



June 2011 News
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You Are Invited!

Mount Zion's 2011
Vacation Bible School



- Monday, July 11th, through Friday, July 15th, from 6:30 to 8:45 pm
- A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm
- Closing musical will be held on Sunday, July 17th, at 11:00 am followed by a covered dish lunch
- For children ages 3 through rising 8th graders
- Online registration begins on June 1st
- VBS Kick-off will be held on Sunday, June 5th at the 8:30 & 11:00 am worship services. Registration forms will be in the Narthex
- You can also pick up forms from the church office beginning June 6th.
- Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Karen Pickering at 773-8522 or karenpickering@bellsouth.net.



FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor Carley and Deborah Hackney attended an intensive week of Stephen Ministry Leader Training in Saint Louis this Spring and came back to us enthused about launching Stephen Ministry at Mount Zion. We commissioned them as Leaders for Mount Zion during worship on May 22nd. What Stephen Ministry is all about is training and organizing members to provide Christian care to people dealing with a crisis or,

challenge such as divorce, grief, unemployment, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. As a pastor I am aware of literally scores of needs for this kind of face to face compassion. I am also aware of my personal inability to meet those needs. Of course, many of you informally “bear one another’s burdens”. Even so, many hurts remain. What would help is to equip more care givers and deploy them more intentionally. That is exactly what Stephen Ministry does.

You have probably heard me say: “As we grow larger, we must grow smaller.” What I mean is that a church can grow to any size while maintaining its closeness and loving kindness, if it intentionally connects people on a small group or one on one level. We practice this now through small groups and Sunday School classes, and we will soon expand our congregational care through Stephen Ministry. For me this is an answer to prayer and an extension of what it means to be a caring community.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Leonard

Sermon Series to Start Off Your Summer

Three summers ago we we presented a series of messages called “Animal Academy” based on animals mentioned in the Bible. It was a “hit” with people eagerly anticipating each Sunday and retaining the lessons learned even to this day. As I was planning for this summer, I realized that were dozens of creatures cited in Scripture yet for us to consider. So beginning in June and continuing through mid-July we will learn lessons from six more animals. We’ll call it Animal Academy (second semester).

- 6/5/11—*Barnyard Basics*: The protective chicken/hen demonstrates the depth of God’s care/sacrifice for us.
- 6/12/11—*Night School*: The destructive moth teaches us about the vulnerability and transitory nature of earthly things.
- 6/19/11—*Deer Drive*: The thirst of the deer points out what it means to desire a deep relationship with God.
- 6/26/11—*Fox Facts*: The sneaky fox reminds us of how indifference to seemingly small and inconsequential compromises can cause big problems.
- 7/3/11—*Wormly Wisdom*: The lowly worm shows us God’s greatness and power in relation to our weakness and insignificance.
- 7/10/11—*Fly Away*: The repulsive fly reminds us of how even small disobediences taint the goodness of what they touch.

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.

Financial Update through March, 2011

Total Giving for Operating Budget	\$152,716
Total Expenses	<u>\$127,197</u>
Income Exceeds Expenses	\$ 25,519
Building Fund Carryover from 2010	\$87,950
Building Fund Contributions in 2011	<u>\$ 7,191</u>
Total of Building Fund	\$95,141





CAFÉ is held every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Hosts are needed for CAFÉ in June to set up, make coffee, provide light refreshments, and clean up. Coffee is provided. Team up with another family, class, or group. Sign up in the kitchen.



Notes from the Choir Director

The Choir will practice through June 15th. They will begin practicing on Wednesday, August 17th. Please consider sharing your voice and join the choir this fall!

The Handbells will not practice again until Sunday, August 28th. Please consider sharing your musical talent with Mount Zion by joining the Handbells this fall!



Andy Partin
 Mark Soderberg
 Catherine Soderberg
 Lonie Nenni
 Erin Nenni
 Dawn Brewster
 Marcus Brewster
 Gail Spry
 Bobbie Williams
 Ross Williams

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.)

Saturday Night Fellowship Suppers will continue in June by location. Everyone has enjoyed the great food and getting to know new people and have time to catch-up with those they know.

The next meal will be on Saturday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone who has a Garner address is encouraged to attend. Please bring your family and a dish or two to share.



You're Invited!

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.



Youth News

Summer is getting into full swing! Mount Zion's Youth will meet June 5th, June 12th, and June 26th – we will not meet on June 19th for Father's Day.

Youth Praise Practice is June 12th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

The youth is looking for **adult youth counselors** for the upcoming school year. Youth counselors will help with facilitating small group discussion and activities on Sunday nights from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Please consider being a part of our students' spiritual formation and growth as we seek to love God and serve others! Training and resources will be provided. Contact Pastor Carley for more information.

This summer the youth will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for their mission's trip. They will be working on projects for Team Effort, in Atlanta, Georgia, the week of July 17th -23rd. Please pray for them as they plan and prepare for this trip.

Pastor Carley

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wedding shower you hosted for Eric and I. We were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. It has been such a joy to become part of the Mount Zion family over the past year, and look forward to working alongside every one of you in ministry. It is with deep regret that we are unable to invite anyone from the Mount Zion family to our wedding in June. We are celebrating a small ceremony with close family and friends, and look forward to sharing pictures and memories when we return from our honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies. Again, thank you so much for our shower – it is an encouraging testament to the love that Mount Zion shows as both a church community and individuals. Please keep Eric and I in your prayers as we embark on this new adventure together. Pastor Carley

On 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.

Children's News

Prayers & Sympathy

*Prayers and sympathy to **Larry & Lisa Johnson** and the entire family, Larry's mother Annie P. Johnson passed away*



*Prayers and sympathy to **Kim & Al Andrews** and the entire family, Kim's grandmother, Mary Catherine Sommers passed away*



*Prayers & Sympathy to the **Godwin Family** in the passing of Billy Jones*



Mason Joseph Mills was born on Monday, May 2nd, to Andi Cupit. Mason weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Prayers and God's blessings on Mason always.

2011 Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Allen Dyer
Staff Parish Relations: Barry Myers
Finance: Tony Hewett
Stewardship: Rex Spivey
Trustees: Greg Burns
Missions: Lisa Blauvelt
Evangelism: Barbara Hemphill-Taylor
Children: Donna Rex
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/Worship: 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



Confirmation classes will be held in a day camp format this summer. Students ages 10 through 14 are invited to learn basic Christian beliefs, church history, and Methodist emphases. They will be challenged to clarify their faith in Christ and consider the responsibilities of church membership.

Confirmation camp will be held August 8th – 13th, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Then on Friday, instead of ending at 4:00, we will continue on with an overnight retreat and finish back at the church Saturday morning. Lunches will be provided as well as Friday supper and Saturday breakfast.

Call the church office to register. Talk with Pastor Leonard if you have any questions, need more information, or want to sign-up to help with meals and special activities.

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Mount Zion UMC - June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Every Sunday</u> Worship 8:30 CAFÉ 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Group 5 pm	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Prayer 7 am Prayer 6:30 pm Alleluia Choir 6 p.m.	<u>Exercise</u> Tues & Fri 10 am Thurs. 7 pm	1 <i>How to Pray</i> 7 pm Venturing Crew 7 pm Choir 7 pm	2 Missions Team 7 pm	3	4 <i>Christians Caching In</i> 9 am FH reserved (Burns) 12 pm Fellowship Supper 6:30 pm
5 <i>Communion</i> *Reception of Graduates *Small groups Begin *Sunday School Promotion West Johnston Baccalaureate 6 pm Boundaries 7 pm	6 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Children's Ministry 7 pm	7 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	8 Choir 7 pm Cub Scout Comm. 7 pm Den Leader mtg. 7:45 pm	9 Seniors Small Group 10 am	10 Creative Christians 6:30 pm	11 <i>Christians Caching In</i> 9 am FH reserved (Penny) 2 pm
12 Men's breakfast 7 am	13 Evangelism Comm. 7 pm Troop 64 Comm. 7:30 pm	14 <i>Boy Scouts</i> Morning Glory Circle 11 am SPRC mtg. 7 pm	15 Choir 7 pm	16	17	18 Senior's brunch 9 am CPR class 9 am
19 Venturing Advisory 6 pm No Youth <i>Father's Day</i>	20 Worship Comm. 7 pm Fishing Club 7 pm	21 <i>Boy Scouts</i> Trustees Meeting 7 pm MCAA 7 pm	22	23 Finance Team 7 pm	24	25
26 VBS volunteer training 5 pm	27	28 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	29	30	<u>Small Groups</u> Eddie Eagle Sundays 5 pm Crazy Love Sundays 6 pm	Support Group Thursdays 7:30 pm Christian Caregivers 6:30 pm

Remember in Prayer

Pam Davis
 T.J. Davis
 Michelle Edwards
 Marsha Grissom
 Cale Heintzelman
 Rhonda Jernigan
 Dewayne McDaniel
 Larry Nobling
 Sue Nowell
 Julia Taylor
 Ethel Wall
 Jacque Wheeler
 John Smith

Shut-ins

Onnie Barbour
 Helen Britt
 Bea Carroll
 Doris Ennis
 Marie Lucas
 Odell Penny
 Arch Sheratt

Serving Our Country

Gregory Adrien
 Joseph Clayton
 Justin Coats
 Adam Comstock
 Trey Grissom
 Michael Hanlan
 Brett Haskins
 Jonathan Hinnant
 Zack Moreland
 Zachary Penny
 Amber Smith
 Robert Smith
 Jason Testerink
 Josh Woodard

In Ministry

Matthew Spivey
 Dave & Janet Wehrle

Treatment/Recovery

Sally Askew
 Hilary Aycock
 Sherie Baker
 Matthew Baldwin
 Anne Barber
 Dixie Barbour
 Sylvia Barbour
 Joey Barns
 John Behnken
 Billy Bennett
 Rebecca Bennett
 Mason Benson
 Bill Boyd
 Jim Boyd
 Margaret Boyd
 Robert Brock
 Frankie Brock
 Walt Brown
 Debbie Burns
 Clark Family
 LaVerne Coats
 Raphus Coats
 Tim Cowell
 Bob Creech
 Dean Crow
 James "Bud" Cutler
 Matthew Davis
 Darren Dodd
 Iva Earley
 Bonnie Edwards
 Curtis Edwards
 Maverine Edwards
 Robert Elliott
 Barbara Ennis
 Valerie Ennis
 Ed Fish
 Helen Forbes
 Steve Freeman
 Jack Futtrell
 Danny Gabriel
 Covo Gardner
 Mary Gensel
 Vicki Gerhardt
 Barbara Gibbins
 Heather Giddeons
 Leanne Gilbert

Leroy Griffin
 Ellen Grissom
 Lorene Grissom
 Macon Grissom
 Lottie Gurganus
 Howard Hamilton
 Amy Hardenburgh
 Jackie Hayes
 Clayton Hedgepeth
 Bill Herr
 Bill Hewett
 Billy Hicks
 Mable Hicks
 Heather Hill
 Madeline Hopkins
 Margaret Humphries
 Will Irwin
 Dorothy Jamieson
 Linda Jensen
 Angela Johnson
 Lou Johnson
 Ethel Jones
 Jim Jones
 Ladonna Jones
 Michael Jones
 Billy Jordan
 Jean Jory
 Kara Ketchesin
 Liz Kilby
 Dawn Kleuoff
 Laura Krivac
 Lisa Kuhn
 Helen Langley
 Jonah Lewis
 Mark Lisanti
 Samantha Locklear
 Ellen T. Maynard
 Etta Maynard
 Nancy McCormick
 Glenn McElveen
 Jean McElveen
 Darius McLaughlin
 Arianna McLamb
 Pam Miller
 Glen Moore
 Katie Myatt
 Wayne Neal

John Neuner
 Carolyn Newman
 Ella Newmiller
 Oliver Family
 Marilyn Parmenter
 Margaret Peacock
 Mable Penny
 Dorothy Phillips
 Billy Pitman
 Bill Plum
 Kathie Porter
 Sherrie Pourron
 Sandra Price
 Matthew Puckett
 Roy Raynor
 Randolph Richardson
 Tori Rivers
 Evelyn Roberts
 Chris Rose Family
 Artoryia Sanders
 Ashley Scott
 Chase Scott
 Kelli Seiden
 Randall Shaw
 Kathy Shuman
 Delores Smith
 Robert Smith
 Alice Stephenson
 Julia Strickland
 Jane Suddith
 Rayford Tart
 James Taylor
 Laura Thomas
 Robin Thomas
 Stephanie Thomas
 Sue Thomas
 Jeanne Utt
 Leo VanDolson
 Reatha VanDolson
 William VanWie
 CB Wade
 Judie Walsh
 Meg Wasley
 Bo Webb
 Wanda Weld
 Jill Whitfield

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.*