

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School	152
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary.....	195
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views)	207
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,995.00
Budget Gifts	\$16,548.00
YTD Budget Requirements	\$751,765.00
YTD Budget Gifts	\$691,800.34

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal	\$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 47	\$ 5,671.00
Total Gifts	\$ 183,346.61

OUR KNOWN SICK

Zebulon Rehab:
 Audrey Marsh
 WakeMed:
 Graham Fowler
 At Home:
 "Pete" Pearce
 Doris Pearce

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00am Sunday School
 10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or
 Facebook Live feed)
 11:15am Children's Library Opens
 5:00pm Wreath Workshop — FH
 5:15pm Youth Handbells
 5:45pm Youth Choir

MONDAY

8:30am Meditation — Parlor
 9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours

TUESDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
 10:00am Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

9:00am-7:30pm Office Hours
 5:50pm Dinner Line Opens
 6:30pm Nursery Opens
 Mission Friends, GA's & RA's,
 Junior Connections, Adult
 Handbells

WEDNESDAY (continued)

6:30pm Adult Bible Study — FH
 7:00pm Music Mates, Cherub
 Choir, & Junior Choir
 7:30pm End of all above activities
 7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00am-1:00pm Office Hours

FRIDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
 9:00am Gifting Ministry — Parlor

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE LORD'S DAY
THE SANCTUARY

November 27, 2022
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HOPE**

PRELUDE — “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming with Canon D” arr. Berry

*ADVENT HYMN No. 79
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” — Neale/Coffin/Helmore

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CHORUS — “Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH — Ethan Horton

Leader: This morning we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of hope. Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act.

People: It is testimony to the power of light over darkness.

Leader: When we look at the world around us, we see so much pain and suffering, so much discouragement and injustice.

People: But as we light this candle of hope, we dare to believe that God's light will shine into and brighten our darkness.

Leader: Too often we have placed our hope in the things and people of this world, only to be disappointed.

**People: Today our hope is that God is with us and working in our lives.
We are hopeful that Christ will return to the earth and grant to us everlasting life.**

Leader: As we light this candle and begin our Advent season may God shine the light of hope into our world.

People: We want to walk in the light of God's hope!

AN ADVENT CHORUS

*Hope, hope, hope, we light the candle of hope
The prophets told a baby would come to
Bring to the world the hope of God's promise.
Jesus brings us hope, its candle burns today.*

**SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, 6:00 P.M.
THE SYMBOLS, SOUNDS, AND STORIES OF CHRISTMAS**

This special service will highlight music from our Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, and Youth Handbell Choir. Our Youth Choir and Sanctuary Choir will join their voices together for one of the anthems. We will also enjoy learning about some of our Chrismons that hang on our Chrismon Tree. Join us as we learn and listen to beautiful Christmas music!! Nursery will be provided.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All Senior Adults are invited to our Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 16, in our Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful meal of turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, rolls and desserts. Our special guest will be Jennifer Taylor! Jennifer accompanied our Sanctuary Choir from February through August this past year. Plan to join us as we enjoy her beautiful piano music! Please bring three or more canned goods per person for our food pantry! (Canned meats, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, jelly, rice, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruits, saltine crackers, and cereal) Lunch will begin at 12 noon. Please let Barbara Glasgow or the church office know if you are coming by **12 noon on Monday, December 12.**

YEAR END GIVING TO ZBC

Our church unanimously adopted our 2023 budget at the November quarterly conference. As we approach the end of the 2022 budget year, please be in prayer about your year-end gifts to support the giving streams of ZBC.

- The **Unified Ministry Budget** is the day-to-day budget. Offerings to this budget allow ZBC to support all the programs, ministries, facilities, staff, and support services of our church.
- The **New Day Capital Campaign** is an offering to pay obligations for facility projects and to provide funds for mission partnerships and activities.

There are a variety of ways you can give to ZBC: In person, online with a credit card, or via electronic fund drafts. Visit the **Giving** page of our website (myzbc.org) or scan the QR code for more information.

If you have questions about Giving to ZBC, please contact June Sanders at june.sanders@myzbc.org.



TICKETS FOR MEYMANDI — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Get your tickets for The Seven Noels, written by Pepper Choplin. Support our Sanctuary Choir as they sing in a mass choir at Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh, North Carolina. We would appreciate a \$15 donation for each ticket. Students (high school and younger) are free. Tickets are available in the church office, with Barbara Glasgow, or with a choir member.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

MEDITATION — Join our Monday morning meditation — the art of listening to the Divine — November 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — We are continuing to use the *Nurturing Faith* Bible study series. Please note that the dates listed in *Nurturing Faith* are Sundays, we will be using that lesson on the following Tuesday morning for our study. Copies of *Nurturing Faith* are available on the literature rack outside of the church office.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP TONIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us for cider and cookies at our traditional Advent wreath workshop. Please bring clippers, a charger plate or a pie pan to hold your wreath and maybe some shears to help cut your greenery. All other supplies will be provided. Advent devotionals written by members of our congregation will be available in booklet form for you to enjoy during the Advent season. Bring all your family, especially your children, and enjoy a time of making an Advent Wreath!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES: November 30, December 7 and 14

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper (5:50 p.m.) and Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall for the final three Wednesdays this year. Our topics of study are as follows:

November 30 — “Mary: Mother of Jesus”

December 7 — “Joseph: The Forgotten Saint”

December 14 — SURPRISE!! Don't miss our last Wednesday night Bible Study for this fall. Mike Cogdill has a surprise program in store for us! What could he be thinking?

OUTREACH TEAM member greeting visitors after worship will be Ann Brooks.

DEACONS welcoming visitors and members this morning are Kevin Deaton and Cathy Meeler.

PRAYER TEAM member dedicated to prayer for our ZBC worship service, our Zebulon community, our world, and many shared prayer concerns is Cathy Meeler.

USHERS for this morning are Anna Elliott, Charles Fox, Paxton Lanier, Chris Perry, Allison Pridgen, and Lee Turner.

NURSERY TEAM members are Jeremiah DuPont, Kelly DuPont, Marion Horton, and Susan Richert.

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:

At Home: Judith “Pete” Pearce

Cadence Senior Living: Artelia Perry

Remember these persons this week with your prayers, cards, contacts or visits!



THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*ADVENT HYMN No. 83
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” — Wesley/Prichard

OFFERTORY SENTENCES Psalm 96:8-13

OFFERTORY — “In the Bleak Midwinter with Largo” arr. Perks

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS
*Our hope is in the God we love, who blesses us from heav'n above,
Praise God on high for Jesus' birth, Whose loving Spirit fills the earth.
Amen.*

THE MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM — “Prayer for Emmanuel” Choplin
The Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16; Galatians 4:4-5

SERMON — “For What Are We Waiting” Dr. Michael Cogdill

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*COMMITMENT HYMN — No. 223
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” — Robinson/Drakestone

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Emmanuel
*Emmanuel, Emanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.*

*POSTLUDE — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” arr. Shackley

*Congregation Standing
CCL #1437762

SL Plus #20535958

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE 2022 UPDATE

Thank you to all that have made the decision to sponsor a family for the Christmas Benevolence Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We have just a few families remaining, and the sign-up notebook is outside the church office. The Joy Gift Tree can be found outside the church parlor and is another great way to support Christmas Benevolence. Feel free to select a tag(s), purchase the item, and bring it to the Joy Gift Service. Please know we are in need of a few volunteers to help with organizing, last minute shopping, errands, and distribution on December 19 and 20. Please contact Holly Lee (919-810-7036, hleezebnc@gmail.com) or Shannon Speller if you would like to volunteer! Some remaining needs include:

- Queen-size box spring
- Microwave
- Humidifiers (2) — for children with asthma
- Refurbished laptop for college student
- Toy kitchen set
- Kitchen table and chairs

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Please enter the Fellowship Hall using the side door, pay at the table, and proceed through the serving line to pick up your dinner prior to being seated.

Please make your reservations on time, no later than **8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings**. You may use the pew slips, call the church office by 4:00 p.m., or reply to the weekly email. If you would like to be added to the email, please email AMSBROOKS@gmail.com with Wednesday Dinner in the subject line.

Prices are \$10 per adult and \$4 per child. Please pay for dinner with cash (PREFERRED) or checks made payable to "CASH."

This week our Wednesday Night Dinner will be prepared by Zachary Heath. The supper line opens at 5:50 p.m. and will serve until 6:25 p.m. Our menu this week will be: Tuscan Chicken Thighs, Red Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Broccoli, Rolls, and Dessert. The Supper serving team will be: Joe Bone, Jeff Bogner, Mary Pat Hicks, Kenzie Hopkins, Bradley Morgan, Kori Murray, and Elizabeth Robertson.

The campus is busy with the nursery, Mission Friends and Music Mates for older preschoolers, GA's, RA's, and Cherub Choir for K-3 children, Connections for Juniors and Choir for Grades 4-7, Adult Handbells, and Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Youth Journeys, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. **The Bible study and prayer time this week for adults starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

For a schedule of starting time for each activity, please see the calendar on the back of this bulletin.

YOUTH NEWS

JOURNEYS — We are excited to be back after our week break for Thanksgiving. It is time to start our study on Advent! See you all from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room as we begin to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

WINTER RETREAT — The ZBCY will be going to Banner Elk, NC, to stay at the Old Greer House, February 3-5, 2023, for the annual Winter Retreat. This year we will be offering tubing again as our free time event. To secure your spot, a deposit of \$100 will be due **no later than Wednesday, December 14**, to Lauren. The total cost will be \$140, which covers lodging, a ZBCY themed shirt, and tubing. The remaining balance (\$40) will be due later in January. Sign up will need to be completed at the link bit.ly/zbcysignup, and will begin Wednesday, November 30, and conclude on Wednesday, December 14. See Lauren with any questions

COLLEGE/CAREER CARE PACKAGES — The ZBCY have carefully prepared care packages for our college and career students. These boxes may be picked up from the Sanctuary building (on a table in front of the choir room). If you are a family member or friend that would like to pick up the box, please deliver it to the individual in time for the holiday season and end of the semester. The ZBCY are praying for all of these "graduated and forever youth" and hope it brightens their day.

PRAYER TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that we have volunteers praying for the needs of our church every week? Individuals lift prayer requests from our members as well as praying over the church service, including the pastors and all the details of a service. The Spiritual Formation Ministry is looking for volunteers to commit for the coming year. The prayer requests are emailed to the prayer volunteer, and prayers can take place at home or at church. The commitment is usually quarterly depending on our number of volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for our church family and to stay connected to our needs. The only requirement is a willing heart that is open and willing to pray. If you are already a prayer volunteer, you do not need to do anything. If you are interested in being a prayer warrior or would like more information, please send an email to Debbie Ladd at dbladd@nc.rr.com.

ZBC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Beginning TODAY, Sunday, November 27, the ZBC Christmas Post Office will be available outside the church office in the Fellowship Hall. **Please remember to mail cards to our homebound members, and PLEASE mail cards to members who may not come to church often.** Remember to check the post office regularly for greetings sent to you.

