

OCTOBER 2021

# The Messenger

## ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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### A Pumpkin Parable



Many of us have already welcomed the fall season by heading to the pumpkin patch or store to pick up a few pumpkins to decorate our homes. This reminded me of a previous Pumpkin Parable I have shared with you that is worthy to read again.

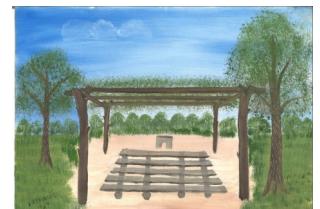
There is a story of a farmer strolling through his pumpkin field hoping for a wonderful crop. Between the green leaves of the pumpkin vines, the farmer could see the beginnings of the acorn sized pumpkins. While looking at the potential, he happened to stumble upon a clear glass jar. Out of curiosity, the farmer took the jar over to one of his pumpkin buds, threaded the small pumpkin on its vine inside the open jar, and left it sitting there in the field. Several months had passed, and the farmer was walking through his field admiring the beautiful large pumpkins that now covered the patch. He rediscovered the glass jar and was surprised to see that it was still intact, and totally filled up with the small orange pumpkin that grew inside. The thin glass container had defined the shape of the orange mass within. The pumpkin was only one-third the size it should have been. The problem with this pumpkin is the same problem many churches today face. Rather than growing to their full potential, they conform to the shape of an external mold or model. Some churches find themselves contained by invisible glass barriers unable to be the church God has called them to be. This is a question for us to consider, "Are we a pumpkin church?" Are we limited in growth, both physical and spiritual, by some type of barriers. If so, what are those barriers we must overcome?

Over the past year many things within our church and community have changed due to the virus pandemic. We find ourselves no longer able to do church exactly as we have done in the past. Our present situation is constantly changing where we hope and pray for life and church to return to normal. We face a future that is unknown with many barriers to overcome. Even in the uncertainty of our present and future, we can have hope in the wonderful plan God has in store for Zion Baptist. I believe to overcome the barriers we face will require us to continue being faithful and willing to follow the plan God has for our church.



### Worship Under the Brush Arbor - October 17th

Come and join us for an outdoor time of celebration and worship at 10:30am, (Sunday School will be at our normal time of 9:30am.) There will be plenty of stories, special music, and a chance to give thanks to God for our church. Dress up, dress down, come casual and comfortable. (In case of cold or rainy weather, we will worship in our sanctuary.)



## **SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Beginning October 6th we will resume our Wednesday Evening Church activities in person with a few changes. Our family meal will continue weekly, (if there are enough folks signed up to join us.) In case we don't have enough interest in a weekly meal, we will plan to have a meal either every two weeks or once a month. The meal will be from 5:15-6pm in the FLC.

NOTE: In efforts to be as safe as possible, our food teams will be serving the meal for you. Our Adult Bible Study will resume at 6pm and will meet either in the FLC or Adult Assembly. Our Adult Choir will be continue to meet in person in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:45pm.

Our Children's Orange Program is moving to Sunday evenings. In an effort to better fit the busy schedules of our children and families, we will be having our Orange meet on Sundays from 4:30-5:30. Sonshine Children's Choir will be from 5:30-5:50 followed by a Youth and Children Snack Supper from 6-6:30pm.

For the first Wednesday of each month, we will be planning a hands on mission project for our children, youth, and families beginning at 6pm. If there is interest, we will also be offering weekly Youth Bible studies. If you have any questions or suggestions to these schedule changes, please contact Lea or Matt.

### **Wednesday Schedule**

5:15-6:00pm – Zion Family Fellowship Meal – Family Life Center

6:00-6:45pm – Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study – FLC or Adult Assembly

6:00-6:45pm – Children / Youth Hands on Mission Project (1st Wednesday of the month)

6:45-7:45pm — Adult Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### **Sunday Schedule**

4:30-5:30—Children Orange

5:30-5:50—Sonshine Choir

6:00-6:30—Youth and Children Snack Supper

6:30-7:30—Youth



Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 31 for our annual Family Fall Festival. We will have lots of activities outside in the afternoon for a safe and fun event! More details will be coming soon.



## 2021 Appalachian Christmas Outreach DRAFT FOR MONTHLY MISSION

We have an opportunity to help with this ministry again --The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry! It is sponsored by the NC Baptists on Mission and seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian area.

If you would like to help, this is what is needed:

1. Decide if you would like to help a boy or a girl.
2. Decide on the age: 4-7, 8-10, 11-14 or 15-17
3. Buy a backpack.
4. Purchase and fill the backpack with:
  - A. New items of warm clothing, for example: gloves, socks, winter hat, scarf, etc.
  - B. Include small pop-top canned food, for example: ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, and fruit ( 3 or 4 cans).
  - C. One or two new, age-appropriate non-breakable toys, for example: small cars, balls, dolls, yo-yo's, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For the oldest children (15-17) instead of a toy, buy things like flashlights, small thermos, hunting/fishing magazines for boys. For girls, buy things like jewelry, hair accessories, books, skin care products, etc.
  - D. Hygiene items - toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, washcloth, brush/comb. (Put items that may leak in a one gallon zip-lock bag.)
  - E. Wrapped hard candy
  - F. Put a note on the outside of the bag stating if it's for a boy or girl and the age.

**Zion's collection date is by Sunday October 31.** If you would prefer to make a financial donation to this mission project you can designate your donation to Community Missions. Once they are collected, a children's Bible and a scripture Christmas story will be added to each backpack.



Thank you for your continued support of Zion Baptist Church during this past year. Here is our giving report, weekly, YTD with budget and expenses:

**Offerings:**

<b>September 5th</b>	<b>\$6,140.00</b>	<b>September 19th</b>	<b>\$7,254.00</b>
<b>September 12th</b>	<b>\$4,876.00</b>	<b>September 26th</b>	<b>\$6,911.00</b>

As of September 30, the 2021 giving is \$46,904 above expenses and is \$8,372 below the budget. The weekly 2021 budget is \$7,455.04.

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. Wanda, our church secretary, will be available Monday through Friday 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.

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### **Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief**

Thank you to those who have given to help the ministry of Marc Brice in Haiti in the aftermath of their earthquake and hurricane. The estimated total given so far for the Haiti Mission is \$20,640.00. For more information go to [caribbeanchristianclub.org](http://caribbeanchristianclub.org).

### **Love Offering for the Gaines Family**

This offering is to help Robbie and Brittney Gaines with expenses while they are in Philadelphia with baby Ivy in the NICU. Please make your check payable to Zion Baptist Church and we will send the funds to the family. Their current address is:  
220 S. 47th St., Box #448, Philadelphia, PA 19139

## October Prayer Requests

### CHURCH FAMILY

Chuck Benton  
Jessica Brooks  
Danny Cartee  
Sue Dawson  
Brittney Gaines family, *baby Ivy in NICU*  
Gary Gragg  
Jim Hendrick  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Mickey Morehead  
Buck Proctor  
Rachel Proctor  
Jim Ramsey  
Linda Raynor  
Randy Raynor  
Lisa Spangler  
Grady & Barbara Ward  
Scott Wellmon

### OUR HOMEBOUND

Janice Cabaniss - *White Oak*  
Sue Cabaniss - *cancer*  
Gene Cornwell - *Cardinal Health, Lincoln*  
Billy Wright

### MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras  
Mark Brice - *sciatica pain; Haiti people in aftermath of earthquake, mission, orphanage*  
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala  
Daniele Seleno Tercero - hospital chaplain, Honduras

### **OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS & ICU STAFF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS COLLEGE STUDENTS**



Earlier in Mark's Gospel, Jesus told a crowd that if any would follow him, they should "take up their cross." This was a bold call Jesus placed upon his disciples, and I imagine many struggled to accept it. We will be looking at three consecutive passages in Mark to get a better insight into what Jesus was talking about. Interactions with a rich man, disciples James and John, and a blind beggar each reveal part of the challenge of taking up our cross.

October 10th - "Pick It Up" Mark 10:17-31

October 17th - "Refocus" Mark 10:35-45

October 24th - "Ask for Help" Mark 10:46-52

As we focus each Sunday on some critical teachings of Jesus that make up the core of discipleship, each Wednesday in October for our Prayer and Study time we will be taking a look at Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *"The Cost of Discipleship"*. Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and Lutheran pastor, stood up for his faith against the Nazi government and was eventually martyred at the age of 39. We will be looking at the difference between "cheap grace" and "costly grace" as it pertains to discipleship and Jesus' teachings on the Sermon on the Mount.



- 1 Emma Carroll Stokes  
Katie Harrill
- 2 Bill Benton  
Gene Fortenberry
- 6 Harold Metcalfe
- 7 Benjamin Gold  
Ella Hord  
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

16th Steve & Brenda Curtis

19th Mike & Cinda Cabaniss



5:15--6:00 pm, Family Life Center

**October 6th**

Corn, marinated salad,  
cheese toast, dessert

**October 13th**

Meals to be announced

**October 20th**

**October 27th**

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

*Please make reservation changes by noon on Mondays,  
so we can have an accurate meal count. Thank you.*



On Tuesday, October 19th the JOY Club will leave the church at 8:00 am to go to West Jefferson to the Ashe County Cheese Factory. We will also see the frescos. Lunch will be at Shatley Springs. This should be a great time to see beautiful fall foliage. We hope everyone will be able to go with us.

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### Fall Festival October 31st

Get your costume ready! As the air starts to turn crisp of a morning and the leaves begin to change, we look forward to the Fall Festival and hope that you join us for a fun filled evening of autumnal activities!

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### Wednesdays

Starting October 6th at 6:00 pm there will be a Children/Youth hands on mission project (1st Wednesday of each month). Can't wait to see you there!

### Sundays

We have a schedule change--snack supper will be from 6:00 - 6:30 pm, with Bible Study following from 6:30-7:30.

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### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

#### *Week of October 3rd*

Terry Clark, Houston Lattimore

#### *Week of October 10th*

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

#### *Week of October 17th*

Leonard Fletcher, Gene Fortenberry

#### *Week of October 24th*

Bruce Martin, Todd McMurry

#### *Week of October 31st*

Frank Horn, Jeff Cornwell

## 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 - OCTOBER 11TH AND 25TH**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - OCT. 27TH**

**SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**