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MAY YOUTH NEWS

JOURNEYS — We have just a few more weeks before we take a summer break on Wednesday nights, but before then the month of May is packed with great opportunities during Journeys. We will begin our extended Journeys time from 7:15-8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. See the schedule below for all the weekly events:

May 1 — Prayer in the Courtyard

May 8 — Prayer on the Front Lawn

May 15 — Prayer Walks **Start extended time**

May 22 — Prayer in the Sanctuary

May 29 — Senior Night

LFW SPRING RETREAT — The ZBCY have reschedule the spring retreat to Banner Elk, NC (Living Faith Weekend), to the Old Greer House to Friday, May 17 (after school) and return Sunday, May 19. Sign-up will be extended until May 1. The cost of the trip will be \$170. Please turn in money to Lauren or the church office.

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 \$250 is due on Sunday, May 19**. Fishers of Men Sunday School class held an amazing fundraiser to help with the cost of camp for our children. **THANK YOU FISHERS OF MEN!** 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.

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY — On Saturday, May 4, we will hold our annual Kentucky Derby Party in the Blue Room at 6:15 p.m. Come for fun and refreshments!

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A center of worship A place of ministry A fellowship of believers Reverend Ward Page, Senior Pastor Thone: 919-269-7329 Visit us on the web: <u>myzbc.org</u>



MAY 2024

Dear friends,

We anticipate a lot of things in the month of May. Spring has fully sprung, and particularly in the minds of students and educators, summertime approaches quickly. Many of us will be sure to patronize our local Mexican restaurants on Cinco de Mayo. Our Wednesday programs will pause for the summer after May 8. Then on Mother's Day, May 12, we will celebrate our Parent/Child Dedication during our worship service. The following Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost, which will conclude Eastertide and bring us into ordinary time in our liturgical year. Many students will graduate, or at least finish up their coursework for the current year this month. And of course, we will remember all those who gave their lives in service of our nation as we enjoy our Memorial Day celebrations.

I'm writing this article with the assistance of my daughter, Lily Kate, who reminds me that the month of May also means several family milestones too. During the month of May we celebrate my wife's birthday, and her father's birthday, Lily Kate's end-of-year dance recital, and the conclusions of my kids' soccer and football seasons. Needless to say, May is a busy month for a lot of people and for a lot of reasons.

As we navigate through all of life's busyness this month, let's remember to take time for rest and reflection. Lily Kate has perfected a technique for relaxation that she calls "being in the coze." Translation: Lily Kate loves to be cozy. She loves to put on fluffy socks, cocoon herself in comfy blankets, and sleepily enjoy the few moments of downtime she gets between school, church and all her extracurriculars.

When our calendars feel a bit hectic, that's when we need to make more of an effort to be still. Church participation is one of the most important and most beneficial parts of our lives, but it is often one of the first things to be sacrificed when making room in the schedule for downtime. Be sure this month to keep time with God sacred, not just at church, but in your private devotional life. Far from adding stress, I believe it will give you the peace that busy seasons tend to rob us of.

> Blessings and Peace, Rev. Ward Page (and Lily Kate)

Music Mates and Cherub Choir End of the Year Program Sunday evening, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary

Our Music Mates Choir (preschoolers) will start the evening by singing their music followed by our Cherub Choir (children in Grades K-3) who will then present their music. Nursery will be provided.

K-3 TO KNIGHTDALE STATION PARK

On Saturday, May 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, K-3 and families will meet at Knightdale Station Park for a morning of fun. There is a splash pad to enjoy, so come dressed for that! Let's have a fun morning playing together!

BABY DEDICATION — MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12

We will celebrate our ZBC tradition of baby dedication on Mother's Day. Parents will present themselves and their child to God and to the church, and we as a congregation will pledge our support and commitment to them. Please contact Shannon Speller or the church office by Monday, May 6, if you know any families that should be invited to dedicate their child.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE <u>FELLOWSHIP HALL</u>

Our next church conference will be Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda items will include quarterly financial reports, a report on our Deposit Accounts, a presentation on naming Jack Glasgow as Pastor Emeritus, a Personnel report with an update on our Associate Pastor search, a pictorial directory report, a nominating committee report for approval of our 2025 Budget Committee, and other updates. Look for a detailed agenda in the weekly bulletins prior to the conference. A nursery will be provided.



SENIOR ADULT PICNIC

All Senior Adults are invited to a picnic at the church on Wednesday, May 29, at 12:00 noon. Our picnic lunch will be fried chicken, sandwiches, chips, brownies, cookies, and tea. The cost is \$3 per person. We will eat in front of Building D (in the shade near the bell). Please sign up by Sunday, May 26, so Barbara will know how much to fix for lunch!

EAST WAKE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING

Zebulon Baptist Church is once again happy to host East Wake High School as their AP testing site. The testing will take place in our Fellowship Hall the weeks of May 6 and May 13 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Please help us keep this a "quiet zone" during these times. ZBC will be providing breaktime snacks for the students. Let us all be in prayer for these students as they study for and take these tests.



JUNIORS TO GALAXY FUN PARK

Juniors will have a fun night at Galaxy Fun Park on Friday, May 31. We will leave ZBC at 6:00 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m. Parents, please go to <u>www.galaxyfunpark.com</u> to see pricing and to sign the waiver form. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Shannon.



ADULT MISSION TRIP

Zebulon Baptist Church is going on an adult mission trip to Mayfield, KY on September 21-18, 2024. We will be working with the Mayfield-Fuller Center for Housing. If you missed the informational meeting a while back and would like information about this exciting trip, please see Shannon Speller. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



PASSPORT KIDS NEWS

If your child is registered to go to Passport Kids this summer, please pay special attention to this article!

It is time to pay balances for camp and meet about camp! Fishers of Men Sunday School class held an amazing fundraiser to help with the cost of camp for our children. **THANK YOU FISHERS OF MEN!** Because of their hard work and the good barbecue, your balance is now only \$200! This needs to be paid by Sunday, May 19. There is a change of date for the parents meeting: We will now meet on **Sunday, June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Blue Room**. It is very important that you and your camper be at this meeting.

VBS 2024

June 24-28, 2024



Zebulon Baptist Church is excited to welcome your children back this summer for Vacation Bible School. This summer we plan to have one session on June 24-28, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for rising Kindergarteners to rising Eighth graders.

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.

On Thursday evening, please plan to join us for a hotdog dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After eating and fellowshipping, we will gather in the Sanctuary so that the children can share and show all that they have learned during the week.

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If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Robertson at <u>erobertson6207@aol.com</u> or Shannon Speller at <u>Shannon.speller@myzbc.org</u>,

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