

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School 186
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary..... 311
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views) 137
Weekly Budget Requirement \$16,093.00
Budget Gifts \$13,071.00
YTD Budget Requirements \$ 788,557.00
YTD Budget Gifts \$ 722,796.19

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal \$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 101 \$ 5,860.00
Total Gifts \$ 365,435.11

OUR KNOWN SICK

At Home:
Matt Ellington
Greg Pait
Paula Williams
Duke Durham:
Curtis Strickland
WakeMed:
Connie Brayboy

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or
Facebook Live feed)
11:15am Children's Library Opens
11:30am K-3 Christmas Party — Blue Room
5:00pm Sanctuary Choir Musical — *O*
Holy Light — Sanctuary

MONDAY

TUESDAY

10:00am Women's Bible Study — D11

WEDNESDAY

5:50pm Dinner Line Opens
6:30pm Nursery Opens — B10
Missions Friends, GA's, RA's,
Junior Connections, & Adult
Handbells
Adult Bible Study — FH

WEDNESDAY

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

9:00am Health and Wellness Bible
Study — Suzanne Perry's
Home

FRIDAY

9:00am Gifting Ministry — D9

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday –Thursday — 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday — 9:00am to 1:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — PEACE

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE — “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” J. C. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out:

*‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

*Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all the people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’*

— Isaiah 40:3-5 (NRSV)

BANNER PROCESSIONAL

Acolyte — Grayson Possiel

Litany Readers — Joel and Allison Murphy, Harper and Miles Pridgen

LITANY FOR CANDLE OF PEACE

Reader: We who gather today seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and to go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: **We wait as people who yearn for the kind of peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

Reader: We light these candles as signs of God’s shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOURS

Pastor Ward will be visiting Sunday School classes over the coming weeks, following the tentative schedule below:

<u>Sunday School Class</u>	<u>Sunday Date</u>
K/1, 2/3	December 17
Career & College	January 7
Women’s 2	January 14
Juniors 2	January 28

HEALTH AND WELLNESS BIBLE STUDY

The Health and Wellness Bible study has finished this session and will begin a new session on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in D11. If you would like to join this study, **please text Suzanne Perry at (919) 631-4056 by December 17** so that materials can be ordered.

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON — SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Newcomers to Zebulon Baptist Church, whether new visitors or new members, are invited to join our ministry staff and a few of our deacons for a free luncheon in our Fellowship Hall following our 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 14. **Please respond by submitting the form at the QR code below or by calling the church office at (919) 269-7329 no later than Sunday, January 7, 2024.**



HELP NEEDED IN THE NURSERY!

Zebulon Baptist Church is in search of a part-time Assistant Nursery Worker to provide dependable, safe, secure, and nurturing care to the children in our church, ages 0 through 5 years old. If you are interested, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ZBC-Assistant-Nursery-Worker> or scan the QR Code below to review a complete job description and send a message to the personnel team. You can direct any questions to personnel@myzbc.org. Trisha Jones (Administrative Deacon Personnel Chair), Ben Possiel (Administrative Deacon for Nursery Staff), Shannon Speller (Minister of Children, Outreach and Missions), or Kelly DuPont (Nursery Deacon).



Year End Giving

The church office will be open until 4:00p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023 to receive your gifts that will be credited on your 2023 giving. Also, any mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2023 to be counted in this tax year. Online gifts must be made by December 31, 2023 as well in order to be credited to your 2023 giving record. 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, and we greatly appreciate the generous, faithful, and obedient giving of our ZBC family throughout the year. For more information about our giving opportunities and ways to give, visit the **Giving** page of our website, or contact June Sanders at jsanders@myzbc.org. There is also additional information in the December newsletter.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

A gift has been given in honor and celebration of Dr. Mark Barrett's 75th birthday, which was December 5 by Debbie Privette and Tom and Sheila Dreps.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the foyer of Building D. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact June Sanders in the office, and she will gladly give you a box. Envelopes are available to anyone who would like a box (members, non-members, regular visitors, and children.)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Women's Bible Study will be using Bible studies in the *Nurturing Faith* magazine (available outside the church office on the literature rack). All weekly Bible studies are dated using the Sunday date, and each week we will be discussing the study dated the Sunday prior to our Tuesday meeting date. All ladies are welcome to join the group on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in room D11 for a time of Bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:

At Home: Verla Lewis

Coventry House: Dolores Chalk

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



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on the earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan with peace. Grant us also the peace to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORUS — “The Christmas Gift”

*‘Tis the Gift of a Savior, ‘tis the Gift of God’s **peace** who came to us from heav’n above. The Promised Messiah born in Bethlehem’s stall came to free His own as the Lord of all.*

*Sing, sing a simple song of cheer; an Advent gift for all is here! Sing! Sing, for this Holy One is a gift of **peace**, God’s Holy Son!*

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE JUNIOR CHOIR — “Waiting for the Light”

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

***ADVENT HYMN** No. 97
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” — Brownlie-Wyeth-Murphy

OFFERTORY — “O, Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” Moser

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Our peace 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.

***A CAROL FOR ADVENT** No. 127
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” — Brooks-Redner

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM — “Carols Around” (*Dona Nobis Pacem— Grant us peace*)
..... arr. Nygard, Jr.
The Sanctuary Choir

SERMON — Rev. Ward Page
We Interrupt Your Regularly Scheduled Program Mark 1:4-8
(Page 27 in New Testament of Pew Bibles)

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** No. 132
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” — Sears-Willis

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

*CLOSING CAROL — “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*POSTLUDE — “Gigue in A Minor from Partita III” J . S. Bach

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

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SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

O Holy Light

December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Our Sanctuary Choir and instrumentalists will present the beautiful musical, *O Holy Light*, by Mary McDonald. The music is a wonderful collection of new and familiar carols. Our Junior Choir will be joining the Sanctuary Choir for one piece. Our Adult Handbell Choir will also be presenting their Christmas music. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us this evening. The musical will begin at 5:00 p.m. and a nursery will be provided.

CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE 2023 UPDATE

Thank you to all that have stepped forward to contribute to the Christmas Benevolence Ministry. We are grateful for your donations, time, and prayers. Items for sponsored families are due in a Sunday School classroom (wrapped or unwrapped) **by next Sunday, December 17**. Please remember to label all items (example: Family 12, Child 1). Here are some remaining needs:

- full bed (bed frame and mattress)
- queen mattress

If you would like to volunteer for our “Prep Day” on December 18 or “Distribution Day” on December 19, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. Please reach out to Holly Lee (919-810-7036, priority.holly@gmail.com) or Shannon Speller with questions.

OUTREACH TEAM members greeting visitors after worship will be Ben and Katie Henry.

DEACONS welcoming visitors and members this morning are Jim Calhoun and Sarah Hester.

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

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS are Debbie Ladd, Robert Ladd, Sherry Murray, and Susan Richert.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH JOURNEYS — This week we will finish our Advent Study with a study on joy. See you from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room for fun, fellowship, and, Bible study.

SHOPPING FOR FAMILY — The ZBCY will go out to lunch and shop for our Benevolence family **TODAY, Sunday, December 10**. Please bring money to support buying presents to make this family’s Christmas special. We will also go out to lunch before shopping, so bring money for that as well. Plan to meet in the Blue Room after worship.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY — Our Youth Christmas party will be Sunday, December 17. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Joy Gift Service. Before the service, pick a card off the Joy Gift tree, and bring the item (unwrapped) with the tag on the gift to the service. We will sit together and then begin our progressive dinner party after the service concludes! Hope to see you all there for a fun and festive night together.

KANKI AND MOVIE — Wednesday, December 27, the youth will go out for our annual trip to Kanki and a movie. **Sign up will end Sunday, December 17**. Please go to the sign up link, bit.ly/zbcysignup, to secure your spot!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The ZBCY have carefully prepared 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 the “graduated and forever youth” and hope it brightens their day.

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

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:



- Contact the church office at (919) 269-7329 or email candace.heath@myzbc.org with "Wednesday Supper" in the subject line.
- 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.

Pricing will 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 Strickland Farms. The supper line opens at 5:50 p.m. and will serve until 6:20 p.m. Our menu this week will be: Hamburger Steak, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, and Dessert. The supper serving team will be: Bridget Bone, Betsy Buchanan, Buck Buchanan, Katie Henry, Adam Howell, and Kim Latham.