

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School	187
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary.....	309
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views)	127
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$16,093.00
Budget Gifts	\$19,099.13
YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 563,255.00
YTD Budget Gifts	\$ 506,959.27

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal	\$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 87.....	\$ 2,863.50
Total Gifts	\$ 314,534.36

OUR KNOWN SICK

At Home:
Waddell Mitchell

Zebulon Baptist Church

Zebulon, North Carolina



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Lewis, Liz, Lottie, and Lainey Lytch to Zebulon Baptist Church who are joining by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Lumberton, NC. We also welcome Tom and Sheila Dreps who have returned to Zebulon Baptist Church from Emerald Isle, NC.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to Timmy and Hailey Baker on the birth of their daughter, Afton Charlotte Baker on August 27, 2023. Proud grandmother is Patti Baker.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30am Joint Sunday School — FH
9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or Facebook Live feed)
11:15am Children's Library Opens

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

10:00am Women's Bible Study — D8

WEDNESDAY

5:50pm Dinner Line Opens

WEDNESDAY (continued)

6:30pm Nursery Opens — B10
Mission Friends, GA's & RA's, Junior Connections, & Adult Handbells
Adult Bible Study — FH
7:00pm Music Mates, Cherub Choir, & Junior Choir
7:30pm End of all above activities
7:30pm Youth Journeys — Blue Room
7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

9:00am Gifting Ministry — D9

Rev. Ward Page, Senior Pastor
Rev. Shannon Speller, Minister of Children, Outreach, and Missions
Barbara D. Glasgow, Minister of Music and Senior Adults
Rev. Faith Layton, Interim Minister of Spiritual Formation
Lauren Glasgow, Minister of Youth
Vivian Adams, Organist
Ted Rood, Assistant Accompanist
Patti Rood, Choir Accompanist
June Sanders, Office Administrator
Candace Heath, Office Assistant
Visit our website at myzbc.org

Our Welcome

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to a place in the sanctuary. May your coming and going be attended with richest blessing.

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday –Thursday — 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday — 9:00am to 1:00pm

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
THE SANCTUARY

September 3, 2023
TEN-FIFTEEN A.M.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

(Adapted from Psalm 26:2-3 NRSV)

PRELUDE — “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Raney (Piano)

WELCOME

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 296

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” — Askins-Moore

CHILDREN’S SERMON

***OFFERTORY HYMN** No. 483

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” — March-Mozart-Main

OFFERTORY — “All’ Offertorio” Zipoli

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

— Romans 12:9-13 NRSV

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28

(Page 14 in New Testament of Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM — “Here I Am, Lord” arr. Sherman

The Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Now that school has started back, our students and educators are back into their routine of school. Last Sunday we had a special time of prayer for all of our students and educators. We have a table with slips of paper with names of a student or teacher. Please take at least one name (or more if you would like) and pray for that person throughout the school year. It is up to you whether you want to disclose to that person that you are praying for them. The point is for there to be someone praying for every student and teacher. We pray this is a safe, productive, and enjoyable year of learning.



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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

MEDITATION — The meditation group will **NOT** meet on Monday, September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — On Tuesday, September 5, the Women's Bible Study group will begin meeting in classroom D8 at 10:00 a.m. The group will also be beginning a new study series that will run for six weeks. This series will be based on the "I am" statements of Jesus. The first chapter entitled, "The Bread of Life," will be discussed on September 5. If you need information about ordering a book for this study series, please contact Jackie Strickland at strickland.jackie@gmail.com.



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.

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:

At Home: Verla Lewis

Coventry House: Dolores Chalk

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



SERMON — "Stumbling Blocks and Losers" Rev. Ward Page

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** No. 185
"The Old Rugged Cross" — McKinney

***PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

***OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** — "Trumpet Tune in C Major" McCabe

*The Congregation is invited to stand as they are able.

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



OUTREACH TEAM members greeting visitors after worship will be Charles and Jan Fox.

DEACONS welcoming visitors and members this morning are Gene Blount and Sue Cooke.

PRAYER TEAM member dedicated to prayer for our ZBC worship service, our Zebulon community, our world, and many shared prayer concerns is Terri Noblin.

USHERS for this morning are Joe Bone, Matt Ellington, Tyler Hopkins, Adam Howell, Chris Perry, and Doug Perry.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS are Ann Brooks, Marion Horton, Erin Smith, and Susan Richert.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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 no later than **1:00 p.m. on Monday**. You can reserve your meals by one of the following methods:

- Go to our website and click on Worship > Wednesdays at ZBC to fill out the online form or use the QR code to link to the online form.
- Contact the church office at (919) 269-7329 or email candace.heath@myzbc.org with "Wednesday Supper" in the subject line.



Pricing will continue to be \$10 per adult and \$4 per child. **Please pay for supper with Cash (PREFERRED)**. This week our Wednesday Night Supper will be prepared by John Cashwell. The supper line opens at 5:50 p.m. and will serve until 6:20 p.m. Our menu this week will be: Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Roll, and Dessert. The supper serving team will be: Patti Baker, Sherrie Hopkins, Denise Loucks, Jane Mitchell, Jim Woodard, and Phyllis Woodard.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

This 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 adult 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.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH JOURNEYS — Wednesday, September 6, we will continue our Fall Bible study. Please join us in the Blue Room from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Bible Study, fellowship, and refreshments.

YOUTH LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER — The ZBCY 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.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

A gift has been given in celebration of Yancie Lorelei Mitchell's 19th birthday on September 2 by Waddell and Jane Mitchell, Granddaddy and Grandma. You are a blessing to us.

A gift has been offered by Joe and Inga Beck and their children, Dyson and Cullen; Kaye and Dale Beck; Cheryl and her late husband, Robert Lanier; in honor of their daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Keegan Mainer Beck, who will turn 16 on Thursday, September 7, 2023. To God be the Glory for having blessed our lives with her.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2023

You may donate \$25 to the ZBC Flower Fund, which is used to purchase and maintain seasonal silk arrangements and occasionally live plants for our sanctuary. You can sign up to donate for any Sunday or a specific date by contacting **Ann Brooks** at 919-618-0802 or email her at amsbrooks@gmail.com.

The following dates are available:

September 10	September 17
September 24	October 1
October 8	October 15
October 22	October 29