter Retreat to spend time growing closer to the Lord and to one another. For many of our students, Winter Retreat has been the starting point of deep, meaningful relationships with other students and with leaders that will last for years to come. We also take various other retreats, such as our upperclassmen retreat for 10th-12th grade.

### Camp Scholarships

Summer camp is a life changing experience for our students, and we believe that finances should never be an obstacle that prevents them from attending camp. That is why we provide camp scholarships every year to eligible students who genuinely desire to go to camp and who have completed a series of prerequisite tasks.



# YOUR INVESTMENT CHANGES LIVES

We want to offer our sincerest thanks to the people who have participated in Wild Game Dinner over the years! Because of your gifts, we have been empowered to sponsor many camp scholarships, fund retreats, sponsor Vacation Bible School, purchase necessary discipleship resources and study materials to help our students grow in their walk with Christ, and host many activities and times of spiritual renewal. Without your gifts, these things would not have been possible!

But beyond the material blessings, your generosity in this event is an investment in changing lives of students who are touched by the Student Ministries of Catawba Valley Baptist Church. Students have met Jesus for the first time, overcome addictions, and experienced victory over many struggles in their lives. For this, we can never thank you enough! Student's lives are forever changed because of how the Lord has used your generosity.



## 2021 FUNDRAISING GOAL = \$12,000

How can you help us reach the goal?

There are so many ways to advance progress on our fundraising goal. One big way you can do this is by purchasing Wild Game Dinner tickets. Secondly, you can opt to participate in the virtual auction or by donating items for the auction inventory. **Remember, 100% of the money raised from the event goes toward our Student Ministries!** Beyond financial participation, you can also volunteer your time and effort to help with food distribution, traffic control, and hospitality during the culminating night of the event, February 26, 2021. Contact Pastor Stephen if you would like to volunteer, and continue following our website updates for information about the event at [www.catawbavalleybc.org/wildgame](http://www.catawbavalleybc.org/wildgame)



# MEN'S PRAYER ADVANCE

JANUARY 28-30 | REVITALIZE!

Do you feel the need of a fresh touch from God? Are you hungry for personal revival? Are you longing for revitalization in your inner man? Take the next step in revitalizing your walk with Christ, and register to attend the next Men's Prayer Advance. The goal of each and every prayer advance is to encounter the living Christ. You will be challenged, encouraged, brought low and lifted up.

This year's Men's Prayer Advance will be taking place at Lakeside Baptist Church. In addition to the in-person gathering, there will be a virtual option available, especially for those who are unable to travel due to health concerns or quarantine situations. For more information about the event and attendance options, please visit: [christlifemin.org](http://christlifemin.org)



# FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FRADY FIVE

ON THEIR JOURNEY BACK TO THE FIELD



Bryan and Wendy, along with their three children (Henry, Gunnar, and Alistair) have been stateside since May of this year. Their temporary relocation allowed us the opportunity to host them for our 2nd Global Missions Conference. Having the Frady's with us for the weekend was a treasured opportunity to love on them in special ways, like providing meals, sending Bryan and Wendy on a date night, and spending time listening to their stories. The weekend with the Frady's opened the door for us to build personal relationships beyond the broader partnership we have with them as a church body. We are excited for the Frady's as they prepare to return to Africa in the coming weeks. Consider reaching out to them by phone call, email, or handwritten note to let them know how you are praying for them!

Catawba Valley believes that the work of world missions is our responsibility. We consider our global missions family a part of our staff on international assignment. We evidence our partnership in the gospel through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Through what we call *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.

Consider becoming a Great Commission giver today! Visit our website to learn what this would mean for you in 2021, and how you can come alongside one of our missions staff, like the Frady family, to see the gospel advance around the world!

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

### JANUARY

28-30 | Men's Prayer Advance

### FEBRUARY

6 | Student Ministry Training & Volunteer Appreciation

26 | Wild Game Dinner

### MARCH

18-20 | Ladies' Prayer Advance

### APRIL

4 | Easter Sunday

### MAY

9 | Mother's Day

16 | Youth Emphasis Sunday

### JUNE

20 | Father's Day

21-26 | Teen Camp @ the Wilds