

CATAWBA FOCUS

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2022: A YEAR IN REVIEW

GRATEFUL & EXPECTANT

As we turn the corner into a new year, we pause to consider the goodness of God in our lives this past year. For our church, as with most of us, 2022 was filled tremendous peaks and challenging valleys. As a ministry, last year was largely marked by a season of development, preparation and transition. First, in terms of *development*, we continue to build into the future of our Meadow Campus, as we are nearly half-way in paying down the property. Praise God! We utilized the Meadow Campus for special services and for our vibrant summer ministry! Last year we welcomed nine new members who are actively serving within our faith family, expanded our volunteer ministry teams, and celebrated personal decisions for those taking intentional steps to follow Christ. Additionally, we completely renovated our church office spaces and established a special studio for media outreach. Second, 2022 was a season of *preparation*. Our church family provided both our pastors with an entire month for ministry sabbaticals, which allowed for a rest and renewal for them and their families. Last year, we expanded our Life Group ministry, to now offer six different Life Groups in the surrounding region.

These strategic groups are preparing disciples by creating places of belonging, opportunities for service, and vibrant atmospheres to learn the Scriptures. As we seek to prepare leaders, last year we had the privilege of ordaining two new deacons and developing new ministry leaders. Furthermore, we began the exciting new journey of preparing to send a global worker from within our church family. Lastly, 2022 was a season of *transition*. A number of faithful saints went home to be with the Lord, including our former pastor, Dr. Alan Mason. The Vaughans transitioned into a new ministry assignment with Christ-life Ministries. Presently, our church is prayerfully seeking a full-time Associate Pastor to join our ministry team! In all these transitions, we rest in God's leading and trust that His ways are always good and right. As we look toward the horizon of this present year we do so with excitement and anticipation of new opportunities in the coming days! Join us Sunday, January 15th for Vision Sunday, to learn about these new opportunities we're endeavoring to pursue in 2023 as we seek to advance God's kingdom both here and around the world!

STUDENT MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

WILD GAME DINNER

making an eternal investment in the *next* generation.



Event Details

February 25
at 5:30 PM

Roanoke Valley
Moose Lodge #284

Check our website
for tickets and more
information!

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It has been a time-honored tradition for our Student Ministries to host a Wild Game Dinner fundraising event in February of each year. This unique fundraiser provides a special opportunity to connect with our community and raise funds for the entire student ministry. Your involvement matters! Because of your generous support at Wild Game Dinner, you make it possible for young people to participate in life-changing opportunities like summer camp, spiritual retreats, special activities, and much more! Your generous support provides the opportunity to award summer Camp Scholarships to children and teenagers of CVBC student ministries. Many lives have been touched as a result of this community outreach both directly and indirectly. Plans are already in the works for Wild Game Dinner for 2023 and as in years past, this event promises tons of fun, to include an amazing dinner, giveaways, raffles, and auctions (both silent and live).

You don't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event! Start thinking about how you can make an investment in the next generation through this unforgettable event. There are several ways to do this and you're not limited to one avenue, pick and choose several. First, visit our website to purchase tickets! Second, you can donate physical items for the auction, suggestions include new or like new: guns, knives, hunting apparel, hunting stands, blinds, fishing rods, equipment, game cams, game calls and decoys, paintings, quilts, furniture, sporting goods, tools, gift baskets, etc. Third, you can make a monetary donation to sponsor items which will help offset the cost of the event.

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

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



Our latest sermon series focused on living life in the in-between; in between the first advent when the Lord of all creation entered our world as a newborn baby, fully man and wholly deity, and the second advent when Christ shall return triumphant as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Christmas season 2022 was filled with living life in the “in-between.” It doesn’t stop here though, each day we are challenged by the Holy Spirit to continue to carry the light to a world who still needs to hear the “good news” of “great joy” for “all people.” Thank you to all those who participated in spreading the love and light of Christ through this Christmas season and continue on throughout this coming year as you boldly proclaim His glorious name!



NEW YEAR . . . NEW FORMAT

CHANGES TO THE CATAWBA FOCUS

Can you believe we are entering our fourth year of publication for the Catawba Valley Baptist Church Newsletter, the "Catawba Focus?" Over the years we've endeavored to highlight and celebrate the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His marvelous deeds and the ways He has moved in our local body of believers here in the valley.

As we begin this new year our goal remains to glorify God through each story and each issue; yet the frequency of our publication is changing to quarterly with winter, spring, summer and fall issues. We look forward to still connecting with each one of you through the Catawba Focus and we want to thank you, our loyal readers; we appreciate each one of you and pray you've been uplifted and inspired to press deeper into the kingdom of God by reading each issue.



UPCOMING PRAYER ADVANCES

PRESENTED BY CHRISTLIFE MINISTRIES

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 is the theme for the upcoming Men's and Ladies Prayer Advance events for 2023 presented by Christ-life Ministries. Make plans to attend one of these events which will be hosted at Parkway Church on the Mountain in Roanoke, VA.

You'll be challenged to grow deeper with the Lord through prayer and supplication. Listen to what a couple of past attendees have said about their experience with prayer advance:

- "I enjoy going to Prayer Advance because it grows my relationship with Christ and other Christians, it challenges me to be vulnerable with other Christians which helps me to learn how to be vulnerable with Christ."
- "Prayer advance has been a catalyst to openly seek Christ in a public setting, surrounded by Christ-focused women who's sole purpose is to worship our Savior and edify one another—a small glimpse of heaven!"



The men's advance will take place **January 26-28** and the ladies advance will be held **March 23-25**. To find out more information and to register visit christlifefemin.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

JANUARY

15 | Vision Sunday
26-28 | Men's Prayer Advance

FEBRUARY

3-17 | Uganda Mission Trip
5 | New Members Lunch & Class
25 | Wild Game Dinner

MARCH

2 | Day of Refresh
23-25 | Ladies' Prayer Advance

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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE AND INFLUENCE THE
WORLD WITH THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL.

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