

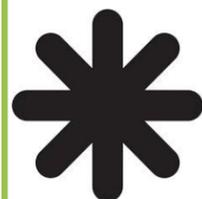
January 2020 — Birthdays, Anniversaries & Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Nora Bradley</i>	2	3 <i>Bobby Warlick</i>	4
5	6	7	8 <i>*Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Bradley</i>	9 <i>Ava Dover</i>	10 <i>Paisley Stallings</i>	11
12 <i>5 pm –Church Council 6 pm—C.A.R.E.</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Lisa Patrick Allen Hester</i>	17 <i>Lynn Winecoff</i>	18 <i>Charlie Kennedy</i>
19	20 <i>Brenda Espinoza</i>	21 <i>7 pm—Deacons Meeting</i>	22 <i>Jim Plummer Kentin Humes Victoria Espinoza</i>	23 <i>Barbara Rogers Vicki Willis</i>	24	25
26 <i>Amelia Poston 6:00 PRAZ 7:00 Church Conference</i>	27	28	29 <i>Kristen Blanton</i>	30 <i>Mike Webber</i>	31 <i>Ray McSwain</i>	

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



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



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12— 5:00 pm
DEACON'S MEETING
January 21— 7:00 pm



JANUARY 12 — 6:00 PM

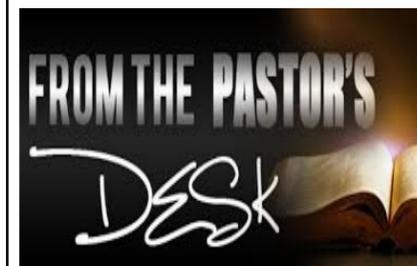
PRAZ JANUARY 26 — 6:00 PM



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THE LIFELINE JANUARY 2020



As a child, I always loved new things: new sneakers, new blue jeans, a new baseball glove and ball. While it didn't take long for any of them to soon be scuffed and dirtied, those first few moments were magical to me. I still love new things, I guess, but in different ways. Newness is God's beautiful reminder of the cycle and rhythms of creation that have always and will forever be. But in a personal way, God's newness provides hope and a future for his people. It comes to us in intimate and holy ways.

The prophet Isaiah speaks on behalf of God with the words, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (43:19, NIV).

A New Year (and decade) opens up such holy possibility. We need God's "new thing," don't we? We need God's renewing Spirit to renew ours; God's amazing grace to wash over us and in turn, we release that same grace upon others--especially those whom we have wronged and have failed to make things right. As the calendar turns, the hope is we turn too!

All of us have business to attend with God. I cannot speak for you, but I know the areas in my life that are messy and less than that for which God created me. As we move into 2020, I pray that a spirit of newness and aliveness will grip us all in this good place.

The poet Louisa Fletcher wrote these words in "The Land of Beginning Again:" "I wish that there was some wonderful place in the Land of Beginning Again. Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and our poor selfish grief, could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door."

My prayer for you all, my friends, is that the God of newness, joy, and hope will invade us all, grip us all, and change us all for his glory and honor. It may be that the only pathway to that good place, is to "drop some things at the door of a new year, and to leave them there." Might we together promise God and each other that that will be our desire for the year?

Have a blessed 2020!
See you Sunday,
Danny



Children & Youth Ministry Updates:

Thank you parents and children for an AMAZING December!! The children and youth visited two nursing homes where they sang Christmas Carol's and passed out candy canes. The residents faces lit up when our group came through singing. I could not be more proud of our Zoar kids.

Our Youth and Children Christmas party was a HIT! The children enjoyed pizza, cookies, and cake. But the best part was watching each child make a gingerbread house out of graham crackers. Their creativity still amazes me to this day. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers who helped serve, make houses, and clean up. You guys are the BEST and I couldn't do it with out you.

We wrapped up our Christmas time festivities with a walk around McAdenville. While it was cold outside, we had the best time. Thank you to the families that came out and walked the lights with us. This was definitely one of my personal favorites this year.

While the Christmas season is behind us and we are beginning to take down our decorations the fun isnt stopping there. The children and youth ministries have SO much to look forward to in 2020. If you are a parent of a child or youth and you have missed some of our events or if you have missed church lately I invite you to jump back on the church wagon and see us this Sunday. It is easy during busy times of the year to take a Sunday or two off but I want you to know that you and your child have been missed and we would LOVE to see your smiling face back again in church.

Maybe you have LOVED hearing and seeing all that is going on in our children and youth ministries and you want to get involved. I am always looking for more volunteers. Come and put the gifts that God blessed you with to work! Our children and youth would love to see you volunteering.

Thank you Zoar church for always stepping in and helping in the children and youth ministries. The children and youth are our future and your support means more than you could possibly know. I am SO grateful for each and every one of you. I pray that 2020 brings you much joy and health.

Happy New Year!!!

In Christ,
Brittnye



Youth Retreat
January 17-19, 2020



Backpack Food Program Update:



Thank you to everyone that has participated in the backpack food program this year. Due to the generosity of Zoar church I was able to fill 10 paper grocery bags to the top for the Christmas vacation. These are children that desperately need food. These are children that panic when they know they are going to be out of school on a Friday because they are worried about picking up their bag for the weekend. Children have enough in life to worry about and having enough food should not be one of their worries and because of you it isnt a worry anymore.

I cannot thank you enough for what you are doing. If you are not involved in the backpack ministry and you want to be, please see me. I have some new ideas of items that I was able to add for Christmas that I would love to see in their bags weekly. This is such a blessing to be a part of this ministry and I know it would be a blessing to you as well. OR if you don't want to commit to every month, I am always happy to take "extras" and add them to bags when I have it.

From the Mission Action Team:

We welcome the New Year with excitement and praise for all God has done through us as a church in the last year and look forward to what will happen this year!!! We have been blessed with many ministry opportunities in the last year and through your gracious and bountiful donations have helped thousands of people not only in our little part of the world but all over this world! Some of the things we have been able to do is feed and clothe many people through our food pantry and our clothes closet. Thank you for all who have donated to either! We have been able to help families in need with power bills and furniture. We have given to foreign and home missionaries. So many times God has blessed us with opportunities! It has been a blessing seeing God's people use their resources to help others! We look forward to the challenges God places before us this year and we pray we are able to meet the needs of those who turn to us for help.

Thank you again from all of us on the Mission Action Team!

Have a happy and blessed New Year!

