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A place of ministry

A fellowship of believers

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MAY YOUTH NEWS

JOURNEYS IN MAY — During May the ZBCY will begin our annual time of prayer experiences. Also starting May 11, the youth will have extended Journeys from 7:15-8:45 p.m. Come for a needed retreat from the week, enjoy fellowship, and refreshments. See the schedule below for all the weekly prayer experiences:

MAY 4 — Vespers in the Sanctuary

MAY 11 — Prayer Walks (Start Extended Journeys)

MAY 18 — Prayer on the Law (Extended Journeys)

MAY 25 — Prayer in the Sanctuary (Extended Journeys)

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY — Saturday, May 7, we will hold our annual Kentucky Derby Party in the Blue Room at 6:00 p.m. Come to have fun watching the race, playing some fun games, and eating snacks.

LUNCH IN MAY — Sunday, May 22, the ZBCY will go out to Morgan Street Food Hall in Raleigh after worship. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 18, by going to bit.ly/zbcysignup.

MISSION TRIP TRAINING SESSION — Our second mission trip training session will be held in the Blue Room on Sunday, May 22, after going out to lunch at Morgan Street Food Hall. **Payments will be due Sunday, May 22, at this meeting.** Lauren will let you know your remaining balance after accounting for your spaghetti supper ticket sales. If you cannot attend, please let Lauren know as soon as possible.

ZBC HOSTS ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Beginning Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 13, our church Fellowship Hall will be the testing site for AP Exams for students of East Wake High School. This partnership provides a comfortable place for these students to take these important exams. Each day we will provide snacks for their test break. Keep these students and all other students taking these AP Exams over the next two weeks in your prayers. Please recognize that our Fellowship Hall and the area around it will be a quiet zone from early morning to midafternoon during these two weeks of testing.

FAITH, FAMILY, AND THESE “POST-EASTER” DAYS

A minister friend remarked to me recently that he found it much easier to preach during Lent and Easter than he does in these “post-Easter” days. This intriguing remark set me to thinking. To be sure, the Lenten and Easter seasons of worship do provide deep and great themes to preach about—discipleship, the cross, and resurrection. But are there not equally great themes of faith to preach on and live for during these “post-Easter” days? A good example is the family. During May our church will be highlighting the importance of family almost every Sunday—Mother’s Day, Parent-Child Dedication; Children and Youth music programs, and Senior Sunday to follow on June 5. May is a great time to celebrate the gift of family—and the family of God!

As I contemplated this issue, I was reminded of how grateful I am that Jesus is our Lord and Savior for all of life and days, not just the “high and holy” ones. Faith and trust in God is meant for all of our days and not just for the “holy days” of the church. So in this season of returning to the routines of living and of a devoted life, let us not grow weary in well-doing. Our faith in God ought to be good for the long haul and for going the distance. There is nothing to prevent us from continuing to sing the “jubilant alleluias” of our faith just as we did during the Easter season. So, sing brothers and sisters, sing of your faith and trust in God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Here might be one good thing to do. Take the Lenten teaching of Jesus to “love one another as I have loved you” and put it into practice as you go about your daily routines this week. If you will put this teaching of our Lord into practice, you may find that these “post-Easter” days are full of surprises and spiritual blessings you never imagined. And who knows—a “great door, a wide door” may open right before you!

Mike Cogdill, Interim Pastor

MUSIC MATES CHOIR AND CHERUB CHOIR END OF THE YEAR PROGRAM SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 1 AT 6:30 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY

Our Music Mates Choir (preschoolers) will start the evening by singing their music followed by our Cherub Choir (children in grades K-3rd grade) who will then present their music. Nursery will be provided.

JUNIOR CHOIR MUSICAL

“Called”

SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 6:30 P.M.

Called is a wonderful musical based on Ephesians 4:1 which reads: *“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”* It reminds us that God is not calling you to be someone else. God is not calling you to be like someone else. God is calling you because you’re you. You are a child of God. You are worthy. You. Are. Called.

During the musical there will be a special offering taken up for Susan G. Komen Metastatic Breast Cancer Initiative and the North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance. The Junior Choir decided (and Executive Committee approved) on these two causes because they are very important to some of our Junior Choir members. Please plan now to bring your special offering and join us for a wonderful evening of music as our Junior Choir presents *“Called.”* Nursery will be provided.

JUNIOR CHOIR EXTRA REHEARSALS

Wednesday night, May 11 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, May 15 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC WITH THE ZBC YOUTH

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 22

At 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary

Join us for a night of special music from our Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir.

Nursery will be provided.

CHILDREN’S CHOIRS SINGING IN WORSHIP DURING MAY

MAY 1 — Morning Worship — Cherub Choir

MAY 1 — Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. — Music Mates Choir and Cherub Choir

MAY 15 — Morning Worship and Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. — The Junior Choir

MAY 22 — Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. — The Youth Handbells Choir and Youth Choir

SPRING SENIOR ADULT RALLY

TUESDAY, MAY 10 — SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

We will be leaving ZBC at 8:15 a.m. and return after lunch. (The deadline for signing up has already passed.)

SPECIAL RECEPTION TO HONOR MRS. LINDA PERRY

Please join us for a reception in honor of Mrs. Linda Perry on Sunday, May 22. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00—4:00 p.m. Linda has served on our music staff since March 1999. For more than 22 years we have been blessed by her incredible talent and Christian spirit that is evident in her piano and organ pieces and her accompaniment of our choirs and soloists. She has been a friend and colleague to all on staff and a valued minister to our congregation. Please come on May 22 as we honor Linda Perry, a wonderful servant of God!!

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION ON MOTHER’S DAY

Join us Sunday morning, May 8, for worship and our annual Parent/Child dedication service. Letters have been sent to parents about participating in this service, but if you wish to participate and have not received a letter, please contact the church office right away to participate in this service.

MISSIONS MINUTE

Workdays in Trenton

On Fridays May 6 and May 20 we will be travelling Down East to Trenton to “spruce up” the work done in 2019 after Hurricane Florence. If you are interested in going, please let Shannon know by emailing her at shannon.speller@myzbc.org.

Local Missions Day — SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

On Saturday, May 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m., we have an exciting Local Missions project for you to participate in. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national program that helps make sure this happens. On May 21, we will work with SHP and build 15 bunk beds. No construction skills needed, just a willing heart to turn lumber into beds. I invite you to visit the SHP website at www.shpbeds.org and learn more about this great organization. If you have questions or would like to sign up to building, please email Shannon at shannon.speller@myzbc.org.

FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTER

There will be a rack with Spiritual Formation handouts and care notes on various topics for parents and teachers inside the doorway of the nursery in Building B. Feel free to take whatever you want. Let me know if you have any topics or needs for your family regarding nurturing your children’s spiritual journey.

Prior to our upcoming new Sunday School year, I will be leading workshops for parents, grandparents, or anyone that is interested regarding guiding our newest children who will be entering worship for the first time and any other children that need help. The class will share helpful tips from the book *“Parenting in the Pew,”* by Robbie Castleman. I will be offering two different dates, one in July and the other in August. Sign ups will be posted in June.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The Pastor Search Team spent a wonderful April weekend in retreat at ZBC led by Reverend Julia Ledford, a retired Associate Pastor for Christian Discipleship at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. We spent time in fellowship, prayer, and reflection as she led us in a study of Ruth Haley Barton’s book entitled, *Pursuing God’s Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups*.

One of the first tasks is to develop our ZBC Church Profile and Pastor Profile. We want you all to have a chance to be involved in the creation of these important documents. Look for more details in the weekly bulletins and newsletters as we plan to host **Congregational Conversations** in the coming months. These will be times that you can share your thoughts about what you discern as God’s will for our church that would lead us to call a Senior Pastor to join with us in carrying forth the vision of Zebulon Baptist Church in our community and beyond.

We thank you for your trust as we move forward in our work, and we covet your prayers. Both Dr. Cogdill and Rev. Ledford shared with us “The Prayer of Holy Indifference” which truly is at the heart of our work. We encourage you to pray with us as we continue to seek God’s will in our search for a Senior Pastor.

“The Prayer of Holy Indifference”

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

“God’s Will

Nothing More

Nothing Less

Nothing Else”

Amen.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022
JUNE 27-30 (MONDAY—THURSDAY) — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON



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At Food Truck Party, each Chef (VBS Participant) will learn from DJ Cupcake and Top Chef a new daily special (the daily prayer). Each day the Chefs will participate in interactive Bible-based learning from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. They will participate in music, arts, recreation, snacks, activities, and Bible lessons as each Chef learns that because God cares for us we can in turn love and care for others.

Bible School this year will be from Monday through Thursday because of the holiday weekend. On Thursday evening, please plan to join us for a hotdog dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After eating and fellowshiping, we will gather together in the Sanctuary so that the children can share and show all that they have learned during the week. We will have Food Trucks on site for a variety of desserts to finish our evening.

Registration for participants will open on May 1, 2022, and be open until June 24, 2022 on our website www.myzbc.org.

If you are volunteering with VBS, please make these dates available on your calendar: **May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (in the Fellowship Hall) for VBS training and June 5, 2022 (in the Blue Room) for craft day.** Craft day will begin right after church with pizza for all volunteers and will last for as long as needed. Please bring any and all ideas!

There are always opportunities to volunteer, so please contact Elizabeth Robertson at erobertson6207@aol.com or Shannon Speller at Shannon.Speller@myzbc.org if you feel led to participate in this wonderful week at Zebulon Baptist Church.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you have graduated from a college, university, or graduate program this year, we would love to recognize your hard work and dedication. Please let the church office know by **Sunday, May 29**. We will honor those graduates on Sunday, June 5, Senior Sunday.

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