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## Zebulon Baptist Church

*A center of worship*

*A place of ministry*

*A fellowship of believers*

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### JANUARY YOUTH NEWS

**JOURNEYS IN JANUARY** — This month we will be back to our normal Wednesday night schedule. Come to the Blue Room from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for some fun, fellowship, refreshments, and Bible study. See the schedule below for our plan in January:

**January 10** — Welcome Back Night

**January 17** — Winter Bible Study

**January 24** — Winter Bible Study

**January 31** — Winter Bible Study

**TRIP TO HURRICANES GAME** — The youth will be going to a Carolina Hurricanes game Monday, January 15. Please sign up by Sunday, January 7, to secure your ticket. Tickets are \$50.

**LUNCH TO MEXICAN RESTAURANT** — Sunday, January 28, the ZBCY will be going out to eat Mexican after worship. Sign up will end Wednesday, January 24.

### JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2024!

In our liturgical calendar we say, “until next time,” to the Christmas season, and “Welcome!” to the season after Epiphany, or Epiphanytide. Epiphany comes from the combination of the Greek words *epi* and *phainein*. *Phainein* means “to appear,” or “to shine.” *Epi* is a preposition meaning “upon.” Together they might refer to a great manifestation, a surprise unveiling, or even a new revelation.

This year the season of Epiphany will lead us to an early Lent. In our worship services between Epiphany (January 6) and Ash Wednesday (humorously, February 14), we’re going to be continuing one of the major themes that we contemplated during our Advent season: the gift of Good News. Specifically, we will focus on the ministry of encouragement, which is the hopeful result of hearing the Good News, as well as sharing it. Take a look at our schedule of upcoming services:

- January 7 — “The Gift of Good News” — Matthew 2:1-12
- January 14 — “Under the Fig Tree” — John 1:43-51
- January 21 — “I Am Making a Difference” — Exodus 31:1-11\*
- January 28 — “Pass the Meat” — 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- February 4 — “Have You Heard?” — Isaiah 40:21-31
- February 11 — “Only Jesus” — Mark 9:2-9

\*January 19-21 our staff will be on a retreat at which we will begin creating a staff covenant, and envision what 2024 will look like at Zebulon Baptist Church. On that Sunday, January 21, Dr. Andy Hale, the Associate Executive Coordinator of CBF North Carolina, will deliver what I am sure will be a meaningful sermon.

I pray that this season will offer opportunities for all of us to experience an epiphany, a revelation of God’s presence and love for humankind.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Ward Page

### JOIN A CHOIR IN 2024

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 starts 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.

Make a joyful noise! All our choirs sang beautifully during the Christmas season, and after a long break, it's now time to start again. The Music Mates, Cherub, Junior, and Adult Handbells all begin on **Wednesday, January 10.**

### JUNIORS AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday, January 15, the Juniors will spend the day going bowling, enjoying lunch, and going out for ice cream. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. Juniors will need to bring \$15 to help cover the cost of all the activities. Please email [shannon.speller@myzbc.org](mailto:shannon.speller@myzbc.org) by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 12** if your child is planning to go. If you have any questions, please see Shannon.

### \*\*\* 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.



### ZBC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Please check one more time for any cards left for you and your family!



### SENIOR ADULT LUNCH TRIP

Our Senior Adults will travel for lunch at Something Different in Wilson on Thursday, January 25. We will leave from the church at 11:00 a.m. Please let Barbara Glasgow or the church office know by Tuesday, January 23, if you will be traveling with the group to enjoy a delicious meal at Something Different.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT REGULAR PROGRAMS 2024

Our regular Wednesday night programs will start back on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

### MISSIONS MINUTE

- Zebulon Baptist Church gave 382 bags of food through the food pantry in 2023, not including the food that was given during Christmas Benevolence.
- Thank you ZBC for your heartfelt generosity to our Christmas Benevolence in 2023. The families that were adopted were blessed by it.