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## Zebulon Baptist Church

*A center of worship*

*A place of ministry*

*A fellowship of believers*

*Reverend Ward Page, Senior Pastor*

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### MARCH YOUTH NEWS

**YOUTH SUNDAY** — Sunday, March 3, the youth will be leading in Sunday School and morning worship. We will start the day with breakfast in the Blue Room at 8:00 a.m. before going to our classrooms to lead in Sunday School. Those that are leading in worship will need to meet in the choir room after teaching Sunday School. After worship we will enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. This has been a long tradition at ZBC, and we are looking forward to the ways our youth will show their leadership.

**JOURNEYS IN MARCH** — As we draw closer to Easter, we will begin a short Lenten study on Wednesday nights during our Journeys time. See you from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** — Thursday, March 28, will be a fun night for the ZBCY. The youth will go out to dinner before the Maundy Thursday service, and then make plans to stay after the service for a special ZBCY egg hunt around the church campus. There will be special prizes that you will not want to miss out on finding!

**LFW SPRING RETREAT** — The ZBCY will be enjoying a spring retreat (Living Faith Weekend) to Banner Elk, NC, to the Old Greer House. We will leave on Friday, April 19 (after school) and return Sunday, April 21. The cost of the trip will be \$120. **Sign up and payment is required by Thursday, March 28.** Youth may sign up by going to the [bit.ly/zbcysignup](http://bit.ly/zbcysignup).

**PASSPORT 2024** — Passport is slowly getting closer and we are getting excited! For those that are signed up for Passport (July 7-12), **final payment of \$350 is due on Sunday, May 19.** We will also have a parents meeting in the Blue Room on Sunday, May 19, at 5:45 p.m. for all parents and youth attending Passport. We will go over important information, packing lists, and all the fun Passport activities to go along with this summer's theme. See Lauren with any questions.

### PASSPORT KIDS NEWS

For those third through sixth graders that have signed up and paid their deposit for Passport Kids this summer, it is almost meeting and balance due time! **On Sunday afternoon, May 19 at 5:00 p.m.** all kids and at least one parent must meet in the Blue Room to discuss all things Passport Kids. A balance of \$300 is due to Shannon by this date. If you have any questions, please see Shannon.

### MARCH 2024

If you haven't been able to participate in our adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings, I hope that you'll come and take part in our Lenten study, *Seven Words*, based on the book of the same name written by Susan Robb. The seven words refer to the seven final utterances of Jesus on the cross.

We began this new study on February 21, and we had a wonderful discussion about Jesus' amazing act of grace on the cross when he said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34 NRSV) In a single sentence, Jesus' radical mercy was simultaneously specific and universal.

Jesus forgave Judas for betraying him. Jesus forgave the Jewish religious leaders who orchestrated his arrest and humiliation. Jesus forgave Herod for treating him with contempt. Jesus forgave Pilate for opting to mollify a fickle mob instead of standing up for justice. Jesus forgave the Roman soldiers responsible for his torture and crucifixion. Jesus forgave the thieves crucified to his right and to his left, even though one was less deserving than the other.

In addition to all of those specific expressions of mercy, Jesus spoke to us too. *All of us. His words are a universal invitation into the mercy of God, not only as a recipient but also as a participant. By forgiving all those who contributed to his execution, Jesus practiced what he preached in his Sermon on the Mount, the forgiveness of even our enemies. Mercy is meant for everyone, even those who scorn mercy.*

Few things are as challenging as putting mercy into practice. But Jesus made it clear in many places throughout his ministry that those who withhold mercy cannot receive it. I hope you'll come and join us as we continue meditating on the depths of Christ's mercy as we unpack every final word he breathed in his final moments. Our hope and prayer is that we can create a more merciful world right here in Zebulon.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Ward Page



### YOUTH CHOIR TO SEGUE

This year Segue (Youth Choir Festival) will be on Saturday, March 2 at Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh. The worship concert is open to the public and will begin at 5:00 p.m.

### Time Change Sunday is March 10 Spring Forward!!



### EASTER MUSICAL — GOD SO LOVED Sunday Evening, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. Special Music by The Cherub Choir

Our Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists will present a beautiful musical called *God So Loved* by Pepper Choplin. This musical will prepare our hearts through dramatic music as we move closer to Holy Week. You will not want to miss this evening of beautiful moving music! We will also enjoy music from our Cherub Choir. Please join us and bring your friends and neighbors! A nursery will be provided.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS SINGING DURING MARCH

- March 3, 10:15 a.m. — Youth Choir and Youth Handbells
- March 10, 10:15 a.m. — The Junior Choir
- March 17, 10:15 a.m. — The Music Mates Choir
- March 17, 6:30 p.m. — The Cherub Choir
- March 24, 10:15 a.m. — The Cherub Choir
- March 24, 4:00 p.m. — Music Mates, Cherub Choir, and Junior Choir



### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING AND EGG HUNT

On Sunday afternoon, March 24 at 4:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary to hear all our graded choirs sing—Music Mates, Cherub Choir, and Juniors Choir. An Easter egg hunt will be held afterwards. We will divide up in age groups all over our church campus and let the children gather all the eggs! Come enjoy a wonderful beginning to Holy Week.

### SENIOR ADULT THREE-BAR LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, March 27, Senior Adults are invited to a three-bar lunch — potato bar, salad bar, and dessert bar. Please let Barbara Glasgow or the church office know **by Monday, March 25 at 12 noon** if you plan on attending. Lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

### JUNIORS TO LUNCH

The Juniors will enjoy lunch together after worship at Five Guys in Knightdale on Sunday, March 17. We will leave following worship. Please let Shannon know who is planning to go.



### ADULT MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY

An adult mission trip has been planned for September 21-28, 2024 to Mayfield, KY. Working in conjunction with the Fuller Center for Housing along with Together for Hope, ZBC will be working in a town that was hit by a devastating tornado on December 10, 2021. One-third of the housing stock was decimated along with 600 businesses. If you would like more information and/or are interested in signing up to go, please see Shannon Speller. **The deadline for signing up for this trip is Sunday, March 31.**



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Zebulon Baptist Church is once again joining with other congregations in the area to form a Faith Coalition that works together with Habitat for Humanity strengthening relationships and building beloved community while serving families in need of affordable housing. The Faith Coalition and Habitat for Humanity will build three new homes in Spring Flower's Place in Knightdale. The Spring Flower's Place Build provides the opportunity for congregations to share God's love with several families this year. On Saturday, March 9, ZBC will be one of the churches helping with the building of these homes. No construction experience or knowledge is needed, just being the hands and feet of Jesus. The workday is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, please go to this link to register <http://vhub.at/SpringFLP> and let Shannon know when you have registered. Be on the lookout for more dates to volunteer in April.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 24** — Palm Sunday  
Children's Music and Easter Egg Hunt at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27** — Senior Adult Three-Bar Luncheon at 12:00 noon  
**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**
- Thursday, March 28** — Maundy Thursday Service and Communion at 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Egg Hunt after Maundy Thursday Service
- Sunday, March 31** — Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m.



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