

February 2024 Anniversaries & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Jennifer Bridges Cathy Cummings	2	3
4	5	6	7 *Allen & Carolyn Hester	8 Martha Ledford	9	10
11 Carol York	12 Nathan Hamrick Jack Kennedy	13 *Ken & Carole Gantt Donna Webber	14	15	16 John Luke Jenkins	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Matthew Lee	27 Melanie Payseur	28	29	30	31

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

Youth Basketball games, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00-9:00pm, Family Life Center Gym

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



THE LIFELINE - FEBRUARY 2024



Dear Zoar Family,
Love is in the air. It is February. What a great time to spend and focus on Love. I will take the time to remind you about our Heart4 Emphasis. That out of our Heart for Jesus we emphasize 4 key areas in our community and in our church. Those four areas are our Schools, Shelby, Missions, and Zoar.

We need to support our schools. We are so close to the school. I'm so appreciative for our support for the school and the teachers. Sometimes when we think about institutions, we lose the aspect that they are made up of people. The students come from a wide range of backgrounds, and we must continue to support them. The next generation is to be engaged with because they can be the church now and in the future. We must build on that. It is important that we think about ways to outreach and engage these students. The backpack ministry is a great way to show our love and support. It is a harsh reality that some go hungry when they are not in school. We must also support the teachers. We must pray for the staff at the middle school and look for ways to show our appreciation. They work hard and have a tough job and their job only gets harder each year. I’m so appreciative to our Missions Committee that brings them treats each month. I also want to look at some ministry opportunities we have to reach college students. We have two colleges in our area and so we should begin to think about that population.

As we look at the surrounding area of our church, we see housing going up everywhere. People are here in Shelby. There is 17,436 people in that 3-mile circle of our church. We must continue to be a neighbor and neighbor doesn’t just pass on by. We should commit this year to getting to know the people around our church. You must also start to get to know the people around you in your neighborhood and not just invite them to church but to share the Gospel with them.

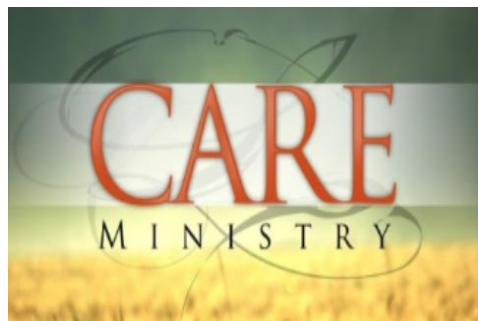
The next area is our Missions. Jesus tells us to “Go.” It is not a question for us whether or not we should be on missions but the question for us is how do we go and where. We emphasize ministry and missions in the Shelby area, but this emphasis is all about outside our immediate area. This includes partnering, sending, and going. Many of our Sunday School classes have mission projects outside of the area. We also financially support through our offering’s missionaries in North America and Internationally. I know many in our church support the Mora family and their work in Honduras. We must have a heart not just locally but for the world.

The fourth area we should have a heart for is Zoar. This area emphasizes our fellowship, our worship, and our discipleship. It is so important that we make a place that draws people in and helps equip them to face everyday life. Think about if you are not plugged into our church where you can be plugged in. Church council has a few women and men ministry events planned and I look forward to us growing this year together.

I’m preaching through the book of Mark. I encourage you to walk through this year with the book of Mark with us on Wednesday and Sunday. In Mark 5, we get an idea of Jesus' pace. A woman in need of healing touched Jesus’ garment. Jesus stopped. Many times, we get so busy with things that we forget that sometimes we must stop. Jesus was in the middle of traveling to another family to perform a miracle, but He still stops. We must not get in the habit of losing sight of the importance of stopping so that we do not miss people. Jesus’ ministry is to be a model and guide for us. Also, this text reminds us that Jesus sees us. No matter our issue no mat-ter how insignificant we may feel Jesus takes time for us. What joy we can have to know that our Lord and Savior stops and sees us.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon





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 February 4.

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



Church Council will meet on February 11 immediately after the worship service.



Deacon's will meet on February 20, 7:00pm

Youth Basketball Team



*****Please come out and support our boys!!
Games are every Tuesday and Thursday nights,
during February
6:00-8:00 pm, Zoar Family Life Center
And Double Springs Baptist Church Gym***

Message from your Mission Action Committee:

January Missions Report:

Your mission team hopes you brought in 2024 knowing the many blessings that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has provided. His blessings are boundless and we are all praying for His continued blessings in 2024.

Your food closet, through January 21, 2024, provided non-perishable food for 9 families, 36 adults and children. They ranged in age from 2 to 65 years of age. We are so grateful for the food donations and your support for having this fantastic resource. Those that benefit from your food closet are very grateful. Please know that we pray with many who come needing food and we inform them of all the local resources where they can receive this blessing at other churches and organizations. Your food closet is meeting a real need in our community and we are all blessed for having such a resource to help our community. Right now, we have food and will let you all know when the need for more food arises.

Our partnership with Shelby Middle School (SMS) continues with monthly treats for the school teachers, staff, and administrators, along with 15 students that our Backpack Ministry serves each week. Sherry and Donna prepared cups with hot chocolate packets for all the teachers and staff in January. Students, teachers and staff enjoyed time off from school and are now back in class. Your prayers are needed for all returning to school in 2024.

We continued to collect donated new and slightly used clothing for the Totally Free Clothing Store. Now is a good time to start your spring cleaning. Just bring your bagged clothing to the office and we will deliver them.

We have not had any milk donations lately, but we are ready when we get the call and will notify everyone when it does become available.

We also had donations made to the Crest Middle School Jr. Beta Club for their Foster Care Project made last Saturday, January 20. These donations will make a difference in the lives of local foster care kids, showing them we do care. Thank you to all who donated.

What a blessing, The Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal of \$3,500 was achieved. Our donations totaled \$3,850.73. Thank you

Annie Armstrong will be coming soon, another important mission. Look for more news on our Annie Armstrong goal as Easter (March 31, 2024) approaches. The Annie Armstrong week of prayer is March 3-10. The need for the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the US, Canada and territories is as great as it's ever been. Please give to support 3,000 missionaries and their families, a 179 year SBC commitment to North American missions. Their goal is \$75 million and 100% of your gifts go towards these missionaries support and future church plants. Help make Jesus known to 281 million who are lost in North America.

Acts 13:47 (CSB) For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have appointed you as a light for the Gentiles to bring salvation to the ends of the earth."