

SEPTEMBER 2020

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"



True Friends

Family is important. Our families raise us, help shape us (for good or bad), and help us learn what it means to be in relationship with others. In addition to our families, we have our church families and other local communities to help raise and teach us about ourselves, the world, and God. Over the past few months during our Wednesday Bible study of Proverbs, we have read many wisdom verses emphasizing the importance of family. Many of us are blessed with wonderful families and we are thankful for our Zion church family. The wisdom verse of Proverbs 18:24 compares a good friend to one who is as important to us as family, *"some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin."* Upon first glance at this verse, we notice the comparison of two types of friends, "some friends" and "a true friend." There are "some friends" that play at friendship. These are our friends in name only, people we may refer to as acquaintances. We may consider them friends, but when a situation arises in our lives that calls for a good friend to help, they are nowhere to be found. The other type of friend is a "true friend" who sticks closer than family. We notice in this wisdom verse where "a true friend" is singular, while the group of "some friends" is plural, pointing out that a true friend is much harder to find. Alicia Porterfield shared a story about a time when she was working as a hospital chaplain in the oncology ward. One of her patients commented that many of her friends could not handle the difficult situation she was going through with cancer, so they quit calling and showing up for visits. We may have many "fair weather friends", but when we face the storms of life, only our true friend sticks with us, just like family.

Do you have a true friend in your life? Are you a true friend to someone else, present with them in life's most difficult storms? We all have the best intentions to be those true friends to others, but life happens and we get busy with our own families, problems, activities, and our worries. Even with the best intentions to be a true friend, we sometimes fail. Our challenge this month and in the months to come, is to be intentional in our efforts to be a true friend. We are beginning a **True Friend Ministry** at Zion where folks will be partnered with another church member for two months with the goal of developing their friendship and strengthening their relationship in order to be a true friend to each other.

How do I join the True Friend Ministry?

1. Volunteer by contacting staff or the church office via email, phone, or text. You can also go to our church website zbcshelby.org/truefriend and sign up online.
2. Commit to connecting with your true friend over the next month(s) through calls, cards, texts, social media, or social distanced front porch visits. Share prayer concerns and needs. Pray for your true friend, but most importantly, be intentional about staying connected each week.
3. After the 2 month time, you will be paired with another true friend partner. Hopefully, we can continue to stay connected with our previous true friend as we work to develop our friendship with our next friend.

In order for this to work, we need volunteers to prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. As soon as folks sign up, we will begin partnering them up to be a part of a True Friend ministry. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions for this ministry please let us know.

In Christ,
Matt

(See the next page concerning another new church ministry.)

Adopt a Student Ministry

Along this same thread, several months ago Carson shared his vision of having an adopt a student ministry here at Zion. He shared that studies show teenagers are more likely to stay connected to their church family after they graduate, if they have developed relationships with others in the church. I have heard numerous folks at Zion share how much their faith and lives were impacted from other church family members who took the time to be their friend. Our desire is to have many positive influences in the lives of our youth and children. If you are interested in adopting a student (youth or child), for a six month commitment, then please contact Carson for more details.



Zion Mission Projects for September

Our main opportunity to help lessen the spread of the corona virus is to continue to stay at home, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. With that said, if you are looking for a way to get the family out of the house, (or just yourself for the introverts) consider helping with one of the numerous mission and service projects here at church and in the community.

In years past, we have collected **basic school supplies** for students during the month of August. As you are aware, the school experience is much different now for our teachers, administrators, and students. We will be collecting again some basic school supplies for students during this month and also some specific requests our Zion family teachers shared.

— **ITEMS TO DONATE**— **Loose notebook paper** (for High School and Elementary School students), **pencils, cap erasers, binders, 30 protractors, notebooks, index cards, 5 water bottles, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners (the personal ones), pink block erasers, any reading books for children 3rd grade (age 9), CLOROX WIPES, HAND SANITIZER, KLEENEX.**

We realize it is safer to stay and home and avoid the stores, so if you would prefer to donate some money towards the mission project, someone from our staff will go and purchase the items. Also, we are asking you to please do everything you can to support our teachers, administrators, and students. We are encouraging folks to reach out to our teachers and administrators to let them know you are praying for them. You can send cards, calls, and perhaps a gift card to a local restaurant.

Hands on Construction Project-

We will be gathering, safe and social distanced with masks, to build a handicap ramp or another construction project need in our community. We are talking with the Shelby Mission Camp and Cleveland Children's Homes to give us a few possible projects. If you are interested in helping, contact Matt to discuss which dates best work for your schedule.

Various Work Projects around the church - Please contact Kenneth Wellmon or Franklin Barbee if you are interested in helping with a variety of church work projects such as pressure washing, painting, cleaning, trimming limbs and shrubs, pulling weeds, etc. The church will provide the supplies and tools if

*All ladies of the church are invited
To a Drive-through wedding shower to honor
Brittany McMurry
Sunday, September 20th, 3:30 -- 5:30 pm
Under the breezeway outside the back entrance of the church
She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond
Primary colors are gray and navy, gift cards from Target or Amazon*



*All ladies of the church are invited
To a Drive-through wedding shower to honor
Caroline Martin
Sunday, October 4th, 2:00 -- 4:00 pm
Under the breezeway outside the back entrance of the church
She is registered at Amazon, Walmart and Belk
Her colors are blue and gray*



Dear Zion Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a recipient of the Mills and Earcie Cornwell Scholarship. This generous gift helps me greatly in hopes of reaching my educational goals and is greatly appreciated by me and my family.

Love and thanks,
Elizabeth Sparks

Dear Zion Baptist Family,

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to receive the Mills and Earcie Cornwell Scholarship. It means a lot to me considering I have been coming to Zion for just over a year. It really makes me feel like a part of the church family. I am proud to be a part of this church, and I am grateful for the kindness and generosity shown towards me and my mother in our short time here.

Sincerely,
Manuel Gettys

We want to let our college students know we are thinking of them and pray for them. We have included a list of our college students' names and addresses and would invite you to send them a card or note to encourage them.



- Sophie Aderholdt**- 2500 University HTS, UNCA Box #6826, Asheville, NC 28804-5508
- Bill Benton** - 142 Kester Drive, Cherryville, NC 28021
- Maggie Bradshaw** - 1651 Barbee Road, Shelby, NC 28150
- Samuel Cartee** - 415 Dover Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
- Manuel Gettys** - 1449 Union Church Road, Shelby, NC 28150
- Lawson Harrill** - 53 Kivett Road, Lillington, NC 27546
- Rachel Harris** - 1910 Entrepreneur Drive, Box 1782, Raleigh, NC 27606
- Dillon Scism** -
- Elizabeth Sparks** - 818 Arbor Drive, Lawndale, NC 28090
- Aidan Storie** - 101 Glenview Drive, Cherryville, NC 28021
- Ansley Tallent** - 2600 Stewardship Park, Raleigh, NC 27606

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Thank you for your continued support of Zion Baptist Church during this difficult time. Each week we share a Call to Give; it is a charge to recognize our blessings from God and then give back a portion of those blessings for Kingdom work. We acknowledge the blessings of time; we seem to have an abundance of free time now. How can we give back our time this month? We can call, give cards or texts, and do some individual and family mission projects at church. We are gifted with talents, those unique skills we are able to use to help others and glorify God--mowing a neighbor's yard, helping with a work project at church. We are blessed with treasures--our financial resources. I am thankful for the ways Zion Baptist Church has continued to share their treasures, even when we are not able to gather in person. Here is our giving report, weekly, YTD with budget and expenses:

Offerings		
August 2nd	\$12,358.00	August 30th \$5,120.00
August 9th	\$7,302.00	Year to date giving: \$242,443.92
August 16th	\$6,670.00	
August 23rd	\$5,317.00	

As of August 31st, the giving is \$19,616.24 above expenses and \$21,511.38 behind budget. Many folks are mailing in their offerings, some are giving online via our webpage or mobile phone app, and some are folks are dropping off their offerings at church. We are limiting our work time in the office. Wanda will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:30am -1:30pm. We do also have a church mailbox attached to the office that remains locked, if you choose to drop off your offering here. The church mailbox and office locked box are checked daily each evening.

September Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Linda Alexander
Kim Blanton
Ronnie Blanton
Jessica Brooks
Dick Canipe
Danny Cartee
Dixon Fletcher
Lib Gantt
Blake Goforth
Clyde Gold
Gary Gragg
Family of Jewel Greene
Tim Hamrick
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Family of Bob Horn
Dale Jackson
Kim Lee
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Barbara Reynolds
Barbara Wellmon
Betty Wellmon
Scott Wellmon
Silent request from church family

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras
Larry Hoyle - Larry Hoyle Ministries
Marc Brice - Haiti people, mission and Orphanage
Cecelia Beck - Buffalo St. Ministry
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala
Haiti Pastor Raynald's wife - cancer

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



Cora Lynn Mays was recently baptized at Zion Baptist Church on August 23rd. We rejoice with Cora and welcome her as a new member of Zion Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Brandon and Lindsay Mays.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 1 Nicholas Hastings
- 2 Tonya Payne
- 3 Matt Boatwright
- 4 Ronnie Humphries
- 5 Chris Hendrick
- 9 Aaron Cabaniss
Austin Edwards
Marie Horne
- 10 Nancy Queen
- 11 Blake Goforth
Barbara Reynolds
Melanie Storie
- 13 Barbara Wellmon
- 16 Brad Cornwell
Ronnie Blanton
- 17 Linda Moore
- 18 Terry Clark
Easton Gragg
Sonya Ivester
- 20 Kris Howard
- 23 Iris Spangler
- 24 Jess Bankhead
Betsy Bankhead
- 25 Mike Bankhead
- 26 Colton Fletcher
- 27 Cecilia Ward
- 28 Debi Metcalfe
- 29 Natalie Humphries
Aubrey Bumgardner
- 30 Candace Gold
Leslie Wellmon

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Anniversaries

- 3rd Scott and Barbara Wellmon
Jeff and Melanie Wallace
- 4th Blake and Pam Goforth
- 10th Zach and Madelyn Parker
- 14th Kendall and Joan Sharpe
- 18th Keith and Tonya Payne
- 20th Terry and Sherrie Clark
Dennis and Vanna Wright
- 30th Ben and Jessica Yarboro



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

—STAYING— CONNECTED

Please continue helping our church folks stay connected by calling, emailing or texting to let them know you care and are concerned. If you know of someone who needs some meals or needs someone to run errands, please help them or call Matt or the church office and we will try to meet that need.



Sunday School will be at 10:30 am online.

Next Wednesday, September 9th, we will be building a handicap ramp beginning at 9:00 am. Meet at the church. Contact Matt if you are interested in helping.



In the meantime . . .

We hope you've been enjoying your time at home! It can be fun for a while, but we certainly miss seeing everyone here at church. In the meantime, we encourage parents and children to both read a Bible story a day, talk about it together, and pray. Let's look around at the gifts that God has given during this season in life. Let's make a point to consider how we spend our time and how we live our lives. Let's make it a point to know and follow Jesus better.

Speaking of our relationship with Jesus, He continues to work in our church family. This past Sunday, August 23, Cora Mays was baptized at our morning worship service! This is a truly special time for Cora, her family, and our church family. We can't wait to see how she continues to know and follow Jesus better day by day and what God has in store for her!

Orange

Although we're not meeting in person for the time being, let's not allow that to stop us from learning about Jesus and growing closer to Him! In fact, let's use this time to grow in Christ, and in love, as individuals and as families. Every Wednesday that we do not have evening church events, a video will be posted on the children's ministry Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel, and the church website. We encourage you to watch the video together and to discuss the story and the lesson each week.



S.N.A.C.

With school having started, and as we continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19, we are excited to announce that we will begin some S.N.A.C (Sunday Nights at Church) activities on Sunday, September 13th! That said, there will be some precautions taken to ensure the well-being of everybody at youth and everyone at home. On Sunday, September 13th, we will have an outdoor S.N.A.C., so make sure to check your email for details regarding guidelines and activities.

Outings

The details of outings for the youth group over the course of the next couple of months are currently being worked out. Please continue to check your email for details regarding youth outings.

September activities

First, we are planning an **outdoor movie night this coming Tuesday evening, September 1st**. We plan to gather at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to come, you should plan to bring your own chair or blanket, similar to Sunday morning services, and any snacks that you want. We hope you can come!

If you're unable to make it this Tuesday evening, we will also have a fun night with the **ZBC Youth Water Olympics** (as well as other games) **outside the following Friday, September 11th**. For this event, we will plan to meet at 5:30 on Friday evening and should finish by 7:00 p.m. Be sure to wear something you don't mind getting wet!

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an ever-present
HELP
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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

VIDEO MINISTRY ~ Sept.

Tim & June Lail

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of September 6th

Tommy Harrill, Tim Tallent

Week of September 13th

Ronnie Blanton, Terry Clark

Week of September 20th

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

Week of September 27th

Dean Jenks, Kenneth Wellmon

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The bulletin is printed each week on Friday 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 - SEPTEMBER 7TH & 21ST

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**