

OCTOBER 2019

# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

*"The Church with a history and a future"*

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## Weeds and Briars

Recently I visited the mountains for some good old fashioned apple pickin'. (Actually we used apple pickers that had these nifty baskets attached to long poles). I noticed many of the trees had vines, weeds, and briars growing in and around them. If not cut down, then eventually the weeds will take over, kill the trees, and there will be no more delicious mountain apples. This reminded me of a story Jesus told in the gospel of Matthew about weeds. A farmer had sown some wheat in the field, but later on an enemy came and scattered some weed seeds. When both sprouted, the workers suggested they go and pull up the weeds. However, the farmer told them, "No, leave them both alone cause you might end up pulling up the wheat also. Wait until the time of harvest to separate the weeds and wheat." Jesus spoke in parables to help the people discover Kingdom truths. Sometimes we feel like the good seeds, the wheat growing and trying to survive in a field of weeds. Here are some suggestions to help us live among the weeds:

- We need to be aware of the weeds around us. Weeds can irritate us. They don't have much use, but they do a whole lot of work. If we are aware of the weeds around us, we can better prepare ourselves to avoid them, or at least be ready when we have to deal with a weed.
- Weeds can cause damage to our roots, to our irrigations system, weeds can attack our foundation. On the surface, it may seem that weeds are keeping their distance, but underneath they are working to destroy our foundation. We need to stay grounded in our foundation of faith. We need to stay focused on Christ to avoid the weeds work to destroy our faith.

Most of us in our farming efforts, whether many acres or just a small raised garden bed, would immediately pull up the weeds. We don't want them around our good plants. In this parable, Jesus is cautioning people to not be quick in getting rid of the weeds, or in other words "the bad apples." Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." We all may have been at one time or another a weed or a bad seed. But even weeds can be useful. Around springtime in many folks yards grows the prettiest little flowers called dandelions. They are actually weeds. Some people have been known to put them in a tea and drink this brew of medicine to help with various ailments. What was a weed in the yard has turned into medicine in the pot. The truth of our faith is the love of Christ can turn a weed into wheat. May we first focus on keeping our foundation firm in Christ so we may be a light to a world of weeds. May we be examples of Jesus, extending grace to those who need to know God's love. May we be thankful that Christ turned us from weeds to beautiful wheat, or a delicious mountain apple.

Peace and Joy,  
**Matt**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND (ALSO 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH)**

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS - 5:15 PM  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 5:40 PM; ORANGE - 6:00 PM; YOUTH - 6:00 PM  
ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY IN ADULT ASSEMBLY - 6:00 PM  
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:45 PM; PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE - 7:45 PM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

CHILDREN'S TRIP TO CORN MAZE - 2 - 4 PM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH (ALSO 13TH, 20TH, 27TH)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM; BRUSH ARBOR WORSHIP - 11:00 AM  
CHURCH FAMILY COVERED DISH MEAL ON THE GROUNDS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFERENCE ROOM

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE MEETING AT DAIRY QUEEN - 6:30 PM  
(FINALIZE SHOPPING LISTS FOR 10/20 FUNDRAISER)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH (ALSO 24TH)**

BUSY HANDS - 1:30 PM - SMALL DINING ROOM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING - 8:30 - SMALL DINING ROOM  
BENTON WEDDING SHOWER - 2:30 - 4:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING  
DEACONS MEETING AT 6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE FUNDRAISER MEAL - NOON - FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
(DONATIONS ONLY)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

ZION FALL FESTIVAL - MEAL BEGINS AT 6:00 PM



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**Annual Visually  
Impaired Luncheon  
Saturday, November 2nd  
Family Life Center**

If you are willing to help  
prepare food, decorate, serve, or  
drive and pick up some people,  
please contact the church office or  
sign your name on the sheets  
placed on tables around the  
church.



## Lyda Poston Circle News

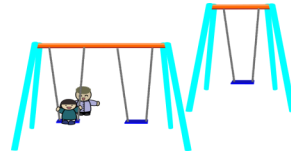
### ◆ Fundraiser Lunch on Sunday, October 20th Following Worship Service in the FLC

All proceeds will be used to support the costs of adding swings to the playground area behind the church.

*Donations Only*, sponsored by the Lyda Poston Circle

The menu will be announced in the church bulletins.

Take out plates will be available.



### ◆ We will be taking **RADA Cutlery orders** throughout the month of October. Please see any member to place an order or to get a catalog. Orders are due by November 3rd.



*All ladies of the church are invited  
To a Wedding Shower for  
Chip Benton and Annaleigh Powell  
Sunday, October 13th, Drop-In from 2:30 - 4:00 pm  
Zion Fellowship Building  
Registered at Walmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Colors: neutrals w/ blue*



**All ladies of the church are invited to join  
in the fun as we celebrate with a**

## **HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm**



### **At the Fellowship Building**

**Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Txt or Call:**

**Sherrie Clark at 704-473-7095**

**Brenda Dixon at 704-477-0390**

**Joan Sharpe at 704-419-3505**

**Jean Silver at 704-472-9806**

**Please bring 2 doz. of your "made from scratch" holiday or other homemade cookies to share.  
Please provide a copy of your recipe to one of the above hostesses no later than Sunday,  
November 10<sup>th</sup> so that copies can be made in advance for sharing  
at the cookie exchange.**



**Dinner will be provided  
Hosted by the Lyda Poston Circle**

## October Prayer Requests

### CHURCH FAMILY

Ronnie Blanton  
Jessica Brooks  
Hal Cabaniss  
Dick Canipe  
Sue Dawson  
Dixon Fletcher  
Lib Gantt  
Clyde Gold  
Gary Gragg  
Jewel Greene  
Beth Hafer  
Tim Hamrick  
Jennie Harrill  
Tommy Harrill  
Dan Hoyle  
Bob Ingle  
Dale Jackson  
Kim Lee  
Ethan Martin  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Terri McSwain  
Mickey Morehead  
Rachel Proctor  
Tap Ramsey  
Myrtle Sparks  
Barbara Wellmon  
Jessica Wellmon

### HOMEBOUND

Dorcas Barbee  
Mary Helen Cabaniss  
Sue Cabaniss  
Gene Cornwell  
Veva C. Gold  
Bob Horn  
Ora Trivett  
Billy Wright

### MISSIONS

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY



### **Sessions with Psalms**

*Prayers for All Seasons*

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we continue a Bible study series on the book of Psalms. We will meet at 6 pm in the Adult Assembly.

## ***What Disciples ~~Believe~~ Do*** **ZBC Fall Sermon Series**

Although Christians are often identified by what they believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers did. Join us on Sundays as we will be challenged to live out the exciting call of Jesus, "Follow Me".

**Oct. 6th:** Disciples Take Their Faith Home, II Tim.1:1-14; **Oct. 13:** Disciples Make the Best of "Babylon," Jer. 29:1, 4-7; **Oct. 20th:** Disciples Wrestle with God, Gen. 32:22-31;  
**Oct. 27th:** Disciples Don't Judge, Luke 18:9-14



- 1 Emma Carroll  
Katie Harrill
- 2 Bill Benton  
Gene Fortenberry
- 3 Dorcas Barbee
- 6 Harold Metcalfe
- 7 Ella Hord  
Benjamin Gold  
Danny Wright
- 11 Grady Ward  
Tom Wright
- 12 Frank Cochran  
Lara Wellmon
- 13 Emily Griggs  
Joan Sharpe
- 14 Emily Bridges  
Becky Dorsey
- 16 Jane Gragg
- 19 Pam Fish  
Scott Snellings
- 20 Tori Horn
- 21 Karen Gold
- 22 Gage Hord  
Todd McMurry
- 23 Joy Fortenberry
- 24 Curtis Cabaniss  
Dick Cabaniss  
Lindsay Cornwell  
Allison Hoyle
- 25 Eric Patterson
- 28 Wesley Clark  
Lawson Harrill
- 30 Brenda Wellmon

- 5th Ansel & Betty Hartley
- 7th Dennis & Anne White
- 10th Larry & Sarah Proctor
- 15th Thomas & Adrienne Fletcher
- 19th Mike & Cinda Cabaniss
- 20th Ronnie & Kim Blanton
- 29th Bob & Carolyn Horn

*If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and we will be glad to add it to our calendar.*



### **October 2nd**

Hostess: Iris Spangler

Menu: Pepperoni pizza bake, marinated salad

### **October 9th**

Hostesses: Emily Parker & Dana Bradshaw

Menu: Baked potato bar, salad

### **October 16th**

Hostesses: Marcia Alsobrook & Linda Raynor

Menu: Chicken, vegetables

### **October 23rd**

Hostess: Jane Cooper

Menu: Open-face roast beef sandwiches,  
rice & gravy, slaw

### **October 30th**

Hostess: Iris Spangler

Menu: Ham, tomato pie, green beans



Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you so much for the \$25.00 Amazon gift card as well as the devotion book and music playlist that was given for my graduation. I also want to thank the church for being so kind to me and my mom and making us feel welcome!

Manuel Jacob Gettys



## Lay Institute Bible Study Classes, Gardner-Webb University

“Eschatology and the After Life”

Taught by Dr. Robert Canoy

Thursday nights only, October 3 - 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost is \$40

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### JOY Club Trip to Lake Lure

Tuesday, October 22nd

The JOY Club will be traveling to Lake Lure to take a boat tour of the lake, leaving the church at 9:30 am. Hopefully, the leaves will be turning. We will hear many interesting facts about the lake. The cost for the boat tour is \$14 and will begin at 11:00 am. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at the Lake House Restaurant (old Larkin's on the Lake). Don't worry about the stairs. The owner said we could order off the downstairs menu, but eat on the main floor. We'll eat around 12:30. We should return to church around 3:00. Please let June Lail know if you can go by October 18th so we can make plans. June's cell phone: 704-692-4920, or email: [jlail@yahoo.com](mailto:jlail@yahoo.com)



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### New Boots for the Haiti Children

Thank you so much to everyone who gave money to help purchase new boots for the children at the Haiti orphanage. They were so happy to receive them! Now they can walk safely on the rocky dirt roads to school.





## Financial Update

We praise God for your support and gifts to Zion. This month our Finance Committee will begin meeting to put together our 2020 church budget. Please pray for the committee as they work towards how to best utilize our church resources for the many ministries of Zion Baptist. Our budget giving is \$264,079.72. We are \$19,387.68 behind budget and \$26,719.27 behind spending. As a reminder, you can mail in your weekly offerings, give online at [zbcshelby.org](http://zbcshelby.org), or use the Easytithes Zion Baptist giving app to support our church ministry budget needs. Thank you for your continued financial commitment to support Zion Baptist Church.



## Corn Maze

Children and their families are invited to come out and join the ZBC community at the Shelby Corn Maze on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> for a time of community, fall-themed fun, and fellowship. The ZBC crowd will gather at the Shelby Corn Maze at 2:00 pm and plan to stay until 4:00 pm, but feel free to stay for as long or as short a time as you want.

Date: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Where: 120 Broadway Dr. Shelby, NC 28152

Cost:

Farm admission: \$10.00

Farm admission + 10 activity tickets: \$12.00

(Additionally, we may receive a discount of \$1.00/ticket if we have 20 or more people attend with our group)



Soup, chili and dessert Cook-off  
Games, Cake-walk



## Fall Festival

**Come one! Come all! Invite (at least) one friend! ZBC will be hosting its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** We will begin eating at 6:00 p.m., followed by games and cake walk, and end with trunk-or-treat outside. If you would be willing to assist with the ZBC Fall Festival, please start thinking about a way in which you can plug in. In particular, please begin to think soon about whether or not you would be willing to **host or sponsor a trunk at the trunk-or-treat event**. Feel free to contact Carson Putnam or the church office if you are able to host/sponsor a trunk, donate candy for the Trunk-or-Treat event, or if you can (and would like to) volunteer in any other capacity (i.e., competing to win the chili cook-off). Most importantly, remember to come out and have a great time with us on October 27<sup>th</sup>! **For chili cook-off entries, please contact Carson.**



**The Zion Baptist Church youth group will be holding its annual barbecue fundraiser on November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.**

The youth group will be cooking barbecue and turkeys, *low and slow*, for all your Thanksgiving needs (and, if you just like barbecue like we do, for whatever other occasion you may imagine). The proceeds of the fundraiser will help youth group members pursue mission opportunities in our community and abroad, attend youth camps and conferences, and fund other youth events at the church. Consequently, we hope that you consider us when you begin thinking forward to your Thanksgiving meal! Barbecue sales will begin in early October, so be on the lookout for order forms and announcements. We appreciate your support, and we look forward to serving you. God bless! The BBQ pick-up will be on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 am.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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### VIDEO MINISTRY - October

Scott Snellings

### PRESCHOOL CHURCH

*Sunday, October 6th*

Jason & Emily Parker

*Sunday, October 13th*

Ben & Jessica Yarboro

*Sunday, October 20th*

Jerry & Laura Wellmon

*Sunday, October 27th*

Iris & Lisa Spangler

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

*Sunday, October 6th*

June Lail

*Sunday, October 13th*

Tap Ramsey-Sally Barker

*Sunday, October 20th*

Linda Cornwell

*Sunday, October 27th*

Vanna Wright

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

*Week of October 6th*

Ronnie Blanton, Terry Clark

*Week of October 13th*

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

*Week of October 20th*

Dean Jenks, Kenneth Wellmon

*Week of October 27th*

Dannie Moore, Steve Boatwright

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The bulletin is printed each week on Thursday Morning.  
Please forward any announcements, inserts, or prayer  
requests to the office by 10:00 am on Thursdays for  
publication the following Sunday.

**NEXT CHECK WRITING DATES - OCTOBER 8TH & 22ND**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE NOVEMBER MESSENGER - OCTOBER 28TH**

### **Secretary's Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

### NURSERY WORKERS

*Sunday, October 6th*

Sherrie Clark, Becky Dorsey

*Sunday, October 13th*

Kim Blanton, Linda Raynor

*Sunday, October 20th*

Betsy Boatwright, Anzie Horn

*Sunday, October 27th*

Betty Hendrick, Julie McMurry



**JUST A REMINDER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:45  
SEE YOU THERE!**