

# This Week at Mount Zion

## Today: (7/3)

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  
No Youth Fellowship  
Fireworks at Benson Lake Park

## Tuesday: (7/5)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex  
3:00 p.m. VBS Decorations--Chapel

## Wednesday: (7/6)

7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting--Parlor  
7:00 p.m. VBS Skit Practice--Sanctuary

## Thursday: (7/7)

3:00 p.m. VBS Decorations--Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Missions Team-Share & Care Classroom  
7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries--Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Exercise--Narthex

## Friday: (7/8)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex  
6:30 p.m. Creative Christians & VBS Decorating

## Saturday: (7/9)

6:00 - 11:00 a.m. Cub Scout Yard Sale--Parking Lot  
VBS Decorating  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth Mission Team Training  
1:00 p.m. Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta--Shelter

## Sunday: (7/10)

7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast--FH  
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  
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH  
6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting--Sanctuary

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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**  
**July 3, 2011**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**.....UMH 103  
*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

**\*Offertory** *“Deep River”*

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 147

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
God gives us in Christ Jesus all that we really need.

We trust in his provision and praise his gracious deeds.

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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**.....Alleluia Choir  
*“Climbin’ Up the Mountain”*

**Children’s Time**

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

**Announcements**

**Intercessory Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**.....UMH 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 Family Ministry Team invites you to gather with others from Mount Zion for the **fireworks** display at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffalo Road, Garner) today. Bring your picnic supper and a chair/blanket. Gates open at 5 p.m. and there will be food vendors, activities and entertainment with the fireworks beginning at 9:30 p.m. Mount Zion will gather under the "Pink Flamingo" helium balloon.

Volunteers, youth & adults needed to help **paint scenery & sets for VBS**. They will meet every Tuesday & Thursday from 3 to 5 pm in the Chapel. For questions contact Karen Pickering at 773-8522 or email: karenpickering@bellsouth.net. **VBS Decorating** will be held on Friday, July 8th, beginning at 6:30 pm until 11:30 and on Saturday, July 9th, all day.

Start collecting items to donate to the **Cub Scouts Yard Sale** to be held this Saturday, July 9th, in the Church Parking Lot from 6 to 11 am. You can place your items under the shelter this week. Please contact Brandon Johnson if you need items picked up and for any questions at 625-0565.

**United Methodist Men** will meet next Sunday, July 10th, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. UMM meets each month on the second Sunday. All men are invited to attend! Come for breakfast, devotions, and fellowship!

**Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari**, Vacation Bible School, will be held on Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15th. A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and VBS will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and end at 8:45 pm. The closing musical will be held on Sunday, July 17th, at the 11 am Worship Service, followed by a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. **Sign-up** for Mount Zion's VBS in the Narthex. You can also sign-up on our Church Website. **Last day to sign-up online** is Wednesday, July 6th.

The **Senior Brunch** will be held on Saturday, **July 16th**, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. All senior citizens are invited! This event is hosted by the Stevens/Lane Circle. If you would like to help with the brunch, or need a ride, please contact Amanda Carroll at 772-8965 or Kim Carroll at 779-3693.

**Altar Flowers** are available for July and August. Each arrangement is \$44 and can be taken home after the 11 am Worship Service. Flowers left after Sunday will be recycled for the Narthex arrangement the following Sunday. Checks can be made out to "Mount Zion UMC" and in the memo, note "flowers" and place it in the offering plate.

**New Mount Zion Logo** shirts are now on sale during CAFÉ, in the Fellowship Hall. You can buy T-shirts for \$10. There are golf shirts and dress shirts that can be purchased or ordered. You can now also purchase any item from Land's End Catalog with a Mount Zion logo. Just go to [ces.landsend.com/mountzion](http://ces.landsend.com/mountzion). (Note: there is not a www. in front of the address.)

# **Climbing Guide**

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

## **Thinking about the Theme**

- When was the last time you touched a real worm?
- Share about a time when someone told you some hard truth you needed to hear.

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

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10.
- What does it mean to be dead in sin? What is the cause?
- What kind of help does someone need who is dead?
- How do God's wrath and his love work together (verses 3-4)?
- What does grace mean as it is used in verses 5, 7, and 8?
- How do grace and works fit together in a believer's life (verses 8-10)?

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

- Which of the following descriptions of God's transforming grace means the most to you: 1) raised from the dead, 2) seated with Christ in the heavenly realms, 3) considered God's masterpiece, 4) created anew, and 5) entrusted with a mission? Which is the hardest for you to understand or accept?
- What is something God has prepared for you to be and do?

## **Praying about It**

- In praying, strive to present the real you to God, without trying to impress him or ignore how you are feeling at that moment. Clear anything out of the way that might stand between you and God, including your tendency to focus on yourself.
- Then pray through God's own revelation about himself. For instance, look through Ephesians 2:1-10 again and note what it says about God's mercy, love, initiative, wrath, and plan.
- Talk with God about his true identity in relation to yours.

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

- Carry the worm you received at worship or put it somewhere it can serve as a reminder to you of your weakness and inability without God versus your privileged status in Christ.

Next Sunday: *Fly Away*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**.....UMH 61  
*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

**Sermon**.....Pastor Leonard Rex  
Wormly Wisdom

**\*Closing Hymn**.....UMH 368  
*“My Hope Is Built”*

*(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** *“Sing Forth to the Lord” & “Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

\*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:** Sharon Gurley, O’Neita Creech, Butch Kerns, Janice Tart

### **Worship Assistants**

Counters: Kim Andrews, Rex Spivey....(8:30) Alfred Taylor, Tony Hewett.....(11:00)  
Acolytes: Brendan Boyd, Brionna Stewart.....(8:30)  
Erin Hewett, Brittany Moore, Ashlyn Smith, Adam Smith.....(11:00)  
Greeters: John & Jennifer Boyd.....(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

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July’s **Administrative Council Meeting** will be held on Sunday, July 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

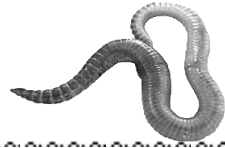
**VBS Postcard Invitations** are located in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Please take some to invite your neighbors, friends, family & co-workers!

**Mount Zion is now accepting applications** for a part-time office assistant. Applications are located in the Narthex. Completed applications can be turned in to the Church office.

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 7 to 9 am and 5 to 7 pm. Friday 7 am to 2 pm. You can contact Marilyn at 630-3514.

# Animal Academy

## Part 5: Wormly Wisdom



**Worms are mentioned in Scripture in connection with death and destruction, but some references go a step further and associate worms with the horror of hell:**

*All your pomp has been brought down to the grave, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you.—Isaiah 14:11 (NIV)*

*“It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where ‘the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’”—Mark 9:47-48 (NIV, 2011)*

**Another way worms are referred to in the Bible is as specimens of utter weakness and worthlessness:**

*But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.—Psalm 22:6 (NIV)*

*“But as for you, Israel my servant,  
Jacob my chosen one,  
descended from Abraham my friend,  
I have called you back from the ends of the earth,  
saying, ‘You are my servant.’*

*...And I say to you,  
‘Don’t be afraid. I am here to help you.  
Though you are a lowly worm, O Jacob,  
don’t be afraid, people of Israel, for I will help you.  
I am the Lord, your Redeemer.  
I am the Holy One of Israel.’*

*You will be a new threshing instrument  
with many sharp teeth.*

*You will tear your enemies apart,  
making chaff of mountains.”—Isaiah 41:8-14 (NLT)*

- Without God we are as weak and pitiful as worms, but with him we share his \_\_\_\_\_.

**God loves to take feeble, scorned, shy, ignored, underdogs and fill them with supernatural ability to accomplish his purposes.**

- Abraham & Sarah: *“How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?”—Genesis 18:12 (NLT)*

- Moses: *“O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”*—Exodus 4:10 (NLT)
- Gideon: *“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”*—Judges 6:15 (NLT)
- Solomon: *“You have made me king over a people who are so many that they cannot be counted, so give me the wisdom and knowledge I need to rule over them. Otherwise, how would I ever be able to rule this great people of yours?”*—1 Chronicles 1:9-10 (GNT)
- Jeremiah: *“O Sovereign Lord, I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!”*—Jeremiah 1:6 (NLT)
- Paul: *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.*—1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)

➤ Until I \_\_\_\_\_ my status as a worm, God can’t do much in and through me.

*“God opposes the proud but favors the humble.”*—James 4:6 (NLT)

➤ When I \_\_\_\_\_ my wormlike weakness and trust in God’s power and plan, astounding things happen.

*Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ...God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.*—1 Corinthians 1:26-28 (NLT)

*Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins...*

*But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. ...For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus...*

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ...For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*—Ephesians 2:1-8 (NLT)

➤ Without grace I am lifeless; in Christ I am \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in the heavenly realms, \_\_\_\_\_ God’s masterpiece, \_\_\_\_\_ anew, and \_\_\_\_\_ with a mission.