

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of
Rich & Alicia Murray's Wedding Anniversary*



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Butch & Frances Penny's Wedding Anniversary*



*Prayers and sympathy to Ronnie & Becky Strickland, and the entire family.
Ronnie's mother, Julia Strickland, passed away on Sunday, June 19th.*

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (6/26)

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
12:15 p.m.	Charge Conference--Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship
5:00 p.m.	VBS Volunteer Training--Chapel

Monday: (6/27)

7:00 p.m.	VBS Skit Practice--Sanctuary
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Tuesday: (6/28)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
3:00 p.m.	VBS Decorations--Chapel
7:00 p.m.	SPRC--Share & Care Classroom
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts--FH

Wednesday: (6/29)

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

Thursday: (6/30)

3:00 p.m.	VBS Decorations--Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (7/1)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Sunday: (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

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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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
June 26, 2011
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 62 (verses 1-3, 7)
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory**

***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.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.
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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Special Music.....Allen Dyer

Children’s Time

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

Announcements

Intercessory 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.

***Hymn of Preparation**.....TFWS 2129
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*The rose on the altar today celebrates the birth of **Gavin Neal Crocker** on June 8th.
Gavin weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces, and was 18 ½ inches long.
We rejoice and pray God's blessing on Gavin always.*

VBS Volunteer Training will be held today, from 5 to 7 pm in the Chapel. All volunteers please plan to attend.

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.

Mount Zion's Family Ministry Team invites you gather with others from Mount Zion for the **fireworks** display at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffaloe Road, Garner) on July 3rd. 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.

Start collecting items to donate to the **Cub Scouts Yard Sale** to be held on Saturday, July 9th, in the Church Parking Lot from 6 to 11 am. They hope to have a storage unit soon so you can drop off your items at your convenience.

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

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.

The **Senior Brunch** has been rescheduled to Saturday, **July 16th**, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please note date change.

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.

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme.



Thinking about the Theme

- When has some varmint cut short the production of something you were looking forward to?
- If someone wanted to test your patience, what could he do to find out how short a fuse you have?

Getting into God's Word

- Read 1 Corinthians 13.
- How important is love to the Christian life (verses 1-3)?
- What does this passage say love is and is not?
- How can any human being love like this? Does God really expect us to love like this?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- Who are you supposed to love?
- Why are you supposed to love?
- How are you supposed to love?
- Which of the nine barriers to love mentioned in the sermon do you most need to work on this week? What can you put in place to eliminate that "little fox"?

Praying about It

- Thank God for loving you before you could ever love him.
- Praise God for his perfect love and that he never does any of the things he tells us not to do.
- Ask for forgiveness for how your love has been incomplete and imperfect.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit to enable you to actively deal with any barriers to living a life of love.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Each morning for the next week read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 substituting your name for "love" and "it". Then talk with your heavenly Father about how that matches real life.

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard Rex

Fox Facts

*Closing Hymn.....UMH 395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

(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

*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: Kelly, Stormy, Tony Curreri, Wanda Higgs, Butch Kerns, Sgt. Mark Bradley’s family, Cory Harrison, Mike Penny, Billy Hicks, Doris Ellington

Worship Assistants

Counters: Greg Burns, Allen Dyer....(8:30) Barry Myers, Charles Newsom....(11:00)
Acolytes: Brionna Stewart.....(8:30)
Peyton Askew.....(11:00)

Regarding the property adjacent to Mount Zion: We have made an offer to the bank for the land and house next door based on the approval of our previous Church Conference on May 1 with financing based on the decision of our Charge Conference on May 25. Since then another interested party has made an offer on the property that exceeds our agreed upon limit. We have received approval from our District Superintendent to call another special Charge Conference to discern our response.

This **Charge Conference will be held today, June 26, at 12:15 pm** in the Sanctuary. All voting members of Mount Zion’s Administrative Council may vote at a Charge Conference. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend and give input. Please continue to pray for God’s provision, wisdom, and direction.

Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor

Animal Academy

Part 4: Fox Facts



Foxes are only mentioned a few times in the whole Bible: 7-9 depending on the translation.

He went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines.—Judges 15:4-5 (NIV)

Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”—Matthew 8:20 (NIV)

Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.—Song of Solomon 2:15 (ESV)

- Song of Solomon is a poetic celebration of human _____.
- Yet it has this incredible element of _____ so foreign to our present-day thinking.

Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, ...not to awaken love until the time is right.—Song of Solomon 2:7, 3:5, 8:4 (NLT)

Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!—Song of Solomon 2:15 (NLT)

- The biblical principle: Just as cute, playful, little foxes can nip grapevines in bloom and wreck the harvest, _____ attitudes and actions can ruin the development of love.

What are the little foxes that threaten to ruin our loving relationships with God and others?

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.—1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV)

Nine little foxes God says to eradicate if I am going to truly love:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Next Sunday: *Wormly Wisdom*