

MARCH 2020

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"

March Mission Madness

March is an exciting time of year for basketball fans -- watching your favorite teams play their final games of the regular season, compete in their conference tournaments, and hopefully make it to the 'Dance', the NCAA college championship tournament. One of my favorite March Madness memories is when I was a student at Granite Quarry Elementary School and my teacher would roll in the TV card to our room so we could watch the ACC tournament. No education is complete without ACC basketball!

If you are not a college basketball fan or if your team decided to sit this season out, March can still be an exciting time of year. This month, as part of March Mission Madness, we will have numerous opportunities to share God's love and help others in need.

Sunday March 1st, from 4:30-5:30 the youth are sponsoring a shower for the Wendover Hospice House. Folks can drop off donations in the Small Dining Room, leave them in our yellow mission boxes, or bring them by the church office if you cannot make on Sunday.

Thursday March 19th– Sunday 22nd Mission trip to Kentucky. We will have one group leave Thursday morning and return Saturday evening, another group will be leaving later after work on Friday and return on Sunday. Work projects will be for all different skill levels ranging from cleaning cabins, clearing off hiking trails, installing a dishwasher, and sealing a cabin.

Saturday March 28th—Zion 5K Run for Missions. This will be our 4th time hosting this event with the goal to raise monies for mission. This year we have invited all the local elementary school students to participate, where any child 5th grade and below can run/walk at no cost and will receive a free race t-shirt.

Saturday April 4th– Community Mission Day. (Technically not a March date, but you can help plan and volunteer in March for this event.) Join us for our planning meetings on 3/3 and 3/31 and look for signups beginning on March 15th.

More details and ways you can help with one or all of these mission projects are listed in the Mission Opportunities of this newsletter and on our church website. As a basketball fan, I am excited about March Madness and all the upcoming games. As a Christian, I am more excited about the opportunity to serve God through helping others. Jesus told the disciples when asked about helping others, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40, The Message)

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Upcoming Lenten Sermon Series -- Soul Searching

Lent is a time of self reflection, a time to examine our spiritual lives, to acknowledge our shortcomings, our sins. Lent can be a time where we intentionally work for a change of heart and actions. Reflection and change takes work, hard work. For the next 40 days, we are going to journey inward and search our souls to see what truths God has for us to discover. We may realize there are things in our lives that need to be changed. We may be affirmed that we are on the correct path. Wherever you may be in your spiritual life, may we all join together for some Soul Searching.

- 3/1 The Need for Change: Psalm 32, Matthew 4:1-11
- 3/8 Reset: Genesis 12:1- 4a, John 3:1-17
- 3/15 Hydrate: Exodus 17:1 -7, John 4:5- 42
- 3/22 Redefined: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 9:1- 41
- 3/29 Dead End: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1- 45
- 4/5 Palm Sunday Adult Choir Easter Cantata *Is He Worthy*



SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST (ALSO 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM; WORSHIP - 11:00AM

HOSPICE SHOWER - SDR, 4:30 - 5:30 PM (SPONSORED BY ZION YOUTH)

YOUTH S.N.A.C. - 5:30 & 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD (ALSO MARCH 31ST)

COMMUNITY MISSIONS MEETING - 6:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH (ALSO 11TH, 18TH, 25TH)

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH - SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

YOUTH UNITE WEEKEND

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING - 8:30 AM - SMALL DINING ROOM

DEACONS' MEETING - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

TUTORING FOR CECILIA BECK'S STUDENTS - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE, 7:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH & 26TH

BUSY HANDS - 1:30 PM - SMALL DINING ROOM

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

SENIOR ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - FLINT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

SENIOR ADULT CHOIR SINGS AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

JOY CLUB TRIP TO HONEY HOG - MEET AT CHURCH AT 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

ZION 5K RACE FOR MISSIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

WEDDING SHOWER FOR KATIE LAIL & LUCAS ROLLINS



Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday, March 8th
Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour
on Saturday evening, March 7th.



Ways to Serve—Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Shower for Wendover Hospice House Sunday, March 1st, 4:30-5:30 Small Dining Room. These items will be for the family members visiting patients at the Hospice House. Suggested items to donate— Individually wrapped beverages: canned sodas, fruit drinks, water. Individually wrapped snack items: cakes, cookies, chips, soup, cereal, fruit cups, pudding cups, candy bars, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, applesauce, etc.. Paper items and utensils: paper towels, napkins, tissues, forks, spoons, knives, plates, bowls. Coffee supplies: creamer, sweetener, stir sticks.



We will be traveling to Kentucky to work at the Cleft Rock Retreat Center. This trip is open to folks of all ages and skill levels. Cleft Rock Retreat center relies on volunteer church groups to help with the maintenance, repairs, and cleaning needs. We will be repairing and sealing a wood cabin, installing a dishwasher with the necessary plumbing and electrical work, repairing a handicap ramp, cleaning the inside of cabins and meeting facilities, and any outdoor work such as cutting up wood, clearing off hiking trails, and raking up leaves. We have about ten folks signed up to serve, with Jane Cooper cooking the meals for our mission team. We have one group that will travel from the church travel on Thursday morning and return Saturday evening, and also have another group travel on Friday afternoon and work Saturday and return Sunday afternoon. There is no cost for this trip. If you are interested in serving, or have any questions contact Matt or anyone of the Missions Committee.



Zion 5K Run for Missions and Connect Cleveland County

We are hosting our 5K Run for missions again this year on March 28th. This year we are inviting several kids running clubs from the local elementary schools and allowing them to run/walk/hop/skip for free. This will be an opportunity, not only to raise monies for missions, but to have numerous folks from the community visit our church.

How can I help? We will need lots of volunteers to help with all the race preparations and also to help on race day. We need folks to donate water, bananas, oranges, and baked goodies. We will also need help getting local businesses to sponsor the race and provide door prize giveaways. There are letters available around the church and also online to give to potential sponsors. I have found many restaurants are willing to donate a gift card if asked knowing it will be for a good cause. Door prizes can be collected up until race day. We will need Business Race Sponsors Logos by March 15 for the t-shirts.

For folks who want to help on race day, we will need 4 volunteers to help with sign-ups, 6:30-7:45. We will need at least 10 volunteers directing the runners on the course, 7:45-9:00am. We will need four volunteers to helping with the finish line, 7:45-9:00. 4-6 volunteers are need to provide childcare for the volunteers and racers children, 7:30-9:00. We need 1 or 2 volunteers to help with the food and water for racers and volunteers. Usually are biggest need is for runners and walkers to participate in this race. Sign-up forms are available around the church and also online. Contact Matt or Carson to sign up to help.

Monies raised will go toward our Haiti mission partnership and a new mission project from Zion called Connect Cleveland County. The goal of Connect Cleveland County is for Zion folks to engage in a variety of mission projects to help those in need in Cleveland County. Sunday School classes, youth group, several individuals or families will decide on a mission project of their interest and passion. They will submit a request for any funds they need to complete the project to the mission committee. Then they will go and serve.

Community Mission Day—April 4, 8am



What is Community Mission Day? It is a day where folks from different churches gather together to serve on various mission projects. We meet for breakfast, then head out in small groups to help build handicap ramps, clean gutters for homebound, cook lunches for the men's and women's shelter, visit with people in the nursing homes, and serve God in other various ways. Most projects are completed by lunch time while others may finish up in the afternoon. If you are interested in helping with the planning of Community Mission Day, join us for our upcoming meetings 3/3 and 3/31 6:30pm in the Fellowship Building. You can sign up this month on the bulletin inserts or online. Contact Matt if you have a specific project idea and/or are interested in leading a project.



Zion Kionania Retreat—Flat Rock, NC, May 15-17

Everyone is invited to join Zion Baptist for the opportunity to fellowship, connect and build relationships with others. Folks can stay one night, two nights, or come up for the day on Saturday. The price depends on how many days/nights you are there. Some meals will be included. Lodging space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can. Contact the church office or sign up online. Deadline to sign up is April 1st. Deadline to sign up for the show at Flat Rock Theater, *Million Dollar Quartet* (\$35), is April 22nd.



**We have two Life Groups offered for the spring.
Contact the leader or the church office to sign up.**

Fire Pit Ponderings

Join Preacher Matt for a laid back discussion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We will meet on March 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th, 19th and 26th from 5:45 -- 7:00 pm.

Financial Peace University

Are you ready to take control of your money? *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In your FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey. The cost is \$50.00 and the classes begin at Zion on Sunday, March 15th at 5:00 pm. Please let Matt or Julie McMurry know by March 9th if you are interested or call the church office.

Here are the dates of the classes:

March 15	April 26
March 22	May 3
March 29	May 10
April 5	May 17
April 19	

March Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Kim Blanton
Ronnie Blanton
Jessica Brooks
Hal Cabaniss Family
Dick Canipe
Sue Dawson
Dixon Fletcher
Lib Gantt
Blake Goforth
Clyde Gold
Gary Gragg
Jewel Greene
Tim Hamrick
Jenny Harrill
Dan Hoyle
Bob Ingle
Dale Jackson
Kim Lee
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Terri McSwain
Mickey Morehead
Rachel Proctor
Tap Ramsey
Barbara Reynolds
Jessica Yarboro
Barbara Wellmon
Betty Wellmon
Scott Wellmon

A silent request from church family

HOMEBOUND

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

MISSIONS

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY



*Wedding shower
for Katie Lail and Lucas Rollins
Sunday, March 29th,*



JOY Club March Activities

March 14th - Senior Adult Choir Practice at Flint Hill Baptist Church, 9:00 am

March 15th - Senior Adult Choir Sings at Bethel Baptist Church, 6:00 pm

March 26th - Trip to Honey Hog, meet at church, 5 pm

MARCH

Birthdays

- 1 Anita Horn
- 2 Gene Hastings
Luke Scism
- 4 Jeff Cornwell
- 6 Claire Cabaniss
Jenny Cabaniss
Lisa Spangler
Laura Wellmon
- 9 Brett Hamrick
John Hamrick
Jason Parker
- 10 Ron Alexander
Carson Putnam
- 14 Sandra Cartee
- 15 Susan Beaver
Blake Dyer
- 16 Shane Bostic
Eloise Stallings
- 17 Barbara Hilton
- 18 Ginny Davis
- 19 Adrienne Fletcher
- 20 Hazel Wilson
- 22 Ned Gold
Rachel Proctor
- 23 Brandon Johnson
- 24 Kenneth Bostic
- 25 Kiley Gold
Michael Wright
- 26 Mike Bankhead
- 27 Chuck Benton
Carol Martin
- 28 Jessalyn Jenks Marcela
Jessica Yarboro
- 30 Jenny Harrill
- 31 Betsy Boatwright
Dennis Wright

MARCH

Anniversaries

- 3rd Ned & Lorah Gold
- 10th Todd & Julie McMurry
- 15th Rusty & Lindsey Albrecht
Lem & Beth Hafer
- 21st Randy & Linda Raynor
Scott & Kelly Snellings

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



March 4th

Hostess: Dee Basnett
Menu: Meatloaf, green beans
mashed potatoes

March 11th

Hosts: Brotherhood
Menu: Breakfast for supper

March 18th

Hostess: Emily Parker
Menu:

March 25th

Hostess: Jane Cooper
Menu:

Please make supper reservation changes



Financial Update

We praise God for your support and gifts to Zion. As of February 27th, our 2020 budget giving is \$59,592. We are \$740 below budget and \$3,269 above spending. As a reminder, you can mail in your weekly offerings, give online at 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.

Easter Egg Hunt & Covered Dish Lunch



Palm Sunday is getting close, and so is the ZBC Easter Egg hunt! On **April 5th**, we will host the annual ZBC Easter Egg hunt, **rain or shine**, around the church following the morning worship service and a covered dish lunch. Friends, families, and kids of all ages are invited. So, whether you're hunting Easter Eggs or deviled eggs, come on out and find what you're looking for on Sunday, **April 5th**!



UNITE

You won't want to miss this. On March 6th-7th, we are getting together with **youth from across the community** (including all high schools) to take part in UNITE - a weekend of **worship, speakers, breakout sessions, games, and fun**. This is an **AWESOME** opportunity to be with other youth in our community and have a great time growing in our walk with Jesus. More details, including an itinerary and schedule, will be sent out in an email. Please contact Carson soon to reserve your spot at UNITE (and to reserve your t-shirt)!

15th Annual Ladies' Night Out At Double Springs Baptist Church Monday, April 20th, 6:00 pm

**"Nothing Wasted -- Your Life, Your Legacy,"
Speaker & Music - Janet Roller, Worship Leader
at Second Baptist Church in Rutherfordton.**

She is a musician, author, Bible teacher, Inspirational speaker,
Managing Mom of Roller Affairs, and Miss South Carolina 1997.

Tickets - \$10 each, must be purchased prior to April 12th through
Double Springs Church Office, 704-434-2258, ext. 0, Weekdays 8:00 - 11:00 am
office@doublespringsbc.com

Dinner prepared by Betsy McPherson and Clara Spangler

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NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday, March 1st

Kathe & Elizabeth Sparks

Sunday, March 8th

Ethan & Laura Martin

Sunday, March 15th

Melanie Storie, Marcia Alsobrook

Sunday, March 22nd

Teri McSwain, Betty Morehead

Sunday, March 29th

Kathe & Elizabeth Sparks

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

VIDEO MINISTRY - March

Aidan Storie

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of March 1st

Ronnie Blanton, Terry Clark

Week of March 8th

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

Week of March 15th

Dean Jenks, Kenneth Wellmon

Week of March 22nd

Dannie Moore, Steve Boatwright

Week of March 29th

John Carroll, Franklin Barbee

PRESCHOOL CHURCH

Sunday, March 1st

Iris & Lisa Spangler

Sunday, March 8th

Lindsay Mays & Caroline Martin

Sunday, March 15th

Brian & Joy Hord

Sunday, March 22nd

Miranda & Aubrey Bumgardner

Sunday, March 29th

Jeff & Mary Cornwell

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 - MARCH 10TH & 24TH

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR
PUBLICATION IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER - MARCH 27TH**

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM