

February 2020 — Birthdays, *Anniversaries & Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cathy Cummings
2	3	4	5	6	7 *Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hester	8 8:00 Deacon Training Martha Ledford
9 5:00 Church Council 6:00 C.A.R.E.	10	11 Carol York	12 Nathan Hamrick Jack Kennedy	13 Abigail Whisnant Donna Webber *Mr. & Mrs. Ken Gantt	14	15 6:00 Valentines Banquet
16 Danny Spinks	17	18 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 6:00 PRAZ	24 Marshal Bradley Brian Plummer *Mr. & Mrs. Jim Plummer	25	26	27 Melanie Payseur	28	29

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Schedule: 8:30am The Gathering (Breakfast)
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday Schedule:
7:00pm—Bible Study with Dr. West,
Children in Action, Youth
7:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 — 12:00
Monday — Friday
Office Number:
704-482-4151



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 9— 5:00 pm
DEACON'S MEETING
February 18— 7:00 pm



February 9 — 6:00 PM

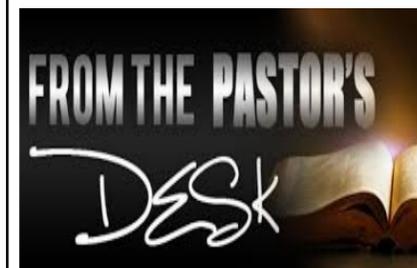
PRAZ February 23 — 6:00 PM



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THE LIFELINE FEBRUARY 2020



It is no secret among those of you who know me that I love sports. Like most of the world, I was stunned and saddened at the death of Kobe Bryant along with eight other people this past Sunday afternoon. I never disliked Kobe as a basketball fan, but neither was I enamored with him. I simply knew him to be a remarkable, skilled, and highly discipline athlete. There are so many stories that are now coming out about his life and family, but the one that captured my attention and touched me deeply, was the one about the last home game of his career. On that last night, following

his last game in Los Angeles, Kobe and family took the now infamous helicopter back to his home. He and his girls ordered a late night pizza, something he would never do in his playing days because of his focused dietary habits. But on this night of his retirement, Kobe splurged, watched movies with his girls, and they had a family slumber party that lasted until 3am. The whole family fell asleep in the living room. At 7am, however, Kobe slipped out of the house and went to his local Catholic church. There, he prayed. He prayed thanking God for the blessing of his life and he prayed a prayer of gratitude for all of the good things God had given him, especially his precious family.

I know nothing beyond this episode about the faith or the life of Kobe Bryant, but I do know one thing: the example of giving thanks in important seasons of life is a good one and it is one that all of us should follow. This young man was one of the highest paid athletes in the world, but the first thing he did in retirement was thank God. I like that!

That story convicted me to the core about my own lack of gratitude and thankfulness in all things. I know it is not November, but it seems to me, all of us could benefit from a life of gratitude and thanks. As the people of God, it seems to me, we can do nothing else. I hope you will agree.

With a spirit of gratitude for you,
Danny



Children's Easter Skit Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday February 9th @ 3:00
 Sunday, February 23rd @ 3:00
 Sunday, March 8th @ 3:00
 Sunday, March 22nd @ 3:00
 Sunday, March 29th- Easter Skit during the worship service.
 Please plan on your child being here for about an hour.



Winter Jam
 March 21st @ 6:00
 Please let me know ASAP if you would like to go



Be sure and check our JOY Group bulletin board in front of Sunday School office and review our past year in pictures.



Valentine Supper
Saturday, February 15th
6:00 pm

Creative Ministries is sponsoring a Valentine Supper to help the youth go to camp.

The chicken dinner will be great plus "The Good Humor Guy" a local speaker who has written a book "Pa Paw Stories" and songs "Knobby's Back" a tribute to Caesar's bigfoot featured on John Boy and Billy. He has performed as "Mason Fruitjar." It's going to be a really fun time with John Rudasill.

Plates will be a donation of at least \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids under 12. We look forward to seeing you there.

Note from the Deacon Body!

Greetings from your Deacon Body!
 We pray your new year is starting off in a wonderful way! God continues to bless us as church in so many ways! The Deacons are looking forward to our training session with Dr. West on February 8th! Having our Pastor desire to meet with us and guide our hearts, hands, and feet is going to be a real treat. We encourage all Deacons, inactive and active, to join us at 7:30 for breakfast followed by a couple of hours of expanding our spiritual minds and vision!

We also can't wait for our Valentines Dinner Theater on February 15th! What better way to spend an evening with your favorite person, having a great meal catered by Kings Cooking and your Creative Ministry team, and then laughing to the very funny story telling of "The Good Humor Guy" John Rudasill. Remember the proceeds will benefit our youth going to Caswell this summer!!
 Some other things your Deacons are a part of:

- the remodeling of the youth house which is moving along nicely. Thanks to those who have been able to help with that!
- Cooking breakfast for the GWU Baseball team on March 9th.
- The selling of the old Ford van, to make room for another new bus sometime in the future.
- Praying continually for our church families!

Over the next few months we will be looking at our community and how Zoar fits in that community. We covet your prayers as we tackle how we all can look for God's guidance on making Zoar a place of refuge and peace for the unchurched and unloved that surround us.

Finally, we bid Julia a fond farewell and are thankful for the time we were able to spend under her leadership as our music minister. We wish her good luck and Godspeed in her future endeavors!

Please let your family Deacon know if you have any questions or need assistance as we move through these winter months!

God Bless you all!
 Eddie Winecoff
 Deacon Chair

As I reflect on my time at Zoar Baptist Church, I can't help feeling overwhelmed at all of the love, support, grace, and encouragement that has been poured over me as I learned how to be a first-time worship leader. What a blessing it has been to get to know you all and share in beautiful moments of worship together throughout this past year. Thank you for the opportunity you've provided me to use my gifts and grow through this experience. I will be in fervent prayer for the ministries and people of Zoar. I will leave you with the lyrics of a song that I hold close to my heart:

"May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face.
 May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Blessings,
 Julia DeSerio