

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School 138
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary..... 197
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views) 383
Weekly Budget Requirement \$15,684.00
Budget Gifts \$14,234.00
YTD Budget Requirements \$486,204.00
YTD Budget Gifts\$471,505.86

THE FAITH JOURNEY

Total Campaign Goal \$1,070,000.00
Gifts for Week 181 \$2,300.00
Total Gifts to Date..... \$868,647.73

OUR KNOWN SICK

WakeMed:
Margaret Gay
Brookdale, Wake
Forest: Judith
"Pete" Pearce
The Brian Center,
Wilson: Audrey
Marsh
At Home: Pat
Leonard

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Kim Walker in the death of her brother. Our Christian sympathy is also expressed to Joyce Alford in the death of her son.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00am Morning Worship & Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship & Sunday
School (via Facebook Live feed)

THURSDAY

9:00am-1:00pm Office Hours

FRIDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
9:30am Gifting Ministry
3:30pm Youth depart for Youth
Retreat in Banner Elk, NC
6:30pm K-3 & Juniors Family
Movie Night

MONDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
6:00-8:00pm Technology Team meeting

TUESDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
11:00am Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

9:00am-7:30pm Office Hours
6:30pm Vacation Bible School Faculty
Training
6:30pm Juniors Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Youth Journeys
7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP IN EASTERTIDE
MOTHERS' DAY
SERMON SERIES — "SEEKING JESUS"**

CELEBRATING IN OUR GREETING

Prelude — "Every Valley" arr. Linker

Welcome to Worshipers

Hymn of Gathering — "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Wesley-Glaser

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

*Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.*

The Exchange of Christ's Peace

Our Easter Chorus — *Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord almighty reigns.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Loving Jesus, for us slain.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Worthy is the Holy Lamb,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen Christ, the great "I am."*

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF FAMILIES (9:00 a.m. Service Only)

The Children's Sermon

A Responsive Litany of Commitment

Leader: Our Lord Jesus taught us how precious children are to God.

People: And that we must love and nurture every child.

Leader: We must never do anything that causes a little one to stumble.

People: And we must all come to God through Christ as a child to a loving parent.

Leader: Today, parents will present their children in an act of worship.

People: They will promise to raise their children in a Christian home and in the church.

Leader: They are trusting us and depending on us for prayer and encouragement;

People: To provide ministries that nurture their children in Christian faith,

YOUTH NEWS

JOURNEYS — This week we will continue our prayer experiences with our always loved prayer walks. Extended Journeys will start this week at 7:15 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. Meet in the Blue Room to start the evening at 7:15 p.m. We will enjoy a game and refreshments before going on our prayer walks.

SPRING RETREAT — Friday, May 14 to Sunday, May 16, the ZBC Youth group will be traveling to Banner Elk, NC to stay at the Old Greer House. Youth going on the retreat will need to gather at 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot on Friday, May 14 with the plan of leaving at 4:00 p.m. The group will enjoy a time of fellowship, retreat, reflection, and riding on the Alpine Coaster in Banner Elk. Please be in prayer for this group of youth and adults as they travel and experience a meaningful retreat together.

LUNCH IN MAY — This month the ZBCY will be going out to Morgan Street Food Hall in Raleigh after worship on Sunday, May 23. Sign up will start May 12 and end May 19. Go to the sign up link at bit.ly/zbcysignup or see Lauren with questions.

ZBC BOOK CLUB

Hey ZBC Book Club peeps! Better get busy reading our next selection, *Roses* by Leila Meacham, as it is quite lengthy, but very good! Mrs. Ruth Moss will be leading our discussion and providing a light snack. Please bring your own beverage and note a location change. We will be meeting in the Parlor in Building A on Thursday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. New members are welcome.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is placed in the sanctuary today by Mark and Faye Wade in honor of their mothers, Katie Griswold and Erdene Wade. Also to honor all mothers everywhere on this special Mothers' Day.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is placed in the sanctuary today in honor of all mothers, a word that is indescribable, and especially to my mother, Mrs. Hilda Gay; Inga Beck, my daughter; and Kate Lanier, my daughter-in-law. To God be the Glory for all His blessings given to us. "She who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." Cardinal Mermillod

PRAYER TEAM — Dedicated to prayer for our ZBC worship service, our Zebulon community, our world, and many shared prayer concerns is Jim Woodard.

THE NURSERY TEAM is Bridget Bone, Team Leader, Marion Horton, Susan Richert, Katie Henry, Joe Bone, and Lisa Bobbitt.

§SPIRITUAL FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study continues their 12-week study from the New Testament on the book of Ephesians. The study is led by Linda Ellington. We would love to have you join us Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and look forward to a time of Bible study and fellowship.

A THANK YOU TO WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Last Wednesday was our last Wednesday night program until August 18. As we begin our summer break, we want to thank the many volunteers that make Wednesday night ministry possible during the year. Wednesday night meal servers, nursery workers, mission group leaders, and choir leaders all give generously of their time each week. We appreciate each and every volunteer and look forward to your continued service when we resume next fall.

JUNIORS CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Juniors Choir will be rehearsing in the Sanctuary this Wednesday evening from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. as we prepare to present our musical next Sunday evening. Please make every effort to be present for this important rehearsal.

Vacation Bible School 2021 July 12-16

We still need YOU! As part of the re-engagement plan at ZBC, we have modified our VBS schedule to better meet the continued challenges of the COVID-19 guidelines. VBS will be in two sessions:

Session 1: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for rising Kindergarten—3rd grade

Session 2: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for rising 4th—8th grade

We do need several more volunteers! Please contact Valerie Shelton at vbshelton@nc.rr.com or Shannon Speller at Shannon.Speller@myzbc.org if you are able to help.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled VBS as we invite children to arise and shine because the light of God's love is shining on them! We'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover how connection with God brings the invitation to shine God's light into the world.

Registration is limited, so register early! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/f5kfpnnk>.

VBS Volunteer training night: May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Leader: To model love and unity that draws them to Jesus,

People: And to help them discover their gifts and calling as they grow to maturity.

Leader: For the children of our church, for their parents, and for all of God's precious children in our community,

People: May we be an inviting, welcoming, and affirming place,

Unison: A place that feels like home.

A Prayer of Blessing and Commitment

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF FAMILIES (10:15 a.m. Service Only)

Presentation of Children and Parents

A Responsive Litany of Dedication

Leader: Parents, this morning you are presenting yourselves and your child before God and before the people of God. Do you commit to bring up your child in a home where God is honored and Christian faith is taught, to encourage your child to participate fully in the life of the church, and to look forward to the day when your child will come to know and profess Jesus as their Savior and Lord?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Parents, do you also recommit yourselves this morning as followers of Christ, to promise to provide an example of faith for your child to see and follow, to be committed to your own growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ through prayer, Bible study, and other Christian disciplines, and to faithfully participate in and support the congregation to which you belong.

Parents: We do.

Leader: As a church family, these parents and their children are depending on us. They need our encouragement, our grace, and our love for their children to thrive in their spiritual growth and development. Do you, the members of Zebulon Baptist Church, commit to love and nurture these children and their parents in their desire to know and follow Christ; and do you commit to give of your time, your prayers, your energy, and your offerings so that the ministries these families need will be available to them and aid in the Christian growth of these beloved children?

Congregation: We do.

A Prayer of Blessing

Presentation of Certificates and Gifts

The Children's Sermon

CELEBRATING IN GIVING AND PROCLAMATION

The Offertory Moment — “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Sikes
Anthem — “The Prayer/Lead Us Lord” arr. Fettke
The Sanctuary Choir
Sermon — “The Lost Seek a Way Home” Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

CELEBRATING IN OUR RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Commitment — “Hands of Blessing” Haymes-Mozart
*Hands of blessing cradle gently, nurture children into faith.
Hands of blessing give God’s welcome, show for us the signs of grace.
For all those who in their living showed us what our lives may be,
May we all be grateful stewards of the gifts we have received.*

*In our doubt our faith may blossom; in our struggle hope may lie.
In our tears we find our laughter, in the darkness God is nigh.
For the wonder and the comfort and the mystery of our faith,
May we live in glad commitment to the One who is our way.*

*For the road that leads us onward to the places yet unseen;
For the Spirit ever leading to the dreams we’ve yet to dream;
For the faith enough to question and the faith enough to trust,
May our lives be used in service given in the name of love.*

Closing Words

Benediction

Choral Benediction — “Beautiful Savior”

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

Postlude — “Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” arr. Kellner

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HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY

We extend heartfelt best wishes to the ladies of our church today as we celebrate Mothers’ Day. We honor all of the mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers in the congregation, and we acknowledge the nurturing role ladies of the church play as they minister to the children and youth of the church. There will be no activities at church this afternoon or evening as families celebrate Mothers’ Day.

JUNIORS MUSICAL

“ESTHER ORDINARY FAITH”

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 16

6:30 P.M. — THE SANCTUARY

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE TODAY


This morning families who have been blessed with the birth of children in the past year or more have chosen to participate in a service of dedication. These parents will make commitments to raise their children in a Christian home and in the church. In turn, we as a congregation will pledge our support and encouragement to these parents and children. The actual dedication service will be in the 10:15 a.m. service, but we will have a special time focused on celebrating the gift of children in the 9:00 a.m. service and the families and babies will come to the end of the first service for all to see. Families participating in the service will come to the Parlor at 9:40 a.m. this morning to get instructions for the service. We thank the Gifting Ministry for gifts prepared for these babies and their families on our behalf. The families participating in this morning’s service are:

Turner Evans Hester, parents are Tyler and Sarah Hester
Lincoln Matthew Howell, parents are Justin and Kayla Howell

ADULT MISSION TRIP
We are in the early stages of planning an Adult Mission Trip to Sunflower, MS. We will once again partner with Delta Grace and help repair and restore homes in the Delta. Dates for this trip are Friday, September 17 through Saturday, September 25. If you would like more information or have an interest in going, please see Shannon Speller.



MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:
At Home: Margaret Gay
Coventry House: Rachel Massey
Remember these persons this week with your prayers, cards, contacts or visits!



Remember Our Homebound Members

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2021
Please contact Jackie Strickland at strickland.jackie@gmail.com or at 919-426-3327 if you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary for any of the below listed upcoming dated:
May 23— 1 July 4— 1 July 25 — 1