

Upcoming Events

February 7

8:00 am Men's Fellowship breakfast

February 8

Baby Bottle Deadline

February 10

11:30 am Senior Lunch

February 18

Feeding the UG Teachers

5:30 pm Mission Meal

6:30 pm Missions Night

February 18

Region 8 Mission Rally
Mt. Home Baptist
Morganton, NC

February 21

Fox Baby Shower

February 23

Region 7 Mission Rally
Bethlehem Baptist
Taylorsville, NC

February 28

6:30 pm Hee Haw

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
145 Mount Vernon Church Road
Olin, NC 28660
704-876-4025



Marriage Minute



Taco Bell

Ecclesiastes 9:9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life...

Angie and I dated for a year or so, and then married on Oct 1, 1978. That was over 47 years ago, in fact, it was 17,289 days ago as of this writing.

Last night, I drove her about 30 minutes away to pick up some horse supplies at Tractor Supply. We made one more stop for me to run in an auto parts store to pick up some 3M mounting tape. Then we started to drive back home, and had the usual, "do you want to eat at home, or stop and eat somewhere" discussion. She said "there is you a Taco Bell".

{I laughed a little, because, by MY memory, (Angie will correct me later), in ALL our SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE DAYS, I don't EVER remember her wanting to, or even agreeing to go to Taco Bell with me. I have mentioned it, and it is usually met with a disgusted grunt. I keep bragging about the beef chalupa supreme with no sour crème when I go about 3 times a year. I know I am weird, but I'd rather go to Taco Bell than any Mexican restaurant that I have been to.}

I asked "are you serious?", and she said "I might even eat a chalupa". In shock, I signaled, moved 3 lanes, and pulled into Taco Bell. She ate, and somewhat enjoyed her chalupa!

I was amazed that she wanted to experience that and spend that time with me. It was fun. We *enjoyed life with the one whom we loved.*

I challenge us all to do something small but potentially powerful that our spouse isn't expecting. It might just mean more to them than you could imagine!

David Prevette
Jan 31, 2026

Registered at Amazon

Baby Shower honoring
Courtney Fox
February 21st, 2-4 pm
Mount Veron Baptist

Instead of a card, books for baby boy Fox are appreciated.

RSVP to
Carrie Reavis
704-929-4445

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Serving in Love. Growing in Faith
Newsletter
February 2026



From the Pastor's Desk-

Church Family,

As we move further into the new year, my heart has been drawn again to the opening words of Peter's letter:

"To those who are elect exiles..." (1 Peter 1:1)

That phrase captures our identity as believers. We are **chosen by God**, yet we live as **strangers in this world**.

Peter reminds us that our faith did not begin with our own effort, but with God's mercy. We are chosen according to the foreknowledge of the Father, set apart by the Spirit, and brought into obedience through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:2). This truth grounds us. Our lives are not accidental. Our future is not uncertain. God is at work in us and for us.

At the same time, Peter is honest, we are exiles. We belong to

another kingdom. We are shaped by another Word. We bow to another King. Because of that, there will be moments when we feel out of step with the world around us. Our values may be misunderstood, and our obedience may be costly.

But Scripture teaches us not to fear that tension. Feeling like an exile is not a sign of failure it is often evidence that God is shaping us for holiness. Peter calls us not to withdraw from the world, but to live faithfully within it, trusting that God is refining our faith and guarding us by His power.

One of the great encouragements of 1 Peter is that God never calls His people to walk this road alone. He is building us together as a spiritual house, calling us to love one another earnestly, and to encourage one another as we journey toward our living hope.

So let me gently challenge you this month:
Open God's Word daily.
Pursue holiness with joy.
Lean into Christian community.
Fix your hope fully on Christ.

Church, you are not merely enduring another season you are being prepared for glory.

God has chosen you, He is sanctifying you, and He will carry you home.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you this February.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Andrew



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Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when to remove.

Tony Shaver	Teresa Lentz	John Debroder	Mason Durden
Donna York	Martie Gaither	Joey Campbell	Albert Sprinkle
Angie Wooten	Linda Wike	Ace Carter	Oliver Smith
Melissa Holland	Hal Moose	Crystal Hendrix	Randy Holland
Donnie Seipel	Jonathan Prescott	Carolyn Campbell	Medford Holland
Billy Steele	Dolly Madison	Nash Prevette	
John "Skip" Douglas	Marilee Reavis	Charles Kurfees	



Feb. 19 Region 8 Mt. Home Baptist, Morganton, NC
Feb. 23 Region 7 Bethlehem Baptist, Taylorsville, NC

These rallies will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, nation and world. Featured will be worship, testimonies, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for anyone in your church who is interested in missions. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering. For more information and to register, go to baptistsonmission.org/Events/Regional-Rallies.

SERVE AND GROW

Truthgirlz

[Www.truthgirlz.org](http://www.truthgirlz.org)

Suggested donations for incentive boutique and lessons for February are art supplies and sets. Also, there is an amazon wish list connected to the QR code below. If you have any questions, please see Julie Rupard.



SENIOR ADULTS

For our January meeting the seniors enjoyed a bluegrass jam with Doug, Clay, Anita and friends. The food and fellowship was wonderful. In February we will have Shiki style chicken with rice, carrots and broccoli and dessert. Lucas Maynard will come and demonstrate his trick roping. A former NIHS graduate he travels to many large rodeos performing his talent. Plan to join us February 10 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.



Ladies and Girls Baking Morning.



January Senior Lunch



Youth News

The youth will present HEEHAW on February 28th at 6:30 pm as a fundraiser for summer camp. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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