

Good Tidings

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Calling People Higher



Small Groups

Small Group Rally Day will be held on January 2 in the Fellowship Hall during CAFÉ and after the 11 a.m. worship service. Groups begin the week of January 9. Catalogs are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, and on our website. Groups this season include:

Changes That Heal -- how to understand your past to ensure a healthier future

Up and Comers -- a monthly group for kids in 4th & 5th grades with lesson, activity, and snack.

Divorce Care -- become part of a small group to help you recover from the pain of separation and divorce.

Financial Peace University -- learn how to better manage your money and your life.

Guiding Your Teenagers -- A Bible study that gives parents of teens the tools to be the moms and dads God intends.

Creative Christians -- bring a craft of our own to work on while in fellowship with one another.

Clear the Clutter for Christ: An "Indoor Workday" for Mount Zion Saturday, January 22, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. sponsored by the Evangelism Committee

Have you ever seen an item around the church and asked yourself, "I wonder if anyone ever uses that?" Have you ever tried to find something you needed for a church activity, and couldn't? Barbara Hemphill Taylor (Mount Zion member and author of *Love It or Lose It: Living Clutter-Free Forever*) defines a productive environment as "an intentional setting in which everything around you supports who you are or who you want to be." We want Mount Zion to be a productive environment so we can spread the story of Christ to our members and our community. With that in mind, on Saturday, January 22, our church is going to hold its first "Clear the Clutter for Christ Day." The purpose of the day is take a look at items stored in the church facilities to see if they are helping Mount Zion accomplish that mission. If you have an interest in what is stored at the church, you are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be inventorying items in all the buildings. Items no longer needed will be donated to Harbor, Inc. If you cannot attend but have items you want to keep "safe" or if you have questions about the day or the process, please contact Barbara Taylor at 919-349-9247 or papertigerlady@me.com.

The agenda for January 22 will be:

8:30-9:30 Breakfast and presentation by Barbara Taylor: "Clutter Clearing Guidelines for Mount Zion and You"

9:30 -1:00 Attendees go to various areas to start the process (Reminder: "In every organizing process, things get worse before they get better!")

1:00-2:00 Lunch & prizes provided in Fellowship Hall.



FROM THE PASTOR



Last year at this time as we were entering 2010, three opportunities loomed large on the horizon: 1) beginning a new worship service, 2) the Study Committee evaluating our growth needs, and 3) seeking to add new staff members. Almost a year later we have seen progress on all fronts, though not entirely as I would have liked.

I'm certainly glad to have Sally working in the church office and Carley on board as Associate/Youth Pastor.

I'm also very thankful for the work of the Study Committee. Barry Myers, who chaired, made a preliminary presentation of the findings and recommendations at the November Administrative Council meeting. The next step is to accept the report and elect a Building Committee at an official Charge Conference. The District Superintendent has authorized us to hold such a meeting in conjunction with our Administrative Council meeting scheduled for January 9th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. Once a Building Committee is established they will take the work of the Study Committee and develop detailed plans to bring back to the church and the District Board of Church Building and Location. When all is in order, we will then hold a Church Conference to approve the plans and put things in motion for expanded facilities that will enable us to expand Christ's ministry. The process takes time, with checks and balances along the way. I don't know where we will be in that process at this time next year, but I do know we will be closer than ever to having space we have needed for some time. Much prayer has been offered thus far and much more will be needed. I encourage you to pray particularly for God's work through the Building Committee to be able to develop plans that will honor our past as we look ahead to what God has in store for the future. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the process, manage the big picture, and direct the details. Pray for God's timing and his provision of the needed funds.

Now, about our third Sunday worship service. This is where things have not turned out as I had hoped. We launched Inspiration Station as a family interactive worship opportunity last January. Our intent was to reach more families in our area who were not attending church and to keep our congregation growing as we become more and more full on Sunday mornings. We prepared well, had a good concept, executed well, and honored God with our effort, but Inspiration Station has not been able to fly. I will give a more detailed report at the January 9th Administrative Council meeting, but I believe it is time to bring it to a close. That is sad, but ministries have a life span as do people. When the end comes for either, we want to celebrate the positive impact and notice the lessons to be learned. People were reached through Inspiration Station, and we are better prepared for the ministry opportunities God has ahead for us. Even if it's not as I hoped, I will praise God and look forward to the next opportunity.

Your fellow servant,
Pastor Leonard

SERMON SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Most people in the U.S. don't attend church. And many who grew up going to church stop. Why is that? If you ask them, you get some interesting responses that we in the church need to take seriously if we are going to help them ever experience belonging in the body of Christ. During the first six weeks of 2011, we will wrestle with "Why I don't go to church." You might want to invite the people you've been inviting who have said:

"I Can be a Christian Without the Church"

"There Are Too Many Hypocrites in the Church"

"The Church is Always Asking for Money"

"The Church is Irrelevant"

"The Church is Anti-Intellectual"

"Christians Are Judgmental"

Children's Ministry News

Happy New Year! Many thanks to everyone who was involved with our Children's Christmas Program! Lots of work from lots of people was needed to put together one of our best programs ever! Mount Zion is blessed with some very talented people, both children and adults! How could we continue to reach children for Christ both inside and outside the walls of Mount Zion without the ongoing help of volunteers? They are the ones who are on the front lines of our children's ministry. They invest time, talents, gifts, and their hearts into the lives of children. Without volunteers, our programs would not be possible. Thank you!

The Children's Ministry Team will have our 2011 "kick-off" meeting on Saturday, January 8, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. We will begin making our plans for the year. Welcome to our new team members: Karen Pickering, Mary -Margaret Manlove and Josiah Rex.

On Saturday, February 12, at 10 a.m. a training session will be held for Sunday school teachers of the preschool through 5th grade classes in the classroom across from the nursery. Topics include "How to Encourage Sunday Attendance" and "Partnering with Parents." Teachers, please make plans to attend.

Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be liberal and generous of heart, ready to share with others. 1 Timothy 6:18

Many blessings,
Pastor Kim

Youth Group News



December was a busy month for the youth. We had several youth participate to raise over \$1,800 for ZOE ministries (and thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported us). We celebrated with a Raleigh District Youth lock-in, in which we were able to speak with Kenyan orphans, Greg Jenks, and other North Carolina District Youth. In total, the youth of NC raised \$36,000 to help ZOE participants get permanently out of poverty.

We also wrapped gifts as a mission to our community and congregation, and celebrated our Christmas party. We played games, made cards, and donated food and supplies to House of Hope. They were very grateful for our gifts.

In January, we will pick up for the new year with another mission day. On January 9th, the youth of Mount Zion will go to White Plains UMC with other Raleigh District Youth to package 20,000 meals with Stop Hunger Now. We are excited for the many ways God is preparing us to be better disciples.

Dates to know:

No youth on January 2nd for the New Year Holiday.

Youth Mission Day from 3:30 – 7:45 PM on Sunday, January 9th. This will be our youth meeting for the week.

Youth Council Meeting on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 PM. We will welcome our new members and talk about the schedule and soup and potato lunch coming up.

Soup and Potato Lunch on Sunday, January 23rd after the 11:00 AM service.

~Carley Scheitrum, Associate/Youth Pastor



January is a time where we think back on our accomplishments from last year, and look forward to what the new year will bring. I am very proud to announce that at our December pack meeting, Pack 64 more than quadrupled their previous food drive, and delivered over 440 items to the Shepherd Shelf! Also, during a rainy Clayton Christmas parade, our Pack invited a neighboring Pack onto our float so that they could stay dry under our canopy. It is evident that these boys and their families are leading by example and living out the Golden Rule!

2011 starts off with a bang, as we have our annual Pinewood Derby Race! This year's event calls for racing on January 29. Feel free to come by and see hundreds of people packed into the Fellowship Hall yelling at their cars!

The Pack will also attend a Campbell University basketball game on January 22.

The God & Country series was completed by 22 Cub Scouts and 2 Girl Scouts. We will have a special presentation during the 11 a.m. service on Scout Sunday in February.

...and to think that is just in the first few weeks of 2011! From our Pack to yours...Happy New Year!

Venturing Crew 122 has really begun to fulfill our mission of growing spiritually, mentally, and physically through high adventure. Thank you, Mount Zion, for your continued support of this youth-led organization.



We are gearing up for our spring ski trip to Winterplace. This is a great time to join Venturing. It costs \$25 to join, and you must attend at least 75% of the meetings in order to attend big events such as this. Youth age 13 (and

completed 8th grade) through age 20 are invited to participate. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Mount Zion's Fellowship Hall. So, if you are interested in learning more, please see one of our youth officers: Eddie Vantiflin, Iva Earley, Daniel Rex, Sasha Richards, Will Richards, Alana Richards, Gregory Hardee, or Darren Shelp. You can also call the church office or visit our website crew122.com.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Ryan and Allison Gay
John and Susan Wright
- 3rd Kevin and Laura Myers
- 4th Raphus and LaVerne Coats
- 7th Steve & Laura Lewis
- 8th Andy and Brenda Partin
- 21st Philip & Donna Wilson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Matthew Spivey, Amanda Carroll
- 3rd Kayla Moore, Patrick Baker
- 4th Jack Johnson, Savannah Morgan
- 5th Clayton Ennis, Amanda Ennis
- 6th Stephanie Kinley
- 7th Theresa Jack, Briggs Smith
- 8th Margaret Humphries, Johnette Hargis,
Ray Kemp
- 9th Glenn McElveen, Elaine Heintzelman
- 10th Megan Forbes
- 11th Don Maynard, Krissy Gray, Kaitlin Gray
- 12th Nathan Carroll, James Kinley
- 13th Anna Howell
- 14th Lara Brizzolara, Christie Harding
- 15th Frank Tart
- 16th Katie Myatt, Emily Crocker,
Sonny Bergeron, Kim Stephenson
- 18th Zac Wilson
- 19th Sarah Jackson, Jim Vaughan
- 20th Colin Lawson, Jennifer Boyd, Abby Meyers
Lauren King, Keith Clarke
- 21st Randy Earley, Tracy Hargis
- 23rd Wade Eatmon
- 24th Robert Creech, Ryne Turner, Betsy Sykes
- 25th Troy Hargis
- 28th Kayla Wise, James Phillips, Sarah Lee,
Douglas Sorrell

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Every Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 CAFÉ 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Inspiration Station</p>	<p><u>Every Wednesday</u> 7:00 a.m. Prayer-FH 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Parlor 7 p.m. Choir-Chapel</p>	<p><u>Exercise</u> Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10 a.m.; Thursdays 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall or Chapel</p>	<p><u>Small Groups</u> 6:30 pm Sundays Financial Peace 7 p.m. Sundays Divorce Care</p>	<p><u>Small Groups</u> 7 p.m. Mondays Healing Changes 7 p.m. Tuesdays Guiding Teenagers</p>		1
<p>2 <i>Small Group Rally Day</i> <i>No Youth Group</i></p>	<p>3 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Alleluia Choir—Chapel SPRC—S&C Trustees--clsrm</p>	5	<p>6 7 p.m. Missions—S&C</p>	7	<p>8 10 a.m. Children's Team kickoff - Chapel 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pinewood Derby workshop - Shelter</p>
<p>9 <i>Small Groups</i> 3:30—7:45 p.m. Youth Mission Fair 6:00 VenturingAdv 6 p.m. Handbells 6:30 p.m. Admin. Council/Charge Conference</p>	<p>10 Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Youth Council Troop 64 Comm.--FH</p>	<p>11 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Alleluia Choir—Chapel</p>	<p>12 7 p.m. (classrooms) Family Min. Cub Comm. 7:45 Den Leaders</p>	13	<p>14 6:30 p.m. Creative Christians</p>	<p>15 12 - 4 p.m. FH reserved - Kinley</p>
<p>16 12:15 p.m. Discovering Church Membership—FH 6 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>17 Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Stevens Lane-FH Worship Team -S&C</p>	<p>18 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Alleluia Choir—Chapel MCAA-S&C</p>	19	20	21	<p>22 Productive Environment Day</p>
<p>23 12:15 p.m. Soup & Potato Lunch 5 p.m. Up and Comers--clsrm 6 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>24 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Alleluia Choir—Chapel</p>	26	27	28	<p>29 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pinewood Derby—FH</p>
<p>30 6 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>31 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 7 p.m. Parsonage Team-S&C</p>					



Notes From the Music Department

I pray that each of you had a meaningful Christmas season and that you found meaning in the music offered during our worship services. The Christmas Cantata, “O Holy Night,” was a moving service with a great message. Wasn’t it wonderful to see the choir loft full? The music produced by so many people was marvelous – and very moving! Wouldn’t it be great to have a full choir loft each Sunday? What would it take for that to be a reality? ... more people committed to our choir. Please, consider joining us and encourage others to do so. It is Mount Zion’s choir, so let’s all take a role in making it better!

Believe it or not, the Easter Cantata will be ordered soon and rehearsals will begin in January. Every year it amazes me how quickly one effort follows the other. This year the Easter program will be a bit different. There will be a drama this year. You may not have noticed but Easter comes late this year--April 24. That will give us the practice time necessary for such an effort. Look for a casting call coming your way soon.

I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Joan Neuner and Mary Margaret Manlove for their work with our children on the Christmas program “Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior”. Our children will long remember their involvement. Their time learning the music aids in their development. Did you know that studies have shown that music involvement can increase mental abilities? Plus, all who heard this musical were blessed by its message and our children.

We are still looking for handbell ringers to join our choir. If you want to have a great time and learn something new (or get back into something you have done in the past), come to handbell practice. We will find something for you to ring! Our handbell choir could play more often in worship services if we had more ringers.

So, please, pray for God’s guidance. How does He want to use you? In what ministry does He want you to be involved? I urge you to step out on faith and follow God’s leading in your life.

Nancy Rivers
Choir Director

Financial Update through November 2010

Total Giving (excluding fundraisers)	\$374,355
Total Expenses	<u>\$367,254</u>
Income Exceeds Expenses	\$ 7,101
Building Fund Balance	\$64,363
Fundraiser - Ole Fashion Supper	\$ 4,371
BBQ Chicken Dinner	\$ 5,968
Harvest Day Sale	\$ 7,845



PRAYER LISTS

*Please take a moment to review our prayer list and contact the church office with any changes.
Prayer request cards are available in the narthex.*

<p>Remember in Prayer: Butch Bolt Pam Davis T.J. Davis Mitchelle Edwards Ted Folk Marsha Grissom Cale Heintzelman Rhonda Jernigan Dewayne McDaniel Larry Nobling Sue Nowell Joyce Snyder Julia Taylor Ethel Wall Jacque Wheeler John Smith</p> <p>Shut-ins: Onnie Barbour Helen Britt Bea Carroll Doris Ennis Ellen Grissom Marie Lucas Odell Penny Arch Sheratt</p> <p>Serving Our Country: Gregory Adrien Joseph Clayton Justin Coats Trey Grissom Michael Hanlan Brett Haskins Leon Ives Zack Moreland Zachary Penny Amber Smith Robert Smith Jason Testerink Josh Woodard</p>	<p>Treatment/Recovery: Chase Adams Sally Askew Melissa Ausley Hilary Aycock Sherie Baker Matthew Baldwin Anne Barber Dixie Barbour Sylvia Barbour Joey Barns Clarence Bauer John Behnken Billy Bennett Bill Boyd Jim Boyd Margaret Boyd Bob Brock Frankie Brock Becca Brookover Mary Cantando LaVerne Coats Raphus Coats Tim Cowell Joy Crow James "Bud" Cutler Matthew Davis Darren Dodd Myrtice Earley Bonnie Edwards Curtis Edwards Maverine Edwards Robert Elliott Barbara Ennis Jack Futtrell Danny Gabriel Covo Gardner Vicki Gerhardt Mary Gensel Barbara Gibbins Heather Giddeons Donald Gilbert</p>	<p>Treatment/Recovery Continued: Leroy Griffin Lorene Grissom Macon Grissom Howard Hamilton Amy Hardenburgh Jackie Hayes Clayton Hedgepeth Bill Herr Amber Hicks Billy Hicks Heather Hill Patricia Holden Madeline Hopkins Margaret Humphries Will Irwin Theresa Jack Dorothy Jamieson Linda Jensen Angela Johnson Ethel Jones Garrett Jones Jim Jones Ladonna Jones Michael Jones Billy Jordan Jean Jory Kara Ketchesin Dawn Kleuoff Laura Krivac Helen Langley Dan Lassiter Sylvia Lewis Mark Lisanti Samantha Locklear Ellen Thomas Maynard Nancy McCormick Jean McElveen Robert Mclsaac Arianna McLamb Christy McLaughlin Glen Moore Katie Myatt</p>	<p>Treatment/Recovery Continued: Wayne Neal Ella Newmiller Laura Oliver Marilyn Parmenter Margaret Peacock Mable Penny Hank Perry Dorothy Phillips Billy Pitman Charlie Porter Kathie Porter Matthew Puckett Roy Raynor Randolph Richardson Evelyn Roberts Tom Rogers Patricia Rosas Artoryia Sanders Ashley Scott Kathy Shuman Delores Smith Robert Smith Bill Spry Penni Stewart Julia Strickland Rayford Tart James Taylor Stephanie Thomas Sue Thomas Sam Turner III Jeanne Utt Leo VanDolson Reatha VanDolson Rose VonIngelheim CB Wade Judie Walsh David Wasley Meg Wasley Wanda Weld Jill Whitfield Meredith Williams</p>
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We extend Christian love and sympathy to Lisa Maloney and family on the death of Lisa's step-dad, David Halsey, in December.

We also extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of John Utley who passed away in December.

Remember Robin and Joe Thomas and family in your prayers due to the death of Joe's brother.

2011 Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Allen Dyer
Staff Parish Relations: Barry Myers
Finance: Tony Hewett
Stewardship: Rex Spivey
Trustees: TBA
Missions: Lisa Blauvelt
Evangelism: Barbara Hemphill-Taylor
Worship: Marcie Smith
Children: Kim Stephenson
Family: Vickie Donohue, Myrtle Earley
Lay Leader: Don Maynard
Treasurer: Martha Eatmon
Sunday School: Denise Hicks, Al Andrews
Chief Ushers: John Boyd, Randy Earley
Altar Guild: Melissa Cupit
Gifts: Lou Johnson
Fundraising: Mike Stewart
Kitchen: Dawn Newkirk
Cemetery: Robert Dupree, Jack Johnson
Yard: Charles Newsom, Tommy Crocker
Bereavement: Wendy Hewett
Parsonage: Kathryn Wright
History: Lisa Maloney
Youth: Carley Scheitrum
Technology: Les Brown
Sports Ministry: John Holden

Our Missions Team has many ongoing collections and supports many area ministries.

To learn more, please visit our website or call the church office.

- Shepherd's Shelf** — food pantry in Willow Spring.
- Love Packages** — Christian literature sent to missionaries around the world.
- Eyeglass Collection** — donate eyeglasses to help people with eyesight difficulties worldwide.
- Red Bird Mission** — Campbell's Labels exchanged for education equipment to schools.
- Food Shuttle** — donate your Lowe's Food Rewards points to support our local food shuttle.
- Pizazz** — a clothing resale shop which supports the Harbor House Shelter and Advocacy in Smithfield.
- Angel Food Ministries** — a food ministry for those on a fixed income based at local host sites.
- Samaritan's Shelf** — distributes food, medicine and clothing from facility in Clayton.
- Garner Area Ministries** — a thrift shop and ministry in Garner.
- Basic Needs** — a thrift shop, food pantry, and ministry in the 40/42 community.

We are collecting can **oatmeal and grits for Shepherd's Shelf** Food Pantry in January. Please place your donation in the narthex.

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