

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme at home.



Thinking about the Theme

- Describe an interesting or unusual cross you own or have seen.

Getting into God's Word

- Read Romans 6:1-13.
- Death is mentioned 15 times in this section. How does Christ's death and resurrection tie into our relationship with sin? Our new life in him?
- What does it mean to count yourself "dead to sin" (verse 11)?
- What are the implications of the phrase "do not let" in verse 12?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- What do you do when parts of your life that are still trying to live outside of Christ's rule start showing up?
- What specifically will you do this week to count yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ?
- If you could nail one thing to the cross forever right now, what would it be? Why do you think it has such a hard time dying?

Praying about It

- Imagine Jesus is coming in person to spend a week as your guest. Think through his visit and how it would affect your activities and attitude. Pray about it. Ask for forgiveness for the various aspect of your life you know would not be pleasing to Jesus. Ask him to help you eliminate anything that he could not enjoy with you. Ask him to go with you through the week and be involved in all your coming decisions and thoughts.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Set an extra place at your dinner table to represent Jesus' presence with you.
- Carry something (like a small cross, red glass bead, nail, etc.) in your pocket to remind you that Jesus' is your King and wants to rule all your life.
- Memorize Galatians 2:20.
- Sing or listen to a song that has the theme of dying to our self or bearing the cross.

On Sunday, November 28th, we will not have a 5 pm Inspiration Service, due to the Hanging of the Greens Advent Service, at 7 pm, that evening, in the Sanctuary.

Today is the last day to bring your **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Please put your shoeboxes on the shelves on the left in the Narthex.

If you would like to **sing in our Christmas Cantata** without committing to joining the choir, please join us on Wednesdays, at 7:50 pm, in the Chapel. The title of this year's musical and dramatic presentation is "O Holy Night". The Cantata will be on Saturday, December 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The children will practice for their **Christmas musical** program, next Sunday, from 4:00 to 4:45 pm in the Chapel. Children in kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to participate. They will not meet on Sunday, November 28th. The Children's Christmas musical program, "*Shepherds Sheep and a Savior*" will be at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services, on Sunday, December 19th.

Stevens/Lane Women's Circle will meet tomorrow, at 7 pm, in the fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend!

Is someone you know living with **Alzheimer's or dementia**? An informative meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 16th, at 7 pm, at White Plains UMC, 313 SE Maynard Road, Cary. For reservations, please call 467-9394.

Discovering My Ministry Class, taught by Pastor Leonard, will be held this Wednesday, November 17th, at 6:30 to 9 pm in a classroom. Anyone who has attended the Discovering Church Membership Class is invited to attend. Please register with the Church Office by Monday, November 15th.

December Newsletter items are due to sally@mountzion.org or the Church Office by this Friday, November 19th.

2011 Church Committee/Officer Training for new & continuing chairpersons will be held on Saturday, November 20th, from 9 to 11 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by tomorrow, November 15th.

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** next Sunday, November 21st, from 12:15 to 4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment online, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "1310" or call Sandy Wise at 894-2203.

The Neighborhood Academy of Music will hold their **benefit concert** at Mount Zion again this year next Sunday, November 21st, at 1:30 and 3:15 pm, in the Sanctuary. Come be blessed by many talented students sharing their musical abilities to raise money for the "me fine" Foundation, Inc, which assists families with children in treatment at Duke and UNC Children's Hospitals.