



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zoar Baptist Church

1740 S. Lafayette Street
Shelby, NC 28152

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Our vision is ...

*"To see our church and community TRANSFORMED as we become more like JESUS
CHRIST and lead others to Him."*

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Please make yourself at home. We hope that you will visit with us again! We welcome you to worship this morning. We are glad that you are here! We hope that you find the worship service to be meaningful, spirit-led, and reflective of our vision.

If you are visiting with us this morning, please take a moment and complete a C.A.R.E. card and drop it in the offering plate.

**DECEMBER 3, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR JON

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

LYN CARROLL

ARRANGED BY PHILLIPS

HANGING OF THE GREEN

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE READING "PSALM 98"

HYMN #88

“HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING” VERSES 1 & 2

RESPONSIVE READING #1

HYMN #87

"JOY TO THE WORLD" VERSES 1, 2 & 4

1. THE POINSETTIAS

HYMN #85 "THE FIRST NOEL" VERSES 1,2,3 & 4

2. THE AUDITORIUM GREEN

HYMN #94 "ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" VERSES 1 & 2

3. THE TREES

HYMN #103 "AWAY IN A MANGER" VERSES 1,2 & 3

4. ALTAR GREEN

HYMN #86 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" VERSES 1,2 & 4

5. ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN #89 "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" VERSES 1,2 & 3

RESPONSIVE READING # 2

BENEDICTION

PASTOR JON

POSTLUDE

LYN CARROLL

Responsive reading #1

Leader: Today we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.

People: Today we make ready our welcome for God's only son, Jesus of Nazareth.

Leader: We begin this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

People: As we renew the special meaning of the Advent season, the season of going toward the new hope and eternal life.

Leader: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

People: Let us honor His birth by adorning our church for the coming of our King.

Leader: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication of the glory of God and the manifestation of His love through His son, Jesus Christ.

People: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

All: Emmanuel!

Responsive reading #2

Leader: And now may God, Creator of Light, and trees and flowers,

People: Grant us peace.

Leader: As we have decorated this place of worship,

People: May we also live our lives of worship

Leader: decorated with God's forever-things...

People: forever love,

Leader: forever life,

People: forever living

Leader: forever growing,

All: forever green!



C. A.R.E. Ministry Zoar Baptist Church

C.A.R.E.=Christians Actively Reaching Everyone, usually meet first Sunday night each month, 5:00pm.

Next Meeting is today.

Please consider meeting with other volunteers to send cards to those with concerns.



If you would like to go caroling on December 10 to our homebound, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the trophy case. We will meet at the church at 4:00pm.



Good FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

The JOY group will be meeting at
Zoar Baptist Church, FLC
Thursday, December 14, 6:00p.m.

So hope all you seniors, 55 and up, will join us for some good food, fun, and fellowship!

Menu: Chicken, Ham, Green Beans
Mac/Cheese, Cold Slaw, Dessert and tea



Thank you to all who took an Angel from the Angel Tree. This will be a big help to students from Shelby Middle School. Thanks again for everything.

The gifts for the Angel tree are due to the library in the FLC by Sunday December 10th. All items on the Angel are not required. Clothes items and a gift suggestion will be greatly appreciated. Please wrap the gifts and place them in a gift bag (or any type of bag) and attach the Angel to the bag. They may be put in the library of the FLC anytime you have it completed. The deadline is the 10th of December. Thank you for helping with this mission project.
Your mission team.



First grade & Up
Join us for Kingdom Kids
Sundays, 2pm to 4pm
2pm: Kids lesson & game /
youth gym time
3pm: Puppets



**Christmas skit practice for kids,
1:30pm today!**



***Kids & Youth Christmas Party,
December 20, 6pm in the
Family Life Center***



*Please join us for our annual Christmas
Eve Candle Light Service,
December 24, 5:30pm.*

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering

Together.

We are able to do so much more together,
than if we were chasing this vision alone.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) goal is \$3,500 this year. Please be in prayer and generous with your sacrificial giving. The LMCO week of prayer is this week, December 3-10.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$200 million to support the International Missions Board (IMB) for 2023.

Weekly Schedule *On campus Sunday:*

"The Gathering Fellowship-8:30-9:00am, Family Life Center"

Sunday School at 9:00 AM & Worship Service at 10:00 AM

An adult Sunday School class livestreamed at 9:00 AM

& Worship Service at 10:00 AM on www.facebook.com/zoarchurch

You can also find us on our website at

<http://zoarchurch.com/home/sunday-school-lessons>

<http://zoarchurch.com/home/recent-sermons>

***Grief Share: Sunday's, 2:00-4:00pm**

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Children's Worship 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, Children's Church: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Kingdom Kids (1st grade & up) Sundays: Not meeting November 26

2pm-3:00pm: Kids lesson & game/youth gym time; 3pm-4:00pm: Puppets

"Better Balance" Exercise class meets on Monday, 3:00-3:45pm in FLC

Church Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm, led by Pastor Jon Jones

Your Giving:



Please remember your gifts to the church enable us to continue our ministry efforts to our members and the community! Thank you for your faithfulness!

Remember you can drop off your envelopes at the church in the new locked drop box on the office door or safely give on-line at www.zoarchurch.com and scroll down to the "Donate Now" button!

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Week of November 26, 2023

Tithes & Offerings: \$4,693.00

Total: \$6,112.14

Online: \$1419.14

Greeter Schedule

Date	8:45 – Church	8:45 – FLC
December 3	Larry Gamble	Audrey Hedgepeth
December 10	Melody Gamble	Debbie Dover

