

CATAWBA FOCUS

Monthly Newsletter of Catawba Valley Baptist Church



NEW TO OUR FAMILY

Jett Daniel Scaglione
Born August 12, 2020 5:18pm
8 lbs 6 oz | 20 in



Ashlyn James Mansfield
Born August 13, 2020 10:42pm
7 lbs 8 oz | 18.5 in



STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF

Ready for another great semester of ministry

The rain and thunder couldn't stop the fun! Saturday, August 22, we held our Student Ministries Kickoff at the Catawba Community Center. There were about 65-75 people in attendance, and we praise God for the turnout of both new and familiar families that expressed interest in our student ministry programs!

We are grateful to our volunteers who helped serve food and monitor activities, for Camp Eagle providing the climbing wall and the Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo for bringing so many cute animals! We loved connecting with our community to celebrate the upcoming semester.

Our student ministries will be adjusting to adhere to the CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in ways like volunteers wearing masks, more frequent classroom cleaning, and implementing social distancing. Though there will be some visible changes to how we do ministry, we are only pressing deeper into the *why* of our ministry: making disciples who make disciples.

Property Updates

We are continually celebrating God's provision through the faithful giving of His people. To date, we have received **over \$15,000** since the down payment on April 16, 2020. **Dennis Harris**, one of our deacons, has given much of his time maintaining the new property to keep it looking fresh. Dennis, your efforts are so appreciated!

There are endless possibilities for ministry with a tract of land this large, this visible, and this accessible. Let's continue to pray, give, and trust the Lord to see this property become a place of viable ministry for our congregation. A designated "building fund" has been established for the purchase of the property and its future development. Prayerfully consider making a special gift this month to see us take one step closer to our goal.

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3

HOMECOMING PICNIC

A new way to celebrate 161 years together

This year's Homecoming Sunday meal and service will be held on **September 6th beginning at 10:00am** on the grounds of our new property on Rt. 311. This plot of land has become the visible embodiment of the Lord's loving provision and answer to years of fervent prayer by the church body. What better way to celebrate 161 years of God's work through Catawba Valley Baptist Church than to gather on the grounds of the next phase in our mission to "reach people for Christ, both here and around the world"?

God's faithfulness continues to go on through the ages, and it is amazing to see the marvelous works He has accomplished through CVBC over the years. As we both reflect and look ahead, we pray that you are eager to find your role in the ministry of CVBC, and that our mission statement becomes more and more personal to you.

So come and celebrate all that God has done and all that He will do! During the picnic, beverages will be provided and restrooms will be available on site. All that you and your family are responsible for is your meal and seating, whether it be blankets, chairs, or your car. We can't wait to see you at this very special event!



NEIGHBORHOODS *To* NATIONS

Featured Missionaries: The Frady Family *Missions Staff | Kampala, Uganda*



One of our own missions staff families, the Frady's, will be joining us as our featured guests for this year's conference. Bryan and Wendy have three children: Henry, Gunner, and baby Alistair. They currently serve in a ministry team through the IMB with other missionaries in the large city of Kampala, Uganda. The focus of their ministry in Uganda is strengthening the local church and training pastors on the topics of church health and disciple making. The Frady's are sent out of Brentwood Baptist Church in Tennessee. Since May of this year, the Frady's have been stateside after returning to the US on an unexpected medical leave for Alistair, and are waiting on the Lord to plan their return to Uganda. This time in the US has proven to be a season of rest, renewal, and rejuvenation for the family, and they are grateful for the special memories they are making with family and friends. We're excited that the Frady's plan to be with us for the duration of the conference.

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 pm | Outdoor Cookout

7:00 pm | Session in Chapel

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm | Session in Chapel

Following | Prayer Meeting for our Missions Staff

Friday, September 18

7:00 pm | Session in Chapel

Following | Coffee & Dessert Fellowship

Saturday, September 19

Fun activities with the Frady Family

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am | Breakout Sessions

10:30 am | Worship Service

Great Commission Giving

At last year's conference, we launched Great Commission Giving. GCC is a special offering above your regular, systematic giving that goes directly into our missions fund, which provides the funding for all of CVBC mission endeavors locally, regionally, and globally.

Great Commission Giving has become a crucial source of financial support for all of our missions staff and ministry partners. If you began giving as part of GCC last year, we cannot express how grateful we are for your commitment to partner financially in the Great Commission. Your faithful giving is one part of your individual participation in local, regional, and global missions.

This year, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your GCC giving amount. As the ministry of our missions family grows, so do their financial needs. If you have yet to become a Great Commission Giving partner, would you seek the Lord about your individual participation in advancing his mission?

For more information about GCC and to submit a giving card, please visit the Great Commission Giving page on our website at www.catawbavalleybc.org/great-commission-giving

CONNECTING THE DOTS

The Rider Family

Our family first heard about Catawba Valley Baptist Church after our daughters came home excited after a week at Camp Eagle. They had spent an awesome week with Stephen as the speaker and made many friendships with the kids from CVBC. For weeks, our parents' ears were filled with the request to visit the church. So, our girls attended VBS and several summer youth events. I accompanied my older girls to an event at Stephen's house and was so moved by the openness and acceptance of the church family.

Following this event, our family attended on Sunday and felt the same welcoming kindness from the congregation. We were also impressed by the mission's efforts made by the church and the overall focus of reaching others with the gospel. Since becoming members, we have become involved with the AWANA ministry and have helped with the Church workday and the recent Student Ministries Fall Kickoff. I even got the chance to attend the Summer Youth camp and had a great time seeing all the teens grow for the Lord. We are looking forward to getting back to regular church activities as well as AWANA and youth this fall, especially with the havoc Covid has caused in everyday life.

With love, Shawna Rider

"BE" building a culture of discipleship

In recent days, we have been exploring the theme of disciple-making. It began with understanding the need for making disciples as we explored "Another Generation" from the book of Judges. The past three weeks has been a continuation with our sermon series "BE". We have explored themes of disciple-making such as openness, intentionality, and sacrifice. The main takeaway, however, is that disciple-making begins with **me**. I must ask the question: am I a disciple of Christ? Have I been born again? This is the most important question we can answer in life. Each one of us must then ask: am I a healthy disciple? Am I growing and maturing in my relationship with the Lord? But you must not stop here! Are you multiplying yourself into other disciples? Only God can truly make disciples, but He uses His current disciples to do so (Matt. 28:18-20). We must seek after Him as a disciple, as well as seek out others to disciple. Corporate disciple-making on a large scale only begins with disciple-making on a personal level. We each have a personal responsibility to:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." - Matthew 28:19-20.



SPECIAL DATES

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

September 1

LIFE GROUPS BEGIN

September 6

HOMEcomings PICNIC

September 16-20

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

September 24-26

LADIES PRAYER ADVANCE

October 8-10

COUPLES RETREAT

October 24

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

November 22

THANKSGIVING PRAISE SERVICE

December 13

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

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