



# IN TOUCH. . . The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

November 2011 Volume XIII Issue 11

**“Making, Maturing, Mobilizing Disciples for Christ”**

WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM

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## Repairers of the Breach

Special Assistance Ministry

**REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH** is a ministry to help families in need that live in our immediate communities through the Ada Jenkins Center. During the Christmas season, we will provide these families with new clothing, gift cards, toys, and food including a frozen turkey. Our goal is to help 50 families (200 children, plus adults). We need assistance in 2 ways. 1) It will cost about \$150 to sponsor one family. Please consider making a monetary donation in any amount, from \$5 to \$50 to the entire \$150 for one family or more. Make checks payable to "Mt. Zion UMC" and indicate on your payment this is for the "Repairers of the Breach Ministry". 2) We need volunteers to fill three different jobs. We need Shoppers to go out and buy the food, clothing, and toys for each family. This is a great job for families to do together! We need Sorters/Wrappers to sort the items and wrap the toys as they are brought in. And we need Distributors in the middle of December to hand out the items to the families at the distribution center in the Magnolia Estates shopping center. If you want to volunteer for this ministry, contact Tom Russell either by phone (704-507-2493) or e-mail at [tom@moisturewarranty.com](mailto:tom@moisturewarranty.com).

**November 20, 2011 3 pm: Sanctuary**

### “THE OLD TESTAMENT FAST FORWARD”

**by Allen Pote and Tom Long; Genesis Youth Drama and Bells and The Choristers.** The Old Testament Fast Forward begins with the comic notion that this epic history can be told in 10 minutes. In fact, this musical presents many of our foundational faith stories in a light-hearted way. Come join our children and youth as they share with you their version of the Old Testament through story telling and song.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...**When was the last time you went to a third world country to preach the gospel? If you're like most of us, your answer is, "Never". But Jesus said in the Great Commission to go

into all the world and preach the Gospel. We can tell you how to do that without ever leaving your own home. Simply fill a shoebox with items that are appropriate for the girl or boy whose age you choose. We can share God's love with a child we will probably never see, but will have tangible proof that people who love God are doing His work. Please help us make, at least one more child, have a happier Christmas. Please drop off your box(es) to the church library no later than November 18. You may contact Brenda Scott - 704-875-6758 or Ann Dutton - 704-892-1442 if you have any questions.

### CORNELIUS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



- On Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m., Mt. Zion UMC will once again host this year's Community Thanksgiving Service after a few years at other local churches. Our Community Thanksgiving Service is a wonderful occasion for us to lift up the Lord together as a local community. Thanksgiving is when

we can gather and give thanks together as a community, God's people rejoicing in God's provisions. There will be a combined choir from the area churches. If you would like to sing with this choir, please contact Marcy Mittelstadt.

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## WELCOME TO THE MT. ZION FAMILY!



**Andrew Mocerri & Tiffany Joffe**

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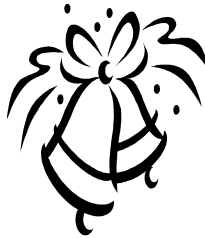
### OCTOBER BIRTH

James Alec Grant was born October 4. He is the son of Jeremy & Jackie Grant and the brother of Andrew.

CONGRATULATIONS!



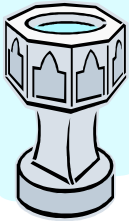
### OCTOBER WEDDINGS



**Mark Dutton and Heather Noe** were married on October 1st. Mark is the son of Tom and Ann Dutton.

**Christine Ruschak and Bob Danbeck** were married on October 30th following the 11 am worship service.

### OCTOBER BAPTISMS



**Wyatt Langston Uldricks** was baptized October 16th at the 8:30 service. He is the son of Aaron and Courtney Langston Uldricks and the grandson of John and Margaret Langston.

**Taylor Caroline Mayse** was baptized at the 11:00 service on October 30th. She is the daughter of Andrew and Christina Mayse.



**ROOM IN THE INN** is a ministry that Mt. Zion participates in during the winter months. Every Tuesday night from December – March we will provide housing and food for 10 people who are homeless. We do this by opening the doors of our Youth House and our hearts to a population of homeless people that continues to grow here in our own community. This winter will be our 4th year hosting neighbors on our campus.

Every week there are a number of things that need to come together to make this ministry successful ... and that is where you come in! We need volunteers! There are many ways that you can volunteer this year: cooking a warm meal, packing a bag lunch, driving the church mini bus, doing laundry, staying overnight and more. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents this year.

We also have a wish list of things that we need for this ministry: Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins),

cleaning supplies (Windex, Clorox wipes, sponges, kitchen cleaner, etc.), liquid laundry and dishwashing detergent, fabric softeners, trash bags, ground coffee (regular & decaf), tea bags, and hot cocoa packets. We have a large amount of travel size shampoo, conditioner and soap. At this time we are *not* accepting any more of these items. We do have a continuing need for chapsitck, men's and women's deodorant, and men's and women's shaving cream.



Jesus said "For I was hungry, and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink... when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me." - Matthew 25: 35,40

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer please contact: Katie Reimer 704-896-5578  
[katie.reimer@gmail.com](mailto:katie.reimer@gmail.com).



or

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(information listed is tentative)



**November 13** - Joel 2:28; Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1 - Bucket Lists: Vision and Hope and Inspirations of the Heart - God-sized vision requires faith and stepping out of your comfort zone.

**November 20** How is your giving an expression of your love of God?

**November 27**, Advent 1, "Open Up and Expect Something Dif-

ferent this Christmas" Mark 13:24-37 – Baptism at 11

**December 4**, Advent 2, "Comfort for Waiting" Isaiah 40:1-6a 9:45: Christmas cantata.

**December 11**, Advent 3, "Tweak the Traditions to Include Christ and Others" Isaiah 61:1-4

**December 18**, Advent 4, "God in a Tent" 2 Samuel 7:1-4  
11 am is the choir Christmas cantata (and 3 pm)

**Christmas Eve Worship Service Times** – Saturday, December 24 in the Sanctuary

3 PM – Family Candlelight Service with Children Participation (Scratch Nativity) & Communion

5 PM – Family Candlelight Service with Children Participation (Scratch Nativity) & Communion

7 PM – Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

11 PM – Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day** – Regular Worship Times

8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 am – These services will be more informal and will include extra Christmas hymn singing and a short devotional. There will also be a 'blessing of the toys' for children at all 3 services. A great time to invite friends and family to gather for worship on Christmas morning in gratitude and praise of our newborn king.

On **Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, Mt. Zion will be hosting for the fifth year in a row, the Hospice service – **LIGHT UP A LIFE: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE**. The holiday season is a time for traditions and celebrating with family and friends. For those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, it becomes a time of new traditions that celebrate the memory of those who have been a part of our lives. This service gives you an opportunity to hear special music, listen to thoughtful readings, light a candle and celebrate the memory of your loved one. You will also notice a Remembrance Tree next to the sanctuary. This tree will shine in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends throughout the month of December. If you would like information about sponsoring a light on this tree in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Rev. Tim Reimer or find a brochure in the office. The **Stephen Ministry** at Mt. Zion is sponsoring this important service with Hospice and will provide refreshments for all in attendance that evening. If you have lost a loved one and would like to talk with a Stephen Minister as the holiday season approaches, please contact one of the pastors.

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

- If you and your family or small group would like to light the Advent Wreath candles at any of our worship services on Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 or Dec. 18, please e-mail Rev. Tim Reimer at [treimer@mtzionumc.net](mailto:treimer@mtzionumc.net).

**Ushers in 2012** – If you are interested in serving as an usher at the 11 am service for a few Sundays in 2012 or you do not want to usher anymore, if you are currently ushering, please e-mail Ritchie Crump at [ritchie-crump@bellsouth.net](mailto:ritchie-crump@bellsouth.net).

**HOLIDAY WREATHS, GARLAND & TREES** ordered from Boy Scout Troop 10 will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 4, from 10:00–1:00 and 3:00–5:00 outside the Family Life Center.

### Magical Mountain Christmas

This is our annual youth and family Christmas mission trip where we take Christmas to impoverished families in Appalachia. The trip this year is **December 9-11th**. We will be going to two centers, one in WV that we take High School youth to and one in VA that we take families to. We throw a big Christmas party, pass out gifts to families and sponsored children, and share the love of Christ with the families. There are a couple of ways you can be involved. 1) We will be looking for people to sponsor children, buy family gifts, and/or make donations. 2) We will be looking for volunteers to go with us to help make the weekend happen. 3) Pray. If you would like to help with sponsorship, donations, etc. please contact Elizabeth Coker at 704-892-8263 or e-mail [elizabethcoker73@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcoker73@gmail.com). If you are interested in going with us, please contact Matt Sherrill at 704-892-7825 or e-mail [msherrill@mtzionumc.net](mailto:msherrill@mtzionumc.net).

**Prayer Corner Scripture Meditation: John 7:37**

**Jesus said, "If any man be thirsty, let him come unto me and drink."**

*Beliefnet editor Deborah Caldwell talked to **Max Lucado** about his latest book, *Come Thirsty*. I'm a pastor of a church, and I was noticing as our church was growing, people were busy doing a lot of things, but they looked as tired as people who didn't go to church. They just looked tired; they seemed so busy—you know, we have so many activities, good activities, things they wanted to participate in. And I realized at least in our church, a key segment of teaching had been neglected: the importance of receiving.*

And the imagery of Jesus is that he can do for the soul what water can do for the body; he can go where it's cracked and flaky and dusty and he can bring nourishment; he can soften that which is hard. So I got really fascinated by this and began to experiment with it in my own life. I realize, when you drink, you don't drink one day a week for six days' worth. You know, you don't drink 3 or 4 gallons to get you through the whole week, but you take regular sips throughout the day.

I've tried to develop a practice in my own life of receiving God's moisture and his nourishment, his fluid on a regular basis, taking Jesus literally at his word. It phenomenally changed my own life; I found that I wasn't anxious. I found that it was easier to forgive people, that I didn't have worries; I slept better. What I was doing was on a regular basis, receiving the basic gifts of God, his forgiveness and his drink and his presence. It really changed my outlook; that became a sermon series for the church, which became a book.

I was making the mistake of being a great doer, not a great receiver; very busy but not quenched. And the truth of the matter is, I've learned that you can't give what you've never received. There's no aquifer of love, there's no distillery of [faith](#) within me, so I have to receive it. One of the unique teachings of the Christian faith, that Jesus says that he is a living presence in the world today and that a person who gives their heart to him can tap into his power and then receive. Well, what does a person receive? In the book I try to crystallize these four gifts that God gives us-his

**Work** on the cross, the **Energy** of his spirit, his **Lordship** over my life-my day-to-day life, and then his **Love**. And that's spelled "**w-e-l-l**" which works into a nice little acrostic.

So what I urge my people to do is on a regular basis, I mean literally three, four times an hour, offer a [prayer](#) that says, "Lord, I received your work on the cross. I'm forgiven. I receive the energy. The Holy Spirit is inside me. I come strong. I receive your Lordship. You're protecting me. Anything happens, it filters through you first and I receive your love because I can never outlive your love."

It helps me to just keep that prayer in the back of my mind all the time. Some days I do well, and some days I don't. But you know, the Bible talks about praying without ceasing or living in a spirit of prayer, and it really keeps you connected to the source. To me, that's what it means to drink, come thirsty and drink.

What I've done—and I think it's a common mistake—is that I've tried to quench my thirst in well-meaning yet misguided ways. There's a passage in the Old Testament, in Jeremiah, where God says, "You have tried to drink out of broken cisterns." They don't hold water. It could be busyness, could be success, could be even another person. One of the things I discover a lot in marriage counseling is the husband or [wife](#) trying to get their [spiritual](#) thirst quenched by their partner; I think that's a real common mistake that we make.

Read more: <http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Christianity/2005/01/Could-You-Pray-Three-Or-Four-Times-An-Hour.aspx?p=1#ixzz1cViSIJkm>

**Prayer Care Near & Far**

*As a part of your regular daily prayer time pray for the following local congregation of the Church universal and for a country each day of the week of the Sunday listed below.*

**Oct 30 Greater Salem at the Lake, Cornelius Grenada, Caribbean** – Pop.104K, Literacy 95%. British constitutional monarchy with parliamentary democracy govt. Tourism main support. Economy is growing though. Largely Christian many Catholics. Pray for denominational unity and recovery from numerous hurricanes.

**Nov. 6 Hunter's Chapel United Methodist, Cornelius—Montserrat, Caribbean** – 5962 people. Tiny British protectorate island. 80% of population left 1995 & after when volcano erupted. 95% Christian, must overcome severe devastation from eruptions. Totally dependent on British assistance. Pray for vision, commitment, and faith for these strong island people.

**Nov 13 Mt. Zion United Methodist, Cornelius Guadeloupe, Caribbean** – Pop.467K, Literacy 90%. French colony w/ agricultural & tourist econ. High youth unemployment brought unrest in '09. Pray for leadership, church impact, healing.

**Nov 20 NewBirth Church, Huntersville Montenegro, Europe** – Pop 625K, Literacy 97%. Formerly Yugoslavia, war torn has hopeful future. Orthodox church has been feuding w/other Orthodox groups. Pray that Jesus comes through.

**Nov 27 NorthCross Church, Cornelius Guam, Pacific** – Pop 179K, Literacy 100%. 1/3 of island is US military base. Tourist economy, diverse pop, US culture increasing, Christian presence strong. Pray for church and indigenous people.

**Dec 4 Point of Grace Lutheran, Cornelius Mongolia, Asia** – Pop 2.7mil, Literacy 98%. Agriculture and mining. Severe weather, transition to market economy difficult. Gov't is difficult on the poor. Pray for economy, Christian foothold & leadership.

- 'Operation World 7<sup>th</sup> Edition' 2010 -

**B.I.B.L.E. = Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth** Great NT books this week. Go through them slowly and soak up the blessings they have for you. **2 Maccabees** is a [deuterocanonical](#) book of the [Bible](#), which focuses on the [Jews' revolt](#) against [Antiochus IV Epiphanes](#) and concludes with the defeat of the [Syrian](#) general [Nicanor](#) in 161 BC by [Judas Maccabeus](#), the [hero](#) of the work. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2\\_Maccabees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2_Maccabees)

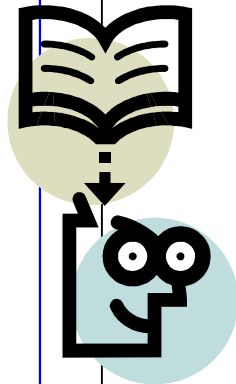
11/1 – 1 Tim. 1:5-2:8	11/22 – Heb. 11:1-31	11
11/2 – 1 Tim. 2:9-3:16	11/23 – Heb. 11:32-12:17	12
11/3 – 1 Tim. 4:1-5:2	11/24 – Heb. 12:18-13:17	13
11/4 – 1 Tim. 5:3-25	11/25 – Heb. 13:18-	14
11/5 – 1 Tim. 6:1-21		James 1: 12 15
11/6 – 2 Tim. 1:1-2:7	11/26 – James 1:13-2:7	
11/7 – 2 Tim. 2:8-26	11/27 – James 2:8-26	
11/8 – 2 Tim. 3:1-4:8	11/28 – James 3:1-18	
11/9 – 2 Tim. 4:9-Titus 1:5	11/29 – James 4:1-17	
11/10 – Titus 1:6-2:10	11/30 – James 5:1-	
11/11 – Titus 2:11-3:15		1 Peter 1:2
	2 Maccabees	12/1 – 1 Peter 1:3-25
11/12 – Philemon 1-25	1	12/2 – 1 Peter 2:1-25
11/13 – Heb. 1:1-2:9	2	12/3 – 1 Peter 3:1-22
11/14 – Heb. 2:10-3:19	3	12/4 – 1 Peter 4:1-5:4
11/15 – Heb. 4:1-5:9	4	12/5 – 1 Peter 5:5-
11/16 – Heb. 5:10-6:20	5	2 Peter 1:11
11/17 – Heb. 7:1-28	6	12/6 – 2 Peter 1:12-2:9
11/18 – Heb. 8:1-9:7	7	12/7 – 2 Peter 2:10-3:10
11/19 – Heb. 9:8-28	8	
11/20 – Heb. 10:1-18	9	
11/21 – Heb. 10:19-39	10	

All women of the church and community are invited to join the **WOMEN OF ZION** on the first Tuesday of each month at Acropolis. We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and a devotional program. You may contact Elizabeth Coker for more information at 704-892-8263 or Elizabeth\_coker@bellsouth.net. We look forward to seeing you! Mark your calendars now for the first Tuesday of each month!

**MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME** to attend a **COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** held each Wednesday from 7-8 am at the Cookhouse Restaurant located at 20936 Torrence Chapel Road in Cornelius. It is led on alternate weeks by the ministerial staffs of Mt. Zion UMC and Bethel Presbyterian.

### BETH MOORE – STUDY OF JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS

Thursday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 starting January. Join us for nine weeks beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> to see how James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action! To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Theresa Lineweaver, [JTL296@roadrunner.com](mailto:JTL296@roadrunner.com) or 704-351-0125. Childcare offered; please let us know if you will need this service when you RSVP.



### GIFT OF THE MAGI (Members Applying Gifts Intentionally) SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY CLASS

Thursday mornings, December 1, 8 and 15. 9:30 – 11:30 in Room 205. Childcare provided upon request. In this three session class, you will identify your God-given 'Servant Profile'. Spiritual Gifts – abilities God has given us to serve, Personal Style – how you are wired, Passion – where you are best suited to serve. Through this process you will be given the resources to explore serving opportunities that match your unique servant profile. In this way: some affirm and strengthen the ministries in which they are already involved, some find that a change will allow them to be more responsive to God's call on their lives, some find their unique place of ministry for the very first time! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Theresa Lineweaver @ 704-351-0125 or [JTL296@roadrunner.com](mailto:JTL296@roadrunner.com).

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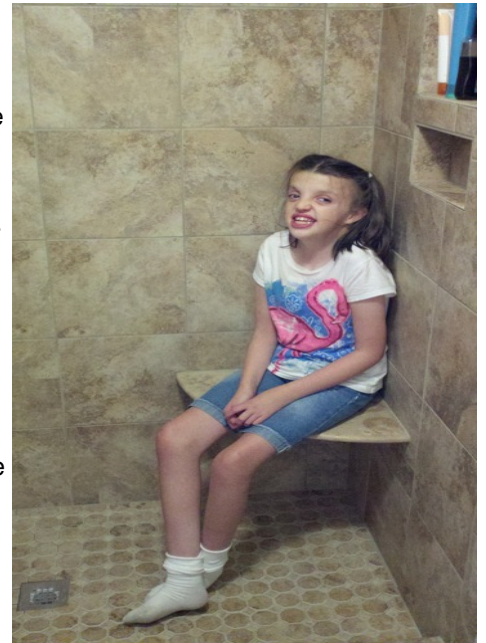
**SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...IN HONOR OF** The church staff, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN HONOR OF** Patsy Barker, a gift was given to the Budget...**IN MEMORY OF** Andrew Allen Steen, gifts were given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Zetta Thompson, gifts were given to the Budget and a gift was given to the Cemetery Fund; **IN MEMORY OF** Kristen Olson's October 7th birthday, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Nancy Lodema Donaldson, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Hazel McKee, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Bobby Carter, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Vickie Sloan, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Margaret Iannucci, a gift was given to the Praise Team; **IN MEMORY OF** Margie Lowrance, gifts were given to the Cemetery Fund; **IN MEMORY OF** Violet Washam, a gift was given to the Capital Fund.



BEFORE

Thank you to our church family of Mt. Zion UMC for helping renovate a bathroom in our home for our daughter, Kendall! Bathing Kendall had become more challenging due to her size and inability to climb in and out of a regular tub. The donations from the Helping Hands fund, as well as those donating labor and materials, were a blessing in renovating a regular bath to a walk in shower with a seat and handheld shower nozzle. Kendall is truly enjoying the new shower and it has made a world of difference for my husband, Ken, and me - it is safer to walk Kendall in and out of the shower and we don't feel the strain on our backs from lifting her. Kendall lives with Cerebral Hypoplasia ("underdevelopment of the brain") which has resulted in global mental and physical delays. We are blessed to be a part of a great church family, and are grateful to everyone who works with Kendall as well as those whose donations made her bathroom a reality!

Felicia Davis



AFTER

## Music Notes from Marcy

Below is the music/drama offerings through Christmas. We have so many wonderful opportunities for you to share the joy of Thanksgiving and Christmas at Mt. Zion. Please join us and don't forget to bring a friend.

**Sunday, November 20, 2011; 3 pm: Sanctuary**

**"The Old Testament Fast Forward" by Allen Pote and Tom Long; Genesis Youth Drama and Bells and Choristers**

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Cornelius Community Thanksgiving Service**

Mt. Zion is hosting this annual Community Thanksgiving worship service. Music will be provided by an interfaith choir from area churches and the Mt. Zion Hand Bells.

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**Mt. Zion UMC Praise Team Christmas: 9:45 am  
Family Life Center**

The Mt. Zion UMC Praise Team will present "God Came Down" by Travis Cottrell. This is a dynamic worship musical for the Christmas Season. Fresh new songs move in and out of classic Christmas carols. Genesis Youth Dance will also be featured in the worship service.

**Saturday, December 10, 2011 Sanctuary; Huntersville Brass 6:30 pm and North Mecklenburg Community Chorus Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 18, 2011 Christmas with the Mt. Zion UMC Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Orchestra: 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Sanctuary**

Mt. Zion's annual program for the Cornelius community. New and old Christmas Carols will be sung with the featured work being Mark Hayes' "Magnificat" commissioned for the American Choral Directors Association.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE BIG EVENTS FOR CHILDREN THIS SPRING, SUMMER & FALL!**

**MT. ZION SPRING MINI-CAMP FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, 2012**

At Camp Loy White near Shelby

**MT. ZION SUMMER ELEMENTARY CAMP FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**Tuesday, June 26 through Friday, June 29, 2012**

At Camp Carolwood near Lenoir

**MT. ZION UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3, 2012 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

For children ages 3 years old through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**FALL CHURCH MINI-CAMP FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS**

**AND OTHER ADULT AND YOUTH MEMBERS OF MT. ZION**

At Camp Loy White near Shelby

**Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7, 2012**

### **Hospitality Team Members Needed**

**Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:00**

Help guests and persons of all ages feel the love and warmth of Christ

when they enter the doors of Mt. Zion and see your smile of friendship.

Serve once a month on a hospitality team in the hallways to greet persons,

sign in new children, and guide children, youth and adult newcomers to classrooms.

*Contact Sherry Washam for more information.*

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, at 7 pm in Room 204 of the Education Building. All members of the Administrative Board are urged to attend!



**LOAVES & FISHES**

**GROCERIES FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

**For Safety – NO GLASS PLEASE**

**NOVEMBER: Christmas Meal Items**

**DECEMBER: Green Vegetables, Dried or Canned Beans, Pork & Beans**

(Collection bins are located in the Family Life Center, the upper level of the Education Building, the lower level of the Sanctuary Building outside the elevator and outside the Library in the church office area.)

**You may also donate supermarket gift cards in lieu of food items. There are times that they've been very short on food supplies to distribute and when available, they give gift cards to families instead of food.**

**REMINDER:** Please send any articles you would like to have included in the next issue to the church by December 1.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Please continue to lift up our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders in your prayers.

Session Eight—Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly (Part 2) Our Stephen Ministers explore the topic of assertiveness, using Jesus as the model for assertive behavior. They take a look at the differences between passive, aggressive and assertive behavior.

Session Nine—Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving. Our Stephen Ministers are learning the importance of establishing boundaries both to protect themselves from manipulation and also to guard against their own controlling impulses. Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger Versus Opportunity. Our Stephen Ministers are also learning the effects of crises on people's faith. They are exploring how to help a person experiencing crisis to move toward greater wholeness.

Session Ten—Confidentiality. Our Stephen Ministers take an in-depth look at an essential principle of quality Christian care —confidentiality. Everything a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister and even the identity of the care receiver remain strictly confidential. It is this safe environment of trust and acceptance that God can bring hope and healing to a care receiver.

Session Eleven—Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There. While most of their caregiving will take place in person, occasionally Stephen Ministers may also care for people over the telephone. In this session, our Stephen Minister trainees learn when using the phone is appropriate and how to provide care most effectively over the phone.

Session Twelve—Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources. This will prepare our Stephen Ministers to refer care receivers to the appropriate caregiver should the need arise for a different kind of care or a higher level of care than a Stephen Minister is qualified to provide.

### MT. ZION UMC UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1/1/11 - 10/31/11

2011 General Fund Budget:  
\$1,090,190

Year to Date Projected Budget:  
\$851,747

October Budget Gifts: \$77,987

Year to Date Budget Gifts:  
\$849,681

### THANK YOU!

Year to Date Budget Expenses:  
\$819,439

(Does not include additional Loan  
payoff amount of \$112,957)

General Fund Cash On Hand:  
\$227,947

YTD Capital Fund Gifts Received:  
\$17,774

Capital Fund Expenses \$13,302

Capital Fund Cash On Hand:  
\$17,407

Funds Received for Helping Hands  
(Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
\$14,993

Please contact Margaret Langston  
if you have any questions.

### OCTOBER 2011 ATTEN- DANCE:

October 2: 8:30: 83; 9:45: 95;  
11: 221 = 399

October 9: 8:30: 94; 9:45:  
118; 11: 196= 408

October 16: 8:30: 110; 9:45:  
109; 11: 220 = 439

October 23: 8:30: 89; 9:45:  
106; 11: 222 = 417

October 30: 8:30: 113; 9:45:  
93; 11: 243=449

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO...**Robbie Lowrance and family on the death of his mother, Jeanne Lowrance, who passed away on October 30th.

Thank You for all the prayers for Aiden and Danielle. He is still a tiny baby but doing very well. We appreciate your care and concern— Doug, Martha, and Natalia Miller and the Danne-man Family

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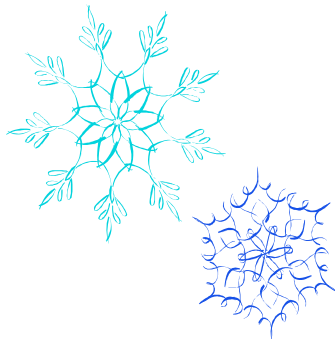
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 11:30 AM –7:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
Over 40 Regional Artists, Crafters, Gifts & Accessories Dealers

**Country Store with fresh baked goods**  
Breakfast—Lunch—Snacks

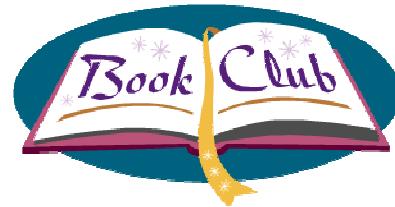
Santa will visit for pictures Friday, Nov.18, 4 pm to 7 pm and  
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Greetings Mt. Zion Book Club Readers,



**Tuesday, November 15th**, we will be meeting back at the Nook Coffee Bar & Eatery from 7:00 – 8:30. They are located off Sam Furr Road behind Hickory Tavern. The book is "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch.

December is a busy time for everyone. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 8:30. The book is an easy read, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. Please bring a new or slightly used book gift wrapped. We will have a book exchange to celebrate the holidays.

If you are interested in participating contact: Torrie Thompson at 704-896-0312 or e-mail [torrie@bellsouth.net](mailto:torrie@bellsouth.net).  
Happy Reading!