

LAST WEEK'S CHURCH RECORD

Sunday School 0
Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary..... 297
Worship Attendance (via Facebook views) 137
Weekly Budget Requirement \$16,093.00
Budget Gifts \$14,872.25
YTD Budget Requirements \$ 836,836.00
YTD Budget Gifts \$ 778,660.70

A NEW DAY

Total Campaign Goal \$ 850,000.00
Gifts for Week 104 \$ 2,780.50
Total Gifts \$ 379,947.36

OUR KNOWN SICK

At Home:

Curtis Strickland

WakeMed Rehab:

Jo Ann Motley

WakeMed:

Doug Radford

PAM Health

Specialty Hospital in

Rocky Mount:

Connie Brayboy

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

10:15am Morning Worship (Sanctuary or
Facebook Live feed)
11:15am Children's Library Opens

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours
10:00am Women's Bible Study — D11

WEDNESDAY

No Wednesday night meal, adult
Bible study, or children's activities
6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Dinner —
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7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00am-4:00pm Office Hours

FRIDAY

9:00am-1:00pm Office Hours

**** REMINDER ****

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday,
January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year's Day.**

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday –Thursday — 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday — 9:00am to 1:00pm

CHRISTMASTIDE

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE — “Go Tell It on the Mountain” arr. Hayes

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

¹⁹Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
— Hebrews 10:19–25

*CHRISTMASTIDE CAROL No. 104
“Once in Royal David’s City” — Alexander-Gauntlett-Schwoebel

LITANY FOR A NEW YEAR

Leader: We worship a God who says, “Behold, I make all things new.”

People: Today, we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus, even as we anticipate the beginning of a new year.

Leader: In our past, God has been our help, comforter, and redeemer.

People: In our future, God will be our guide, inspiration, and salvation.

Leader: Let us praise the God who is Lord of our days and nights, our seasons and years, saying,

People: Glory to God in the highest. And on earth, may there be peace and good will for all people.

CHORUS — “The Christmas Gift”

‘Tis the Gift of a Savior, ‘tis the Gift of God’s love 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 Christ, God’s Holy Son!*

SPECIAL MUSIC — “Someday” Vale
Soloist — Doris Pearce

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON



*** BE AWARE — FALSE ZBC EMAILS ***

Some church members have received emails from unknown addresses pretending to be members of our church staff. Please remember that no member of our church staff will solicit private or financial information, or monetary assistance. If you receive such an email that appears to be from a staff member, but are unsure if it is legitimate, please contact our church office immediately. Do not respond to the email, and especially do not offer any personal or private information.



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 QR form in this article or by calling the Church Office at (919) 269-7329 no later than Sunday, January 7, 2024.**



Year End Giving

Mailed gifts postmarked on or before today, December 31, 2023, as well as online or in-person gifts received today will be credited to 2023 giving. Please note the church office is not open today, but gifts can be made during Sunday School or worship. 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 june.sanders@myzbc.org. There is also additional information in the December newsletter.

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.)

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>
Career & College	January 7
Women's 2	January 14
Juniors 2	January 28

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER:

At Home: Joyce Alford

Autumn Care: Hilda Gay

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



***A CAROL FOR CHRISTMASTIDE** No. 125
 "Angels We Have Heard on High" — Barnes-Lovelace

OFFERTORY — "All Offertories" Zipoli

*DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM — "In a Manger" arr. McDonald
 The Sanctuary Choir

SERMON — Claiming the Promise ... Are We There Yet? Rev. Shannon
 Ecclesiastes 3:13 Speller
 (Page 502 in the Old Testament of Pew Bibles)

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** No. 126
 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" — Montgomery-Smart

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** — "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" J. S. Bach

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

POINSETTIAS PICKUP

Any red poinsettias ordered may be taken from the sanctuary after worship today. Those left will be cared for through Wednesday, January 3, will be donated to our local nursing homes for their enjoyment. Thank you for your efforts to beautify our sanctuary during the Advent season.

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.

This Bible Study will start back on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.



ZBC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Our ZBC Christmas Post Office is open. You can place Christmas cards to fellow church members in the appropriate boxes of our Christmas Post Office, located outside the Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE remember to mail cards to homebound members, and PLEASE mail cards to members who may not come to church often.**

Remember to check the post office regularly for greetings sent to you.

The Christmas Post Office will be taken down on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

JOIN A CHOIR IN 2024

January is a great month to join a choir at ZBC! Our Sanctuary Choir will begin its 2024 rehearsing this Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. First we will enjoy a dinner together — a menu of homemade chili, baked potatoes, and desserts. After the meal we will begin rehearsing our upcoming anthems and get started on Lenten/Easter music. Let Barbara Glasgow know if you plan on attending.

Our Youth Handbells and Youth Choir will start back on Sunday, January 7. We will be working on music for Segue and Youth Sunday. Youth Handbells start at 5:15 p.m. in the handbell room (D3) and Youth Choir begins after handbells in the choir room at 5:45 p.m. Hope you can join us.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH JOURNEYS — No Journeys this week! We will be returning to Wednesday night Journeys on January 10, 2024.

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). Family members or friends are asked to deliver the boxes to the individuals before they head back to school. The ZBCY are praying for all of the “graduated and forever youth” and hope it brightens their day.



POINSETTIAS AND MISSION TREE DONATIONS

The booklets listing the Poinsettias and Mission Tree Donations for 2023 will be available in the church office.

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 Debbie Ladd.

USHERS for this morning are Matt Elliott, Chuck Griswold, Ben Henry, Kayla Howell, Melissa Morgan, and Lee Turner.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS are Lindsay Gill, Kenzie Hopkins, Megan Possiel, Lillie Grace Shelton, Valerie Shelton, and Susan Richert.