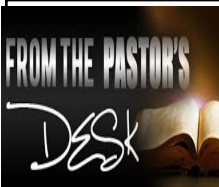


April 2024 Anniversaries & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Brinson Blanton Sherrill Jenkins	2 Dan Jolley	3 Sherry Blanton	4	5	6
7 Carol McCraw	8	9	10 Lainey Bradley James Swafford	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Corey Cummings	18	19	20 Mickey Bradley Julie Humes
21	22	23 Steve & Crystal Ware	24	25 Billy & Audrey Hedgepeth	26	27
28	29 Jimmy & Vickie Willis	30 Dani Cabaniss	31			



THE LIFELINE - APRIL 2024



As we journey further into the season of spring, our hearts are lifted by the signs of new life blooming around us. Many have started their initial yard cutting for the year. Just as the plants wake from the winter slumber I hope we too awake. As the weather warms, we see life emerge and it's a timely reminder of the eternal truth of resurrection, echoing the joy we celebrated in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, just a few weeks ago.

In this season of budding flowers and singing birds, let us take a moment to reflect on the beauty of God's creation and the renewal it brings. Just as the barren trees burst forth with new leaves and the once dormant earth teems with life, so too can our souls experience a similar revival in the presence of our risen Savior. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

I am getting my allergy medicine ready.

We can be encouraged that no matter how long the winter of our trials may seem, the promise of new life in Christ is always at hand. As we witness the transformation of nature around us, may it serve as a tangible reminder of the transformative power of God's love in our lives. I'm reminded of the dry bones in Ezekiel. It is God that gives life and can even take dry bones and give them life. Building upon the foundation of Easter, I am excited to announce our upcoming sermon series titled "The Returning King." As we've just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it's fitting to delve deeper into the profound significance of His return.

Throughout this series, we will explore the biblical teachings surrounding Christ's promised return, examining the hope and anticipation it instills within us as believers. In a world filled with uncertainty and turmoil, the promise of Christ's return serves as an anchor for our faith, reminding us that ultimately, God's plan will be fulfilled, and His kingdom will reign supreme.

I invite each of you to join us on this journey of exploration and discovery as we delve into Scripture to uncover the profound truths about Christ's return and its implications for our lives today. As we embrace the beauty of spring and eagerly anticipate the fulfillment of Christ's promise to return, may we find renewed strength and hope in the steadfast love of our Savior.

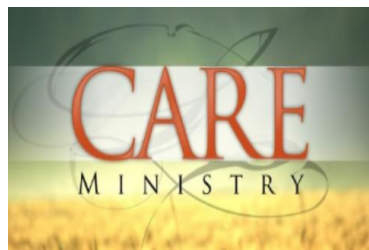
In Christ,
Pastor Jon



WEEKLY SCHEDULE *On campus* Sundays:
“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>

Children’s Worship 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, Children’s Church: 10:00-11:00 AM
First Grade & Up: Sundays, 2pm to 4pm, Kingdom Kids,
2pm: Kids lesson & game/youth gym time 3pm: Puppets

On campus weekly
“Better Balance” exercise class, every Mon., 3:00-3:45pm. Taught by Margaret Litton
Church Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6:30 PM Led by Pastor Jones.
Currently we are studying the Book of Mark



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 scheduled April 7.**

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



Sunday April 14th there will be a VBS interest meeting in FLC directly following the service.

Women's event April 20th at 11:00
Last day to buy ticket April 14th-
Spots are limited
Tickets are \$15 each

Building a Legacy- woodworking
There will be NO class on April 3rd
due to spring break.
We will resume classes on April 17th.



Blood Drive
Zoar Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1740 S. Lafayette St
Shelby, NC 28152
Thursday, April 4th
2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Girlfriends & Grace
Spring Edition
A Zoar Ladies DAY Out!
Saturday, April 20th
11:00am
Zoar Church FLC

- Boxed Lunch provided by *Taste of the Town*
- Cookie decorating (6 cookies to take home)
- Spring Devotional

Tickets are \$15. See Brittnye, Holly or church office.
Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, April 14th.
Max of 40 available spots.

GCCBA SENIOR ADULT RALLY

Please join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship!

April 25th, 2024 9 am- 1 pm
Zoar Baptist Church
1740 S Lafayette St Shelby

RSVP BY APRIL 18TH

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Message from your Mission Action Committee: March Missions Report

The food closet through February and most of March, 2024 provided nonperishable food for 11 families and 40 adults and children. They ranged in age from one to 63 years of age. We do need donations for the food closet. We have spent over \$1,500 of our total mission budget (\$3,500) so far just on nonperishable food. Please consider giving so we can continue meeting this important need in our community. We are able to help those who are desperate and literally out of food and very low on resources. All 100 food boxes donated by Food Lion have been given out already, this has never happened before. You can find a complete list of food items needed in the FLC and on the breezeway table. Yo can also designate a contribution and we will go shopping for you. Thank you for your prayers and donations in advance

We are focusing as a church on Annie Armstrong Mission Offering this month and have received over \$600 towards our goal of \$2,000. This is an important mission that plants churches and leads people throughout the US to Christ. Please help us make our goal!

We have provided assistance to a couple of needs within our church family and are ready to assist others where there are needs for in the home. Grab bars, small ramps, and providing advice are some of the things we have assisted on. If you have a need, please let one of our mission team members know so we can provide assistance to members as well.

Does your Sunday School have active mission projects ongoing through the year? Your mission team can help with mission ideas and opportunities. Let us know if we can help.

The backpack ministry continues to provide food for 15 middle school students each week and our partnership with Shelby Middle School teachers, staff and administrators continues to thrive thanks to Brittnye, Sherry and Donna. They are very grateful for our interest in them and the love we share through the food, breakfast snacks and contact. Jesus's love is being shared and hearts are being touched by this mission effort. Thank you for your support and continued prayers. Also, from time to time we will need more food and snack donations so be on the look out when Brittnye lets us all know about those needs.

We are collecting food for the local Baptist children's home as well during March, so if you haven't made a donation yet, please do. All food donations for March dropped off in the blue tubs will be given to them later this month.

Please consider helping us with the Blood Drive on April 4th. The sign up is on the trophy case to both give blood and volunteer to help Martha and Dean.

Happy Easter! We pray you God's greatest blessing on you and your family during this Holy Week.

Matthew 25:34-40 (Christian Standard Bible)

34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

35 "'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?'

40 "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Will you help us feed Jesus?

Sherry and Billy Blanton, Mickey and Paulette Bradley, Brittnye Lee, Martha Ledford, Nina Willis, Eddie Winecoff