

MARCH 2024 Anniversaries & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Rachel Oaks
3	4	5	6 *Mike & Patsy Webber	7 Gary Bell	8	9
10 *Jon & Adriene Jones *Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins to- day!	11 Brinda Lewis	12	13	14 Peyton Scott	15 Donald Gene Allen	16 Sam Toney Sonda Hamrick
17	18	19	20	21 Grady Toney	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Ronald Figueroa Cathy Hensley Doug Scott
31 Doris Swafford Matt Webber Easter Sunday						



From Brittnye:

So far we have raised \$1,798.59 towards our goal of \$3,000 for Kids Camp!! Thank you to all that have given so generously already! There is still time to give so no children will be left behind. Let's make sure all the kids that want to attend are able to go for an amazing time!

(See Brittnye for more information.)

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

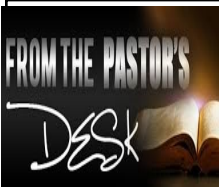


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THE LIFELINE - MARCH 2024



As we step into the month of March, we embark on a journey that echoes the footsteps of our Savior, marching towards the cross. This month holds profound significance for Christians worldwide, marking the path of Jesus Christ as He carried the weight of our sins to Calvary. We celebrate Easter on the last Sunday of this month. I encourage you to come worship and invite others. This month we will be finishing up the sermon series on Mark: The Gospel on the move. We have seen Jesus travel and spread this message of the Kingdom of God but now we are going to see Him travel to Jerusalem for the last time to be crucified and then three days later raised. In this march to the cross, we are reminded of the sacrificial love that knows no bounds, the love that redeemed humanity and offered us salvation.

I wanted to remind us of our name and that the term "Zoar" holds a deep biblical significance. It was a place of refuge for Lot and his daughters, a sanctuary in the midst of chaos and destruction. Just as Zoar provided safety and shelter, we are called to embody its meaning in our community. As we embrace the Heart4 Emphasis one of the areas of emphasis is Shelby. In these turbulent times, it is essential for Zoar Baptist to stand as a beacon of hope, a refuge for those seeking solace and support. That we be a hospital for sinners rather than a museum for the saints. A museum focuses on preservation and placing things on a mantle to be observed while a hospital is there to treat and heal. A museum is quiet and not much life. Museums are great but churches are not called to be museums. We are called to be the bride of Christ. We are called to be the body of Christ. We are called to equip the saints. We are called to be active. I am very happy that we are very much alive and well. Being a refuge means that we are a place of encouragement and equipment that we continue to make disciples. We must continue to extend our arms wide, welcoming all who are in need, offering comfort, compassion, and the love of Christ.

As we march towards the cross, let us not forget the significance of our role as a refuge. Let us emulate Christ's love in all that we do, extending grace to the broken, and being a source of strength for the weary. May our actions reflect the profound love of our Savior, and may Zoar Baptist continue to be a sanctuary where all are embraced with open arms that they would encounter God's glory and grace.

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 March 3

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



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

Deacon's will meet on March 19th, 7pm



Church Conference immediately after the worship service, March 24



Pancakes & PJ's

Maundy Thursday



March 31

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00am

Breakfast: 8:00am

Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship Service: 10:00am



Message from your Mission Action Committee:

What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING (AAEO) IS THE PRIMARY WAY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FUND MISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** OF GIFTS GIVEN TO AAEO GO TO THE FIELD TO SUPPORT MORE THAN 2,900 MISSIONARY FAMILIES SERVING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Our goal this year is \$2,000. Week of Prayer is March 3-10.

Please pray for our missionaries and give generously

Day One: Lost

281 million is a big number. How big? When someone says the word “missionary”, it’s perfectly natural for most people to think of someone in a faraway place. That makes sense. There’s a vast mission field “out there.” But for some people, putting a name and face on just one or two of the estimated 281 million lost people living “right here” in the U.S. and Canada changes everything.

Day Two: Jefferson & Carol Hernandez

Sterling, Virginia

Many years ago, Jefferson and Carol Hernandez had an American dream. They came to the U.S. looking for wealth and prosperity. But when they found something much better than that, they started a church called, appropriately enough, *Campo Blanco* (White Field). Now, in a place where Latin American immigrants are arriving seemingly every day, Jefferson and Carol are making Jesus known to their Hispanic neighbors.

Day Three: Joseph & Kristen Gibbons

Las Vegas, Nevada

It’s 1,914 miles from Joseph and Kristen Gibbons’ old home in Alabama to their new home in Las Vegas. It might as well be a million miles. Several years ago, the Gibbons left their comfortable, Bible Belt community and moved to “Sin City” to start Favor City Church. Now, Joseph and Kristen know all about culture shock. But they also know all about the power of the gospel.

Day Four: Faith Garland

Boston, Massachusetts

Sometimes it takes a prodigal to know a prodigal. Maybe that’s why Faith Garland, a missionary at the Send Relief Boston Ministry Center, has so many opportunities to make Jesus known. Faith’s troubled past helps her connect with strippers, prostitutes and other women in Boston who’re in danger of being trafficked. She leads volunteers out onto the streets where they share the hope of Christ with the prodigals they find there.

Day Five: Alayu & Yegile Dubale

Denver, Colorado

There was a time when Alayu Dubale would’ve described Lemma Azene as his “chief persecutor.” That’s because 40 years ago in Ethiopia, when a teenage Alayu gave his life to Christ, Lemma was the one who sent him to jail. Now, however, Alayu and Lemma are best friends who along with their families are planting churches that are making Jesus known to the 50,000 Ethiopians who’ve come to live in Denver.

Day Six: Josh & Beth Glymph

Jacksonville, Florida

The Glymphs are an eclectic looking family and that’s just the way they like it. In addition to their two biological children, Josh and Beth Glymph have three adopted children. God used their experience with adoption and foster care to start and grow Refuge Church, a very unusual church in a very unchurched neighborhood of Jacksonville, Florida.

Day Seven: Noelson & Edna Chery

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Their worship leader is 16 years old. They meet in a karate studio. The sermon is in English, or Haitian Creole, or sometimes both. But the most unusual thing about Philadelphia’s First Haitian Metanoia Baptist Church might be this: Noelson Chery and his wife Edna never had any intention of starting this church. And yet here they are, baptizing new believers and watching God grow a very unexpected church plant.

Day Eight: Found

When God sends missionaries like the ones featured here into places where the gospel has not yet reached, amazing things happen. Today there are more than 3,000 Southern Baptist missionaries making Jesus known in communities all over the U.S. and Canada. They’re starting new churches, meeting physical needs and baptizing new believers. This is what happens when you pray: the gospel spreads.

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