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AUGUST YOUTH NEWS

LAKE DAY -- Saturday, August 1, the ZBC youth are invited to the Ellington's lake house at Lake Gaston. Sign up with Lauren by Wednesday, July 29. You will need to bring a towel, bathing suit, and a change of clothes. Plan to meet by the vans at 8:30 a.m. to drive together to the lake.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE -- ZBC Youth are enjoying time together at Sunday Night Live on Sunday evenings. We will continue to enjoy a time of food, fellowship, games, and Bible study into the month of August. We will meet from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Blue Room. Our remaining Sunday Night Live dates are August 2, August 9, and August 16.

WELCOME TO YOUTH DINNER -- Sunday, August 23, the rising 8th graders are invited to a "Welcome to Youth" dinner in the Blue Room at 7:00 p.m. All youth and parents are invited to attend and help welcome our new ZBC Youth. The church will provide chicken, plates, utensils, and drinks. We ask that you bring a side and dessert to help supplement our dinner.

JOURNEYS START BACK -- Wednesday, August 26, youth will start back their Journeys time at 7:45-8:45 p.m. in the Blue Room. We will play some silly games and enjoy light refreshments! See you then for a fun kick off night!

PASSPORT MISSIONS 2021 -- We are excited to announce our 2021 Passport week will be June 28-July 3, 2021 at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Please email Lauren at lauren.glasgow@myzbc.org no later than September 28 with the name, birthdate, and grade completed for all youth planning to attend Passport Missions in the summer of 2021 to secure your spot. Deposits will not be due until the last week in January 2021. If you have any questions please see Lauren.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES IN AUGUST GRIEF MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Each year we offer a small group for persons who have lost loved ones during the past two years. In five 90-minute sessions, participants share their experiences of grief and together we attempt to better understand the emotion of grief, the emotion God gives us to deal with loss. Past participants have found the group to be helpful by not only increasing their understanding of their own emotions, but by letting them know they are not alone as they hear others share their similar thoughts, feelings and experiences. Jack Glasgow facilitates the group that will meet in the Parlor unless participation is high enough for us to move to a larger room for social distancing. Please contact Jack if you have any questions about participating in the group. It is always hard to take the step to open up in a small group, discussing emotions that are so painful. But we hope those who are grieving will take that step and join us for the group that begins August 2. The schedule for the five sessions will be:

Sunday, August 2, 4:30-6

Sunday, August 9, 4:30-6

Monday, August 3, 5:30-7

Monday, August 10, 5:30-7

Sunday, August 16, 4:30-6

SWEET TEA AND THEOLOGY

A safe space for open conversation — in today's world many yearn for this. Church should be that place, where we listen to one another and share with one another faith and doubts, questions and answers, new ways of thinking and old ones, and high hopes and serious concerns. Last summer we tried three sessions of *Sweet Tea and Theology* for the first time and participants really enjoyed the lively conversations. It is a time for everyone to speak and be heard and a time for everyone to listen and to refrain from dominating conversation. As long as you are ready to share and listen without judgment and argument, you are a perfect candidate for *Sweet Tea and Theology*. Bring a comfortable lawn or tailgating chair, and we will provide the sweet tea. We meet on the patio on the Shepherd School Road side of Building D. Each session will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. With extreme heat or threatening storms, we will move inside. Jack Glasgow will facilitate these conversations and will be glad to answer any questions you may have about participating in the group. Our *Sweet Tea and Theology* sessions in August will be:

Sunday, August 2, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, August 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, August 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

AUGUST SCHEDULING AT ZBC

As we write these newsletter articles, we are hopeful that August 23 will be the first Sunday that everyone is invited to attend Sunday School and worship on campus. This will require Governor Cooper announcing that we are finally leaving Phase II for Phase III in the North Carolina reopening plan. (If we remain in Phase II, alas, we will continue inviting groups for Sunday School and worship and limiting our numbers on the campus to 50 or less.) You will find our buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitation stations set up throughout. New tables for offering plates and bulletins will keep us from having to hand things to one another. We will ask that we socially distance in the Sanctuary and in classrooms and wear masks whenever we are passing one another or within six feet of others. Of course, we understand some may not be ready to be with us in person on Sunday mornings, and we certainly want persons who are not feeling well, or who know of their direct, recent exposure to COVID-19 to stay home until you feel better or your doctors give the green light for you to safely be out in public. When we get back, we want everyone to be and to feel safe. The assignments for the dual worship and Sunday School will be:

Worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.:

Youth, Coed I, Coed IV, Women's III, Women's IV, Men's II and Men's III

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:15 a.m.:

All Preschool, K-3 and Juniors, Coed II, Coed III, Women's I, Women's II, and Men's I

Those who are not in Sunday School classes may choose the worship time of their choice. Remember that if you choose to worship at 10:15 a.m., the Sanctuary will not be open to enter until about 10:05 a.m. and the first group leaves. The best idea would be for you to get active in a Sunday School Class when we reengage.

Our invited Sunday School Classes on the first three Sundays of August for 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and then to enjoy worship at 10:15 a.m. are:

August 2 — Coed II

August 9 — Men's I

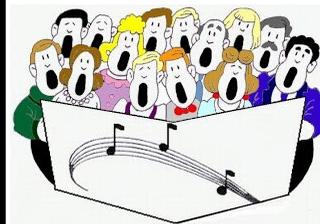
August 16 — Men's II, Men's III and Women's IV

We will continue to livestream worship on Sunday mornings in the 10:15 a.m. service; we have purchased new equipment that will soon be installed so that we can continue to provide video feed of all of our services at ZBC for those who cannot be physically present with us.

We believe that our first priority in inviting everyone back to campus should focus on Sunday School and worship. For that reason we are planning to wait until mid-September for starting up our Wednesday night suppers and programs of ministry. Some individual groups (perhaps Youth, Juniors or Sanctuary Choir) may meet on Wednesdays in August. But our goal is to get back to Sunday morning gathering in August and then enjoy Wednesday nights at ZBC beginning September 16.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

There will be Storytime in the Fellowship Hall for all Preschoolers on Tuesday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. We will enjoy a time of books, songs, and being silly!! Join Ms. Shannon for a fun morning as we enjoy being together, yet practicing COVID-19 protocol.



SANCTUARY CHOIR NEWS

We are going to welcome back our Sanctuary Choir to rehearsals beginning Wednesday night, August 19. We will meet that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a three-bar dinner — baked potato bar, salad bar, and dessert bar. Following dinner, we will rehearse in the Fellowship Hall — everyone around their own table for social distancing. That evening we will discuss the best way for us to rehearse and share music for dual worship services. We hope all of our Sanctuary Choir members will at least come out for this first session as we talk about future ministry, and we would welcome any newcomers to the Sanctuary Choir at that time.

Other choirs will resume when we get back to Wednesday nights at ZBC in mid-September. Youth Choir will resume on Sunday, September 20.

SENIOR ADULT COOKOUT AUGUST 31

Our Senior Adult event for August will be our summer cookout as we enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips and desserts. To keep our crowds smaller and for social distancing, we are offering our cookout at two different times on Monday, August 31, in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up for a noon lunch or a 5:30 p.m. supper — with space for 25 at each. Contact the church office or Barbara Glasgow by noon on Thursday, August 27, to sign up for the meal.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We anticipate return to Sunday School and Church via the two-session plan on August 23. However, we also know that plans can change, depending on the pandemic situation. Sunday School Faculty, I will keep you updated through our Tuesday "Update" emails. Please also check the weekly bulletins (<https://myzbc.org/worship/bulletins/>) for further information.

Several people have asked about our **Sunday School Promotion** event that is scheduled for August 30. In recent years we have so enjoyed gathering to support our young people and recognize our faculty. Our appreciation for our teachers and our pride in our children and youth have not changed, but our gathering may. The Spiritual Formation Team and Sunday School Director will be finalizing our plans for this year, and we will keep you updated through the bulletin and church calendar. Right now save that date, and we will apprise you of the plans as soon as possible.

BLOG — Don't forget to check out the ZBC Blog. Both Pastor Jack and I contribute articles to it on a variety of subjects that encourage spiritual growth and/or "food for thought." The latest article offers a way to convert loneliness into solitude. You can read it here: <https://myzbc.org/blog/>. Let me know what you think. I am interested in your feedback.

MEDITATION — Now that we are back meeting in person, our Monday Morning Meditation group meets every other week at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The August dates are: August 10 and 24. If you have never meditated before, why not meet with us at least once and see how you like it. We are a friendly group, and we will guide you through the session as we "show up" for God.

JUNIORS

BE ready for Sunday nights at ZBC for Juniors continues in August. The theme will continue to be “BE Together,” taken from Passport’s original them of BE. Juniors will have the opportunity to BE Together for an exciting Passport experience here at ZBC. We will continue to meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. each Sunday through Sunday August 16 having Bible study, devotion time, doing energizers, watching videos, EATING, and sharing together what it means to BE Together, BE Still, BE Loved, BE One, and BE With. We will meet each week in the Youth Sunday School room which is at the front of Building B. If you have any questions, please email or call Shannon Speller. All COVID-19 safety protocol will be practiced.

K-3 GAME NIGHT

Those who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to a fun night of games at church on Wednesday, August 19. We will meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and have fun playing some socially distanced games and maybe a cool treat. Please let Ms. Shannon know who is coming!

JUNIORS CONNECTIONS

Are you a rising 4th grader? How about a rising 5th, 6th, or 7th grader? If you answered yes to either question, I want to see you on Wednesday night, September 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Classroom in the front of Building B for a time of Juniors Connections. We will welcome our new Juniors and say hello to our old ones. Connections is a time of sharing, Bible study, and sometimes a game. Times for Connections may change when we begin Wednesday Night activities at church. Until that time, Juniors will meet for Connections on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

IT’S PASSPORT SIGN-UP TIME

The dates and locations have been announced for the 2021 Passport season. Unfortunately, we were unable to physically go to Passport this summer, but Passport did an amazing job helping leaders have materials to try and bring a little of Passport to our kids. With so many unknowns, Passport has changed how we register for Passport for 2021. There will be no deposit due when initial registration is done on October 1. Deposits will be due to Passport on February 1, 2021, with the remaining balance due to them May 1, 2021. This gives us and them flexibility with unknowns. So without further ado, here are our dates for Passport 2021: Passport Kids (for kids completing 3rd-5th grade this 2020-2021 school year) — June 29 to August 2 at Greensboro College. The total cost for this trip is \$350. Passport Choices (for kids completing 6th-7th grade this 2020-2021 school year) — June 20 to June 25 at Greensboro College. The total cost for this trip is \$450. An email to Shannon.speller@myzbc.org must be received no later than Monday, September 28 stating name, birthdate, and grade completed in order to be registered for camp. A deposit of \$100 will be due the last week in January 2021, with the remaining balance due no later than April 26, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon at Shannon.speller@myzbc.org or by calling the church office.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School 2021 — July 12-16, 2021