

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School 159
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary..... 304
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views) 373
Weekly Budget Requirement \$15,995.00
Budget Gifts \$ 8,899.54
YTD Budget Requirements \$799,750.00
YTD Budget Gifts \$749,033.88

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal \$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 50 \$ 1,814.25
Total Gifts \$ 191,861.36

OUR KNOWN SICK

Duke Raleigh: Peggy Wilder
Autumn Care: Rebecca Hinton
WakeMed: Jimmy Blackley
Zebulon Rehab: Audrey Marsh
At Home: Peggy Debnam
Graham Fowler
Faith Layton
"Pete" Pearce
Linda Timberlake

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 K-3 Christmas Party — Blue Room
4:30pm Juniors Christmas Party — Juniors
6:00pm Joy Gift Service

THURSDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Office Hours

FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
6:30pm Building & Grounds Deacons — D8

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00am-7:30pm Office Hours
7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE LORD'S DAY
THE SANCTUARY

December 18, 2022
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
PEACE

PRELUDE — "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" arr. Hayes

*ADVENT HYMN No. 124
"The First Nowell" — English Carol

*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 — Teagan Dewey

Leader: This morning we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of peace.

People: We rejoice that when God comes to us, God brings grace and truth, justice, and peace.

Leader: The time of preparation and waiting is coming to an end. The day of celebration is near.

People: May we celebrate the peace of the season, a peace of fullness and joy and satisfaction.

Leader: In the simple, yet profound, act of lighting this candle we declare that in Christ we find the peace that we seek, the peace that the world needs.

People: May the light of Christ's peace shine into all of the many dark places of our world.

Leader: May we be instruments of peace wherever we find persons who are broken, bound, and burdened.

People: Sharing the good news of the One who has said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace, I give to you."

Leader: And so, faithful children of God, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." The peace of Christ, the One whose birth we celebrate and whose appearing we await, be with you all,

People: And also with you.

Unison: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and be our peace.

SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 21, rehearsal at 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28, NO REHEARSAL

Wednesday, January 4, dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp!

The choir will rehearse following dinner starting around 7:45

Please let Barbara Glasgow know if you plan to attend the choir dinner on Wednesday, January 4.



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: Marilyn Brown

The Lodge at Wake Forest: Evelyn Allen

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



SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

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.

JANUARY 1, 2023 — COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, January 1, all Adult Sunday School classes are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for a combined lesson. Katherine Gillespie from the Coed 4 Sunday School class will lead our lesson on "The Wise Men," from Matthew 2:1-15. Come for a time of fellowship with a continental breakfast and exciting lesson that will be presented!



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."

OUTREACH TEAM members greeting visitors after worship will be Craig and Casey Carnes.

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 Sheree Hedrick.

USHERS for this morning are Joe Bone, Craig Hopkins, Tyler Hopkins, Adam Howell, Randy Pearce, and Doug Perry.

NURSERY TEAM members are Sherry Hayes, Mary Pat Hicks, Lillie Grace Shelton, Valerie Shelton, and Susan Richert.

AN ADVENT CHORUS

*Peace, peace, peace, we light the candle of peace
The angels sang of God's great peace
The gift of a Savior for all people.
Jesus brings us peace; its candle burns today.*

SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR CHERUB CHOIR

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*ADVENT HYMN No. 125
"Angels We Have Heard on High" — French Carol/Barnes/Lovelace

OFFERTORY SENTENCES Psalm 116:5-7

OFFERTORY — "The Coventry Carol/Away in a Manger" arr. Rice

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Our peace 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 — "Unto Us a Child Is Born" Choplin
The Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON — "A Birth Announcement for the Ages" Dr. Michael Cogdill

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT — No. 132
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" — Sears/Willis

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 — "All the Earth Rejoices" arr. Hayes

*Congregation Standing
CCL #1437762

SL Plus #20535958

AGE GROUP PARTIES

K-3 — Today, December 18, the K-3 children will meet in the Blue Room following worship. We will enjoy lunch, a few games, and finish with the Christmas story around the tree. Parents can pick up their children from the Blue Room at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please see our Children's Deacon, Anna Elliott or Shannon.

Juniors — Today, December 18, the Juniors will meet in the Juniors Room from 4:30-5:45 p.m. We will enjoy pizza, games, and fun before participating in the Joy Gift service at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please see our Juniors Deacon, Megan Possiel or Shannon.

JOY GIFT SERVICE TONIGHT 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, DECEMBER 24, 4:00 AND 8:00 P.M.

Make worship a part of your Christmas by worshipping at one of the two Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24. The first service begins at 4:00 p.m. with the second beginning at 8:00 p.m. Nursery for preschoolers will be provided for the 4:00 p.m. service. At each service we will sing carols, celebrate communion, read the Christmas story, light the Christ candle, enjoy beautiful Christmas music, hear a Christmas message, and conclude the service with lighting our own candles and singing together, "Silent Night."

YOUTH NEWS

JOURNEYS — No Journeys this week! We will start back in 2023!

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. Be sure that you turn in your \$100 deposit to Lauren or the church office as soon as possible. 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.

KANKI AND MOVIE — Tuesday, December 27, the youth will go out for our annual trip to Kanki and a movie. Sign up will end **TODAY, Sunday, December 18**. Please go to the sign up link, bit.ly/zbcysignup, to secure your spot!

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES AND SUPPERS

Our regular Wednesday night activities and suppers are all done for 2022. We will **resume our regular Wednesday night activities on January 18**. There will be a supper served beginning on January 11 prior to the "Prayer for Emphasis for ZBC." The younger children will have supervised activities allowing leaders and individuals to be a part of this prayer emphasis. Please plan to be a part of this important event for our church family.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ZBC POST OFFICE!!

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 **TODAY, 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.