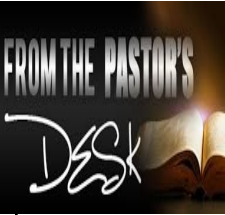


NOVEMBER 2023, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Derrell Hollifield	4
5 C.A.R.E. meeting 5pm, FLC	6 Sean Cantrell	7	8 Elaine Robertson	9 Jon Bradley	10	11
12	13 Jimmy Willis	14	15	16	17 *Bill & Carol York	18 Crystal Ware
19 Thea Cummings *Larry & Melody Gamble Church Council, 11am Thanksgiving Meal	20	21	22 No Services	23 THANKSGIVING	24 Billy Hedgepeth	25 Jenni Stallings
26 *Don & Cathy Hensley Church Conference, 11am Hanging of the Green	27	28	29	30	31	



THE LIFELINE - NOVEMBER 2023



It is almost 2024! Can you believe it?

I am amazed at how God has moved this year. We are wrapping up this year with of course Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have had a great couple of months with our Connection Day and cookout. I look forward to our fellowship together as we have a Thanksgiving meal together.

This month I am going to be preaching out of the Book of Ruth. I enjoy the book of Ruth. It may be a short narrative of only four chapters but it gives us great insight into how the Lord works. That is one of my favorite parts of Ruth is that God is working but not in big miraculous ways but in every-day ways using ordinary people. Many times, we look at the story of Ruth as a love story. If we only look at it that way, we miss the true meaning and miss how God moves in the midst of His people. God is always working and restores what is broken for the righteous. God certainly restores in the book of Ruth. God is a restorative God. We can get peace and comfort knowing that no matter how broken things may be God is still moving, God has a plan, and God will work . The book of Ruth puts such an emphasis on the character of Ruth and Boaz. Through their character God restores and ties them into the story of the Messiah and the messianic seed. We will be approaching Christmas as we focus on our Messiah’s birth. Our character matters not just in the big moments but in the everyday small moments. I think that is a central message and a reminder to us all to be faith in the small moments.

As we look towards celebrating Christmas, I want to remind you of the Hanging of the Greens service. We will be doing that on 11/26 at 5:00pm. I encourage you all to come and participate in this service as we decorate and shift from a season of thankfulness to a time of celebrating the gift of our Lord and Savior.

Last month was Pastor Appreciation Month and I just want to make a note of appreciation to the staff. One thing I say is a shepherd is only as good as his staff. We have some wonderful leaders here from Sunday School, to the deacons, to the staff, to just the volunteers. I am so appreciative to everyone’s humility and willingness to lead and serve. It is what makes Zoar such an amazing place.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon



WEEKLY SCHEDULE *On campus Sunday:*
“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
For more information Contact:
704-913-1905 or ameliap0161@gmail.com, or 704-482-4151

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



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 has been rescheduled for November 5.

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



**Churchwide Thanksgiving covered dish meal
November 19, 6:30p.m.**

**Church will provide the Turkey and Dressing
Please bring a vegetable or dessert (or both)
and join us for this time of fellowship.**



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 5**



Happy Veterans Day (November 11) to all our veterans. We appreciate your service and sacrifice to this great country, thank you! We have two members currently serving on active duty. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Specialist Fourth Class Ronald Figueroa, US Army
Captain Holden McDaniel, US Air Force**

*No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 (CES)*

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 not 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. Brittney, 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 Brittney 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.