

*Christian love & Sympathy is expressed to **Alan & Martha Eatmon** and the entire family,  
Martha's uncle, **Ed Lambert**, passed away on December 23rd.*



*Christian love & Sympathy is expressed to **Will & Shelia Brookover** and the entire family,  
their niece, **Becca Brookover**, passed away on December 27th.*

## **This Week at Mount Zion**

### **Today: (1/2)**

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

*Small Group Rally Day*

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Birthday Party for Jesus--Chapel

No Youth or Handbells

### **Monday: (1/3)**

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee

Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday: (1/4)**

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Exercise--Narthex

SPRC--Share & Care Classroom

### **Wednesday: (1/5)**

7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:25 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting--FH

Exercise --Narthex

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Venturing Crew--FH

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Men's Ensemble--Chapel

Adult Choir--Chapel

### **Thursday: (1/6)**

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Missions Team--Classroom

Exercise--Narthex

### **Friday: (1/7)**

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

### **Saturday: (1/8)**

10:00 a.m.

Children's Ministry Team Kickoff-Chapel

Pinewood Derby Workshop-Shelter

*Winter Small Groups Begin this wee*

United Methodist Men--FH

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Youth Mission Fair

No Handbells

Charge Conference/Administrative Council

Venturing Advisory--Classroom

### **Sunday: (1/9)**

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:30-7:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.



Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor  
Carley Scheitrum, Associate/Youth Pastor  
Kim B. Stephenson, Children's Pastor  
Nancy Rivers, Choir Director  
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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**  
**January 2, 2011**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**..... UMH 558

*"We Are the Church"*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory**

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.  
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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**.....Ginger Newsom

*"Mary Did You Know"*

**Children's Time**

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

**Announcements**

**Installation of 2011 Church Officers**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer**.....By Philipp Melanchthon  
O God, we do not desire new contentions and discord. We pray only that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who for us died and rose from the grave, will guide us, that all of us who are in many churches and many communions may be one Church, one Communion and one in him. As he himself earnestly prayed for us in his hour of death, saying, "I pray also for those who through your Word will believe in me, that they may be one as you, Father, are in union with me and I with you, and that they may be one in us," so also we pray. Amen.

# Climbing Guide

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



## **Thinking about the Theme**

- What is your most pleasant childhood memory of church?

## **Getting into God's Word**

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.
- What terms or phrases does Paul repeat in this passage? What is the significance of the repetition?
- How does this passage say a Christian is like a part of a body? How does it say the church is like a whole body?

## **Getting God's Word into Our Lives**

- To which part of the body would you compare yourself? Why?
- What would you say to someone who thinks he/she can be a Christian without being part of the church?
- To what could you take that person that would help him/her experience a measure of Christian community?

## **Praying about It**

- Pray for people to understand how being a Christian and being part of the church must go together.
- Pray for the church to do a better job of connecting believers with each other in unity around Christ's mission.

## **Doing Something to Make It Stick**

- The Bible compares individual Christians to body parts and the church to the body as a whole; the individual to a soldier and the church to an army; the individual to a citizen and the church to a nation, etc. Come up with your own list of comparisons.
- Take a step to value your relationship with other followers of Jesus more.
- Invite someone to come to church with you.

**The Birthday Party for Jesus** will be held today, at 5 pm, in the Chapel. There will be cake, ice cream, games, crafts and the true story of how it all started. Everyone is invited!

**Small Group Rally Day** is today from 9:30 to 10:00 am, during CAFÉ and after the 11 am Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Small Group Leaders will be available to answer any questions and sign you up. **Corrected Winter Small Group** brochures are located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and on our website.

Mount Zion has been authorized by the District Superintendent to hold a **Charge Conference** in conjunction with our Administrative Council meeting, next Sunday, January 9th, at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary. The purpose is to accept the report of the Study Committee and elect a Building Committee. Everyone is invited to attend.

Everyone whose last name begins with A through G is invited to 2011's monthly Saturday **"get to know you" dinners**, on Saturday, January 15th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and your family! Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

If you would like to learn more about Mount Zion or are interested in joining the church, you are invited to attend **Discovering Church Membership Class** on Sunday, January 16th, following the 11 am Worship Service, in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. To sign-up please contact the Church Office by Thursday, January 13th. Child-care will be provided upon request.

**Clear the Clutter for Christ:** An "Indoor Workday" will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will be inventorying items in all the buildings. Items no longer needed, will be donated to Harbor, Inc. An instructional meeting and breakfast begins at 8:30 am. Be sure to be here to help us know what items are used during the year and to help us to organize items so we have an inventory of where everything is, so anyone needing it can find it. Lunch and prizes begin at 1 pm. For questions, contact Barbara Taylor at 349-9247 or papertigerlady@me.com.

**The 2011 Altar Flower List** is in the Narthex on the shelf on the left. Flowers are still \$44 per arrangement, and you can take it home after the 11 am Worship Service. If you would like to leave them, they will be used in an arrangement in the Narthex, the following Sunday. You can make your check out to "Mount Zion UMC" and put "flowers" in the memo.

**Hymn of Preparation**.....UMH 548

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

**Sermon**.....Pastor Leonard

"I Can Be a Christian without the Church"

**\*Closing Hymn**.....TWFS 2220

*"We Are God's People"*

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Trinity Chime Benediction**

### **Postlude**

\*Indicates congregation standing (those who are able).

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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:** Jamie Crutchfield, Michael Kettle, Debra Duvall

### **Worship Assistants**

Counters: Kim Andrews, Rex Spivey.....(8:30) Angie Cox, Tony Hewett.....(11:00)

Acolytes: .....(8:30)

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Greeters: Open.....(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

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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](http://www.mountzion-umc.org)



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**2011 Mount Zion Church Officers List** is available in the Narthex. We want to thank those who have served in 2010 and ask you to pray for those who will be serving in 2011.

**New Member Sunday** will be held on January 30th. If you have attended Discovering Church Membership and would like to join that Sunday, please turn your paperwork in to the Church Office by Thursday, January 27th.

# Why I Don't Go to Church



*"I Can Be a Christian without the Church"*

**Some incomplete understandings of what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a church:**

- 1) "I don't want to deal with all the mess in the church; I just want to follow Jesus."
  - But if you want to follow Jesus, notice \_\_\_\_\_ he goes and \_\_\_\_\_ he spends his time. (See the Gospels.)
- 2) "Becoming a Christian is a personal matter; it doesn't have anything to do with the church."

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.—1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)*

- When we become a Christian, we are incorporated into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household...—Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)*

- When we become a Christian, we become part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

*Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel....—Philippians 1:27 (NRSV)*

- When we become a Christian, we are enlisted into God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*...For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. –Galatians 3:26-27, 29 (NRSV)*

- When we become a Christian, we become brothers and sisters in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

3) "Why can't I be a Christian without the church?"

- Christianity has never existed as an individualized religion; it is \_\_\_\_\_ by its very nature. (See Acts.)

4) "You have to justify your own institution."

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."—John 17:20-23 (NIV)*

- Jesus prays for those who believe in him to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Two challenges:**

- 1) Invite someone to come to church with you. If he/she says, "I can be a Christian without the church":
  - Talk about what they mean by " \_\_\_\_\_ " and " \_\_\_\_\_ ".
  - Help them see that according to the Bible, being a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ being part of the church.
  - Invite them to \_\_\_\_\_ a group of believers who are learning to live this new life together.
- 2) Take our relationships with other believers very seriously.

Next Sunday: *"There Are Too Many Hypocrites in the Church"*