

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School	161
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary.....	205
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views)	256
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,995.00
Budget Gifts	\$13,778.50
YTD Budget Requirements	\$767,760.00
YTD Budget Gifts	\$705,578.84

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal	\$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 48	\$ 2,485.00
Total Gifts	\$ 185,831.61

OUR KNOWN SICK

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new members to Zebulon Baptist Church Robert and Diana Jones. They united with our church on Sunday, October 30, 2022. Welcome Robert and Diana!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to ZBC member, Jim Calhoun, in the death of his father.

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 Youth Handbells
- 5:10pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm The Symbols, Sounds, and Stories of Christmas — Sanctuary

MONDAY

- 9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
- 6:00pm Women's 3 Christmas Party — FH

TUESDAY

- 9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Pastor Search Team — D8

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, Adult Handbells
- 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

SATURDAY

- 10:00am Music Mates Rehearsal — Sanctuary

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE LORD'S DAY
THE SANCTUARY

December 4, 2022
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
LOVE

PRELUDE — "There's a Song in the Air" arr. Berry

*ADVENT HYMN No. 281
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" — Wesley/Zundel

*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 — Emily Shelton

Leader: This morning we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of love. At the heart of the Christmas message is love.

People: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

Leader: When we look at the world around us, we see the consequences of a failure to love — war, oppressions, greed, prejudice, injustice, violence, abuse, and brokenness in relationships..

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

Leader: In this simple, yet profound act of lighting this candle, we proclaim once again that the light of God's love will never be extinguished.

People: And so this Advent season, we resolve to carry out the greatest commandment our Lord has given us — to love God fully and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: As we light this candle of love, combined with the already burning candle of hope, we are reminded that the greatest virtues are indeed faith, hope, and love.

People: And the greatest of these is love!

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

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: Margaret Gay

Coventry House: Dolores Chalk

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES: 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 two Wednesdays this year. Our topics of study are as follows:

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?

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING IN DECEMBER

December 4, AM Worship — The Junior Choir

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)

OUTREACH TEAM members greeting visitors after worship will be Wally and Christina Jones.

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 Jackie Strickland.

USHERS for this morning are Bridget Bone, Luke Faulkner, Todd Faulkner, Tyler Hester, Gerald Lanier, and Bradley Morgan.

NURSERY TEAM members are April Letchworth, Melissa Morgan, Peggy Wilder, and Susan Richert.

AN ADVENT CHORUS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR JUNIOR CHOIR — “Glory to God” Taylor

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*ADVENT HYMN No. 107
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” — Brooks/Redner

OFFERTORY SENTENCES Psalm 116:5-7, 12-14

OFFERTORY — “Still, Still, Still” arr. Hayes

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Our love 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 — “Simeon's Prayer” Hegenbart
The Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11

SERMON — “A Baby Changes Everything” Dr. Michael Cogdill

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*COMMITMENT HYMN — No. 127
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” — Wesley/Whitefield/Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Emmanuel

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

*POSTLUDE — “Angels We Have Heard on High” Old French Carol

YOUTH NEWS

*Congregation Standing
CCL #1437762

SL Plus #20535958

TONIGHT, DECEMBER 4, 6:00 P.M.

IN THE SANCTUARY

THE SYMBOLS, SOUNDS, AND STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Come tonight and enjoy this special service which 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 Trees. Join us as we learn and listen to beautiful Christmas music!! Nursery will be provided.

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

Our ZBC Sanctuary Choir is looking forward to singing at Meymandi Concert Hall with about 265 voices and orchestra on Sunday evening, December 11. We will present the musical, The Seven Noels, written by Pepper Choplin, who will be directing the musical. Before the musical, the choir and audience will sing carols with our orchestra. Tickets are available in the church office or with Barbara Glasgow. We would appreciate a \$15 donation for each ticket. Students (high school and younger) are free.

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 Shannon Speller. The supper line opens at 5:50 p.m. and will serve until 6:25 p.m. Our menu this week will be: Chicken Pot Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. The Supper serving team will be: Trisha Jones, Michelle Krohn, Cindy Mallard, Cindy Mallon, ValJean Peckich, and Ann Ray.

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.

SHOPPING AND LUNCH — TODAY, Sunday, December 4, the youth will go out to lunch at Five Guys in Knightdale and then go shopping for our Christmas Benevolence family. Please bring money for lunch and to help support buying gifts for our family. Meet in the Blue Room after worship.

JOURNEYS — Come from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. This Wednesday we will be discussing the topic, "Trust the Timing." Hope to see you there for Bible study, refreshments, and fellowship!

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. 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 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 — 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.

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