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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 5, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 147
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory** *“Here the Bread and Wine is Offered”*

***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**

Children’s Time

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

Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard Rex

Barnyard Basics

All senior citizens are invited to the **Senior Brunch** on Saturday, June 18th, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. This event is hosted by the Stevens/Lane Women's Circle. If you would like to help with this event or need a ride, please contact Amanda Carroll at 772-8965 or Kim Carroll 779-3693.

VBS Volunteer Training will be held on Sunday, June 26th, from 5 to 7 pm in the Chapel. All volunteers please plan to attend. VBS decorating will begin on Friday, July 9th, at 6:30 pm and continue through Saturday.

Plan to attend the **Fireworks at the Benson Lake Park**, in Garner, on Sunday, July 3rd. Gates open at 5 pm and there will be food booths, music, children's inflatables, and the NC Symphony. The fireworks begin at 9:30 pm. Family Ministry Team will be announcing the details of where to meet. Be sure to bring your chairs and blankets!

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.

Ministry Opportunities:

- Greeters and Acolytes needed each Sunday at both services. Please sign up in the Narthex on the self on the left.
- CAFÉ is each Sunday in the kitchen from 9:30 -10 am. Please sign-up in the kitchen to bring snacks, set-up and clean-up.
- Youth Counselors are needed on Sundays from 5 to 7 pm. Please contact Pastor Carley for more information or to sign-up.

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. (Note: there is not a www. in front of the address.)

Altar Flowers are available in July. An arrangement is \$44 and can be taken home after the 11 am worship service. Flowers that are left after Sunday are recycled for the Narthex the following Sunday. The sign-up sheet is located on the shelf on the left in the Narthex. Please make checks out to "Mount Zion UMC, and in the memo "flowers" and they can be placed in the offering plate.

Paid nursery staff positions & volunteers are needed for the 11 am worship service. Applications are located in the Narthex. Please turn in your completed applications to the Church Office.

June's Mission Focus: The Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry. We will be collecting "macaroni & cheese". You can place your donations on the shelves on the right in the Narthex. A volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, from 8 to 10 am. Please call Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108 to sign-up. The Shepherd's Shelf is located at 901 Old Fairground Road.

Today, **children in Sunday School** can go to their new classroom. The upcoming kindergarteners will stay in the Preschool Classroom until September. Children's Ministry is looking for someone who would be interested in teaching the kindergarten class beginning in September. If you are interested, please contact Donna Rex at 585-4534.

A new Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting today. Sharon Faucett will be teaching a Bible study about Joseph. God's covenant with Israel is endangered by evil and deception. Only one man can rescue Israel and mankind. God's "secret agent" for this "mission impossible" is a man named Joseph. This class will be open discussion from the Bible. They will meet in an upstairs classroom across from the "Thanksgiving Class". Everyone not presently attending a Sunday School Class or anyone interested is invited!

Summer Small Group handouts and sign-ups are located in the Fellowship Hall, if you were not here last week to sign up. Leaders contact information is located on the handouts. Small Groups begin meeting this week.

All seniors are invited to attend the **SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Small Group** meeting this Thursday, June 9th. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am for devotion then they will carpool to the State Farmer's Market in Raleigh, then stop for a fellowship meal together for lunch. Participants will pay for their own lunch and optional additional purchases. Please contact Pastor Carley at 772-8415 if you would like to attend by this Tuesday, June 7th.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held next Sunday, June 12th, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

Confirmation Classes will be held in a day-camp format this summer. Students ages 10-14 are invited to confirmation camp on August 8-13, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Friday there will be an overnight retreat. Please contact the church to register your student or if you would like to volunteer for lunches or activities or find out more information. Please sign up by June 15th.

Communion

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| "Come to the Table" (sing twice) | TFWS 2264 |
| "Let Us Be Bread" | TFWS 2260 |
| "In Remembrance of Me" | TFWS 2254 |
| "Sing Alleluia to the Lord" | TFWS 2258 |

***Closing Hymn**.....UMH 141

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

(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 *"Rise Up and Serve the Lord"*

*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: Lou Johnson, Odell Penny, Shirley W, Maurice W, Mike Penny, Hilary Aycok, Stan Jordan, Emily Crocker, Keith & Deborah Gramkow

Worship Assistants

Counters: Greg Burns, Allen Dyer....(8:30) Barry Myers, Charles Newsom....(11:00)
Acolytes: Brendan Boyd, Corey Tolbert, Tyler Tolbert, Emma Tolbert.....(8:30)
 Mychaela Brown, Lydia Cupit, Brittany Moore.....(11:00)
Greeters: John & Jennifer Boyd.....(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of
and given by: the West Johnston High School Class of 2011*



*Prayers & Sympathy to Sandra Lassiter and the entire family,
in the passing of her mother, Rebecca Bennett*

Animal Academy

Part 1: *Barnyard Basics*



Jesus actually uses the hen as a positive illustration of his own love for the people of Jerusalem.

“How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”—Matthew 23:37 (NLT)

- Jesus knows that a hen with chicks can be absolutely _____ and willing to _____ anything to protect her brood.

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”



Mount Zion's Vacation Bible School Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15th

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.

- **Volunteers are needed** in many areas, some before VBS, some during, and some after. Please take time to look at the volunteer form located in the Narthex and the many opportunities available. Teachers are needed for 3 classes, and a recreation leader (this is only for 2 evenings Tuesday and Thursday).
- **We are collecting medium-sized disposable round canisters with plastic lids** (powder drink or nut container, or small coffee cans) for crafts. Donations can be placed in the designated box on the shelves on the left in the Narthex.
- You can **sign-up online** on the Church Website.
- **Vacation Bible School Kick-off** will be held today at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex before & after the services.
- **Please take postcard invitations** to you neighbors, friends, family and co-workers. Take some to post at local businesses! Cards are located in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.
- If you have any **questions**, please contact Karen Pickering at email: karenpickering@bellsouth.net. or 773-8522.

2011 Graduates

Mount Zion's High School Graduates

Casey Lee Burns, son of Greg & Debbie Burns, is graduating from West Johnson High School. He will be attending NC State University for Pre Vet/Biology.

Kelli Carroll, daughter of Steve & Kim Carroll, is graduating from West Johnson High School . She will be attending Liberty University for Elementary Education.

Michael A. Cornwell, son of Walter & Beth Cornwell, is graduating from West Johnson High School. He will be attending Western Carolina University.

Katelyn Donohue, daughter of Kevin & Vickie Donohue, is graduating from West Johnson High School. She will be attending NC State University for Agricultural Education.

Amber Jane Hicks, daughter of Jerry & Denise Hicks, is graduating from Garner Magnet High School. She will be attending Wake Technical Community College for Biology/Pre Med then Western Carolina University.

David Bruce Johnson, son of Mike & Cindy Johnson, will be graduating from West Johnston High School. He will be attending NC State University.

Josiah Wesley Rex, son of Pastor Leonard and Donna Rex, will be graduating from Mustard Seed Academy. He will be attending Johnston Community College

Mount Zion's Higher Education Graduates

Laura Dyer, daughter of Allen & Donna Dyer, graduated from Saint Andrews Presbyterian College with a BA in Therapeutic Horsemanship, with a minor in Equine Business Management and is a NARHA Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor.

Sarah Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Gary & Crystal Jackson, graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Management Accounting. She graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Lyndsey Beth McIsaac, daughter of Keith & Joanne McIsaac, graduated from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education.

Elizabeth C. Rivers, daughter of Anthony & Nancy Rivers, graduated from UNC Wilmington, with a BS in Environmental Studies. She graduated with Honors.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.—Luke 13:22-30, 34 (NIV)

Jesus holds out the same offer of salvation today.

[Jesus] came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.—John 1:10-12 (NLT)

People today still refuse Jesus' offer—for the same reasons.

1. They are afraid to let go of their own _____.
2. They don't believe the need is _____.
3. They are just plain stubborn and don't want to be _____ what they need.

Next Sunday: *Night School*

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme.



Thinking about the Theme

- What is your favorite barnyard animal? Why?
- What has someone sacrificed for your benefit?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Luke 13:22-35.
- According to Jesus who will make it through the narrow door and who won't?
- If God wants everyone to be saved, why isn't the door wider?
- What false hopes does Jesus expose (verses 26-28)?
- If Jesus knows what is in store for him in Jerusalem why does he keep going (verse 33)?
- How is Jesus like a hen? How are people like chicks?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- How can you know whether you are inside or outside the God's kingdom?
- What concerns you about the spiritual condition of your nation? Your church? Yourself?
- What excuses have you given for not accepting Jesus' offer of salvation? Protection? Provision? Peace?

Praying about It

- Try to picture yourself as a chick finding refuge under the protective wings of it's mother.
- With that image in mind, thank God for taking the initiative to love you; sacrificing to save you; freely offering you all that you really need.
- Pray this blessing for other believers: "May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."—Ruth 2:12
- Pray this blessing for yourself: Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.—Psalm 17:7-8

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Every time you see a chicken or anything related to chicken (every time you pass a KFC or Bojangles) think about how this message applies to you and those you love.

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (6/5)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Communion - VBS Kick-Off

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School - *Promotion Sunday*

2011 Graduate Reception--FH

United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH

West Johnston High School

Baccalaureate--Sanctuary

Monday: (6/6)

7:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Girl Scouts-- Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry--Fishers Classroom

Tuesday: (6/7)

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Exercise--Narthex

Boy Scouts--FH

Wednesday: (6/8)

7:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Adult Choir--Chapel

Cub Scout Committee--Jr High Class

Den Leader Meeting--Jr High Class

Thursday: (6/9)

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Senior's Group to Farmer's Market--FH

Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (6/10)

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

Saturday: (6/11)

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall--Reserved

Saturday Night Fellowship Dinner--F

Sunday: (6/12)

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast--FH

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH

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