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SEPTEMBER YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER — The ZBC Youth will go out to Chargrill in Raleigh on Sunday, September 10 after worship. **Sign up by Wednesday, September 6**, at bit.ly/zbcysignup.

ZBCY BEACH DAY — Saturday, September 16, the ZBCY will be going to the BEACH! Youth will need to bring items for the beach (towel, bathing suit, sunscreen, etc.), a change of dry clothes, a bag lunch for the cooler to eat on the beach, and money for dinner. **Sign up by Sunday, September 10** at bit.ly/zbcysignup. See Lauren with any questions.

JOURNEYS — We are back this fall with Journeys, and you do not want to miss out on the fun and fellowship! See you in the Blue Room from 7:30-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday. We will enjoy refreshments, time together, and Bible Study.

LFW 2023 — Save the date for the Living Faith Weekend 2023 that will begin Friday, November 10, with the Veterans Day Luncheon, will continue with travel to the Old Greer House in Banner Elk, NC, and will conclude Sunday, November 12. Sign up will begin at a later date, but go ahead and put the date on your calendar!

SEPTEMBER 2023

Among this week's selections in the Revised Common Lectionary is the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. You may recall that Moses had fled Egypt after murdering an Egyptian for violently assaulting one of his fellow Israelites. He started fresh in the land of Midian, and joined the house of its priest, Jethro, when he married Zipporah, the priest's daughter. As the story goes, while Moses shepherded Jethro's flocks, and had a literal mountaintop experience, when an angel (messenger) of God appeared in the form of a burning bush. God instructed Moses to go back to Egypt and inform Pharaoh that Israel would be his captives no longer.

You may also recall that Moses was at first reluctant to obey God. Perhaps it is understandable, since Moses had not left Egypt on the best of terms. Moses came up with a few excuses why he was not the right person for the job. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Moses asked. "What shall I say to them? Suppose they do not believe me or listen to me. I have never been eloquent, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Excuse after excuse after excuse, but still God patiently reassured Moses that he, Moses, will not be alone.

The burden of leadership is a heavy one. We all ask the questions Moses asked in some form or fashion. It is not necessarily that we do not wish to serve, but that we do not feel capable enough for the task at hand.

The Installation Service that we recently experienced was yet another beautiful reminder that God is leading us, and that God is active in our lives. God will not leave us high and dry. Rather, God equips and empowers us to work together in service of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

At this time of year, we also look forward to a new diaconate. While some of our current deacons will remain in their posts, we have the privilege of ordaining several new deacons, and reinstalling previously ordained deacons. Just as God equipped and empowered Moses, God, through our congregation, is equipping and empowering these servants to carry out the business, care and services of our church with cheerful hearts. The work of a deacon is not easy, nor is it always fun. But it is important, and our deacons are capable because God is capable. Let us remember this whenever we have the opportunity to lead and serve one another.

Blessings and Peace,
Ward

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next quarterly church conference will be on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Agenda items will include regular quarterly reports, an update on our next New Day Campaign project, the Nominating Committee report, a new Assistant Nursery Worker position recommendation, and an update on the Associate Pastor search. Look for a detailed agenda in the weekly bulletins prior to the conference. A nursery will be provided.

JOIN A CHOIR

There is still time to join one of our wonderful choirs this year!
Music Mates (3- and 4-year olds), Cherub Choir (K-3 graders), Junior Choir (4-7 graders),
Adult Handbells, and Sanctuary Choir all meet on Wednesday nights.

Ask Barbara Glasgow if you need help finding a choir to join!

Youth Choir/Youth Handbells

Our ZBC Youth Handbells and Youth Choir both meet on Sunday afternoons beginning on October 8.



SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AT PRIME BARBECUE

On Tuesday, September 19

Leaving at 11:15 a.m. returning after lunch
Let Barbara Glasgow know if you plan on going.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

On Thursday, September 21, a new Health and Wellness Bible study will begin meeting weekly from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. This Bible Study will be led by Suzanne Perry and is designed to help individuals with a healthy lifestyle, as well as focusing on mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. The study beginning in September is for nine weeks, titled "God's Purpose for You," by First Place for Health, and participants must purchase their own materials. If you are interested or want to know more about this opportunity, you may also contact Suzanne at susiepilot17@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, September 3, we will have our combined Sunday School Bible study with a breakfast fellowship. Our speaker will be Don Horton, Jr., and he will begin our new quarter of "God's New People," 1 Peter 1:3-12. We invite all classes to participate in this wonderful time of studying God's word together. The fellowship breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and adult Bible study will begin at 9:00 a.m. If you have children, they are invited to come for breakfast before their classes begin.

PASSPORT! PASSPORT! PASSPORT!

As summer 2023 winds down, it is time to start thinking about summer 2024 and that means Passport Camps! If you are not familiar with Passport Camps, please visit their website at www.passportcamps.org. It has been a long standing tradition of Zebulon Baptist Church to take its young people to Passport during the summer. With Christ as its foundation, Passport empowers students to have fresh encounters with God, embrace community, and extend grace to the world. For the summer of 2024, Passport for Zebulon Baptist Church will look like this:

PASSPORT KIDS — **Grades 3rd through 6th**, June 30 to July 3, 2024 at Montreat, NC

PASSPORT CHOICES — **Grades 7th through 12th**, July 7 to July 12, 2024 at Spartanburg, SC

MISSIONS MINUTE

On Friday, September 15, 11 missionaries from Zebulon Baptist Church will travel to Sunflower, MS to do mission work with Delta Grace. The team will travel as far as Pell City, AL on Friday, and Saturday morning travel the rest of the way to Sunflower. Saturday, after arrival, a time of orientation with Delta Grace, grocery shopping, and unpacking will take place. On Sunday the team will have the honor of leading in worship with the people in Sunflower. An afternoon of sightseeing and rest will complete the day. Bright and early Monday morning the team will grab hammers, gloves, ladders, power tools, etc. and begin their work. Friday morning after tying up any loose ends, the journey home begins. After a stop for the night in Douglasville, GA, the GPS will be set for Zebulon Baptist Church. The team will arrive home late Saturday afternoon, September 23 with tired and sore bodies, but with a renewed and bright spirit. Your prayers are coveted for travel and safety, the work to be done, and the relationships that will be formed.

Thank you, Zebulon Baptist Church, for your faithful commitment to our New Day campaign so this group of adults can go and serve through Mission Ventures funds.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10



SAVE THE DATE! HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!

The ZBC Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat will be Sunday, October 29 starting at 4:00 p.m. More details and a volunteer sign-up sheet to come.