

**LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD**

Sunday School ..... 176  
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary..... 278  
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views) ..... 351  
Weekly Budget Requirement ..... \$15,995.00  
Budget Gifts ..... \$49,327.85  
YTD Budget Requirements ..... \$815,745.00  
YTD Budget Gifts ..... \$798,361.73

**A NEW DAY**

Total Campaign Goal ..... \$ 850,000.00  
Gifts for Week 51 ..... \$ 5,170.00  
Total Gifts ..... \$ 197,031.36

**OUR KNOWN SICK**

Autumn Care: Rebecca Hinton  
Sunnybrook: Jimmy Blackley  
WakeMed: Audrey Marsh  
At Home: Peggy Debnam  
Graham Fowler  
"Pete" Pearce  
Linda Timberlake  
Peggy Wilder

**OUR CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or  
Facebook Live feed)  
11:15am Children's Library Opens

**THURSDAY**

9:00am-1:00pm Office Hours

**FRIDAY**

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours

**MONDAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

11:20am Youth meet at the vans to go to  
Kanki and the movies

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH  
ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE LORD'S DAY  
THE SANCTUARY

December 25, 2022  
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

— John 1:14

PRELUDE — "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... arr. Ted Rood

\*OPENING HYMN ..... No. 119  
"His Name Is Called Emmanuel" — Fettke/Williams

\*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 — Yancie Mitchell

Leader: We gather to praise God on this Christmas morning.

**People: The promise of salvation is fulfilled. God is with us, Emmanuel.**

Leader: And now we celebrate through the days of Christmastide.

**People: May we make good use of these days in restful contemplation, in acts of kindness, and in joyful gratitude for this most wonderful gift.**

Leader: May we become God's gifts to the world as Christ lives in us.

**People: Let us be gifts of hope to those who have experienced dejection and despair.**

Leader: Let us be gifts of love to those with broken hearts who yearn to be loved.

**People: Let us be gifts of joy to those whose spirits are empty and whose lives are despairing.**

Leader: Let us be gifts of peace to those who are threatened and frightened.

**People: May our worship this Christmas morning awaken our senses to the wonderful message of this day.**

Leader: That we are not forsaken. God is love and God loves us.

**People: And that we are to love our God with all that we are and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY BREAKFAST AT ZBC**

Monday morning, January 16, our church will once again host the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day community breakfast. Tickets are limited, but if you would like to attend, please let us know in the church office, and we will do our best to get you a ticket. The breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Merry Christmas from the ZBC Staff! We hope all of our members enjoy a blessed, happy, and meaningful holiday with family and friends this week.

**Mike Cogdill**

**Lauren Glasgow**

**Faith Layton**

**Shannon Speller**

**June Sanders**

**Cindy Carver**

**Barbara Glasgow**

**Candace Heath**

**Ted and Patti Rood**



**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:** Dallas & Barbara Falk


**Cadence Senior Living:** Artelia Perry

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





**SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE**  
 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 p.m.  
**Please let Barbara Glasgow know if you plan to attend the choir dinner on Wednesday, January 4.**



**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ZBC POST OFFICE!!**

ZBC Post Office will be closed on Thursday, January 12.  
 Please check one more time for any cards left for you and your family!!

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2023 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the foyer of Building D. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact June Sanders in the office and she will gladly give you a box. Envelopes are available to anyone who would like a box (members, non-members, regular visitors, and children).

**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 Debbie Ladd.

**USHERS** for this morning are Charles Fox, Brandon Horton, Tim Horton, Chris Mitchell, and Lee Turner.

**NURSERY** — Volunteers.

Leader: May we each genuinely receive and passionately share the message of good tidings of great joy,

**People: Of peace on earth, goodwill to all, through our Savior, Jesus, who is Christ the Lord.**

**OUR CHRISTMAS CHORUS**

*It is Christmas Day, we light all the candles and pray  
 That hope and love and joy and peace  
 Through Christ are with us, now and forever  
 Celebrate His birth, all the candles burn today.*

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL ..... No. 110  
 “Away in a Manger” — McFarland/Murray

OFFERTORY SENTENCES ..... Isaiah 12:3-6

OFFERTORY — “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**

SPECIAL MUSIC — “Messiah” ..... Battistelli  
 Lisa Horton, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Luke 2:8-20

SERMON — “Hold the Baby” ..... Dr. Michael Cogdill

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT — ..... No. 143  
 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” — Word/African-American Spiritual

**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 — “Ding! Dong! Merrily on High” ..... arr. Wagner

\*Congregation Standing  
CCL #1437762

SL Plus #20535958

**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.”*

**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.

**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 has ended, but see Lauren with any questions. We will meet by the vans at 11:20 a.m. Bring money for lunch and \$15 for the movie ticket.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2023**

We have beautiful seasonal silk arrangements going forward. These arrangements will remain in the sanctuary weekly until the next season. You will have the opportunity to donate \$25 to the ZBC Flower Fund. This fund will be used to purchase the seasonal silk arrangements as needed. We may also have live plants from time to time, as donations allow. As before, you can sign up to donate for a specific Sunday (starting with January 2023) by contacting Jackie Strickland at 919-426-3327 or email her at [strickland.jackie@gmail.com](mailto:strickland.jackie@gmail.com).

The following dates are available:

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| January 15 — 1  | January 22 — 1  | January 29 — 2  |
| February 5 — 1  | February 12 — 2 | February 19 — 2 |
| February 26 — 2 | March 5 — 1     | March 12 — 2    |
| March 19 — 2    | March 26 — 1    |                 |

**CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE 2022**

Thanks to your generosity through the Christmas Benevolence Ministry, 15 local families are experiencing a joy-filled Christmas. Thank you to all those that sponsored families, made donations, helped with organizing, loading vehicles, making deliveries, and shopping for groceries and remaining items. It could not have been done without you! As we reflect upon the culmination of this year’s ministry, let’s keep in mind:

*We need Joy as we need air.*

*We need Love as we need water.*

*We need each other as we need the earth we share. (Anonymous)*

Benevolence is a year-round ministry. May we all continue to share and experience Joy, to spread Love, and take care of one another.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Holly Lee and Shannon Speller