

CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church

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2019 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

950+ Trunk-or-Treat

13 Baptisms

50+ First-time Guests

23 New Members

2 New Missions Staff

3 New Life Groups

1 New Admin Assistant

20 People at Saltville

Mission Trip

1 Pastoral Ordination

40+ Kids at VBS

New Property

(UNDER CONTRACT)

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Celebrating God's Goodness

As we round the corner for the New Year, let us reflect back and celebrate all God did in our midst. This past year has been a season of tremendous growth for our church family! God has added souls to His kingdom and sent many new families to be apart of our church family. It has been an immense joy to see people commit their lives to following Jesus and pursue loving Him and others.

In 2019, we increased our commitment to world missions, expanded our ministry to Mason's Cove Elementary School, developed new life groups, and were able to be under contract for a new piece of property located on RT. 311 beside The Homeplace restaurant. The atmosphere in our congregation conveys an expectation and excitement of what God has in store in the coming days! As we move forward into the New Year, standing in amazement of God's love for us and all He's doing in and through our church family, may we continually give Him the glory and praise!



Property Update

Our new property on Rt. 311 is under contract!

This property is truly an answer to prayer for greater opportunities to minister to our growing congregation as well as provide a larger venue for ministry, outreach, and future growth. A designated "building fund" has been established for the purchase of the property and future development. The cost of the property is \$200,000. During the morning service on Sunday, **January 26** there will be a special one-time offering to go towards the down-payment. **What would you prayerfully give to this special project?**

UGANDA 2020

MISSION TRIP

In June our church will send two mission teams to Uganda, East Africa. The mission trip will be in two phases: **June 4-18** will consist of an intensive five day pastor's conference for about a dozen men to provide additional theological training. The second phase, **June 13-26** will be a church team, led by Pastor Stephen Vaughan. The team focuses will include: hosting an International Prayer Advance with Christ-life Ministries, holding evangelistic crusades on Buvuma Island, interacting with deaf children at the Kamuli Deaf School, serving street kids, sharing with patients at Jinja Hospital, ministering to widows, and other various projects!

Still time to sign-up!

Cost of trip: \$2660

*\$100 deposit due by January 26,
with the remaining amount due by March 8th*

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! Every dollar raised directly supports the student ministries of Catawba Valley Baptist Church. Make plans to join us for an amazing evening while making a difference in a child's life!

We believe children are a gift from God and that's why we put forth great effort in ministering to students of all ages. This happens primarily through our weekly Awana (PreK-6th grade) and student ministry (7th-12th grade). This also provides funding for events throughout the year such as: retreats, camps, mission trips, VBS, service opportunities, special activities, and much more!

Preorder tickets online or by phone to receive a \$2 discount!

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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)

REACH THE NATIONS



ADVANCING GOD'S MISSION

Developing a partnership with Mission Link International

Missions has 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 Mission Link International (MLI). Over the years, this has developed into a relationship that has enabled eight individuals from our church to experience overseas missions in Uganda, East Africa.

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 various ministries in East Africa. The goal of MLI is to see nationals reach their country for Christ. MLI is the *link* whereby churches and individuals can support indigenous missions throughout the region of East Africa. The primary emphasis of MLI is to train national pastors and church leaders in the Bible. Additionally, MLI is actively involved with: ministering to African widows, supporting a deaf school, serving street kids, funding medical missions, constructing churches and houses, and hosting a number of other ministries and projects.

Christ's commission to His church is *"make disciples of all nations."* As such, each follower of Christ has been individually created, called, and commissioned by God to make disciples of all nations. God has a plan and purpose for each individual life. He's the Great Architect of His church. He's the One who has drawn the blueprint, and as living stones each member of the body has a part to play in the building. In world missions we enter into partnership with those ministering overseas and together are "God's fellow workers" in advancing His Kingdom.

In February of 2019, Pastor Aaron Mansfield and Richard Caldwell had the tremendous opportunity to travel with the annual MLI mission team. It was during this mission trip, that God reignited a passion for world missions in Pastor Aaron's life, and reconfirmed the immense impact that is made when the church rallies around the mission mandate given by Christ to His church. It was also during this trip, that Pastor Aaron was approached about possibly being the next missions director for Mission Link International. In Pastor Aaron's own words, *"I didn't come to Africa looking for a ministry."* After much prayer and consideration, God's leading has reaffirmed Pastor Aaron's call to the pastorate; while at the same time giving him a burden to see the church own its responsibility to make disciples of all nations. In a miraculous way, God's leading over the past number of months has confirmed a more amazing opportunity for our church.

It is in recognizing our commission to make disciples of all nations, that 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 MLI at www.missionlink.org





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2020 Vision

**"...the people who know their God
will be strong and take action." Daniel 11:32**

During Sunday mornings we will begin a series on the character of God. In every generation, it is people who know their God deeply that step out in faith boldly to follow Him. Our prayer at Catawba is that we would be these kind of people, who are strong and take great action BECAUSE we know our God. The ambition of our life should be to know God because He is worthy and to make Him known because we recognize that people are God's greatest investment. Our desire is to utilize the giftedness and abilities of those in our congregation as we advance God's kingdom here and around the world. In 2020 we are expanding our ministry through. . .

- 1. Outreach to Mason's Cove Elementary School**
- 2. Active Visitation Ministry**
- 3. Intentional Hospitality**
- 4. Partnership with Mission Link International**
- 5. Develop New Property**

SPECIAL DATES

**January 23-25
MEN'S PRAYER ADVANCE**

**January 26
PROPERTY OFFERING**

**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 4-26
UGANDA MISSION TRIPS**

**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

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