



March 2011 News

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## Ole Fashion Supper

Saturday, March 12

4 to 8 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$8 for adults

\$4 for children ages 4 to 8

Free for children 3 and under

Enjoy all-you-can-eat country cooking including fried chicken, BBQ, ham, chicken and pastry, fatback stuffed sausage, chitterlings, and much more. Feast on a variety of vegetables and delight in homemade hushpuppies and biscuits. Of course, we'll include our legendary dessert table. It's Johnston County cooking at its best.

Come on out and enjoy!

*Many hands will make for light work during preparations beginning Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m.*



Mount Zion's missions focus for March will be the **Raleigh Rescue Mission**. On Sunday, March 6, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., we will cook and serve dinner to the homeless and those living at the mission. Please sign up by calling Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108. Limited to ten volunteers at least 16 years old.

The Missions Team will also collect "Welcome Kits" to be handed out to the homeless. Please donate a complete kit assembled in a gallon zip lock bag. The kit should include the following travel-size hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrush, antiperspirant, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap, and shampoo. Please add a warm note or card of encouragement. Please place your completed kit on the designated shelf on the left in the narthex. The last day to donate kits will be Sunday, March 27.

All proceeds from the Ole Fashion Supper will support the Raleigh Rescue Mission!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108.

It's almost baseball season, so this is a perfect time for me to encourage you to hit all the bases! I am not talking about signing up for the church softball team (although we would love for you to do that). I am referring to our church's series of discovery classes. The four classes offer a kind of "home run" in discipleship. Each class is a stand-alone, 2 ½ hour event focusing on a deeper and higher level of spiritual commitment. Our mission of "Calling People Higher" involves drawing people closer to Christ through a series of spiritual commitments. The baseball diamond below demonstrates how it all works.

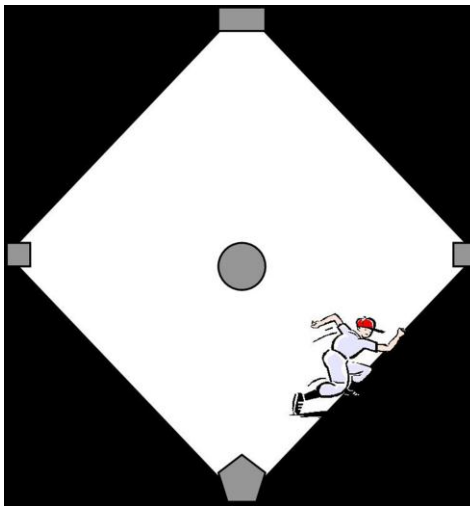
-- Pastor Leonard

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Base–Discovering Spiritual Maturity (201)**

- Goal: That I will begin and continue the basic habits every Christian needs in order to grow to spiritual maturity
- Next class: Sunday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in a downstairs classroom.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Base–Discovering My Ministry (301)**

- Goal: That I will discover my unique design for ministry and commit to develop and deploy my gifts and abilities in serving God and others through my church family
- Next class: Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in a downstairs classroom



### **1<sup>st</sup> Base–Discovering Church Membership (101)**

- Goal: That I will commit myself to Christ and to the Mount Zion United Methodist Church family
- [Those who joined the church before this class was offered should plan to attend]
- Next class: Sunday, April 10, at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

### **Home–Discovering My Mission (401)**

- Goal: That I will be willing and able to share the good news about Jesus Christ in a way that people can understand and that the Holy Spirit can use.
- Next class: Not yet scheduled

# 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.*

## 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  
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  
Zack Moreland  
Zachary Penny  
Amber Smith  
Robert Smith  
Jason Testerink  
Josh Woodard

## Treatment/Recovery

Sally Askew  
Hilary Aycock  
Sherie Baker  
Matthew Baldwin  
Anne Barber  
Dixie Barbour  
Sylvia Barbour  
Joey Barns  
John Behnken  
Billy Bennett  
Bill Boyd  
Jim Boyd  
Margaret Boyd  
Bob Brock  
Frankie Brock  
Mary Cantando  
LaVerne Coats  
Raphus Coats  
Tim Cowell  
Joy Crow  
James "Bud" Cutler  
Matthew Davis  
Darren Dodd  
Bonnie Edwards  
Curtis Edwards  
Maverine Edwards  
Robert Elliott  
Barbara Ennis  
Jack Futtrell  
Danny Gabriel  
Covo Gardner  
Vicki Gerhardt  
Mary Gensel  
Barbara Gibbins  
Heather Giddeons  
Leroy Griffin  
Ellen Grissom  
Lorene Grissom  
Macon Grissom  
Lottie Gurganus  
Howard Hamilton  
Amy Hardenburgh  
Jackie Hayes

Clayton Hedgepeth  
Bill Herr  
Billy Hicks  
Mable Hicks  
Heather Hill  
Patricia Holden  
Madeline Hopkins  
Margaret Humphries  
Will Irwin  
Dorothy Jamieson  
Linda Jensen  
Angela Johnson  
Ethel Jones  
Garrett Jones  
Jim Jones  
Ladonna Jones  
Michael Jones  
Billy Jordan  
Jean Jory  
Kara Ketchesin  
Liz Kilby  
Dawn Kleuoff  
Laura Krivac  
Helen Langley  
Sylvia Lewis  
Mark Lisanti  
Samantha Locklear  
Ellen T. Maynard  
Nancy McCormick  
Glenn McElveen  
Jean McElveen  
Arianna McLamb  
Pam Miller  
Glen Moore  
Katie Myatt  
Wayne Neal  
John Neuner  
Ella Newmiller  
Laura Oliver  
Marilyn Parmenter  
Margaret Peacock  
Mable Penny  
Dorothy Phillips  
Billy Pitman

Kathie Porter  
Matthew Puckett  
Roy Raynor  
Randolph Richardson  
Evelyn Roberts  
Patricia Rosas  
Artoryia Sanders  
Ashley Scott  
Chase Scott  
Kathy Shuman  
Delores Smith  
Robert Smith  
Julia Strickland  
Rayford Tart  
James Taylor  
Stephanie Thomas  
Sue Thomas  
Jeanne Utt  
Leo VanDolson  
William vanWie  
Reatha VanDolson  
CB Wade  
Judie Walsh  
Meg Wasley  
David Weatherman  
Wanda Weld  
Kenneth White Family  
Jill Whitfield



*We extend Christian love and sympathy to the following:*

*John and Annette Holden and family on the death of Patricia Holden (John's stepmother).*

*Gail Spry and family upon the death of Gail's husband, Bill, who passed away on February 10.*

*Keith and JoAnne McIsaac and family for his father's death on February 14.*

*The family of Sandra Lassiter upon her husband, Dan's, death in February.*

*Celebrate the birth of Cassidy Elizabeth McLaurin on Thursday, February 3. Cassidy weighed 8 lbs., 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long. Cassidy is the daughter of Howard & Patricia McLaurin and the grand-daughter of Ottis & Shirley McLaurin. We rejoice and pray God's blessing on Cassidy always.*



**Welcome!**  
Agnes Morris



*Dear Mt. Zion Family,*

*There simply are not enough words to show our thanks and appreciation for all the cards, the calls, the visits and all the many ways that you have held us close in the last two weeks. We are most grateful that you took the time to pray for us as we felt that peace each and every day; and God has been answering your prayers almost moment to moment. We ask that you continue to lift us up, especially John, as we begin phase two of the journey the Lord has set before us. As Leonard reminded us, we are moving forward "in confident and abiding faith" for we know that God is in control.*

*Blessings,*

*John and Joan Neuner*

*Mt. Zion Family,*

*Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers during the death of our brother. Your acts of kindness helped us through a very difficult time in our life. We love you all. God Bless each of you.*

*--Mickey and Harry Carroll*

*Dear Christian Friends,*

*Thank you so very much for all the many acts of kindness shown to our family in the death of our brother, Lennie Carroll. We could each feel the love and warmth of your Mt. Zion fellowship and community. The sharing of your beautiful sanctuary, the delicious meal served by the graceful ladies, and the final resting place for our brother are all memories we shall cherish forever. God bless each of you as you move forward in your ministries for Jesus Christ.*

*--Sue Nowell*



Everyone is invited to a "**Baby Boy Shower**" for Caraline Belcher on Saturday, March 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the fellowship hall given by family and friends.

Everyone is invited to a "**Baby Boy Shower**" for Andrea Cupit and Jonathan Mills, at the home of Wendy Hewett, on Sunday, March 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. (Andrea is the daughter of Ron & Melissa Cupit). They are registered at Target. If you have any questions, you can contact Wendy at 662-4960. The Hewett home is located at 1117 Golden Grain Road (Turner Farms), Garner, NC.



## Children's News

If you haven't noticed the new playground equipment, then you haven't driven around the church ... or you are over 12 years old! The kids have certainly noticed and given it a good "try out" since it went up. Even some big kids were seen "inspecting" the slides for safety. (Ask Pastor Leonard how fast the long blue one is!) Randy Wise deserves special thanks for leveling the area and Allen Dyer and Tony Breci for providing the use of their front-end loaders.

But as good as it is, this is not a permanent playground. The Children's Team has asked the Building Committee to incorporate a more substantial, permanent playground in their plans. We also hope to place it where the children will not have to cross the road to play. Until then, enjoy climbing, sliding, and twirling!

**The Children's Ministry Team** and the nursery staff are in the process of expanding our nursery ministry during 11:00 worship. We are blessed with an abundance of babies, so we are going to begin using the classroom next to the nursery (the pre-school Sunday School room) for our toddlers. This will allow our youngest ones to receive the attention they need and also give our 18-month-olds through three-year-olds the ability to be more active. Of course, we know that children develop differently. These ages are guidelines, so as a parent, please feel free to talk with us if your child needs to stay or move up. Parents will still check in at the current nursery door, and appropriate adult supervision will be given in both areas. Our plan is to begin on the second Sunday in March. If you have questions, talk with Donna Rex, 585-4534, [rexdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:rexdonna@yahoo.com).

The Children's Ministry Team is going to try to keep our ministry momentum going while the church seeks a Children's Pastor. We cannot do everything that Kim did in that role, but we will do what we can. Please be patient with us while we regroup and figure out things with Donna Rex as chair of the Children's Ministry Team. We ask for your prayers as we plan and implement our church's spiritual impact on this next generation. Our goal in everything is to point children to Jesus.

## Youth News

Mount Zion UMYF sends out weekly emails and manages an online blog. Contact Pastor Carley or the church office to be added to the email list, or view the youth blog at <http://mzyouthblog.blogspot.com/>

Thanks to all who helped our youth make the Valentine's Day Dinner a success. On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we served 37 couples with the help of 30 youth and volunteers. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

### Upcoming Events:

- Mount Zion Youth are attending Acquire the Fire in Greensboro on March 18 - 19. This year, Acquire the Fire will focus on life collisions and how God can restore them, mending the broken. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. Friday night and return around midnight on Saturday. Pray for our group and the conference as we search the places in our life that God longs to restore.
- Youth are invited to help at the Ole Fashion Supper on Saturday, March 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. Stay the entire time or help for as long as you can. This is a great way to give back to our church!
- The District Youth Hockey Night will be held on Saturday, March 26, at the RBC Center for the Carolina Hurricanes/Tampa Bay Lightning game. Tickets are \$20 and include dinner and admission to the game. We will meet at the church at 3:15 p.m. and return around 11 p.m. Sign up on the youth bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

-- Pastor Carley



## Notes From the Music Department

The choir has begun practicing the Easter Cantata, "Here Comes the King!" If you have been thinking about singing with us this year, now is the time to join us at practices. We work on the cantata on Wednesdays in the Chapel, starting about 7:50 p.m.

### Casting Call

It is time to start practicing the drama that will add so much to our Easter Cantata. The drama, as it is currently written, has speaking parts for the following characters:

**ETHAN** – He is a "street kid," around 12 years old. Smart and clever, but used to being on his own and making his own way.

**ISAAC** – Also around 12 years old. A good sense of humor and a strong sense of right and wrong. A big dreamer. Believes that Jesus will be an earthly king.

**RUTH** – Older sister of ISAAC, around 14 or 15. Helpful and mature. Used to telling her little brother what to do and how to behave. A follower of Jesus.

**MOTHER** – Mother of ISAAC and RUTH, a follower of Jesus.

**FATHER** – Father of ISAAC and RUTH, a craftsman from Galilee, a follower of Jesus.

We need several "extras" as well. The extras will play several roles, including welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem and then as the mob before Pilot. I would like to have several people to fill non-speaking, cameo type roles: Jesus, Pilot, the disciples, Mary Magdalene, priests, temple guard, Barrabas, etc. I might be able to write in a part for anyone really wanting a speaking role but not fitting into the five roles already written. Anyone interested in participating in the drama should let me know. We will also need people to work on sets, props, and costumes. If you are interested in participating or helping in any way, you can call me (553-7313), speak to me at church, or simply place a note in my mailbox at the church. The first drama practice will be Sunday, March 13, at 4:00 in the sanctuary. The cast will then decide the best time for future practices.

### Calling Little Ones

Any children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades who are interested in singing on Palm Sunday with the adult choir and handbells, please contact the church office. Practices will be held on March 6 and 13 at 7 p.m. with the adult choir. Kids only will practice on March 20 and 27 from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

-- Nancy Rivers, Choir Director

### **Stevens/Lane United Methodist Women wants to invite all women to come join our circle.**

We are starting new projects, such as reaching out to the shut-ins within our church family and nursing homes. We need your help to make these projects successful. We meet the third Monday of each month and our meetings only last about an hour. We can use your input and your ideas to help make us successful and strengthen our United Methodist Women. We also host senior citizen brunches three times a year and a Christmas dinner. If you want to have a blessed day, come help us with one of these brunches. We do not meet the months we have our brunches, which will be March, June, and September. We also do not meet in July or August. So, for a wonderful night of Christian fellowship, come visit with us. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Mark your calendar for our annual bake sale on April 18 at 7 p.m. – just in time for your Easter goodies. The proceeds will help with our special projects and the seniors events mentioned above. If you would like to donate baked goods for this, please contact Kim Carroll 779-3693 or Amanda Carroll 772-8965.

All seniors are invited to brunch on March 19 at 9 a.m. If you need a ride, please call the church office at 772-8415.



# Play Ball!

Mount Zion will participate in the Garner Church **softball league** again this year. Games are played at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Garner. If you would like to play on the men's, women's, or youth teams, please sign up in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact John Holden at 773-8613.

New to Mount Zion this fall will be Upward Sports Ministry soccer. We are very excited about this new ministry and are in the early stages of planning. If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, helping to plan and coordinate upcoming activities, please contact John Holden at 773-8613.



The **Camp Don Lee Family Retreat** will be held on Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 29. The sign-up sheet and details are on the Family Ministries bulletin board. For more information, contact Myrtle Earley 779-5280 or Sarah Brown 894-8317.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 13

Unlike other mission programs, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) received no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing underwrite UMCOR's "cost of doing business." That means that 100 percent of every dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs goes to help some of the world's most vulnerable people. We do not take anything from designated gifts to cover home office administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through this annual offering.

Once a year during One Great Hour of Sharing, you and your congregation join together United Methodists by participating in this special offering to support humanitarian aid through UMCOR. When catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion will be in the lead to bring healing, hope, and a place of refuge. Our ability to respond and remain until the job is done is in direct proportion to the generosity of United Methodists at this time of offering.

**March's Alphabet Supper** will be for families with the last name beginning with N through Z. It will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and a dish or two to share.



### Financial Update through January, 2011

Total Giving for Operating Budget	\$41,529
Total Expenses	<u>\$32,603</u>
Income Exceeds Expenses	\$ 8,926
Building Fund Carryover from 2010	\$87,950
Building Fund Contributions in 2011	<u>\$ 665</u>
Total of Building Fund	\$88,615

**Estimate of Giving 2010 Update** – People who completed an estimate of giving card for 2010 gave at a rate of 83%. The amount pledged for 2010 was \$295,778 and we received \$245,468. The giving rate is the same as the overall giving rate for 2009.



# FROM THE PASTOR



Lent. The word produces different pictures in people's minds. I used to wonder why all the attention was given to that fuzzy stuff in the corner of my pockets. Then someone explained that Lent (not *lint*) was a season of serious consideration of Jesus' suffering and our own need for his salvation. For forty days plus the six Sundays preceding Easter, many Christians around the world intentionally focus on Jesus' death and their own mortality and sin. This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9 and ends with Easter Sunday on April 24. You will have several opportunities to engage in your own serious spiritual reflections at Mount Zion during Lent.

On Ash Wednesday we will offer an early morning opportunity to begin the season with worship, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. Rather than an evening service as we have held in years past, this year we will have four brief services (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30 a.m.) you can attend before you head off to school or work. The services will be identical and last only 10-15 minutes. Wearing the mark of ashes on your forehead throughout the day is a visible sign to you and others that you realize what Christ has done for you and your desperate need of his grace.

On the Sundays in Lent we will learn about the events of the most significant day of all time. The sermon series will be called *24 Hours That Changed the World* and will utilize concepts from Adam Hamilton's book by that same title. We will begin with *The Last Supper* and move through Jesus' *Prayer in the Garden*, his being placed *On Trial for Blasphemy*, his *Sentencing by Pilate*, his *Torture by the Romans*, and finally his *Crucifixion*.

We will also have several special events during Holy Week (the week before Easter) that you will hear more about as the time approaches:

- A Taste of Passover – an opportunity to experience the spiritual significance of the Passover and Christ's fulfillment of it.
- A Tenebre Service – a solemn time of worship on Good Friday including Scripture reading and the gradual darkening of the Sanctuary.
- A Family Easter Celebration – an interactive exploration of the events of Easter as well as an egg hunt for families with children.

Of course, Lent also provides an ideal occasion for private and family devotion. You may want to practice a spiritual discipline like fasting for the season. Committing to depriving yourself of some specific food, entertainment, or practice as a reminder to pray, give, and serve is one traditional example. A devotional countdown calendar will be available to help guide families in home worship during the two weeks before Easter. You might take on the challenge of Scripture memorization of certain passages during Lent. Whatever you do, don't let it slip by. Lent is a season of intentional focus.

Your fellow servant,

*Pastor Leonard*

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday</b> Worship 8:30 Worship 11:00 CAFÉ 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Group 5 pm Handbells 6 pm	<b>Every Wednesday</b> Prayer 7 am Prayer 6:30 pm Alleluia Choir 6 p.m. Adult Choir 7pm Venturing 7 pm TRINITY music 7:30 pm	<b>1 Boy Scouts</b>	<b>2</b> Discovering My Ministry 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> Missions Team 7 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> FH reserved 2 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:30 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7 Cub Scouts</b> 7 pm: Youth Council Chadbourne Mtg Gifts Committee Children's Ministry Evangelism	<b>8 Boy Scouts</b> Morning Glory Circle 10 am SPRC mtg. 7 pm	<b>9 Ash Wednesday</b> Cub Scout Comm. 7 pm Den Leader mtg. 7:45 pm	<b>10</b> Finance Team 7 pm	<b>11</b> Ole Fashion Supper work night 6 pm	<b>12</b> Small Group Leader training 10 am Ole Fashion Supper 4 to 8 pm
<b>13 Daylight Savings Time</b> Men's breakfast 7 am Venturing Adv. 6 pm Administrative Council Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>14 Cub Scouts</b> Troop 64 Comm. 7:30 pm	<b>15 Boy Scouts</b> MCAA 7 pm Trustees 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Creative Christians 6:30 pm	<b>19 Acquire the Fire</b> Senior's brunch 9 am Arrow of Light Ceremony 3 pm
<b>20</b> No Youth Group Blood Drive 12:15 to 4:45 pm	<b>21 Cub Scouts</b> Worship Comm. 7 pm	<b>22 Boy Scouts</b> Fundraising Team 7 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> District Youth Hockey Night 3:15 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28 Cub Scouts</b>	<b>29 Boy Scouts</b>	<b>30</b> Cub Scout Pack meeting 7 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>Small Groups</b> Up and Comers Sundays 5 pm Financial Peace Sundays 6:30 pm Divorce Care Sundays 7 pm Healing Changes Mondays 7 pm	Support Group Thursdays 7:30 pm TRINITY Group Sundays 6 pm <b>Exercise</b> Tues, Wed, Fri 10 a.m. Thurs. 7 pm

**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  
Worship/Altar Guild: Melissa Cupit  
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  
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  
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