

NOTES FROM BRITTNYE:

Blessings of the Backpacks!



*Please bring in your child's bookbag labeled with their name, between now and August 15th. We will praying over the children and their bookbags during the worship service on August 22nd



Zoar will have a table at Gardner Webb again this year and we are in need of volunteers. We need two people at the table at all times. If you are available and willing to volunteer please see Brittnye. Thanks!

ATTENTION YOUTH & PARENTS:

The BIG E
Sunday, August 1, 2021
Leaving right after church and returning at 3:00
NO money is needed!
MUST have an updated van and medical paperwork. See Brittnye for more info.

Sunday, August 15th

Lunch, Bible study, and social time in the youth house!
Starts right after church and ends at 2:00



Zoar Beginners Puppets starting Sunday, August 1st for grades 2-5 at 10:00am

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School at 9:00 AM and *Worship Service* at 10:00 AM.
Children's Church: at 10:00 AM
Wednesday: *Prayer Meeting & Bible Study* at 6:30 PM



Church Office Hours: Wednesday thru Friday 9 am to 2 pm. Please feel free to call or drop by anytime if there is any way I could be of service to you. (Please be aware that occasionally during those hours I could be out of the office running office errands)

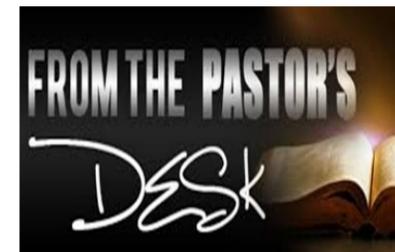
Blessings, Lisa

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THE LIFELINE AUGUST 2021



Through the years I have been nurtured by the writing and preaching ministry of the late Eugene Peterson. In his book, *Working the Angles: The Shape of Pastoral Integrity*, Peterson writes: "The biblical fact is there are no successful churches. There are, instead, communities of sinners, gathered before God week after week in towns and villages all over the world. The Holy Spirit gathers them and does his work in them. In these communities of sinners, one of the sinners is called the pastor and given designated responsibility for the community. The pastor's responsibility is to keep the community attentive to God." (p.2).

What a charge is placed before all of us who attempt to serve God through the ministry of the church. Did you catch it: "Keep the community attentive to God." In my extended time with you at Zoar, there are so many things that I find myself incapable of doing to the constraints of my time. You are gracious and good about that in this season of ministry. I am humbled that Peterson reminds all pastors that we are sinners in the midst of other sinners serving our God. Of that one fact, I am fully aware.

My hope and pray for each of us (self included) is that we are continually attentive to God. Sadly, many Christians have spiritual attention deficit disorder. All it takes is for the evil one to wave yet another shiny object before us, and we are off and running, in lock step with the forces of darkness. We seem utterly incapable of keeping our focus on Jesus. That must change or God's church is in serious, terminal trouble.

In the coming weeks I will preaching a series of messages on the Red-Letter Words of Jesus. This series has been simmering for a good while now as I have observed the church in America veer radically away from the teachings of Jesus. I pray that you will join me in returning home—back to Jesus' teaching, back to the bedrock of our faith, back to loving and following Jesus all over again.

I'm praying that prayer for you. I would ask you do the same for me.
Blessings and Peace,
Danny



Message from your Deacons and Johnny Cabaniss

Deacon Ministry

First, please be in prayer for our deacon nomination, this month. We will vote on August 8 for four new deacons. Please pray for those deacons nominated that they will follow God's will and for all our deacons, church officers, teachers and members as we near a new church year on September, 1.

Second, Johnny Cabaniss has proposed some changes to the choir and stage area of our church sanctuary in keeping with our church goal of moving towards blended services in our sanctuary. Our members through member surveys and deacons want to move in this direction. A blended service should be more inviting for new visitors to consider Zoar as their church home. Remember, a blended worship service is a blend of traditional and contemporary styles. These changes will occur in phases in order to provide more flexibility on our stage.

Phase 1 includes replacing old or broken sound equipment/microphones and adding new equipment, removing the modesty railing and short pews in front of the choir area. We approved spending \$3400 to make these repairs and upgrades. By removing the modesty rail and short pews from the stage, sound monitors will be placed closer to the choir where they will be able to hear. The current sound monitors on the stage are not sufficient to service both the pulpit area and the choir area.

All our choir members and deacons have responded with very positive feedback from all, but a concern was to invite our members to comment as well over the next few weeks. This is your opportunity for all our members to provide feedback or to ask questions of Johnny or your deacon. Please speak to or contact Johnny or your deacon with your questions or comments. You can speak directly to them or email Johnny or your deacon.

Future changes to the stage/choir area could include replacing the choir pews with chairs, additional sound equipment or musical instruments and a praise band. We are planning in phases, but for now we wanted to inform everyone of initial planned changes and get your feedback.

Thank you, Your Deacons

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Larry Gamble 704-692-4882
Jimmy Willis 704-481-9622



We will be having Homecoming on Sunday, September 12th!! We are happy to announce that Doug Pedigo will be our guest speaker. Plan to bring a picnic basket full of food as we will be having a meal following the service. After the meal we plan to recognize members that have passed during the pandemic.



Exciting Opportunity - 2021 Community Block Party!

Please plan to join us on August 22 from 3:00 - 5:00 for the annual community block party. The Barnabas Class coordinates the event but we need all hands on deck! There is a job for everyone - from greeting our guests to feeding our guests and countless opportunities for involvement in between! Please mark your calendars!

Stay tuned for more information concerning how you can be involved and help out with this exciting event! Thanks! The Barnabas SS Class



Child/Baby dedication Sunday coming soon!!!

If you are interested in being part of this service, please email brittnye@zoarchurch.com or contact the church office at 704-482-4151 by August 1st.

New Believer's Class/Introduction to Baptism

Has your child/youth recently accepted Christ? Are they asking all the right questions but haven't made that step yet? Are they ready for baptism?? Then this is the class for them! Sunday, August 29th from 1:00-2:30 I will be hosting a new believers class/intro to baptism. This will be a great class for any child/youth that has questions, wants to know more about salvation, or is ready for baptism. Please email brittnye@zoarchurch.com to sign your child up. You MUST email me by August 15th!



Mission Action Report for August

Thank you so much for all the support you provide to the mission action team!! Your prayers and contributions are allowing us to reach out all around the globe spreading the good news for Christ! Through your generous donations we have been able to feed and provide for many families and individuals in the past few months. God has also blessed and our food closet is stocked! We have also opened our clothes closet for appointments and have served a few families needing clothing.

We are looking forward to serving the Shelby Middle School teachers and staff on August 16 as they begin their new year and we will be providing monthly goodies to the facility there monthly again this year. Please pray for the teachers and this ministry! The huge block party is quickly approaching on August 22 and we hope for a lot of volunteer help as we invite the community to come party with us! If you haven't heard there will be carnival rides, music, games, the clothes closet and FOOD! Invite your neighbors!

Brittnye will be visiting Gardner Webb during their Freshman Connect Fair on August 17. It is from 11:00-1:00. We will be giving out Zoar gifts, snacks and smiles to the students inviting them to our church. She needs a couple of helpers if you would like to help with this easy ministry! Please see Brittnye or email us at missions@zoarchurch.com for more information.

The Mora's update - David and Hannah are back and running full speed in Honduras serving and sharing with the people the love of Christ. The double hurricanes last year along with Covid-19 slowed them down but they are back up and working! They both are involved in many community mission activities. David is raising money for 4 wheel drive truck so he can move about in the mountain area more easily. They are also moving forward in their adoption efforts. We continue to provide monthly to them but if you would like to also make an individual donation, please let the church office know and we will get you that information. Please pray for our friends David, Hannah, Nicholas and Chester as they minister in a foreign place away from family and friends. If you know of any mission activities we need to be involved in or we need to know about, please email us at missions@zoarchurch.com. Again thank you for your support of your mission action team!

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