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## Zebulon Baptist Church

*A center of worship*

*A place of ministry*

*A fellowship of believers*

*Dr. Michael Cogdill, Interim Senior Pastor*

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### APRIL YOUTH NEWS

**JOURNEYS** — This month we will finish with our Lenten study of the “Seven Words: Listening from the Cross.” We will also have a week of games and start our prayer emphasis series. Come to the Blue Room from 7:30-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday nights for fun, fellowship, refreshments, and a spiritual boost for your week! See the schedule below for the topic each week:

**April 5** — “Into Your Hands”

**April 12** — Spring Games Night

**April 19** — Prayer Vespers

**April 26** — Prayer Through Art

**MUDCATS GAME** — Friday, April 14, the ZBCY will attend a Mudcats game with Friday night fireworks. The cost of the tickets will be \$15. Bring money for refreshments at the game. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. by the vans and will plan to stay through the end of the game and fireworks. Youth can sign up by going to [bit.ly/ZBCYsignup](http://bit.ly/ZBCYsignup) and **signup will end on Wednesday, April 5.**

**LUNCH IN APRIL** — This month the youth will go out to lunch at Everest Kitchen in Wendell on Sunday, April 23, after worship. Sign up by going to [bit.ly/zbcysignup](http://bit.ly/zbcysignup) **by Wednesday, April 19** if you would like to attend.

**FINAL PASSPORT PAYMENT** — The summer is quickly approaching and that means it is time to prepare for Passport 2023! The ZBCY will be attending Passport at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, June 26-July 1, 2023. The final payment of \$425 is **due Sunday, April 16.** See Lauren with 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.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

Music Mates Choir and Cherub Choir

End of the Year Program

Sunday evening, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary

### Good News from a Tomb

Good news is always welcome information and we are sometimes surprised at the source of the good news that comes our way. But could you ever imagine that good news could come from a gravesite? This is precisely the good news the Scriptures proclaim about the life of Jesus. “On the third day,” says the Bible, “Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the women and the disciples.” In the Garden of Eden long ago, things went wrong. In the garden where the tomb holding the body of Jesus was located, the world was reborn! Jesus was raised from the dead - on earth, not in heaven. God will be triumphant in this life as well as the next life.

The powers of this world had their way with Jesus on Good Friday. But the ending of the story belonged to God. God raised a dead Jesus to reveal to us that the evil and hatred of this world will not win the day. What is revealed on Easter Sunday morning is that the door has been shut on the permanency of hate and evil, and God’s love will be what triumphs in the end. God is the One who reigns supreme and Christ, who died, is now alive forevermore.

Because of this good and eternal news that burst forth for the world from a tomb, we are “Easter people.” While we still live in this world with all its fallen nature and where love’s victories seem to be modest, we “stand fast” seeking to always abound in the work of the Lord. Whatever your story might be, let God write the ending. What an ending he wrote to the life of his Son! I believe he can do the same for us.

For now, get ready to worship and sing in our church this Easter. We have good news to proclaim: “Christ the Lord is risen today.” Alleluia!

Michael G. Cogdill  
Interim Senior Minister

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

APRIL 6 AT 7:30 P.M.

Join us for this beautiful service that will surely enhance your spiritual life as we remember Christ’s sacrifice for us all on the cross. A nursery will be provided.

#### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00 A.M.

Join us for an early morning celebration of the resurrection in the Courtyard. After a brief service, we will enjoy sausage biscuits in the Fellowship Hall, provided by our Purple Team.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND EGG HUNT

On Sunday evening, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. our graded choirs, Music Mates, Cherub Choir, and Juniors Choir will sing their Easter songs for us in the sanctuary. After singing, they will enjoy an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn. We look forward to hearing these children sing and watching them fill the church campus gathering Easter eggs.



### SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, Senior Adults are invited to a three-bar luncheon: potato bar, salad bar, and dessert bar. The cost of the luncheon is \$2. If you are willing to bring a dessert, please let Barbara know. We will have a time of reflection on the cross. Please let Barbara Glasgow or the church office know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, April 4. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon in our Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us for a wonderful lunch together!

### JUNIOR CHOIR MUSICAL "In the Image"

Sunday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Our Junior Choir, grades 4-7, will present the creative musical *In the Image* written by Mark Burrows, based on what it means to be made in the image of God. We learn that being created in the image of God isn't about the physical appearance! It's about creativity, faithfulness, responsibility, community, and the ability to find the good in things! Join us for a wonderful evening of music and fun as our Junior Choir presents "*In the Image*."

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Save the date for Sunday, May 21. All ZBC women are invited for a breakfast and time of devotion. Debbie Ladd, our Spiritual Formation Deacon, will lead our devotional time as we enjoy our breakfast casseroles. More details to come.



### ASSISTANT ORGANIST POSITION

As many of you may know, Cindy Carver has announced her resignation as our Assistant Accompanist effective May 14, 2023. We will certainly miss having her lead us in worship! This means we are now accepting resumes for a part-time Organist who will participate in our worship ministry which includes playing the organ for Sunday morning worship services, occasional special Worship Services, and possibly some funerals and weddings. Sick/personal leave and vacation time is available. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/myZBC-Organist> to review a complete job description and send a message to the personnel team. You can direct interested persons to find out more about Zebulon Baptist Church by visiting [myzbc.org](http://myzbc.org) or find us on Facebook. You can direct any questions to [personnel@myzbc.org](mailto:personnel@myzbc.org), Melissa Morgan (Administrative Deacon Personnel Chair) or Joy Davis (Administrative Deacon, Music Ministry Personnel).

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING IN APRIL

April 2 A.M. — Cherub Choir

April 2 P.M. — Children's Choirs

The Music Mates

The Cherub Choir

The Junior Choir

April 16 A.M. — The Music Mates Choir

April 30 A.M. — The Junior Choir

April 30 P.M. — The Junior Choir Musical

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

JULY 10-14, 2023

Come join us this summer as we learn from Professor and Super Meer at how God provides to Heroes in the Bible by Following Jesus, Working Together, Helping Others, Listening to God, and Showing Grace. Classes will be available for Rising Kindergarteners to Rising 8th graders and will run each morning during the week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please contact Elizabeth Robertson at [erobertson6207@aol.com](mailto:erobertson6207@aol.com) or Shannon Speller at [shannon.speller@myzbc.org](mailto:shannon.speller@myzbc.org) for volunteer opportunities.



### QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE RECAP

Thank you to all who came out for our church conference on March 19. The church heard many great reports and made some important decisions, including:

- \* Approving the purchase of security cameras and related equipment for our campus.
  - \* Hearing proposed plans for ZBC mission projects and trips for the next several years. If you were not at the conference, please stop by the church office for a copy.
  - \* Approving an adult mission trip to Delta Grace in Mississippi to take place in September 2023.
  - \* Hiring Ted Rood as our Assistant Accompanist and Patti Rood as our Choir Accompanist.
- Please note an updated 2022 Year End Financial Report is available in the church office.

Our next quarterly conferences are currently scheduled for:

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Sunday, September 24, 2023

### PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

As one of our team members shared in devotion, we seek as God guides. We have felt and continue to feel the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout this search process as we meet with those who are interested in serving God through ministry at ZBC as our Senior Pastor. It is an exciting and challenging time in our work as we move toward our singular goal as stated in our covenants to the congregation: "to discern under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the right person to recommend to Zebulon Baptist Church to become its next Senior Pastor." We are thankful for your support and prayers as we seek to do *God's will, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else*.

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