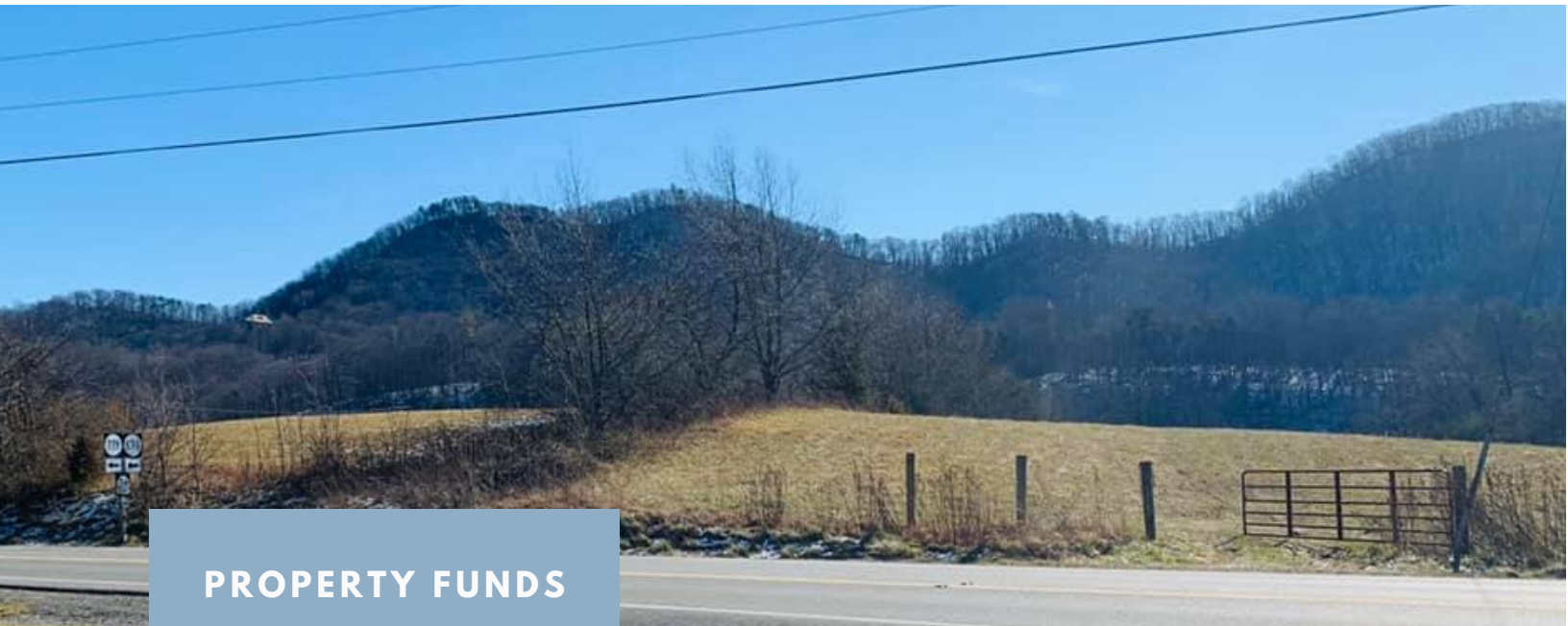
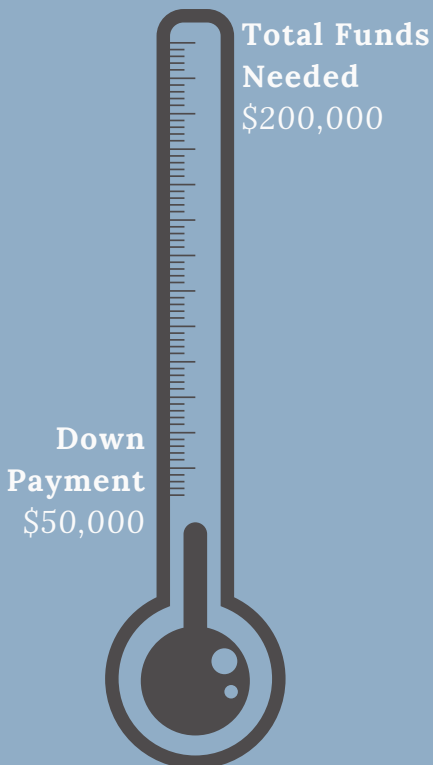


# CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church



## PROPERTY FUNDS



## PROPERTY UPDATE

### Celebrating God's Great Provision

On Sunday, January 26, we collected a special offering to go toward the down payment for the church's new property on Rt. 311. We set a goal of **\$25,000**. As of that evening, the goal had been tremendously surpassed with an offering total of **\$27,592!** Praise God for His great provision through the generosity of those who gave! Altogether, the church will put at least **\$50,000** down towards the purchase of the new property. A quarter of the property is already paid for, praise God!

A designated "building fund" has been established for the purpose of the property and future development. You may continue to designate special gifts toward the property at any time. Any gifts received before closing will be applied toward the down payment.

*I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds" Psalm 9:1*

# CONNECTING THE DOTS

## Developing a pivotal partnership with Mission Link International

Missions has always been an important part of Catawba Valley Baptist Church since its beginning. A number of years ago, Catawba Valley was introduced to the ministry of MLI. Over the years, this has developed into a relationship that has enabled **eight individuals** from our church to experience overseas missions in East Africa.



2020  
Uganda Team

12 PEOPLE  
from CVBC



In 1998, under the direction of **Dr. Rick Sadler**, MLI was officially established as a non-profit ministry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Over the last two decades MLI has organized, developed, and nurtured ministries in East Africa. MLI is the *link* whereby churches and individuals can support indigenous missions throughout the region of East Africa in order to see nationals reach their country for Christ.

**Richard Caldwell** had the opportunity to experience Uganda, Africa for the first time in February 2014 after hearing Dr. Rick Sadler present the ministry of MLI at a Sunday morning missions emphasis service at CVBC. God has given Richard a passion to declare His glory among the nations! Throughout his life, Mr. Richard has experienced the work of global missions firsthand through different global trips sent from CVBC. It was Richard's presentation at a Family Mission Night shortly after his trip that began to ignite the spark for others to return the following year. Mr. Richard has been on every trip the church has taken since 2014.

The following year, in February 2015, Mr. Richard along with three other individuals from CVBC (**Jared Micek, Molly Clemons, and Marshall Cantrell**) were a part of the medical mission trip coordinated by MLI. That year, the ladies from the church began sewing dresses and clothing to take on the trip. Hundreds of Africans came through the medical mission tent, with a number of people trusting Christ as their Savior! This trip solidified the church's collective desire to begin partnering with MLI in a more formative way.

The following year, Mr. Richard along with two others (**Leigh Ogle and Jordan Ogle**) experienced the red dusty roads of East Africa. The team in 2017 participated in another large medical mission endeavor. The 2018 February trip, included a smaller team along with Mr. Richard and **Pastor Stephen Vaughan**. This team focused on evangelism and church strengthening by holding large gospel crusades with the network churches of MLI.

Last year, in 2019, **Pastor Aaron Mansfield** and Richard Caldwell had the opportunity to travel with the annual MLI mission team. Since that trip, God's leading has confirmed a more amazing opportunity for our church. In recognizing our commission to make disciples of all nations, we must evaluate the ministries and unique gifting distinctive to our congregation to understand our specific part in advancing God's kingdom in this generation.

As we consider what God has entrusted to us, we believe our relationship with Mission Link is not by coincidence. It is from this conviction, that with much prayer and consideration, the leadership of our church envisions **creating a more pivotal partnership** with Mission Link International this coming year. In the days ahead, more information will be provided concerning this exciting endeavor.

**Learn more about the ministry of Mission Link International**  
**[www.missionlink.org](http://www.missionlink.org)**

# REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR CHRIST

## Impacting students with the gospel

**Three simple goals influence everything we do!**  
GLORIFY GOD | EDIFY OTHERS | MULTIPLY DISCIPLES

God's transforming gospel has impacted the lives of young people in incredible ways! This past year, we have had the opportunity to **reach over 100 young people** through our ministry as a whole. Most importantly, we praise God for **six** who professed faith in Christ and **nine** who followed the Lord in believer's baptism. What an incredible and exciting year of ministry! We are thankful the gospel continues to change lives by God's miraculous power!

Over the next year, we are pursuing growth only in size but also in spiritual maturity. We are seeking to raise up student leaders who are passionate about Christ and sharing His story with the world! This upcoming summer, we have a student preparing to serve the Lord in Uganda on a short-term mission trip and another student preparing to serve the Lord by being a counselor-in-training at a Christian camp. We are also preparing to grow our partnership with Mason's Cove Elementary School. We hope to begin an after-school ministry of some kind for MCES within the coming year. Our desire is to take advantage of every gospel opportunity the Lord has given us with the staff and student body. We are anticipating God doing miracles both within our student's lives and through our student ministries. To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

Please join us by praying and preparing for our upcoming Wild Game Dinner. We are excited for the opportunity to present the gospel of Christ with everyone who attends. In years past, this event has provided around 75% of the annual funding for the entire student ministry of CVBC. If you would like to help offset the cost of the event, specific items can be sponsored in advance. Additionally, we are currently collecting items for our live and silent auctions.

Our fundraising goal is **\$20,000** for the Wild Game Dinner.  
All proceeds from this event directly support the student ministries of Catawba Valley Baptist Church.



## Wild Game Dinner

February 28, 2020 at 6:30PM | Location: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284

You don't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event! It will feature great food, multiple giveaways, exciting raffles, a live auction, a silent auction, and more! This event provides funding for special events for our students throughout the year, such as: retreats, camps, mission trips, VBS, service opportunities, special activities, and much more!

**DONATE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION:** Suggestions include: guns, knives, hunting apparel, hunting stands/blinds, fishing rods/equipment, game cams, game calls/decoys, paintings, quilts, furniture, sporting goods, tools, gift baskets, etc. Items can be dropped off at the church office.

**SPONSOR ITEMS IN ADVANCE:** Donate in advance to help offset the cost of the event!  
Chairs: \$2 (x 150), Tables: \$9 (x 30), Guns: \$300 (x 5), Location: \$400, Meal: \$3 (x 500)

**Preorder tickets online or by phone to receive a \$2 discount!**  
(540) 380-8448 Ext. 4 | [catawbavalleybc.org](http://catawbavalleybc.org)



# LIFEGROUPS

"a place to belong"

## Life Groups

**get connected. stay connected.**

**What is a Life Group?** Life Groups are gatherings made up of intergenerational men and women from all walks of life. Our groups are scattered throughout the area around Catawba Valley and meet twice a month (generally) in homes. Each group is led by a member of the church and they are typically composed of 10-20 people. In these groups, individuals meet together for fellowship, prayer, care, accountability, and building up one another in love.

### LIFE GROUP CORE VALUES

POWERFUL PRAYER    BIBLICAL TEACHING  
AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS    INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Life Groups provide a place of belonging that intentionally builds relationships and fosters spiritual growth. These gatherings create an opportunity to get to know other Christ followers who will walk through life alongside you, as well as encourage and challenge you spiritually. There are a variety of Life Groups that meet at various times and locations. Check out our website for a complete listing.

While we come to faith in Christ individually, God has designed the body of Christ so that we grow in faith relationally. We all have a desire to belong and be known by others. God created us for community. In the New Testament, there are 59 "one another" commands, which portray how we are to live together in unity.

The Scriptures describe the importance of being in community with other believers. Relationships are not optional in our walk with Christ, they are essential!

*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."*  
Ephesians 4:15-16

## SPECIAL DATES

**February 28**  
**WILD GAME DINNER**

**March 19-21**  
**LADIES PRAYER ADVANCE**

**March 29-April 1**  
**NICKELSVILLE MISSION TRIP**

**June 1-5**  
**CAMP EAGLE (JUNIORS)**

**June 4-19**  
**UGANDA PASTOR'S CONFERENCE**

**June 13-26**  
**UGANDA MISSION TRIP**

**July 12-16**  
**MYSTERY ISLAND VBS**

**September 16-20**  
**MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

**October 16-18**  
**COUPLES RETREAT**

**October 28**  
**TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

\*A complete calendar of events can be found on our website at [catawbavalleybc.org](http://catawbavalleybc.org)

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