

March 2020 — Birthdays, *Anniversaries & Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Rachel Oakes</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>*Mr. & Mrs. Mike Webber</i>	7 <i>Peggy Allen Gary Bell</i>
8 <i>5:00 Church Council 6:00 C.A.R.E.</i>	9	10	11 <i>Tenley Ellsworth</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>Donald Gene Allen</i>	16 <i>Sonda Hamrick Sam Toney</i>	17 <i>7:00 Deacons Meeting</i>	18 <i>Caleb Whisnant</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>6:00 PRAZ 7:00 Church Conference</i>	23 <i>Donna Tidwell Grady Toney</i>	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Peggy McSwain</i>
29	30 <i>Cathy Hensley Ronald Figueroa</i>	31 <i>Doris Swafford</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
March 8— 5:00 pm
DEACON'S MEETING
March 17— 7:00 pm**



March 8 — 6:00 PM

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March 22 — 6:00 PM



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THE LIFELINE MARCH 2020



One of the earliest declarations in the Sermon on the Mount are those found in Matthew 5: 6 which reads: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness."

Of all the appetites we possess, the most important is an appetite toward the things of God. All of the other "stuff" will not stand up in the brilliant light of eternity. It will all fade away and prove to be non satisfying options in our lives. That is where the power and simplicity of Lent comes into play. In just a few days, God's church all over the globe will focus upon the "God hunger" that we all own. That hunger, however, is often corrupted by the things of this world. Lent offers to us the time and space to focus on God. Specifically, in the days of Lent our attention is repeatedly drawn to the journey of Jesus toward the cross. It was his singular focus and he was determined to not let anything or anyone interfere with his mission. Ultimately, he sacrificed all on the cross so that in his death, we might find life eternal.

He disciplined himself to the ways of God. I don't know how you intend to focus on your God hunger in these days, but Lord knows, we desperately need a dose of God hunger and thirst among us. We need God. We need to hunger for God, thirst for God, to seek God in every way. That ought to be our most primary desire in the days before us.

I am starting a sermon series on March 1 titled, "Kingdom Focus." My prayer is that all of us, will get our heads and hearts out of the world's gutter, and in these important day, seek God and God only.

I hope to see you Sunday in Sunday School and worship.
Danny



Friday, April 10th at 6:30 pm
A Service of Silence and Reflection,
an appropriate way to ponder the spiritual dimensions
of Good Friday.



A special thank you to the creative ministry team for hosting a fundraiser for the youth and thank you to each member of the congregation that came out to the Valentine's banquet. Your support means so much to our youth!!

During the month of March the children's ministry is collecting donations for our annual Easter egg hunt. We are in need of small prizes for eggs, candy, and golden egg prizes. Any donation is greatly appreciated.



Flashlight Egg Hunt & Hot Dog Dinner
Friday, April 10, 2020 at 6:30



Children's Easter Skit
Sunday, March 29th at
10:00



SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 25, 2020 —If you have any ideas for projects, see a member of the Missions Committee: **Eddie Winecoff, Mickey & Paulette Bradley, Billy & Sherry Blanton, Tommy Dover, Brian Mellon, Martha Ledford, Brittney Lee**



On March 12, at 6:00 pm we plan to go see the Carolina Quartet at the Neal Center. This is the rescheduled date.

On March 20, Seniors will have a soup and hotdog dinner in the FLC.



Please extend a warm welcome to Vickie Whitfield as our Interim Worship Leader.



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



On March 9 the Deacons will be feeding the GWU baseball team breakfast in the FLC and the Lydia Class and Mission Action will be feeding them lunch at GWU. If you would like to help please see Eddie Winecoff.

Update on Youth House Remodeling from Church and Grounds,

We are now over 50% complete on the youth house remodeling project. Originally we targeted the basement, stairway and creating a foyer on the upper floor. Improvements included new ceiling tiles, new LED bulb conversion, new flooring and fresh paint. The cost was expected to be an estimated \$12,000 and was approved in the new 2020 budget. However, God has blessed our church with several contributions from very generous members increasing our remodeling budget to over \$20,000. This was really needed in that the original budget was about half of what we needed to fully remodel this area for our youth, who have to move due to space issues. We have now expanded the scope of this project to include fully remodeling the bathrooms in the basement and installing new counter top in the basement kitchen. That's not all, we were able to include improvements on the upper level too, retrofitting all lighting to LEDs and replacing stained ceiling tiles. And we should be able to purchase new appliances for the basement kitchen. Our original projected completion date was mid March, but since the scope has expanded we will not finish until early April.

This is all about God's blessings. A great need arose in our children and youth departments for more usable space and quality for those precious children/youth. God put things in motion, inspired our leaders, got folks focused on a united plan and literally everything has fallen into place. To God be the glory. He is using us in ways that could not be imagined just a few months ago. Volunteers showed up with little advance coordination and conversation. Volunteers are enjoying a lot of great fellowship and some great breakfast. Things happened, member-volunteers come and look forward to any tasks they are asked. We even have decorating volunteers to make sure carpet, floor covering, paint and countertops all blend together. This vision will be a reality very soon and we will schedule a future open house for all to see. With God leading our church, our many volunteers, our committees, our members, it has been a pretty easy project. Your contributions in time and donations are very much appreciated and we hope members will continue to support us!

With God's blessing,
Your Church & Grounds Committee



Update on our Security Planning,

We are working on a more comprehensive security plan and have made some significant improvements to the alarm system that all need to be aware of. We have reprogrammed all the security alarm key pads in the sanctuary, FLC and office activating the panic buttons for POLICE, MEDICAL or FIRE emergencies. Janice is putting a label on each key pad cover to "KEEP COVER CLOSED". Why is that important? To prevent any false alarms by accidentally pressing any of the panic buttons. Also, the "EXIT" buttons are all active as well, so when you are ready to activate our alarms in any of these three buildings you just need to depress the exit button to arm the alarm system. You can still arm the security system by entering the code too. We currently do not have an alarm system in the youth house so it is important to make sure this building and doors are all secured after each use.

Other improvements will be installing equipment that allows our Deacons and staff to use remote panic buttons within or outside any of these three buildings. This enhancement will shorten the response time to any threat to include going into a lock down mode and alerting all who hear the alarm in any of these buildings to take immediate action to lock any doors, seek shelter, shelter in place awaiting an "all-clear" from your deacons who will be actively engaged in security operations on any Sunday. Leaders must be security conscious at all times, especially during called meetings through the week.

Know that we want nothing but the very best worship experience at all times at Zoar for every member and guest, but we also must be prudent and prepared for the unexpected physical threat, bad weather event or a medical emergency. We will have more details on these plans later. We are enlisting our medically trained members to be responsive to medical events as well, which is a very important enhancement to this overall plan. They all have volunteered to help and stand ready when and if needed. Your personal safety is very important to your deacons and staff.

Let your deacons know of any questions you may have, as it is important that we all understand how to use the security enhancements.

Thank You!