

# CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church



## EVENT LOGISTICS

1. When entering the Homeplace property, please turn on emergency flashers and follow all safety team instructions.
2. Candy bags may be picked up at the Welcome Station. Windows may be rolled down for the duration of the event.
3. Unless volunteering or otherwise directed, you **MUST** remain in your vehicle at all times.
4. Due to the circumstances, there will be no costume contest this year.
5. Text (540) 300-3850 to enter to win one of four \$25 gift card giveaway prizes. Winners will be notified via text message.
6. As you exit, be sure to cast your vote for your favorite trunk and pick up your free gift at the Goodbye Station.

## DRIVE THRU TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**Let the fall festivities begin!**

On **Wednesday October 28th**, we will be hosting a drive thru style Trunk-or-Treat. This event will take place from **6:30pm-8:30pm** at The Homeplace Restaurant.

Due to health and safety mandates, this year you and your children can enjoy our annual celebration from the safety of your vehicle with contactless candy delivery!

If you would like to sign up to volunteer and decorate your trunk, please contact Justina Anderson or sign up in person at the Welcome Center by **October 25th**.

We are also in need of volunteers for safety, setup, and hospitality. Please contact Pastor Stephen by **October 25th** if you would like to help out.



# MINISTRY

## DEACON ORDINATION

*September 27th was a special day in the life of our church, recognizing Jay Rhodes to serve as a new deacon for our congregation this year.*



This year, we are greatly blessed to have seven men serving as deacons to our congregation. In accordance with the meaning and practice in the New Testament, deacons are servants of the church who are tasked with facilitating ministry needs in order to allow the pastors to accomplish their God-given calling of shepherding the church. At Catawba Valley, our deacons serve the congregation by . . .

### SUPPORTING

As **servant-leaders**, deacons support the pastors' ministry of the Word so that the body of Christ might be built up in love. Additionally, they further serve by orchestrating and leading physical ministries that promote and benefit the entire body.

### PEACEMAKING

As **shock-absorbers**, deacons strive to maintain unity in the Body of Christ. As we see in Acts 6, physical neglect was causing spiritual disunity. Deacons were appointed to head-off disunity by resolving potential obstacles for gospel growth.

**deacon  
ministry**

### FACILITATING

As **ministry coordinators**, deacons exercise practical care for temporal needs within the congregation. The primary way they do this is by providing spiritual encouragement and facilitating practical care through the vehicle of our deacon care teams.

### CARING

As **caregivers**, deacons provide support to our congregation in times of need. In situations of benevolence, bereavement or serious illness, our deacons are available for you! One primary aspect of their care is in their ministry to widows.

# SPOTLIGHT

**Justina Anderson** | *Children's Ministry Director*

Join us in welcoming Justina Anderson to her newest volunteer role as Children's Ministry Director. In this new role, Justina will be orchestrating our Awana Clubs, Children's Church, and special children's events. Justina has an obvious drive and passion for working with children, so we asked her a few questions to get a deeper look at her heart behind this ministry and how she wants to see it grow.



## **Justina, what was the reason you wanted to get involved with children's ministry here at CVBC in the first place?**

"I did not realize at first that there were other adults in the building on a Wednesday night, so that's what led to me getting involved with the kids. I stayed involved because God showed me that I have a heart and a passion for kids, especially [kids] of the valley."

## **Now that you have chosen to step into this role as Children's Ministry Director, what do you want to see come out of it? What do you want to be the product of this ministry and how would you like to see it grow?**

"The biggest thing I want come out of it is that old saying *It takes a village...* to come back to life, because people don't realize that you don't have to have a kid to help raise a kid, first of all. And even if you have already raised your kids, you don't need a child in that same age group to help raise children in that age group. And I'm excited to hopefully bring back a passion for helping kids, because we need to be that vitamin and that supplement in their faith that maybe is lacking outside. You need a good diet, but sometimes you still need to take a multivitamin. I want us to become that multivitamin. I want us to become the Flintstones vitamin of your faith at Catawba Valley! I want to see more involvement, and more passion."

## **And what do you hope the kids get out of the ministry?**

"I want us to see a strong soldier stepping out. I want to know that there are some kids going out into the world maybe even stronger [in their faith] than some adults."

A couple of weeks ago, I saw Maddie [one of our awana kids] singing in the chapel along with a special music presentation. Nobody else, it was just Maddie. Everyone's eyes and ears were all on her, and I want to see more kids have a strong enough faith to do that. "



## **AWANA: Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!**

Undoubtedly, one of our greatest children's ministries is our weekly Awana program. Through Awana, children are surrounded by loving volunteers, biblical teaching, and opportunities to grow in their faith!







# PROPERTY UPDATES

## NEW LOCATION | SAME MISSION

On **Sunday, September 6**, we celebrated our 161st Homecoming on the grounds of the property, complete with a worship service and picnic. Homecoming Sunday was a time of reflection on the past and gazing toward the future of what God will do through our church in the future!

On **Sunday, October 18**, we will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day with another special service at the new property, followed by a picnic lunch. The service will begin at 10:30am. Drinks will be provided by the church, so all you have to bring is your chair or blanket to sit on and your lunch!

We had such an incredible time at the Homecoming picnic, so don't miss out on this great opportunity for celebration and fellowship!

## GIVING TOWARD THE GOAL

We are continually celebrating God's provision through the faithful giving of His people. To date, we have received over **\$17,000** since the down payment on April 16, 2020! The project is not over, it's only just beginning!

**\$60,000 of the \$200,000** total amount has already been provided - praise God! A special "building fund" has been established for the purchase of the property and future development. Special gifts may be designated toward the new property at any time! Would you join us by praying and believing God to supply the remaining balance?

## SPECIAL DATES

A complete list of current services and ministries may be found on our website at [catawbavalleybc.org](http://catawbavalleybc.org)

**October 8-10**  
COUPLES RETREAT

**October 16-17**  
YOUTH CAMPOUT

**October 18**  
PASTOR APPRECIATION  
SERVICE AT NEW PROPERTY

**October 28**  
TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**November 22**  
THANKSGIVING PRAISE  
SERVICE

**December 13**  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**December 16**  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**December 20**  
HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING

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