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Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship For Everyone: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Welcome!

If this is your first visit, please stop by
the guest assistance table. You are
always welcome at Mount Zion.

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the world.*

Order of Worship

February 27, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 57
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

*Offertory *“Gentle Spirit”*

*Doxology.....UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music.....Alicia Murray, Donna Rex, Nancy Rivers, Peggy Vaughan
“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome in This Place”

Children’s Time

(Children 4 through 8 years old may leave for Children’s Church at this time.)

Announcements

Missions Moment: Raleigh Rescue Mission

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s PrayerUMH 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mount Zion's Camp Don Lee Family Retreat will be held on Friday, May 27th, - Sunday, May 29th. The rates are \$95 per person for two nights with 5 meals. Children ages 1-4 are only \$6 per calendar day. Children under one are free. 50% of the total cost is due on Sunday, April 17th. The final payment is due on Sunday, May 15th. The sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministries Bulletin Board. There are a few spaces left. For more information, contact Myrtle Earley at 779-5280 or Sarah Brown 894-8317.

Sports Ministry Team Announcements:

- Mount Zion will participate in the Garner Church Softball league. Games are played at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Garner. If you would like to sign-up to play on the Men's, Women or Youth Teams, the sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact John Holden at 773-8613.
- Mount Zion will be hosting Upward Sports Ministry Fall Soccer. If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, helping to plan and coordinate upcoming activities, please contact John Holden at 773-8613

*A warm invitation is extended to all to attend a floating **Bridal Shower** for **Jarrett Beasley**, son of Valton & Delores Beasley, and **Renee Evans** today, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, given by family and friends.*



*Everyone is invited to a "**Baby Boy Shower**" for **Caraline Belcher** this Saturday, March 5th, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, given by family and friends.*



*Everyone is invited to a "**Baby Boy Shower**" for **Andrea Cupit and Jonathan Mills**, on Sunday, March 13th, from 3 to 5 pm, at the home of Wendy Hewett, 117 Golden Grain Road, in Turner Farms Subdivision, in Garner.*

Andrea is the daughter of Ron & Melissa Cupit.

They are registered at Target.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy at 662-4960.

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (2/27)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Bridal Shower--Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH
6:00 p.m. Handbells--Sanctuary

Monday: (2/28)

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday: (3/1)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts--FH

Wednesday: (3/2)

7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting--FH
10:00 a.m. Exercise/lunch--FH
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir--Chapel
6:25 p.m. Men's Ensemble--Chapel
6:30 p.m. Discovering My Ministry Class-Classroom
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting--Parlor
7:00 p.m. Venturing Crew--FH
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Chapel

Thursday: (3/3)

7:00 p.m. Exercise--Narthex
7:00 p.m. Mission's Team--Classroom

Friday: (3/4)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex

Saturday: (3/5)

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Volunteer--Shepherd Shelf Food Pantry
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Baby Shower--Fellowship Hall

Sunday: (3/6)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
2:30 p.m. Volunteer--Raleigh Rescue Mission
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH
6:00 p.m. Handbells--Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Discovering Spiritual Maturity--Classroom

For up-to-date information on Mount Zion's activities, or to check availability for meetings & events log on to our website: www.mountzion-umc.org



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Hymn of Preparation.....UMH 261

“Lord of the Dance”

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard

A Matter of Death and Life

*Closing Hymn.....TFWS 2251

“We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus”

(You may come to the altar rail to pray, receive prayer or be anointed with oil for healing.)

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Trinity Chime Benediction

Postlude “To God Be the Glory”

*Indicates congregation standing (those who are able).

We publish our current, complete prayer list in our newsletter each month. Every Sunday new prayer requests are put in the bulletin so that you can add them to your list. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or make a confidential prayer request, you can fill out a blue prayer card. If there is anyone who can be taken off our current prayer list, please fill out a card, call or email the office.

Prayer list: William VanWie, Ellen Grissom, David Weatherman, Mabel Hicks, Lottie Gurganus, Charlene Phillippi

Worship Assistants

Counters: Angie Cox, Mike Stewart.....(8:30) Eugene Myers, Don Maynard..(11:00)
Acolytes:(8:30)
Erin Dailey, Isaac Dailey, Ashlyn Smith, Peyton Askew.....(11:00)
Greeters: John & Jennifer Boyd.....(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

Christian love & sympathy is expressed to Keith & Joanne McIsaac and the entire family, Keith's father, Robert McIsaac, passed away on Monday, February 14th.



Christian love & sympathy is expressed to John & Annette Holden and the entire family, John's step-mother, Patricia Holden, passed away on Monday, February 21st.



Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of Jarrett Beasley & Renee Evans upcoming Marriage by Valton & Delores Beasley



Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in memory of Robert A. Stevens by Doris Ellington, Ray & Betty Sorrell



Water and the Spirit

A Matter of Death and Life

What is the connection between baptism, death and resurrection?

- 1) Baptism _____ us of what Jesus has done on our behalf through his death and resurrection.

“I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished.”—Luke 12:50 (NLT)

“Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?”—Mark 10:38 (NLT)

[Christ] personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.—1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.—1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT)

- 2) Baptism _____ us with Christ in what he has accomplished through his death and resurrection.

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this

Mount Zion's
Saturday Night
"Get-To-Know-You"
N through Z



Alphabet Supper on Saturday, March 5th

- 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- Fellowship Hall
- All families attending or visiting Mount Zion with the last name beginning with N through Z are invited!
- Bring your family and a dish or two to share
- Coffee, Tea & Water Provided

Sponsored by Mount Zion's Evangelism Team



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on March 9th, at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Each service will last 10 to 15 minutes and will include the imposition of ashes and time for personal reflection.



Ole Fashion Supper

Saturday, March 12th, from 4 to 8 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

- The Volunteer/Donation sign-up board is in the Fellowship Hall.
- There will be many ways that you can volunteer: set-up, kitchen, dessert table, drink table, cooks, and clean-up to name a few.
- Donations of funds to purchase food items, home cooked vegetables, entrees, desserts, tea or drinks are also needed. Items are listed on the sign.
- Work night is Friday, March 11th, beginning at 6 pm. Everyone's help is needed!
- Signs for you to post at work or at a local business are located by the door in the Fellowship Hall.
- Working at the Ole Fashion Supper is a great way "to serve" and also a great way to meet others and to fellowship. Your big smile and welcoming attitude to those who come to eat is a great way to outreach to our community.
- Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4 to 8 and free for children 3 and under.

because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.—Romans 6:1-14 (NLT) [See also Colossians 2:11-12]

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.—Colossians 3:3 (NIV)

What difference does sharing/identification with Christ's death and life mean for my life?

- 1) Freedom from the _____ of sin.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. ...Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!—Romans 5:1-2, 9 (NIV)

- 2) Freedom from the _____ of sin.

- 3) Freedom from the _____ of sin.

Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.—Revelation 21:27 (NLT)

Next Sunday: <i>FAQ about Baptism</i>

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- What is your favorite part of Easter: Sunrise Service, eggs, new clothes, chocolate, family meal, etc.?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Romans 6:1-14.
- This passage is a response to some people using the fact that their sins are forgiven to excuse sinful living. What does Paul say about that?
- Death is mentioned 15 times in this short section. How does Christ's death and resurrection impact our relationship with sin? How does baptism symbolize this?
- In verses 11-14, what does it mean to count ourselves dead to sin? Alive to God in Christ? Offer our bodies to sin? Offer our bodies as instruments of righteousness?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- What do you do when you sense the stirrings of your former life of sin as these believers did?
- What specifically will you do this week to count yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ?
- If you could burry one thing from your old life right now, what would it be?

Praying about It

- Ask God to help you see the morbid reality of sin.
- Ask God to help you understand the freedom you now have in/with/through Christ.
- Pray for those who are enslaved by sin to see the possibility of freedom and new life.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Read (or memorize and recite) Galatians 2:20 throughout the week as a biblical declaration of who you really are in Christ.

Missions focus for March will be the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

Sign-up to volunteer next Sunday, March 6th, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. We will cook, and serve dinner to the homeless and those living at the mission. Sign-up by calling Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108. Limited to 10 volunteers at least 16 years old.

The Missions Team will also collect "Welcome Kits" to be handed out to the homeless. Please donate a complete kit assembled in a gallon zip-lock bag. The kit should include the following travel-size hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrush, antiperspirant, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap and shampoo. Please add a warm note or card of encouragement. Please place your completed kit on the designated shelf on the left in the Narthex. The last day to donate kits will be Sunday March 27th.

Discovering My Ministry Class will be held this Wednesday, March 2nd, at 6:30 pm, in a downstairs classroom. This class will help you discover your unique design for ministry and commit to develop and deploy your gifts and abilities in serving God and others through your church family. Please contact the Church Office by Tuesday, March 1st to sign-up. Discovering Church Membership Class is a prerequisite.

Discovering Spiritual Maturity will be held next Sunday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm in a classroom. This class will help you to begin and continue the basic habits every Christian needs in order to grow to spiritual maturity. Please contact the Church Office by Thursday, March 3rd to sign-up. Discovering Church Membership Class is a prerequisite.

Small Group Leader Training will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 10 am in a classroom. Anyone interested in leading a small group should attend. Please contact the church office to register by Thursday, March 10th.

Spring Small Group Timeline:

- Spring Small Group Information Forms Due to the Church Office on Wednesday, March 23rd.
- Spring Small Group Brochures available on Sunday, March 27th.
- Spring Small Group Rally Day on Sunday, April 3rd, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:00 am during CAFÉ and after the 11:00 am Worship Service.
- Spring Small Groups begin the week of April 10th.