



Mount Zion is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

You may have heard by now that Mount Zion United Methodist Church has become a Stephen Ministry congregation.

What does this mean? Mount Zion is beginning a ministry that will help us train and organize some of our members to provide quality care and extend the caring ministry our pastors already do. Our Stephen Ministry will be led by Pastor Carley Scheitrum and Deborah Hackney who attended an intensive weeklong Leader's Training Course in St. Louis beginning in May to learn how to organize and direct Stephen Ministry at Mount Zion UMC.

Please keep them in your prayers as they lay a strong foundation for this ministry. Keep your eyes and ears open for more news about our Stephen Ministry.



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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
May 29, 2011
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Leamon Myers

Opening Hymn.....UMH 62

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory** *“America”*

***Doxology.**TFWS 2015

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, Bless His holy name.
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And all that is within me, Bless His holy name.
He has done great things, He has done great things,
He has done great things, bless His holy name.

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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

***Hymn of Preparation**.....UMH 420

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

A new Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting next Sunday, June 5th. 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!

Next Sunday, June 5th, **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.

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.)

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 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.

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.

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.

Altar Flowers are available in June & 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.

Mount Zion's May Missions Focus:

MERCI is a Mission and Ministry Resource Center located in Goldsboro, NC. Inspired by Jesus Christ to a mission of caring, MERCI seeks to alleviate the suffering of those impacted by disaster, poverty, or adversity.

The following items are needed for distribution to areas affected by the recent tornados:

Tarps (all sizes), plastic roofing nails, rope tie-downs, health kits and/or supplies to assemble the kits, flood buckets and/or supplies to assemble the buckets, disposable baby diapers and baby wipes, pop-top food (i.e., prepared food item in easy-open cans), paper products, school supplies, volunteers able to help with clean-up efforts are asked to call MERCI at 888-440-9167. Items can be placed in the Narthex on the designated shelves on the left. Please contact Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108 if you have questions.

Today is Summer Small Group Rally Day. Summer Small Group Leaders will be in the Fellowship Hall today during CAFE from 9:30 to 10:00 am and after the 11 am Worship Service. They can answer any questions or can sign you up. The "corrected" Summer Small Group Catalogs are located in the Narthex, and the Fellowship Hall.

Mount Zion's Relay for Life Team is looking for people who would like to volunteer at Johnston County's Relay for Life and "give cancer the boot!" Volunteers are needed for set-up next Friday, June 3rd, running the booth on Friday and on Saturday, plus taking down the booth after the event on Saturday. If you would like to help, please call Lisa Maloney at 345-6154.

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.
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Pastor Leonard will be on vacation through this Thursday, June 2nd. If you need emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Carley.

Sermon.....Pastor Carley Scheitrum
Getting Beyond a Grudge

***Closing Hymn**.....UMH 390
“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Chorus Response**.....UMH 507

Through it all, through it all,
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

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***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude *“Mine Eyes Have Seen 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: Lou Johnson, the Chris Rose family

Worship Assistants

Counters: Angie Cox, Mike Stewart....(8:30) Eugene Myers, Don Maynard....(11:00)

Acolytes: Megan King, Lauren King.....(8:30)

Ryne Turner, Faith Turner, Makayla Lewis, Miranda Lewis.....(11:00)

Greeters: Keith & Heather Cantando..(8:30) Open.....(11:00)

*Everyone is invited to a Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Casey L. Burns
this Saturday, June 4, at 2 pm in Mount Zion's Sanctuary.
There will be a reception following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.*

Living the Life You Never Wanted



Part 4: Getting Beyond a Grudge

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them

Genesis 50:15, 19-21 (NIV)

Joseph gives us some pointers in the handling of life's opportunities:

1) Joseph lets go of _____.

Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

—Genesis 41:51-52 (NIV)

2) Joseph leaves _____ to God.

My friends, do not try to punish others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: "I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them," says the Lord.

- Romans 12:19 (NCV)

3) Joseph _____, trusting God's plan.

You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing.

- Genesis 50:20 (CEV)



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 (in the fellowship hall) 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 beginning this Wednesday, June 1st.
- **Vacation Bible School Kick-off** will be held next Sunday, June 5th at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex.
- **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.

Mount Zion's
Saturday Night
"Get-To-Know-You"
Supper
Saturday,
June 5th



- June's dinner is for families that have a Garner address
 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 - Fellowship Hall
 - Bring your family and a dish or two to share
 - Coffee, Tea & Water Provided
- Sponsored by Mount Zion's Evangelism Team



**2011 Graduate Reception
Sunday, June 5th,
after the 11 am Worship service
Fellowship Hall**

Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown if they wish, bring pictures of their life and graduation to display on a table. Friends, family and church family are invited for cake and lemonade. This will give you a chance to congratulate them and encourage them personally. The Paul J. Johnson and the Fishers of Men Scholarships will be presented at the reception.

How to get over a grudge like Joseph does:

1) Practice _____.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

.– Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." - Carrie Fisher

2) Let go of your desire for _____.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

*"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

- 1 Peter 2:21-23 (NIV)

3) Discover God's _____ in the situation.

*"Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

-Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

"When you say a person or situation is hopeless, you are slamming the door in the face of God." – Charles L. Allen

Next Sunday: *Barnyard Basics*

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme.



Thinking about the Theme

- What sort of changes do you see in yourself when you hold a grudge?
- Describe the funniest grudge you've ever held.

Getting into God's Word

- Read Genesis 50:15-26.
- Why were Joseph's brothers afraid?
- How does Joseph turn around the crimes of his brothers?
- What caused Joseph to respond with forgiveness and blessing?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- Why do we hold grudges? What deeper symptom or emotion does a grudge cover?
- Where in your life do you need to grant forgiveness? Where might you need to ask forgiveness?
- Where have you noticed God working through bad situations of your life? Name a time God has turned your pain into his glory.

Praying about It

- Ask God to help you release your grudge. Allow him to take control over the power these situations have in your life, and to free you of the energy you spend on your frustrations. Ask God to teach you how to forgive and move on.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Keep a record of what you pray for this week. Look back on the record in two weeks and reflect on how the situation has changed during that time.

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (5/29)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
9:30 am & 12:10 pm Summer Small Group Rally Day--FH
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: (5/30)

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Tuesday: (5/31)

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

Wednesday: (6/1)

7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir--Chapel
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting--Parlor
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Chapel
7:00 p.m. Venturing Crew--Fellowship Hall

Thursday: (6/2)

7:00 p.m. Missions Team--Share & Care Class
7:00 p.m. Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (6/3)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex

Saturday: 6/4

2:00 p.m. Casey Burns Eagle Scout Ceremony
7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Fellowship Dinner--F
Communion

Sunday: (6/5)

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
12:10 p.m. 2011 Graduate Reception--FH
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH
6:00 p.m. West Johnston High School
Baccalaureate--Sanctuary

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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