

## This Week at Mount Zion

### Today: (9/18)

7:00 a.m.

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

### Monday: (9/19)

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday: (9/20)

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday: (9/21)

7:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:50 p.m.

### Saturday: (9/24)

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### Sunday: (9/25)

8:30

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

4:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

*Fall Small Groups Begin this week*

United Methodist Men's Breakfast--FH

Worship Services--Sanctuary

CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Discovering Church Membership Class--FH

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Venturing Advisory--Share & Care Classroom

Handbells--Sanctuary

Parsonage Team Meeting (New Parsonage)

Worship Committee--Parlor

Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Fundraising Team-- Share & Care Classroom

UMM Golf Tournament--Fishers of Men

Trustees--Middle School Classroom

Boy Scouts--Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Alleluia choir--Chapel

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Adult Choir--Chapel

Family Ministries--Share & Care Classroom

Venturing Crew--Fellowship Hall

Christmas Cantata Practice--Chapel

Laura Dyer & Hugh Luster's

Wedding Shower--Fellowship Hall

Outdoor Movie Night--Lord's Shelter

*New Member Sunday*

Worship Service--Sanctuary

CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Homecoming Worship Service

Followed by covered dish lunch--FH

Youth to See You at the Pole Rally

Handbells--Sanctuary

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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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**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.*



**Mount Zion's Mother's Morning Out Program** is meeting weekly from 9 am to 1 pm, for children 18 months through 5 years. Applications are located in the Narthex and on the Church Website. If you have any questions, please contact: Wendy Hewett at 612-0995 or [wendy@hewettproperties.com](mailto:wendy@hewettproperties.com).

Family Ministries' **Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 5th, from 8:30 to 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall & the Chapel. Vendor tables are \$25.00. Forms are located in the Fellowship Hall on the Family Ministries Bulletin Board. You can turn in your completed form and fee to the Church Office. Tables are limited.

**Altar Flowers** are available through November. 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.

**CAFÉ Host/Hostesses** are needed on Sunday's through September. Please sign-up in the kitchen. This is a great way that we can welcome our visitors. CAFÉ is from 9:30 to 10:00 am in our Fellowship Hall.

Mount Zion's Annual  
Homecoming Service  
Sunday, September 25th  
at the 11 am Worship Service

Judy Smith, a former pastor at Mount Zion and current pastor of Elizabeth UMC, will be our guest speaker.

Following the service there will be a covered dish lunch.

A regular service will be held at 8:30 am.



# Harvest Day Sale

Saturday, October, 1st  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations of baked goods, canned goods and hand-crafted items are needed for

the auction to benefit the building fund. Doors open at 9 am, and the auction begins about 11 am. Breakfast and lunch items will be for sale. Please donate items to be auctioned and be sure to come out for all the fun at the Harvest Day Sale. Items for the auction can be left in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 30th. For any questions, please contact Mike Stewart at 427-6875.

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**A Paid nursery staff position** is open for the 11 am worship service. Applications are located in the Narthex. Please turn in completed applications in to the Church Office.

**October's Fellowship Dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families with the last name beginning with C, F, I, L, O, R, U, & X are encouraged to attend! Everyone has enjoyed the great food and getting to know new people and having time to catch-up with those they know. Please bring your family and a dish or two to share! Tea, coffee & water will be provided.

Please prayerfully consider joining Mount Zion's Choir (as a member to sing on Sundays and/or join us for the Christmas Cantata) and/or Handbells. The **Alleluia Choir** practices on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Chapel. The **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesdays, at 7 pm, in the Chapel. Christmas Cantata practice will be held from 7:50 to 8:30 pm for those who would just like to sing in the cantata. **Handbells** practice on Sundays, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Openings are available in all three choirs. Please contact Nancy Rivers for any questions at 553-7313.

The Evangelism Team will be collecting **Recipes for the new Mount Zion Cookbook**. With all the culinary talent among us, it is sure to be a successful project. Please place your favorite recipes in the designated basket on the shelves on the left in the Narthex.

**\*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** *“My Rock, My Fortress”*

\*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:** Barbara Ennis, Peggy Vaughan, Vicki Gerhardt, Keith Shannon, Vicky Mather

**Worship Assistants**

Counters: Greg Burns, Allen Dyer.....(8:30)

Barry Myers, Charles Newsom.....(11:00)

Acolytes: Brianna Stewart

Riley Andrews.....(8:30)

Erin & Isaac Dailey

Ray & Kevin Kemp.....(11:00)

Greeters: (Open).....(8:30)

The Kemp Family.....(11:00)

*A plaque has been placed in the Narthex in  
recognition of a gift to the building fund*

*in honor of*

***PASTOR LEONARD REX***

# And Don't Know What We Know about Jesus' Return

## Part 2: *The Uncertainties*

### A few Do's and Don'ts of biblical interpretation:

1. Don't base a doctrine on a \_\_\_\_\_ passage or a \_\_\_\_\_ example.

*When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*—Luke 18:22 (NIV)

2. Don't interpret \_\_\_\_\_ language literally or visa versa.

*"And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell."*—Matthew 18:9 (NIV)

*"Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."*—Revelation 21:9 (NIV)

3. Do look for the \_\_\_\_\_ meaning of the passage.

4. Do interpret Scripture in \_\_\_\_\_.

Immediate: *He went away and hanged himself.*—Matthew 27:15 (NIV)

*Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*—Luke 10:37 (NIV)

*"Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!"*—1 Samuel 20:38 (NIV)

Book: *For who knows what is good for a man in life, during the few and meaningless days he passes through like a shadow? Who can tell him what will happen under the sun after he is gone?*—Ecclesiastes 6:12 (NIV)

5. Do interpret ambiguous passages against \_\_\_\_\_ passages.

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...*—Philippians 2:12 (ESV)

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*—Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

### What we really don't know for sure about Jesus' return:

- 1) We don't know the exact \_\_\_\_\_.

*"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*—Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to Family Ministries **Outdoor Movie Night** this Saturday, September 24th, at 7 pm under the Lord's Shelter. The movie "*The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*" will be shown which is rated PG. Popcorn and drinks will be served. This event and refreshments are free!

**Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica**...don't forget completed applications are due next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Fall Retreat** has been scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be around \$50.00 per person. The more we have to sign up, the less it will cost individually. We need adult chaperones to participate. Signups are available on the church bulletin board and due by next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a guest worship leader for the weekend who you do not want to miss. **Please bring your friends!**

**The Acolyte Training** that was scheduled for today has been *RESCHEDULED* for Sunday, October 2nd, after the 11 am Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. With the new service beginning in October we are going to need acolytes for all three services. Child and family will meet after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, followed by training which will end at 2:30 pm.

- New Acolytes need to be at least 5 years old and able to remain quietly seated for the entire service through 12th grade.
- Training is needed for acolytes changing levels or refresher
- Sign-up on the shelves on the left in the Narthex by Thursday, September 29th.

**Mount Zion's Annual Golf Tournament** sponsored by our United Methodist Men will be held on Friday, October 7th, at 12 noon, at the Raleigh Golf Association, located on Tryon Road, in Raleigh. They will meet every Tuesday until the tournament and invite anyone interested to attend to help plan this event! You need not commit to every meeting. For questions, please contact Casey Matthews at 772-6688 or email [crooklynbi@att.net](mailto:crooklynbi@att.net). Sponsor and team forms are now available in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to donate snacks, goodies and bottled water on the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall.

A reception will be held for the **Equestrian Special Olympics** on October 1st. If you would like to help or donate bake goods or snacks, please contact Donna Dyer at 772-9689.

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and to honor  
Cathy Boyd on her 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary and given by Joe Boyd*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in memory of  
Kathy Dodson given by Mama and Daddy, Rose and Timmy Mathews*

**Missions Focus for September is Military Care Packages:** For military men and women, packages and letters from home are what keep them motivated. Life in the military is challenging and rewarding; it can also be lonely, intense and disheartening. Sending a care package lets them know we are thinking about them and truly appreciate their courage and dedication to our country. Items needed are: beef jerky, deck of Cards, magazines (people, sports, etc.), hard candy, gum, powered drinks (Gatorade), Pringles (small can), crackers, cookies, granola bars, Skittles, Ramen Noodles & hand sanitizer. All food items should be small and individually wrapped. We are also collecting items for military working dogs in Iraq. Canine Care Packages for Military Working Dogs Serving in Iraq: dog brushes, dog treats, dog toys. The soldiers especially appreciate cards handmade by children. **Note cards will be provided** in a basket in the Narthex on the designated shelves on the left in the Narthex for Military Care Packages. Lisa Blauvelt email:lblauvelt@gmail.com.

**Discovering Church Membership Class** will be held today from 12:15 to 3:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

**New Member Sunday** will be held next September 25th. If you have taken the Discovering Church Membership Class and would like to join, please turn in your completed membership forms to the Church Office by Thursday, September 22nd.

**Newsletter information** must be turned in by this Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> to make October's edition.

Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower for Laura Dyer & Hugh Luster** this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, Given by Family & Friends.

**Mount Zion UMC T-shirts** are available for \$10. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Sandy Wise at 754-7908.

*“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”—Matthew 24:44 (NIV)*

*“The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.”—Matthew 24:50 (NIV)*

*“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”—Matthew 25:13 (NIV) [See also Mark 13:32; Luke 12:40; Revelation 16:15]*

- 2) We don't know the specific chronological \_\_\_\_\_ of the events.
- 3) We don't know the definite \_\_\_\_\_ of all the characters/groups involved.
- 4) We don't know with certainty the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the apocalyptic images.

*...When I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.—Revelation 1:12-16 (NIV)*

### **What do we do with these uncertainties?**

- Don't let what you don't understand \_\_\_\_\_ what you do.

*“Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds....”*

*Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life....*

*“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches.....”—Revelation 22:12-16 (NLT)*

- Don't let pondering the uncertainties \_\_\_\_\_ over applying the certitudes.

*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.—2 Peter 3:11-12 (NIV)*

*“But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.”—Revelation 2:4-5 (NLT) [See also Matthew 24:9-14.]*

# **Climbing Guide**

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



## **Thinking about the Theme**

- If you were a book, what kind would you be: Mystery? Sports? Technical Manual? Adventure? Poetry? Unread?

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

- Read Revelation 1:1-8.
- What does the term reveal mean? In the case of this book of the Bible who or what is being revealed? To whom? For what purpose?
- What is significant about the references to God in verses 4 and 8?
- What are the meanings of the titles given to Jesus in verses 5-6?
- What do we know about Jesus' return from verse 7?

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

- What has Jesus done for you?
- What can you do to take to heart what is written in this book (verse 7)?
- What does Jesus' identity have to do with your daily life?
- How does Jesus' promised return impact your relationship with him now?

## **Praying about It**

- Pray to be able to understand what you need to understand from God's Word to live a life that honors Christ.
- Pray that you and other believers will stay focused on what is clear in Scripture rather than being caught up in what is unclear.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to redirect those who feel the need to predict the exact date of Jesus' return.

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

- Read or listen through the book of Revelation all at once. Then sit down and try to summarize the big themes, the things that were clear despite the many things you may not have fully understood.

## 9:30 Worship Preparation

The mission of Mount Zion UMC is calling people higher. In order to continue to accomplish that mission, we are expanding our Sunday morning worship opportunities beginning in October.

Our new times of worship will be 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00. In order to begin this venture well, we need at least 25 individuals or families to commit to attending worship at 9:30 for at least six months (October-March). This will provide a nucleus of attenders so the sanctuary will not seem uncomfortably empty. We will also need several people to serve in the areas listed below.

Ask God how he may want you to support this effort to expand his kingdom, then complete this form and place it in the box in the Narthex or turn it in to the Church Office. **(Extra forms are in the Narthex)**

- I will pray for God to use the establishment of this new worship opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- I/our family will commit to attending the 9:30 service for at least six months.
- I am willing to serve in the following ways during the 9:30 service:
  - Acolyte
  - Audio/Visual
  - Clean Up Between Services
  - Greeter
  - Special Music
  - Usher
  - Welcome Center
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This new worship opportunity will also affect our Sunday School program necessitating an adjustment of schedule (9:45-10:45). We would also like to offer some Sunday School classes during the 11:00 hour.

- I would like to lead/teach a Sunday School class at 11:00.
  - Pre-school
  - K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Adult
- I would like to attend a Sunday School class at 11:00.
  - Pre-school
  - K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Adult

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

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