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## Zebulon Baptist Church

*A center of worship*

*A place of ministry*

*A fellowship of believers*

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### APRIL YOUTH NEWS

Hello, ZBC Youth! What an interesting few weeks it has been! I miss seeing each of you on Sundays and Wednesdays, but please know that I am thinking and praying for you all everyday. Until we can physically see each other at church and other events please stay connected to the ZBC Youth group through social media.

**Facebook: Zebulon Baptist Church Youth Group**

**Instagram: zbcnc\_youth**

Each day there will be a least one way for you to stay engaged. It may be a word of encouragement, old pictures, trivia, and etc. See the schedule below for more information:

#### **ZBC Youth Virtual Journey:**

Sunday — Streaming Sunday Funday

Monday — Monday Motivation Challenge

Tuesday — Tuesday TikTok

Wednesday — Wacky Wednesday via Zoom

Thursday — Youth Group Thursday Trivia

Friday — Friday Flashback

Saturday — Serene Saturday

Please feel free to call me or email ([lauren.glasgow@myzbc.org](mailto:lauren.glasgow@myzbc.org)) me if you have any questions!

**PASSPORT 2020-** Sign up for youth attending Passport Missions in Greenville, South Carolina (July 6-11) has concluded. The **final payment of \$375** (\$100 deposit has already been paid) will be due no later than May 1. Please mail payment to the church office by April 30.

#### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

##### ***An Easter Like None Other***

Holy Week and Easter of 2020 will likely be different from any we have experienced to date. The stay at home restrictions necessary because of the Coronavirus pandemic will keep us from all of the normal gatherings we enjoy as Christians every Holy Week. The celebration of Palm Sunday, with our children processing into worship waving their branches, will be missed. We will miss that evening's scheduled Easter Egg hunt, picnic and children's music service. The beautiful and dramatic candlelight service on Maundy Thursday is a favorite service of several. We will not be gathering in the Courtyard for Sunrise Service or enjoying the breakfast that follows. And we will not be a part of a full house gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning.

However, EASTER IS STILL COMING! The good news of Christ's triumph over death and the grave is as needed now as ever, and Christians will celebrate the good news in spite of these restrictions and days of concern for the sick and grieving — Christ is alive!

In April it is our intention to continue live streaming our worship via Facebook Live. We plan to add a couple of things to our weekly worship during Holy Week. We have been worshiping from the Sanctuary to try and give our ZBC family a look at the familiar space of the Sanctuary and to try and create for you as close an experience to your normal worship as we can. We hope we can continue this for Easter and Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., we will live stream our worship for that Sunday. You can see the Order of Worship at [myzbc.org](http://myzbc.org) and participate in the worship at home on our Zebulon Baptist Facebook Page. Links are also on [myzbc.org](http://myzbc.org) to get the live stream. We will have some palms that you can pick up on Saturday morning if you are out — swing by the church and we will have palm fronds for you to carry home at the covered driveway between buildings anytime between 10 a.m. and noon while they last.

On Maundy Thursday we are going to try and do a live stream at 7:30 p.m. Have some juice and bread ready for communion in your home. We will even try to do the darkening of the sanctuary. We hope this will be something you can enjoy with us.

We will also try to do a live stream from the Courtyard at 8 a.m. — a Sunrise Service just a little later than usual. And at 10:15 a.m. we will live stream Easter Sunday worship. Our prayer is that all of these services will help you to truly celebrate the profound message of Holy Week and Easter. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of our faith. We need our faith to anchor our souls in these difficult days. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

### ZBC OFFICE DURING STAY AT HOME ORDERS

We have been balancing our desire to keep everyone safe with our mission to be open to serve our members and community. So far our office has been keeping regular hours, and our food pantry has continued to serve persons during the normal hours it is open. We have encouraged staff to do what they feel most comfortable doing regarding coming in to work. And, of course, everyone is to stay home if they are not well. In this fluid situation decisions we make today change quickly.

To minimize traffic into the office and to protect our staff as much as possible, beginning in April our schedule during “stay at home” orders we will be open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will enable us to continue to distribute food to those who need it — in doing this we are providing an essential service. Our volunteer, Becky Blackley, is meeting persons outside the building when they come for assistance. These will be the times to call the church office and let us know how we can best serve you. Please keep us informed about persons who are ill so that we can contact them or pray for them. At other times feel free to call the Glasgow home for pastoral needs. Call the office to update your cell phone or email information if you think we may not have your latest, correct information. Any staff who comes to the office at times other than these will be locked in the building with no access to those who might come in.

When “stay at home” orders are relaxed even if only to the original social distancing mandates first given, we will likely resume normal office operating hours.

### ACCESSING ONLINE WORSHIP

During these times of not worshipping together in our sanctuary, you can still worship with Zebulon Baptist Church. These services are being streamed live through Facebook. Accessing this Live Stream worship can be done several different ways. If you have a Facebook account, simply search Zebulon Baptist Church and “Like” the page. Then when services are being streamed, go to the Zebulon Baptist Church page and the Live Stream will be shown there. For those that do not participate in Facebook, you may still access the Live Stream. Go to the church’s website [www.myzbc.org](http://www.myzbc.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page and find the “Special Note regarding the Coronavirus” section. In that section you will see the word Facebook underlined, simply click on the word and it will take you to the page for the live stream. Sermon audio is still be uploaded on the church website.

Orders of worship are being uploaded on the church website under the heading “worship,” and a link will be posted on the church’s website before worship begins. We encourage you to either print a copy if you are able or have it available to you during worship so you can fully participate in worship.

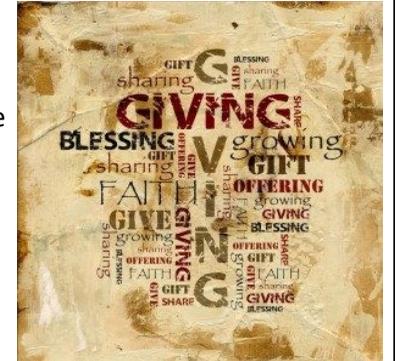
If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or email Shannon at [Shannon.speller@myzbc.org](mailto:Shannon.speller@myzbc.org)

### GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

With ZBC having to cancel worship and programs here at the church during this crisis, members may be wondering how to get your offerings to church. Here are several options available to you:

- You can give easily through our website with a credit card. Just go to the Worship tab and then click on Giving. We cannot process any ACH (direct from your checking account) with this option. Your information is secure with this option.
- ACH (electronic draft) payments are another option. I can set up an electronic draft from your checking/savings account. We many members using this option to make their regular contributions. Contact me if you have questions about this option or want to set up a draft. Your information is secure with this option.
- If you have online banking, you can set up your contribution as a bill pay.
- You can always mail your check to us. We are working and will be checking the mail daily. Please mail to: ZBC, P. O. Box 366, Zebulon, NC 27597

You can always call me, June, at (919) 269-7329 or (919) 605-6166 or email me at [june.sanders@myzbc.org](mailto:june.sanders@myzbc.org) with any questions.



### NURSERY, PRESCHOOL, K-3, AND JUNIORS NEWS

In an effort to stay connected to each one of you during this time of separation, below is a schedule of times that Ms. Shannon will be having StoryTime, Bedtime Stories, Music and Movement for Preschoolers, Zoom meetings with Juniors, Hangouts with Preschool and K-3, and other creative ways to connect. Check the Facebook Group pages for each group for up-to-date information. If you are not in the Facebook group that pertains to your family, please send Ms. Shannon a message so she can add you! Also if you need Ms. Shannon for anything, please call the church office or email her at [Shannon.speller@myzbc.org](mailto:Shannon.speller@myzbc.org). Stay safe and healthy!!

#### Nursery & Preschool:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. — StoryTime Facebook Live  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. — BedTime Stories Facebook Live  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. — Music and Movement Facebook Live

#### K-3:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. — StoryTime Facebook Live  
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m. — BedTime Stories Facebook Live  
Friday: 10:30 a.m. — Music and Movement Facebook Live

#### Juniors:

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. — Zoom Meeting  
Various text messages/emails from Ms. Shannon throughout the week

The past few weeks have brought change to our lives unlike anything we have seen. The COVID-19 virus has forced schools and daycares to close, businesses to alter business practices, and us to stay home when many would otherwise be out enjoying the spring events. Every person in our congregation has been impacted by this national event. We are no longer able to visit extended family in nursing facilities or hospitals or even send our kids off to school. In the past few weeks, we have learned about social distancing, satellite learning, home offices and the importance of connections.

The first week of March 2020 began with hints of what was ahead for our nation. The Executive Committee met on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> to develop a plan for how Zebulon Baptist Church would go forward through this crisis. By 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, that plan had to be revised to follow the mandates of our state government. Our staff worked diligently to provide worship via Facebook Live on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee has remained in contact with our staff to help determine our path ahead.

Every day all of us face challenges and changes to our “normal” routines. The goal of the leadership of this congregation is to provide meaningful and safe worship and engagement opportunities. Our church staff has been able to make that happen by providing Sunday morning worship experiences online. They are also working with many lay leaders to bring together, via conference calls or video calls, small groups throughout our church. Shannon has begun providing a story time for children, and Lauren has brought the Youth together through multiple social media events. Please watch for announcements about other opportunities for you to connect with your Zebulon Baptist family.

Please join me in thanking our wonderful Zebulon Baptist staff, who at a recent staff meeting decided that their call to minister to our congregation and community was what they felt led to do at this challenging time. Our staff have physically and spiritually fed so many because they choose to continue doing their ministry. I ask that we as a church family spend some extra time praying in the days ahead. Pray for our church staff, Jack, Barbara, Shannon, Lynn, Lauren, Linda, Cindy, June and Candace, who are truly dedicated to doing God’s work in our world; for our leaders, that they may make wise and thoughtful decisions; for our church, that we may remain healthy in all aspects in the days ahead; for our community, that recovery from the physical, emotional and financial hurt will be quick; and, for all, that we may seek to rely on God and praise Him in the challenging times that we are facing.

Marion Horton, Church Moderator

I am not sure who said it first, maybe Anne Lamott or Barbara Johnson (both Christians and authors) but I like this quote, “We are Easter People living in a Good Friday World.”

This has been on my mind as the calendar moves ever closer to Easter, but we must “shelter in place” at our homes. We long to emerge from our homes on Easter Sunday and celebrate the resurrected Christ as a church family in our ZBC sanctuary; but, we know, realistically, this quarantine will likely last through Easter and beyond.

So how do people of faith live when Good Friday threatens to over shadow Easter? Anne Lamott also reminds us that, at first, “the crucifixion looked like a big win for the Romans. The following Monday, Caesar and Herod were still in power. The chief priests were still the chief priests. (And meanwhile, in a tucked-away corner, the 12 were transformed. And some women, too.)” Easter will come even if our lives feel as if they are stuck in Good Friday.

The disciples had to find a way to follow Jesus even when he could not be seen, and so do we. Let that encourage us as we affirm our faith in God’s transforming power even in the uncertainty of these days! Ask God to transform this into a time of spiritual nurture. I am thankful that several ZBC Sunday School Classes have found creative ways to connect and continue to share Bible Study and/or prayer times through emails, social media, or video conferencing. This is a great way to stay encouraged! Here are some other resources/activities to consider:

1. Meditation will be held each Monday this month (it is usually every other Monday) at 8:30 a.m. via Linda Griffin’s Facebook Live.
2. Remember that faith is a verb, and it grows through actively caring for others. So reach out to others via cards, mail, email, etc.; bring donations for the Food Pantry; continue your offerings and charitable contributions as your situation allows; and most importantly, pray for others!
3. Go to [www.nurturingfaith.net/teachers/](http://www.nurturingfaith.net/teachers/) and log in with the password “hope.” This will lead you to the Nurturing Faith Journal that we subscribe to at ZBC. For the duration of the quarantine, Tony Cartledge’s Bible studies and his teaching video will be available for free. The password will change every two months. The password will change in May.
4. If you want a fun way to become familiar with scripture, we have six boxes of Bible Trivia cards available in the church office. Feel free to borrow a box and play Bible Trivia with your family.

These are just a few of the resources available for you. Call, text or email me for more!

Peace and good,

Lynn