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# JUNE YOUTH NEWS

**SENIOR SUNDAY** — Senior Sunday is Sunday, June 9. Be sure to join us in morning worship to celebrate and honor the Class of 2024.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** — On Wednesday, June 5, we will enjoy our annual Progressive Dinner. We will start in the Blue Room at 6:30 p.m. and travel to several homes for appetizers, main course, and dessert. We will also play some party games and go over the summer 2024 calendar. You don't want to miss out on a fun evening! CAROWINDS TRIP — The ZBCY will be going to Carowinds on Wednesday, June 12. Sign-up will conclude on Sunday, June 9. You can sign up by going to bit.ly/zbcsignup.

VBS HELPERS NEEDED — Vacation Bible School is June 24-28, and we need youth helpers that week to help it move smoothly. If you are interested, sign up ASAP at bit.ly/zbcsignup. All youth VBS helpers are invited to go out to lunch on Thursday, June 27, to Kanki.

**PASSPORT 2024** — June will fly by and before you know it we will be in Spartanburg, SC, at Converse University, July 7-12. Be looking out for information reminders as we get closer to camp! Get excited about "Coming to the Water."

**COLLEGE GRADUATES** — If you have graduated from a college, university, or graduate program this year, we would love to recognize your hard work and dedication. Please let the church office know by Sunday, June 2. We will honor those graduates on Sunday, June 9, Senior Sunday.



**COLLEGE/CAREER SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** — This summer college and career-aged adults are invited to a Bible study on Tuesdays. See the weekly bulletins for more information.

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A center of worship A place of ministry A fellowship of believers Reverend Ward Fage, Senior Fastor **Shone:** 919-269-7329 Visit us on the web: myzbc.org



# **JUNE 2024**

Dear friends.

June is a special month for me. On the eighteenth of this month I will have served as the senior pastor at Zebulon Baptist Church for one year. I still recall the previous June 18th very clearly. It was the confluence of Father's Day and my twelfth wedding anniversary, in addition to being my first Sunday as your new pastor. Needless to say, I felt many different emotions that day.

I want to express my deep gratitude to all the wonderful people of Zebulon Baptist Church: for putting their trust in me to be their next shepherd following the long and loving tenure of Rev. Jack Glasgow, and the excellent interim stewardship of Dr. Mike Cogdill; for welcoming my family so warmly into your midst; for being patient with me as I learn the job; for being gracious to me when I make a misstep; and most of all for your prayers each and every day as we work together glorify Jesus Christ through our worship and ministry. As we near the beginning of year two, I find myself thinking a lot about what the Church is.

On Memorial Day, the unofficial start of the summer season, my family gathered at the home of our dear friends for a meal, which consisted of a hot dog bar. The particular franks my friend fired up on his grill were Nathan's bun-length all-beef, the packaging of which boasted "NO fillers or by-products, NO artificial flavors or colors, and NO gluten or corn syrup." This got me thinking about the composition of hot dogs.

Hot dogs are typically composed of the trimmings of an animal, sometimes multiple different animals within the same sausages, and not really the most appetizing parts either. And yet, they are a very popular and tasty entree with no end of creative ways to fix them up.

The Church can be a lot like a hot dog. It's made up of a lot of odd parts-that's us! Individually we may not be noteworthy, but when we're combined we create something greater. Just as there are many styles of hot dogs, the Church likewise has nearly infinite creative expressions.

Not a perfect metaphor, I know. But I love hot dogs. And I love the Church. I love our church. I love the way our unique parts come together to form something deliciously wonderful. As we enter the summer season, enjoy a hot dog once in a while, and marvel at the goodness of our community of faith!

Blessings and Peace, Rev. Ward Page

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#### SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS DURING JUNE Please feel free to join us!

Our Sanctuary Choir will be meeting most Wednesday nights throughout the summer. We will rehearse on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m. in the choir room: June 5, June 12, and June 26. We will not rehearse on June 19 (Barbara will be at the CBF meeting in Greensboro on June 19.)

#### SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST AT SMITH'S RED & WHITE RESTAURANT IN DORTCHES, NC THURSDAY, JUNE 13, LEAVING AT 8:30 A.M.

On Thursday, June 13, the Senior Adults will enjoy breakfast at Smith's Red & White Restaurant in Dortches. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. After breakfast, we will enjoy shopping at Smith's Red & White Grocery store. Please let the church office or Barbara Glasgow know by Tuesday, June 11, if you plan on going to Smith's.

#### PASSPORT KIDS PARENT MEETING

If your child is registered to attend Passport Kids (3rd-6th grades), there will be a parent meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Blue Room. It is very important that you and the child going to camp attend this meeting. Please see Shannon if you have any questions.



#### **CHURCH CONFERENCE DECISIONS**

Thank you to everyone who attended our most recent Church Conference. We heard some good reports and made several decisions, including:

- Positive quarterly financial reports for the church Unified Budget and Capital Campaign.
- An update was given by the group of Administrative Deacons who are exploring alternative deposit accounts for a portion of ZBC funds in order to earn a greater return on these funds. Their recommendation will be brought to the August conference.
- Jack Glasgow will be given "Pastor Emeritus" status for his faithful and long-standing Senior Pastor position with our church. Jack will be acknowledged with this honor in conjunction with our Homecoming that has been planned for Sunday, November 17, 2024.
- An update was given by our Personnel Chair on the good progress that is being made to hire an Associate Pastor.
- Approval for a group to move forward with creating a Church Pictorial Directory. The plan is to begin scheduling portraits this fall.
- Approval of the members who will serve on the 2025 Budget Committee. Their work will begin in July.
- Approval to ordain Barbara Glasgow. More information to come.
- Reminder of ZBC's upcoming Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky on September 21-28, 2024 to work with the Fuller Center for Housing and Together for Hope. It is not too late to sign up to go with us!

If you were not able to attend, please feel free to pick up a copy of the materials in the church office. You can contact any Executive Committee member with questions. Our next church conference will be Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

# VBS 2024

## June 24-28, 2024



Can you believe the month for VBS is finally upon us? We are getting so excited to welcome your children back to ZBC for a week of VBS! **Registration is open at** <u>www.myzbc.org/ministries/vbs/</u> to get your child(ren) registered for this exciting week. Registration will stay open until June 21, 2024.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday evening, June 27. At 6:30 p.m. all the children and their families are invited to a hotdog dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by a presentation in the Sanctuary by the children on all that they have learned during the week. We hope to see you there!

Each day, campers will see Counselor Sam, a new camp counselor, face new

challenges. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our campers explore timeless Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament. These Bible stories will show how to put trust in God in the face of one's own fears and how to do great things in God's name. Campers will participate in music, arts, recreation, snacks, activities, and Bible lessons to teach us to trust in God to go with us, lead the way, to share wisdom, to give peace, and to spark joy.

Each day we ask that each of our campers bring non-perishable food items to help stock our ZBC food pantry. We will also be taking up an offering during the morning assembly to assist further in mission ventures. Below is a list of the color of the day and the food pantry item as well as the Bible story for each day of the week. *"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)* 

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bible Story	God Goes with Jacob Genesis 28:10- 22	Ruth Chooses to Go Ruth 1	Young Jesus Shares Wisdom Luke 2:41-52	Jesus Calms the Storm Mark 4:35-41	The Good News Sparks Joy Acts 8:26-40
Food Pantry Item	PB&J	Mac & Cheese	Canned Veggies	Canned Fruit	Cereal
Daily Color to Wear	RED	GREEN	ORANGE	BLUE	TYE-DIE MULTICOLOR

### TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We welcome all ladies to join us for Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in room D12. We 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. Please note we will have a special guest on June 11. We will not be using the Nurturing Faith literature for June 11 as Ward will lead us in a discussion about the Holy Spirit. We hope you will join us for a time of Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. In June, we are studying passages from Mark as we read the following:

June 4 — Mark 2:23-3:6 — Future Fundamentalists June 11 — Rev. Ward Page will lead our discussion of the Holy Spirit June 18 — Mark 4:26-34 — Two Seedy Stories June 25 — Mark 4:35-41 — The Weatherman