

CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church



DRIVE-IN SERVICE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Do not arrive before 10:20AM
- ✓ Look for the marked entrance to the new property
- ✓ Park as directed by attendents
- ✓ Follow all instructions from leadership & parking attendents
- ✓ It's essential to remain in your vehicle at all times
- ✓ No restrooms available, please plan accordingly
- ✓ Windows may be up or down, but respect others decisions.
- ✓ Pray for a wonderful service
- ✓ Tune your AM radio station to channel 1610.

Thank you for following these important instructions as you serve one another in love and build up the body of Christ!

NEW LOCATION | SAME MISSION

Rt. 311 Drive-in Dedication Service

We continue to praise the Lord for His goodness and provision in making possible our new property on RT. 311. It is a great joy to announce that we closed on the property on April 17, 2020. Let's continue to rejoice in all that God has made possible!

In celebration of this great gift from God, we will be hosting a **drive-in dedication** on **May 3, 2020 at 10:30am** at our new property. In light of state health guidelines, this service will be transmitted over AM radio to your own vehicle. All you have to do is drive in and show up! We will have a handful of designated people running the service and assisting with parking. We are praying for beautiful weather and an excellent turnout as we give thanks and look forward to all that God will do through this new property.

We do not plan to have any external speakers, everything will be broadcast through the AM transmitter on channel 1610. It will be an exciting morning of worship as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to the exciting future to come! Make plans to join us for this special service and reach out to someone this week to invite them to this great day!

SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM PLANNING

Stewarding His resources for His glory.

We are overjoyed with the reality of the Rt. 311 property coming into our ownership! After nearly four years of prayerful and thorough assessment of our needs for short-term and long-term ministry, the Lord faithfully provided this opportunity to purchase land. This land greatly expands our capacity for ministry by opening up a whole new world of possibilities for development down the road.

Though the addition of this property provides incredible opportunities for growth and changes in our ministry, our mission as a church has not and will not change. In everything we do, we seek to glorify God and make His name known. The addition of new property provides another outlet for increased ministry.

God's hand in this process has been evident. He alone could have organized the situation and availability of the property. Through the generous hearts of His people, He provided more than enough funds for the down payment. And it is by His grace that we can now call this property our own to steward for His glory.

What are our next steps for the new property?

The first phase involves paying off the remaining balance for the property. We are praying and trusting the Lord, that through the generous gifts of God's people, we will be able to see the property paid off within a short period of time. At that point, we will be able to begin planning construction for a multi-purpose building.

Many times throughout the year we engage our community through events like Wild Game Dinner, Trunk-or-Treat, youth activities, and outreach events. The vision for the new property includes constructing a multi-purpose building, capable of housing such events. The building would also double as a meeting space for our congregation for services, as growth determines.

Ultimately, the new property allows us the ability to plan for the long-term, especially regarding future expansion and growth of CVBC. Our congregation has been steadily growing over the last few years, and through the Lord's provision, we now have space to grow into. We truly believe that God will use this place in marvelous ways in the near and distant future.

In the coming days, special work days will be designated for cleaning and clearing the land. If you are willing and able to help, we pray that you will join us!

FUNDING UPDATE

Total Amount
\$200,000

Down Payment
\$50,000



SPECIAL GIFTS

The project is not over, it's only just beginning! Would you join us by praying, giving and believing God to supply the remaining **\$150,000**?

Any special gifts, regardless of the amount, helps take steps forward in this exciting endeavor! A special "building fund" has been established for the payment of the property and future development. Special gifts may be designated toward the new property at any time!



At The Table

Using Facebook as a platform for outreach

The outbreak of COVID-19 brought an onslaught of challenges for churches across our nation. Amidst the government's regulations regarding social distancing, quarantine, and prevention of public gatherings, we here at CVBC recognized that our ministry methods would certainly change. However, our mission has remained the same from the beginning. In the middle of this crisis for the church, we still live by the mission to glorify God by obeying His mission and making Him known here and around the world.



Though our capabilities for in-person teaching and fellowship are very limited at this time, we are blessed to live in an age where technology is ever-advancing and making it possible to stay connected, particularly in the realm of social media. Facebook is a social media platform that many people use in their day-to-day life, and it is that familiarity that provided a smooth transition to our current midweek service, a livestream now known as "At The Table," hosted by pastors Aaron and Stephen.

Every Wednesday night at about 6:30pm, Pastor Aaron Mansfield and Pastor Stephen Vaughan begin setting up for the evening broadcast at the Mansfield's home. In no time at all, the kitchen becomes a makeshift studio. Windows are covered with black bags to keep even lighting, and the camera is adjusted to have just the right angle of the signature table, video monitor, and our two hosts. Coffee is brewed, a final countdown is given, and the virtual teaching session begins.

The focus of "At The Table" has been a timely study entitled "The Church in Crisis: A study on the book of James." Our pastors have been walking us through the book verse by verse, highlighting themes such as persevering in trial, finding joy in testing, avoiding worldly partiality in the body of Christ, and other practical ways to live as a follower of Christ. When asked about his favorite aspect of "At The Table" as a ministry, Pastor Aaron said "It's been incredible to see the far-reaching impact this ministry has had beyond the walls of our church."

This type of ministry hasn't come without challenges. With the transition to online ministry, the staff have come to recognize all the challenges and obstacles that come along with using technology as a platform: sometimes it isn't easy, but it's always worth it. In consideration of the circumstances of the current ministry format, Pastor Aaron stated, "I truly have a greater appreciation for those who provide and produce biblical resources for the Church at large. Also, I have been confronted with tremendous opportunities available to the Church through means of technology, and how the Church ought to more strategically utilize these platforms to reach people for Christ."



**JOIN US
THIS WEEK!**





MINISTERING IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

"not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others"
Philippians 2:4

SPECIAL DATES

Until further notice, all regularly scheduled services, ministries, and activities have been canceled through the end of May.

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

June 1-5
CAMP EAGLE (JUNIORS)

July 12-16
MYSTERY ISLAND VBS

July 28-August 1
TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

September 16-20
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October 8-10
COUPLES RETREAT

October 28
TRUNK-OR-TREAT



PRAYER

Pray for people who have been impacted by the virus and medical professionals who are providing care. Pray for the gospel to go forward unhindered in these days.



"TEEPEE A HOUSE"

Drop off a roll of toilet paper or some other household essentials to brighten someone's day! Leave them at the door with a note sharing God's love and encouragement with them!



DROP A NOTE

Everyone loves receiving a hand written letter! Mail a card of encouragement, especially to those who are in a lock-down facility since they are unable to have visitors.



PAY IT FORWARD

If you are going through a drive-thru, pay for the food of the person behind you and ask the cashier to give them your hand-written, gospel note explaining why you did it.



SUPPORT COMMUNITY

Help sew surgical masks, schedule a blood donation, give someone a free haircut (if you have experience!), or provide a catered meal for a department of hospital staff.



FOOD DRIVE

Support our local missions staff, *The Friendship House* by donating canned goods, soap, or toilet paper for the local food pantry. Donate financially if you're unable to drop off items.

KNOW GOD DEEPLY FOLLOW GOD BOLDLY

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