

Upcoming Events

July 4

Independence Day

July 12

Communion Sunday

July 14

11:30 am Senior Lunch

July 15

5:30 pm Missions Meal

6:30 pm Missions Night

July 24

5:30 pm Ladies Dinner
and Painting Night

July 27-31

Children's Summer
Camp– Centrikid @
Ridgecrest.

Save the Date

August 2

Back 2 School Bash
North Iredell Pool

August 16

190th Homecoming

August 17-20

Nightly Revival Services



Marriage Minute



Who Is It?

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Pastor Andrew's wife, Lauren, LOVES the story about when I was on night shift at the Sheriff's Office, and was sent home because I lost my voice, and they couldn't hear me on the car radio if I called for help. The short version is that Angie almost shot me for breaking into the house at 2am, when I wasn't supposed to come home until 6am. There is a LOT more to the story, but the meat of it is that Angie had this demon-possessed-voice when she yelled "WHO IS IT" when I opened the door to the house. (For a split second I thought she had another man in bed with her). I didn't "KNOW" her voice. Neither did she "KNOW" my voice when I answered "It's me" with the voice of a deranged killer.

I was thinking about this today, and wondering just how often, not because of illness, or loss of voice, do we forget how wonderful our spouse's voice sounds to us? OR DO we sound wonderful to each other? Do we speak in loving tones, understanding tones, or not so precious tones? Do we even recognize that person's voice anymore?

Father, thank You for Your loving voice that we are always able to recognize. Thank You that You KNOW us, and immediately recognize our voices when we call out to You. Oh God, help me to speak to my Angie in ways that she will know who it is talking to her, and be encouraged and strengthened. Amen



Mount Vernon Baptist Church

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Newsletter
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This July, our nation pauses to celebrate a remarkable milestone 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, God has graciously blessed America in countless ways. While our history is not without flaws, we can thank the Lord for the freedoms we have enjoyed, the opportunities He has provided, and the generations who sacrificed so that we might live in liberty.

As Christians, however, our greatest citizenship is not found beneath the Stars and Stripes but under the lordship of King Jesus. Earthly nations come and go. Empires rise and fall. Flags change. Borders move. But the Kingdom of God remains forever.

As I reflect on our nation this Independence Day, I can't help but wonder if what America needs most is not merely another celebration of its past but a fresh commitment to the One who holds its future. Lasting change has never

come simply through better policies, stronger economies, or greater prosperity. Real change begins when hearts are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout Scripture, whenever God's people drifted from Him, the answer was always the same: not despair, but repentance. Not merely outward reform, but inward renewal. Revival has always started with God's people humbling themselves, seeking His face, and returning to His Word.

Perhaps that is the gentle reminder we all need this July. Rather than asking only, "What does America need?" maybe we should first ask, "Lord, what needs to change in me?" Revival has always been personal before it became public. Healthy churches are built by growing Christians. Strong communities are shaped by faithful families. A nation is influenced when God's people live as salt and light.

So this Independence Day,

celebrate with gratitude. Thank God for His many blessings on our country. Pray for our leaders. Love your neighbor. Share the gospel. And above all, fix your eyes on Christ, whose throne will never be shaken and whose Kingdom will never end.

May God continue to bless America not simply with prosperity, but with repentance, revival, and a renewed love for His Son.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" -

Psalm 33:12

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	Martie Gaither	Clay Madison	Tony Smith
Angie Wooten	Kim Shaver	Jean Sloan	Timmy Johnson
Oliver Smith	Margaret Gaither	Blake Sloan	John "Skip" Douglas
Jerry Elliott	Wayne Myers	Timothy Braddock	Rodney Grant
Lorena Elliott	Eileen Maccarino	Lillian Prevette	Bill Phillips

TIME TO UPDATE

New church directories will be printed in August. If you need to update your info, or are not in the directory and would like to be, please let Kathleen Smith know.

**SERVE
AND
GROW**

*Deacon Nominations
July 19th*



MISSION
Meal

July 15, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans,
rolls and dessert**

**Christmas in July for Kentucky Children
Money goes to Kentucky backpacks.**

Needed \$700 for toiletries

\$800 for food, \$800 for toys

**We plan to pack over 70 backpacks from
our church.**

Missions Night to follow at 6:30.



SENIOR ADULTS

We enjoyed our June Senior Meeting with a great time of fellowship. We will meet July 14 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall for our July meeting. We will have a BIG breakfast meal followed by bingo. We will have bingo prizes. Save the date for September 8 (regular meeting day) to go to Wally & Andrea Eades' campground to have a picnic lunch.

**Children's Camp @
Ridgecrest
July 27th-31st
Pray for our children
and their leaders.**

Youth Camp 2026



Meet The Deacon

David Reavis



Favorite food: Steak & Fried Chicken

Favorite movie: Tombstone

Favorite bible verse: Psalm 23

**Super power I wish I could have: To be
able to fly.**

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