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FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWS

WINTER RETREAT — The ZBCY Winter Retreat will be Friday, February 3 to Sunday, February 5, 2023 in Banner Elk, NC, at the Old Greer House. This year we will be offering tubing again as our free time event. Important information about the retreat will be given out on Wednesday, February 1, during Journeys. We will meet in the church parking lot by the vans on Friday at 3:30 p.m. with plans to leave at 4:00 p.m. We will return on Sunday afternoon. See Lauren with any questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Youth Sunday is Sunday, February 19. This will be a special day for our youth, so please make plans to participate and prepare for teaching Sunday School and/or leading in worship on Wednesday, February 15. We will have breakfast before Sunday School at 8:00 a.m. and lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

JOURNEYS — Journeys will resume on January 18 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room. Come for a welcoming retreat from the week and enjoy snacks, fellowship, and Bible Study. This month we will also begin the Winter Bible Study. Our schedule will be:

February 1 — Mark Winter Bible Study **** Go over Winter Retreat Info Sheet ****

February 8 — Mark Winter Bible Study

February 15 — Youth Sunday Prep Night

February 22 — Service of Ashes in the Blue Room

SEGUE REGISTRATION/YOUTH CHOIR

This year Segue (Youth Choir Festival) will be on Saturday, March 4 at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. Our Youth Choir members **need to register with Barbara Glasgow by Sunday, February 5**. The cost is \$35 per person which includes t-shirt, lunch, and afternoon snack. The worship concert is open to the public and will begin at 5:00 p.m.

“Build Each Other Up” at ZBC!

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.”
(I Thessalonians 5:11)

February 2023 has arrived, and we can hardly believe it. How is it that Advent, Epiphany, and January have passed so quickly? And now we welcome in February, the Christian season of Lent on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and the last Sunday of the month (February 26). Time marches on.

Before we arrive at Lent, great worship themes will be present in our church on Sundays, and they will voice wonderful messages to us. Among these will be the Ordinance of Holy Communion, Youth Sunday, and Transfiguration Sunday. All these Sunday themes will speak to us of God’s relationships to us, our relationships with each other, and the meanings we find in them. For example, Communion Sunday will remind us of God’s love for us and our love for Him. Youth Sunday will show the love we have for our Youth, their great ability to lead in worship, and the love they have for one another and for their Youth Minister.

All these themes remind us that the relationships we share with God and each other at ZBC are sacred. Paul’s word in I Thessalonians 5:11 calls us to “encourage one another” and to “build each other up in the Lord.” ZBC people live out deep friendships with one another, and these types of friendships make us all better. Let us treasure the deep friendships that exist in this church and to always be ready to encourage one another and to build each other up in the Lord. Like Transfiguration Sunday will teach us, we walk through this life together, sometimes looking at life from the mountaintop and at other times from the valleys. In both cases, Jesus had his closest friends with him. A great lesson!

I hear it frequently and so do you. Ask people occasionally why they united with this church, and a frequent answer is “the people.” So, next Sunday at church, “encourage someone and build each other up.”

Michael G. Cogdill
Interim Senior Pastor



SPIRITUAL FORMATION INFORMATION

During the upcoming Lent Season, there will be devotional leaflets for adults and families that will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We ask for you to pick up one copy per family please. Enjoy the days of Lent as we reflect, meditate, and journey together to the cross.

For the **Adults**, “*The Sanctuary for Lent 2023*” devotions will include scripture, how it relates to our lives today and questions for us to discern in living our lives as a follower of Jesus. Copies will be available in the rack outside the church office.

For **Families** with children, there will be an interactive booklet, “*Welcome Risen Jesus*” Lent and Easter Reflections for Families. In the booklet you will find a Think, Act, Fast, and Pray category. Each day will include a scripture reading and suggestions for families to involve children in learning about the Lent season, its meaning, and hands on activities. Copies will be located near the nursery in the Spiritual Formation rack.

SENIOR ADULTS/THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 PIZZA, SALAD, AND PROGRAM

On Thursday, February 9, our Senior Adults will enjoy pizza and a salad bar for lunch at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, Police Sergeant Tivon Howard of our Zebulon Police Department will present his program entitled “Fraud/Tips on How Not to be a Victim.” I hope you can join us! Please call the church office or let Barbara Glasgow know if you plan on attending by Monday, February 6.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Make those early Valentine dinner reservations!! Get together with some friends! Enjoy a quiet night at home! On Saturday, February 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., let us have your children for a night of fun. Children from babies to Juniors can be signed up for this night. To sign up for the event, you must email Shannon at shannon.speller@myzbc.org with the names and ages of children that will be attending. Sign up must be done **NO LATER than Wednesday, February 8**. In order to have sufficient coverage in each age group, **no registrations will be taken after February 8**. Please see Shannon Speller if you have any questions!



PASSPORT KIDS AND PASSPORT 6th and 7th GRADE

Balances for both Passports are due no later than April 16. If your child has signed up to go to Passport Kids, the balance due is \$250. If your child is signed up to go to Passport 6th and 7th grade, the balance due is \$350. Please see Shannon if you have any questions.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 6:45 P.M.

Juniors and all adults are invited to attend the service in the Sanctuary. Children in grades 3 and under will be in their usual Wednesday night activities.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The Pastor Search Team continues to work through the process of searching for a Senior Pastor. At this stage, we are hosting conversations with candidates to get to know them a bit better and learn more about their call to ministry and how their gifts align with our Pastoral Profile. It is a challenging time, and we are encouraged by your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to understand and follow God’s will for our church. In all that we do, we join together around one purpose:

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



Wednesday Night Bible Study For February 2023!

“Revelation: Making a Hard Book Easier”

The book of Revelation in the Bible, for many, is a closed or confusing book due to the difficulty in understanding its message. Join us for this study which will seek to unlock this biblical book and inform all about what Revelation really says – (and doesn’t say!). This study is Wednesday nights (6:30-7:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall.