

CATAWBA FOCUS

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VIRTUAL VBS

New methods, classic summer ministry.

We all could have expected the circumstances this spring would bring the need to rethink the way we typically hold our yearly Vacation Bible School. But just because VBS is online this year, we haven't lost sight of the amazing ways we can effectively reach kids with the gospel.

Virtual VBS will take place **July 12-15**. The theme this summer is "IncrediWorld Amusement Park: Taking a thrill ride through God's creation." This VBS curriculum will explore topics such as the beginning of the world, what it means to have a biblical worldview, the gospel, God's role as Creator, and so much more! In our new online format, we'll be using Facebook as the platform to release nightly videos. Each video will contain the Bible lesson for the night, music, crafts, and missions highlights, just to name a few!

Registration is also online this year, which you can access through our website at www.catawbavalleybc.org/vbs. Registering your child makes them eligible to win a brand new Nintendo Switch! Additionally, if you register your child every night, each entry counts as an extra chance to win, so be sure to follow the links that will be attached to the video. We are very excited for the thrill ride of VBS, and we can't wait to see what the Lord has in store!

CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, July 18 from 9am-Noon

Rain or Shine! We're effectively utilizing this time while regular ministries have been altered to focus on some updates and necessary improvements to our current facility. Projects include brush clearing, touch up painting, lighting installation, deep cleaning and organization, pressure washing, hardware installation, as well as giving a facelift to many of our student classrooms. Either inside or outdoors - there is a project for everyone! Look forward to serving alongside the body of Christ together!



Come Lend-a-hand!

Projects are available for all abilities!

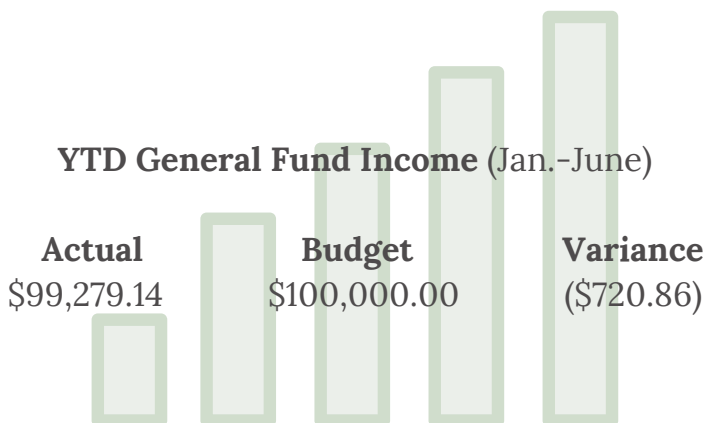
THE GRACE OF GIVING

God's Provision | Our Faithfulness

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now."*

Philippians 1:3-5

The effects of COVID-19 have brought with it many financial hardships to families and ministries around the country. In spite of this, we praise God that by His grace our church is boldly moving forward in the mission to reach people for Christ and see lives changed for the Kingdom! Although this season of ministry has held many challenges, through the generosity and faithfulness of God's people here at Catawba Valley, it is with **joy** that we celebrate the faithful provision of God to our church family over these past few months. May He be praised!



Midyear Giving Update

In April of 2020, our church closed on our new 26 acre tract of land adjacent to The Homeplace Restaurant in Catawba. The church put down 50K of the 200K purchase price. Since the church closed on the property we have had an additional **\$13,615.06** in special gifts come in! Let's continue to pray, give, and trust God to supply the remaining amount!

Global Missions Conference

Neighborhoods to Nations

Last year, we held our first ever missions conference. We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting our second annual Global Missions Conference from **September 16 to September 20, 2020**. Our theme for the upcoming conference is **Neighborhoods to Nations**. More details about the weekend will be forthcoming, so mark your calendar now for the special dates!

Our Objectives for the Missions Conference

1. SEE CLEARLY the mission before us

The weekend will be saturated with the preaching, teaching and singing of God's Word. We will be reminded of our mission mandate, bring awareness to the gospel need, and refresh our vision and strategy in world missions as a local church.

2. PRAY FERVENTLY for gospel advancement

In response to seeing the need, we will fervently pray for the advancement of the gospel in our generation as well as specifically intercede in prayer for our church's missions staff.

3. GIVE SACRIFICIALLY to see eternal impact

Compassion does not merely see the need, but it is moved to action in response through the giving of resources, time, and abilities entrusted to us. The apostle Paul reminded the church in Philippi it's "not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit" (Phil. 4:17). Giving to world missions is an eternal investment!

4. PARTICIPATE INDIVIDUALLY in God's mission

It might be going on a short-term mission team or maybe God is leading you on a long-term assignment to the foreign field. Regardless of the location, as a follower of Christ, God is calling you to active participation in furthering His mission "both here and around the world."

5. LOVE GENEROUSLY on our missions staff

Missionaries should not be looking for us to support *their* work, but rather our partnership and commitment to them is, in fact, supporting *our* work. The work of world missions is our responsibility, and entering into partnership means ongoing love, support, prayer and care for our missions staff around the world.

Men & Womens Studies

Last summer, we began our summer men and women's Bible studies. These weekly groups were tremendously beneficial for the people who diligently attended all summer, and were profoundly impactful in teaching, equipping, and training our men and women to be better disciples of Christ. So, we're doing it again!

Come join us on **July 8** as we begin two brand new studies for the summer. The men's group will be going through a book entitled *The Green Letters: Principles of Spiritual Growth* by Miles J. Stanford. The ladies will be reading another great Jen Wilkin book, *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us To Reflect His Character*. If you are seeking a summer filled with fellowship, spiritual growth, and furthering your walk with Christ, these study groups are the place to be!



FALL STUDENT MINISTRIES

Preparing for another great year!

We are gearing up for another incredible year of student ministries. The circumstances we faced over the course of spring semester were unlike any other we have ever experienced before, but we praise the Lord that we were still able to continue on with virtual ministry. The Lord receives all the glory for the ways in which He moved this spring! And while we are thankful for technology, we are eagerly looking forward to ministering in person again.

We began Summer Youth Nights this past month, for 7th-12th graders, as a step forward towards in-person ministry. Over the summer we will be focusing on facility updates and training. We will be having a **Student Ministries Workday** on **July 18**. The goal of this day is to give a facelift to many of our student classrooms. We also will be having a **mandatory training day** for all student ministries volunteers on **August 15**. We want our volunteers to be prepared in the best possible way for ministry in the fall. We also are planning to continue with our **Teen Adventure Week, July 28-August 1**, and our **Junior Camp, August 3-7**. These will be a great outlet for our students this summer as we continue phasing back into normal ministry.

Pending phase progressions and guidelines, we plan to kickoff our in-person student ministries this fall. On **Saturday August 22** we will have our **Student Ministries Kickoff Day** at the Catawba Community Center with exciting activities, games, and food. This will be open to the community and will be the biggest, best kickoff we have ever had! Mark your calendars now, because you don't want to miss out on this awesome event. The following Wednesday, **August 26**, will be our first night back on campus with all of our midweek fall ministries. We are looking forward to having you all back for another great year!



SPECIAL DATES

A complete list of current online services and ministries may be found on our website at catawbavalleybc.org

July 12-15
INCREDI WORLD VIRTUAL VBS

July 18
CHURCH WORK DAY

July 27-August 1
TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

August 3-7
JUNIOR CAMP

August 22
CVBC STUDENTS KICKOFF

September 16-20
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October 8-10
COUPLES RETREAT

October 28
TRUNK-OR-TREAT

KNOW GOD DEEPLY FOLLOW GOD BOLDLY

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WE GLORIFY GOD BY OBEYING HIS MISSION AND MAKING HIM KNOWN HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD