

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School	153
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary.....	271
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views)	253
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,995.00
Budget Gifts	\$34,555.50
YTD Budget Requirements	\$783,755.00
YTD Budget Gifts	\$740,134.34

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal	\$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 49	\$ 4,215.50
Total Gifts	\$ 190,047.11

OUR KNOWN SICK

- Zebulon Rehab:
- Audrey Marsh
- At Home:
- Graham Fowler
- "Pete" Pearce
- Doris Pearce
- Patsy Perry
- Brenda Speller
- Peggy Debnam

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Michelle Matheny, Sam Matheny, and Jim Matheny, and their families in the death of their father, ZBC member, Bob Matheny.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to ZBC members, Brian Davis and Susie Davis Concelmo in the death of their mother.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or Facebook Live feed)
- 11:15am Children's Library Opens
- 11:30am Preschool Christmas Party — Blue Room
- 7:00pm *The Seven Noels* — Meymandi

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

WEDNESDAY (continued)

- 6:30pm Nursery Opens
- Mission Friends, GA's & RA's, & Junior Connections
- 6:30pm Adult Bible Study — FH
- 7:00pm Music Mates, Cherub Choir, & Junior Choir
- 7:30pm End of all above activities
- 7:30-9:00pm Youth Christmas Party
- 7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:00am-1:00pm Office Hours
- 10:00am ZBC Book Club
- 6:30pm Pastor Search Team — D8

FRIDAY

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

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE LORD'S DAY
THE SANCTUARY

December 11, 2022
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
JOY

PRELUDE — "See, Amid the Winter's Snow" arr. Larson

SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR MUSIC MATES CHOIR

"Light the Candle" words and music by Nan Grantham

"Gloria" words and music by Elizabeth Charles

"Ring, O Ring the Bells" words and music by Claire Russell

*ADVENT HYMN No. 310

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" — Dyke/Beethoven/Hodges

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CHORUS — "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, 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 — Jackson Brooks

Leader: This morning we light the third candle on our Advent wreath,
the candle of joy.

**People: The heavens are glad. The earth rejoices. And the people of God
are filled with great joy.**

Leader: In this simple, yet profound act of lighting this pink candle on the
Advent Wreath, we are making a statement of faith,

**People: That our God has brought to us in Christ the message of great joy
which shall be to and for all people.**

Leader: If we are somewhat weary because of the demands of the holiday
season and somewhat uncertain that this year's Christmas will be
any different from other Christmases,

People: We rejoice today that our God makes all things new.

Leader: If we are discouraged by the hatred, evil, injustice and suffering in
the world,

**People: We rejoice today that our God promises joy comes in the
morning after the long night of sorrow.**

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All Senior Adults are invited to our Christmas luncheon this 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 tomorrow!**

NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT — JOY GIFT SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.

The Music Mates, Cherubs and Junior Choirs will all present their Christmas music in this service that concludes with bringing forward our unwrapped gifts for children and youth in our Christmas Benevolence Ministry. This wonderful service begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with nursery provided for infants and toddlers.

YEAR-END GIVING

Each year our church receives a large portion of our gifts during December as members make gifts to be recorded on their giving record for taxes. As of the end of November, we have received 92 percent of our Unified Budget for the year, and if we meet our goal for December, we will have reached 98 percent of the budget! The New Day Campaign has received 95 percent of the Year 1 goal and 22 percent of the total four-year campaign as of November. With strong giving in December, we could easily reach 100 percent for Year 1 as we look forward to the next New Day project in 2023!

We encourage you to consider making gifts of cash, stocks, or other assets to God through this church to be used in support of our Ministry Budget or New Day Campaign. The church office will be open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022 to receive your gifts that will be credited to your 2022 giving. Also, any mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022 to be counted in this tax year. Online gifts must be made by December 31, 2022 as well in order to be credited to your 2022 giving record. We greatly appreciate the generous, faithful, and obedient giving of our ZBC family, especially at this time of year.

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:

At Home: Audrey Marsh

Coventry House: Rachel Massey

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



SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

MEDITATION — Join our Monday morning meditation — the art of listening to the Divine — December 12 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.



SAVE THE DATE!
JANUARY 11, 2023
“Prayer Emphasis for ZBC”

The Pastor Search Team invites all to join in a time of prayer for our church during this transitional season. Your Pastor Search Team is diligently and prayerfully reviewing resumes of potential candidates for Senior Pastor of Zebulon Baptist Church. We will kick off the New Year with an important spiritual practice of prayer. The younger children will have supervised activities allowing leaders and individuals to be a part of this prayer emphasis. Make it a priority to participate in our prayer service as we return to our Wednesday night activities in 2023. The evening of prayer will begin in the Fellowship Hall following our regularly scheduled Wednesday night dinner on January 11. Dinner begins at 5:50 p.m. followed by an evening of prayer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

“God’s will, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else.”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: December 14

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper (5:50 p.m.) and Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic of study is as follows:

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

OUTREACH TEAM members greeting visitors after worship will be John and Phyllis Underhill.

DEACONS welcoming visitors and members this morning are John and Phyllis Underhill.

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

USHERS for this morning are Mikey Anerton, Johnny Clark, Katie Henry, Brandon Horton, Holly Lee, and Chris Mitchell.

NURSERY TEAM members are Ann Brooks, Barbie Carter, Grace Viera, Rachel Viera, and Susan Richert.

Leader: If we are overwhelmed by the load of our own personal grief, responsibilities, struggles and pain,

People: We rejoice that our God invites us to come to Him and find rest for our weary souls.

Leader: Rejoice on this Sunday of Joy. Light the pink candle. Christmas is drawing near.

People: For the joy of the Lord is indeed our strength.

Unison: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and bring God’s joy to the earth.

AN ADVENT CHORUS

*Joy, joy, joy, we light the candle of joy
Bethlehem is where the baby
Came to earth, the Son of David,
Jesus brings us joy; its candle burns today.*

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

*ADVENT HYMN No. 102
“Joy to the World” — Watts/Handel/Mason

OFFERTORY SENTENCES Psalm 98:1-4

OFFERTORY — *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* arr. Willis

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS
*Our joy 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 — *“O Come to Us, Emmanuel”* Martin
The Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:1-5; 14

SERMON — *“The Incarnation: The Word Made Flesh”* Dr. Michael Cogdill

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT — No. 139
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” — Reed/Lee

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE — “Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. Pethel

*Congregation Standing

CCL #1437762

SL Plus #20535958

SANCTUARY CHOIR AT MEYMANDI TONIGHT

Our Sanctuary Choir is excited to be singing with nine other church choirs this evening to present the Christmas musical, *The Seven Noels*, written by Pepper Choplin. All the churches singing tonight are: First United Methodist Church of Wilson, Greystone Baptist Church of Durham, Greystone Baptist Church of Raleigh, New Hope Baptist Church of Raleigh, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, Trinity Baptist Church of Raleigh, Wake Forest United Methodist Church, Westwood Baptist Church of Cary, White Plains United Methodist Church of Cary, and our Zebulon Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir. We only have a few tickets left! So see Barbara this morning! We would appreciate a \$15 donation for each ticket. Students (high school and younger) are free.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

This will be our last Wednesday night dinner for 2022. 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 John Cashwell. The supper line opens at 5:50 p.m. and will serve until 6:25 p.m. Our menu this week will be: Beef Tips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert. The Supper serving team will be: Ivory Bare, Kelly DuPont, Kayla Howell, Alex Howland, Kristin McLamb, and Tallon Reaugh.

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/CHRISTMAS PARTY — Wednesday, December 14, the ZBCY will hold our Christmas party in the Blue Room from 7:30-9:00 p.m. We will enjoy games, refreshments, and a short devotion time in the sanctuary to conclude our night. **Bring a gift valued at no more than \$10 to use for a fun gift exchange game! Hope to see you there!**

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 by this **Wednesday, December 14** at the link bit.ly/zbcysignup. See Lauren with any questions.

COLLEGE/CAREER CARE PACKAGES — It’s not too late to pick up the 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.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ZBC POST OFFICE!!

CHILDREN’S CHOIRS SINGING IN DECEMBER

December 11, AM Worship — The Music Mates Choir

December 18, AM Worship — The Cherub Choir

December 18, PM Worship — All of our graded choirs

(Music Mates, Cherub, Junior Choirs, Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir)

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE 2022 UPDATE

All Christmas Benevolence families have now been sponsored, and your generosity is greatly appreciated! A friendly reminder that all sponsorship items are due to Sunday School classrooms (wrapped or unwrapped) by next Sunday, December 18. Please remember to label all items (Example: Family 12, Child 1).

Thank you to all that have already volunteered to support this ministry. There will be organizing, labeling, sorting, and shopping to do on December 19, and we will distribute items to each family on December 20. We would love to have you! Volunteers need to be in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. both days. Please reach out to Holly Lee (919-810-7036, hleezebnc@gmail.com) or Shannon Speller with questions.