

CATAWBA FOCUS

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BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD

THE PRECESSION OF PASSION WEEK

Palm (Passion) Sunday is the beginning of what is traditionally known as *Passion Week* or *Holy Week*. This special week marks Jesus' final days leading up to the cross, where He would fulfill His purpose of becoming the substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. Join us on Sunday, March 28th as we hold a special service for Palm Sunday as we reflect on Jesus' perfect life and the victory that He won for us in His sacrificial death.

PALM SUNDAY

March 28th | 10:30am

Our special service will be a journey of reflection over the Passion Week, beginning with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and ending with His death on the cross, the mark of His suffering that would bring us salvation and victory over sin. The choir will be performing several music selections, so come and join us as we seek to reflect, remember, and praise the Lord for His mercy and grace.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4th | 10:30am at the New Property

Come celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and King Jesus with a special Easter service on the grounds of our new property on Rt. 311. Options are available for either drive-in or seating on the grounds if you bring your own blanket and chairs.

9:45am Coffee & Donuts Provided

*Food station will close 10 minutes prior to service start.

10:30am Easter Celebration Service

CATALYSTS FOR CATAWBA

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

ABOUT

CAT•A•LYST: "an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action"

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.

UPCOMING COURSES

"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 & Human Sexuality" | 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



CATALYST LAUNCH SESSION: "STANDING ON A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW"

What is a worldview? How is worldview formed? How is my worldview significant in everyday life? Why is understanding worldview important for my faith?

These are just a sampling of the questions that we'll address during this foundational session of our brand new Catalyst courses. In our culture today, the landscape of beliefs and values have fundamentally shifted to postmodern dimensions. While worldview is not a topic readily discussed, it is at the base of every person's understanding of reality, personhood, and purpose for living. We see the fruit of worldview every day in our lives and the lives of others, but we often don't know how to effectively engage the lost due to foundational differences in our worldviews.

This Catalyst course will help you identify key parts of the biblical Christian worldview, illuminate the major worldviews at play in popular culture, and equip you to effectively share your faith with the lost who see the world through an entirely different lens. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!

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.

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.

LADIES PRAYER ADVANCE

REVITALIZATION FOR THE SOUL!

*Do you feel the need of a fresh touch from God?
Are you hungry for personal revival?*

We've heard wonderful things from men who attended the Men's Prayer Advance in January. Ladies, now it's your turn!

The theme for this year's advance is "Revitalize!" Revitalize means to restore vigor, or to bring back to life. As individuals, we all need seasons of recharging, refreshing, renewing, restoring, and reviving. And personal encounters with the living Christ are the source for all true revitalization. Nothing compares with the life-giving presence of God. The Bible says, "Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). When God fills the atmosphere, there is LIFE in the air! The Prayer Advances are designed as an OASIS for the soul. Come with a hungry heart and expect to be filled! Due to COVID regulations, spots are limited this year, so please contact Emily Vaughan if you would like to take part in the advance!



BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

CELEBRATING OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD'S EXAMPLE!

Sunday, February 28th, we held a baptism service for Leah and Maddie Molyneux. We celebrate the joyful decisions these young sisters have made to follow Jesus and identify with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection through baptism.

What is baptism?

The Bible clearly teaches that Baptism is the first step of obedience after making a commitment to follow Jesus Christ. Baptism allows a believer to communicate to the world their dedication to Christ. Baptism identifies the believer with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. When we are immersed in water we identify ourselves with Christ in His death. Arising out of the water, we declare our faith in His resurrection.

"... buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

Why be baptized?

- 1. It is God's command that believers be baptized.** Just before Jesus Christ left this earth, He left these instructions to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:19, 20)
- 2. Jesus gave us an example of obedience to follow.** "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan." (Mark 1:9-11) The baptism of Jesus was an act of obedience to the heavenly Father.
- 3. Baptism is a public statement identifying a person's faith in Jesus Christ.** By baptism, a believer shows their identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism allows a believer to communicate to the world their dedication to Jesus Christ.

If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, and have not followed Him in believer's baptism, contact one of the pastors about taking this crucial step of obedience!



WILD GAME DINNER

2021



We had a wonderful virtual Wild Game Dinner this year. On February 26th, we finished the two week event with the meal and auction item pickup. The Lord blessed and it was wonderful to see so many from our community come through our drive through.

We were able to raise **over \$10,000** total that will directly support our student ministries and students all over our community. We praise the Lord for His provision!

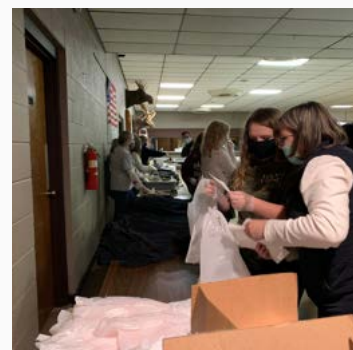
We also want to thank our all-star team of volunteers. We had an amazing team of teens and adults who showed up, served sacrificially over the past week, and braved the unexpected weather during the night of pickup. We want to thank them so much, and thank all of you who participated in this year's event for your generous support!



PREP NIGHT!



PICKUP NIGHT!



UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

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

AUGUST

14 | Student Ministry Training Day