

DECEMBER 2023, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 *John & Andrea McSwain Roger Crowe
3	4 Kaleb Jenkins Isaac McDaniel	5	6	7 *Rick & Kelly McDaniel	8	9 Roger Ware
10 Carlos Cooper Dean Ledford	11	12	13	14 Terry Bradley Hunter Scott	15	16
17	18	19	20 Karen Bell Brenda Cooper	21	22 Ken Gantt Ruth Poteat	23 Paulette Bradley Audrey Hedgepeth
24 *Woody & Dianne Whisnant Dennis Shull	25 Lynn Simmons	26	27	28	29	30 *Carlos & Brenda Cooper
31 Ann Hamby						

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>

GriefShare: Sunday’s 2pm-4pm, September 10-November 12, 2023

Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152

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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



THE LIFELINE - DECEMBER 2023



Dear Zoar Baptist Church Family,
As we enter the joyful and sacred month of December, we are filled with anticipation for the beautiful celebrations that await us. This season is a time of reflection, gratitude, and, most importantly, a time to come together as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I want to remind you of some upcoming events and leave you with a devotional thought.

Let us begin our month of festivities with the "Hanging of the Greens" service on December 3rd. This cherished tradition symbolizes the preparation of our hearts and sanctuary for the arrival of the Christ Child. Join us as we come together to decorate our church, sing hymns, and share in the spirit of unity and love.

On December 10th, we have the wonderful opportunity to spread the joy of the season beyond our church walls. Join us for an evening of caroling as we visit our homebound brothers and sisters, sharing the warmth of our community and the melodies of Christmas. Your presence and voices will undoubtedly bring comfort and cheer to those who may be unable to join us in person.

The highlight of our Christmas celebrations will be the Candlelight Service on December 24th. This is a time for quiet reflection, prayer, and the singing of carols as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us in creating a beautiful, illuminated illustration of love and the light of Christ.

Everyone one loves gifts. But the gifts are not the main reason we celebrate. As we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, let us reflect on the true meaning of this special time. Christmas is a reminder that God's greatest gift to us is love. The birth of Jesus Christ exemplifies the depth of God's love for humanity. During the hustle and bustle, let us pause and remember that the essence of Christmas lies in sharing love, hope, compassion, and joy with one another.

May the flickering candles, melodious carols, and warm fellowship during this season be a reflection of the love that God has bestowed upon us. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us also be a beacon of that love to those around us.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous December filled with the peace that surpasses all understanding.

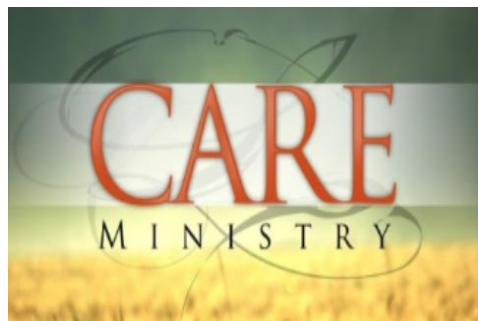
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jon



Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, December 24, 5:30pm.

This year we have added Christmas Caroling on December 10, 4pm. Everyone is invited to participate!





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 for December 3.

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



Church Council will meet on December 17, immediately after the worship service.



Sherry & Brittnye I need a description of what you want listed for the Angel Tree for this newsletter



***Kids & Youth Christmas Party,
6pm in the Family Life Center***



***We will use the Worship Service time,
10:00am on December 3
To decorate the Sanctuary through the
Hanging of the Greens.***

Message from your Mission Action Committee: **October Missions Report -**

We continue to serve those in our community through our food closet. Five families received emergency food from our food closet serving 16 individuals ranging in age from 4 to 75. Circumstances vary from loss of jobs or benefits, homelessness, both young and old, and even veterans. Your donations are very much needed as we are now getting low again on many items. Please consider donating nonperishables during November. It is your donations that allow us to be able to offer food to those in our community who are in need. Use your handout from the October newsletter as a buying guide for the food closet.

Our church will participate in the October 29 Greatest Treat Festival with other GCCBA churches at the city park. Pray for the hundreds of children and families that we will come in contact with and will not only receive candy and treats that you all donated and helped pack (700 bags) but will hear the gospel in words and activities designed for their understanding. The good news of Jesus Christ will be shared with them.

Our church provided an immunization clinic by partnering with Cindy Marlowe and Walmart. 22 patients were served (3 non-members), and 37 vaccines were given. We are fortunate to have Cindy as a member who serves us and our community, thank you Cindy.

Our partnership with Shelby Middle School (SMS) continues and we serve not only students, but also teachers, staff and administrators through breakfast for the teachers and backpack bags for fifteen students each week. Brittnye, Sherry, and Donna W. put together breakfast items and food for the backpack students. The students we serve each week are screened through the school social services administrator and meet a great need for food that students would not otherwise get through the weekend. We rely on your donations every week to meet this need. We could use some more volunteers to help meet this need. See Brittnye for details.

Coat and clothing donations are needed for the free clothing store on Gidney street. Cold temperatures are here now and any clean and slightly used clothing can be donated, they especially need coats, hats, and gloves now. Please make your donations to your Sunday school class and we will pick them up from there. We are extending this request into November.

November/December Mission Projects:

The Barnabas Class has a couple of mission projects and are accepting donations.

They are collecting warm socks for men, women, and children in West Virginia. The sock donations will be delivered to a community center in Oak Hill, West Virginia called Warm Hands Warm Hearts. Our goal is to take 1000 or more pairs of socks in December to this center. If you would like to donate, please place socks in the Barnabas Class in the Family Life Center.

Our second project is packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collect items all year long and pack 50 boxes for children ages 2 - 4 years of age. Shipping costs have increased to \$10 a box. If anyone would like to help with shipping, donations would be appreciated!

The Shelby Missions Camp may need volunteers to help with a Thanksgiving Meal preparation and delivery in November. See your bulletin for any needs and details.

We are planning on an Angel tree this year so please be looking for more information later in your bulletin.

Our Lottie Moon offering is coming soon. Please be generous with your sacrificial giving.

Again, we are very grateful for your continuing donations of food, funds, and time. Our goal is to provide a variety of mission opportunities that will glorify Jesus as we strive to be more like Him.