

FEBRUARY 2022

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

“The Church with a history and a future”

A Ω

Have you ever wondered why the COVID virus variants are named after Greek letters? It was May of last year when the World Health Organization decided to name new variants after Greek letters to avoid public confusion and stigma. Folks were calling these virus variants after the place they originated, such as the UK variant and the South African variant. It proved to be easier to call the variant Delta, than its scientific name of B.1.617.2 There are actually 5 variants of concern, Alpha, Beta, Delta, Gamma, and Omicron and 2 variants of interest, Lambda and Mu. For many of us, we are not familiar with these Greek letters or used to pronouncing them. For the past several months, for some reason I have been calling the current virus “the Omnicron variant,” somehow adding an n. The two Greek letters I am most familiar with are the A Ω , the Alpha and the Omega.

We read these letters in Revelation 1:8, “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” These letters are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and they remind us that God was our beginning and will be our end. He is the One who is, who was, and who is to come. We also hear these two Greek letters again in Revelation 21:6. They come in the section where John, the writer, makes the boldest of claims: “Then I saw a new heaven and new earth.” (vs. 21:1) For the better part of Revelation, John told how bad the old creation had turned, and now we have a vision of something new, something amazing to come. John describes in verse 4 what life will be like in this heavenly city, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things have passed away.” The promise goes on in verse 5, “He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new.” There is wonder with newness—a new shirt with no stains or missing buttons, a new car with all new parts that runs perfectly, a new baby born in perfect innocence. This promise gives us hope of all things being made new.

Jesus in John 14:3 told his disciples, “I am going to prepare a place for you.” In verse 6 He says, “It is done!” Jesus has completed his preparation. Then we hear again those two Greek letters, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Often we think of Revelation pointing to the end of time as some event, but the end is a person, our end is Jesus. We can take comfort in knowing our end. No matter how many more virus variants with their Greek letter names come our way, no matter how uncertain our future may be, we know who is our beginning and who is our end, Jesus the one “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Peace and Joy,

Matt

FEBRUARY 2022

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:15– 6:00 PM
CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 5:40-6:00 PM
ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY IN ADULT ASSEMBLY - 5:55—6:30 PM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30-7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 AM, WORSHIP—10:30 AM IN SANCTUARY AND ONLINE
CHILDREN'S ORANGE—4:30-5:30 PM
YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SNACK SUPPER—5:30-6:00 PM, SMALL DINING ROOM
YOUTH—6:00-7:00 PM
DEACONS MEETING—6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING—8:00 AM, SMALL DINING ROOM
ELDER APPRECIATION SUNDAY
BABY SHOWER FOR TORI SEAGLE, 2:30-4:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING
SUPER BOWL PARTY—5:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

JOY CLUB GAME NIGHT, 6:30 IN SMALL DINING ROOM—BRING FAVORITE SNACKS



*A baby shower honoring Tori Seagle
Will be given Sunday, February 13th
From 2:30–4:00 pm
At the Fellowship Building
All ladies of the church are invited.
Registered at Babylist.com
Colors are browns, dark green & white
It's a boy!*

The JOY Club Game Night will be on Friday,
February 18th at 6:30 in the Small Dining Room,
Bring your favorite snacks and join in the fun!



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

How is your hearing? How often do we miss hearing important instructions, conversations, or even words from God because we are too busy to listen? For this sermon series we will practice the art of hearing by listening for God's voice through stories from Luke's Gospel. Our goal is to not only hear God, but to respond with our own voices and lives. We will be challenged to hear and listen to God's Spirit in all aspects of our lives.



- 1/30—"Hard of Hearing" - Luke 4:21-30
- 2/6—"Hearing is Believing" - Luke 5:1-11
- 2/13—"Hearing and Healing" - Luke 6:17-26
- 2/20—"Hearing One Another" - Luke 6:27-38



What are you giving up for Lent? Chocolate, caffeine, or maybe even social media? Believers often give up certain things during the season of Lent, so when they are missed it serves as a reminder to pray and reflect on our spiritual lives. Our Lenten Sermon series, 'Character and Calling', will encourage us to

not focus so much on what you *give up*, but instead what you *take up* that prepares us for the cross. Each week we will look at different parts of our Christian character. Hopefully, we will all be challenged to allow the Spirit to renew our character and commitment to God's call.

- 2/27—Belief—Romans 10:8-13
- 3/2—Ash Wednesday
- 3/6—Discipline—Philippians 3:17-4:1
- 3/13—Holiness—1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 3/20—Reconciliation—2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- 3/27—Faith—Philippians 3:4-14
- 4/3—Humility—Philippians 2:5-11
- 4/10—Palm Sunday
- 4/17—Victory—1 Corinthians 15:19-26



The family of James (Jim) E. McMurry acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Lois, Dawn and Dana

MONTHLY MISSION

“Hearts for Hospice”

Many a part of our Zion family have benefited from the ministry and work of Hospice Cleveland County. In an effort to help raise monies for this organization, we will be taking donations for Hospice Hearts. Folks can put a name of a loved one on their hearts “*In Honor of, or In Memory of.*” There will be tables outside the church sanctuary to write names on the hearts and make your donations. You can also call or email the church office to participate. Hearts will be displayed at church on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary and in the vestibule.



If you would like to make other donations, here are some of the items on Hospice Cleveland County’s wish list: 16z. Cups—Hot & Cold, Heavy Duty Styrofoam Plates and Plastic Forks & Spoons, Pill Planners –3 and 4 times a day, Antibacterial Hand Soap (8-12oz.), Hand Sanitizer (8-12 oz.), Non-slip Socks, Baby Monitors, Mini Fire Extinguishers & Smoke Alarms, Individual Beverages: canned sodas, fruit drinks, water. Individually Wrapped Snack Items; cakes, cookies, chips, soups, cereals, fruits, puddings, candy bars, peanut butter crackers, oatmeal, grits, and apple sauce, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Family Size Boxes of Tissue, Greeting Cards—Thinking of you, Birthday, Get Well, and blank.

Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief

For more information go to 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.



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:

January 2nd	\$4,782.00	January 16th	\$1,289.00
January 9th	\$6,090.00	January 23rd	\$3,835.00
		January 30th	\$9,893.00

As of January 31st, giving is \$ 5,083.00 above expenses and is \$11,169.00 below the budget. The weekly 2022 budget is \$7,541.58.

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.



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Leonard Fletcher
- 3 Marcia Alsobrook
Steve Edwards
- 4 Daniel Gold
- 5 Leah Barker
Lem Hafer
- 6 Andrew Yarboro
- 8 Kirsten Shelton
- 10 Dick Canipe
Brandy Wright
- 12 Cole Hord
- 14 Mike Spangler
- 15 Donnis Baynard
Levi Cornwell
- 16 John Carroll
Brad Lail
Oliver McMurry
Phyllis Waters
- 17 Franklin Barbee
- 19 Kathe Sparks
- 20 Linda Raynor
- 22 Katie Cabaniss
Jim Ramsey
- 23 Woody Fish
Bryon Gragg
Josh Hollifield
Kelly Snellings
Tim Tallent
- 24 Dennis White
- 25 Jay Brooks
Jeff Carpenter
- 26 Bonnie Gold
- 28 Carolyn Horn

- 14th Ron & Linda Alexander
Dale & Aimee Jackson
- 19th Kenneth & Brenda Wellmon
- 25th Tom & Lisa Fitts

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



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

February 2nd

Hostess: Dee Basnett

Menu: Spaghetti with meatballs, salad

February 9th

Host: Todd McMurry

Menu: To be announced

February 16th

Hosts: Brotherhood

Menu: To be announced

February 23rd

Hostess: Jane Cooper

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, field peas, roll, chocolate pound cake

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



n95 Masks

The Cleveland County Health Department has provided some n95 masks

to local churches. If you or a family member would like some masks, they will be available to pick up some at church or by calling the church office.

February Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Chuck Benton
Jessica Brooks
Danny Cartee
Gene Cornwell Family
Sue Dawson
Brittney Gaines family, *baby Ivy in NICU*
Tim Hamrick
Ansel Hartley
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Bob Ingle
Dale Jackson
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Linda Raynor
Randy Raynor
Lisa Spangler
Scott Wellmon

OUR HOMEBOUND

Janice Cabaniss - *White Oak, Shelby*
Sue Cabaniss - *cancer*
Gary Gragg—*White Oak, Kings Mtn.*
Billy Wright

MISSIONS

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

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS

HEALTHCARE WORKERS & ICU STAFF

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS



Oh, how I loved teaching the children in Sunday School in years past! It's a wonderful experience to tell them stories and truths from the Bible and watch them create a craft to help them to remember. But the best part is being able to share the salvation story and see tender hearts begin to understand and accept Christ as Savior. There are added benefits too, like love notes written to their teacher, like I saw on Deanna's classroom door!

Presently, I have the sweet opportunity to teach an adult class. My students know much of the Bible and spiritual truths. But I'm excited every Sunday to join, to learn from them, and to share some hidden treasure that I've gleaned from my study preparation during the week. Here is just one example from this past week in discussing the building of the tabernacle (tent of meeting). We talked about the wash basin in the outer courtyard being surrounded by mirrors (flattened pieces of highly polished brass) that some of the gracious women had given. Every time the priest would come to wash, he would see his reflection and think about his personal need of cleansing from sin. We can do the same as we wash at the sink each day, and we can go directly to Jesus, examining ourselves to discover our sins and ask for forgiveness. Hallelujah!

Most of the Sunday School classes are now meeting at 9:30. If you are not yet a part of a small group and would like to be, we have a class that will be a good fit and you will be most welcomed. Just give me a call at 704-477-8427.

Kathi Fletcher, Sunday School Director

P.S. This is February. Why not write your teacher a heartfelt love note and bring a smile to a face, like Mrs. Dee's? 

**You Are Invited to the February 2021 Regional Mission Rally
Monday, February 21st, Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church in Maiden, NC**

Come Join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities. There is no charge for the supper which begins at 5:50 pm. The program is 6:50—8:30 pm. Register one week before February 21st.

2022 Baptist Missions Conference, March 25-26 at Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Special features include mission breakout sessions, missions opportunities, Friday supper, mission Testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more. Cost: \$20 per person, Supper cost: \$8
The registration deadline is March 18th.

Also, let us know if you would be willing to go on a short-term mission trip to Kentucky or down east in March.



Children's Orange Theme February 2022

On My Block: Look around, there are always chances to care for the people in your neighborhood. Compassion starts with caring enough to do something about someone else's need. Following Jesus means caring about others. As believers, we should be known for our compassion. We should be the first ones to step up and help the people in our neighborhood. We should care enough to do something.



Upcoming Youth Activities

Feb 6th: Parent Meeting 3:45 in the small dining room
Feb 13th: Elder Appreciation Sunday!
Feb 13th: Super Bowl Party 5:30

Throughout February we will be finishing up our study of the Gospel of Luke!

The Messenger

"The Church with a history and a future"

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

525 West Zion Church Road

Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Phone 704-487-8216, website: zbcshelby.org



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Staff

Dr. Matt Storie, Pastor	704-244-0879	pastor@zbcshelby.org
Lea Bibbee, Minister of Youth & Children	304-917-5613	leannebibbee@gmail.com
Carol Martin, Minister of Music	704-472-8135	cmartinunc86@gmail.com
Dick Canipe, Custodian	704-482-4179	
Jennifer Cabaniss, Pianist	704-481-9212	jenny@zbcshelby.org
John Carroll, Organist	704-434-5193	john@zbcshelby.org
Wanda Schenkel, Secretary	704-487-8216	secretary@zbcshelby.org

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of February 6th

Frank Horn, Jeff Cornwell

Week of February 13th

Matt Cornwell, Clyde Gold

Week of February 20th

Tommy Harrill, Tim Tallent

Week of February 27th

Terry Clark, Houston Lattimore

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 - FEBRUARY 7TH & 21ST

**Deadline for submitting information for
publication in the March newsletter, February 28th.**

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