

## OCTOBER 2023, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5 – Jil Kegerreis  
10-Steve Carroll; Josh Soloman  
15-Bria Cooper; Savanah Rogers  
21-Addisyn Lee  
22-Karaleigh Hamrick  
26-Woody Whisnant, Jr.  
29-Rachel Crowe; Hershel Allison

6 – Roger & Selma Ware  
22-Doug & Jamie Scott  
23-Tommy & Jane Willis  
24-Dan & Nancy Jolly  
29-Joel & MaryAnn McSwain

### A HEALTH CLINIC TO ZOAR MEMBERS:

Your Mission Action Committee is happy to announce that Cindy Marlowe and Allison Jenkins will provide vaccines and immunizations on **Saturday, October 7 from 9am to 3pm** in our **FLC**. We have a sign-up sheet on the trophy case for your convenience. By appointment only in order to have the vaccines/immunizations available that you are requesting. Please include all the required contact information on the sign-up list. You will need your insurance information available. Be prepared to pay your copay if your insurance provider requires a co-pay. Vaccines/Immunizations available are Flu, Pneumonia, Tetanus, Shingles, Hepatitis A/B, RSV and RSV 60+ (and older). Also, Covid (if available) but sign up for Covid as it may be last minute before we know for sure.



We do have a limited number of times available, but we do encourage our church members to encourage any of your family members or friends to sign up as well. So sign up early! Obviously, we do need commitment from those who sign up to be present at the appointed time to minimize any waiting or disruption.

Walmart Pharmacy is the sponsor of this event partnering with Zoar Baptist Church Hearts4 mission effort.

#### 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](http://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](mailto: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**



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Shelby, NC 28152  
(Return Service Requested)

## THE LIFELINE - OCTOBER 2023



As I write this newsletter update I find myself tired from traveling. I just got back from Honduras. The trip was a very great time to serve the Lord and serve the missionaries in Honduras. We have that personal touch to the missionaries in Honduras with David and Hannah. Continue to pray for them as they progress in their adoption process. Also pray for the ministry and the church plant as they have big decisions and the opportunity to purchase land. I want to say a big “Thank you, Church” for praying for me and sending me out to serve the missionaries there. I mainly spent my time helping the others that also committed last minute to help with childcare. We had 29 kids ages 4-10 in our group. We were tasked to put on a mini-VBS like ministry for the children. We did crafts, games, worship, and Bible lessons. Many parents were so appreciative to have the time they could worship and reflect without children. It was such a blessing. Another part of the time was just being present and being available for counseling and prayer. I prayed with many missionaries about next steps and I ask you to continue to pray for the missionaries. Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Our witness and ministries and missions must have a here and over yonder approach and I am so thankful for our Heart4 missions at Zoar.

Another Heart4 area that we are emphasizing this month is our Heart4 Zoar. When we talk about our Heart4 Zoar we are looking at the ministries and the discipleship that we have. One ministry event we have coming up is for women’s ministry with the “Girlfriend and Grace” event October 7th. Also, in October, I am doing a series on Kingdom Building. It is an important part of our discipleship process that we all take on the role of a Kingdom Builder seriously. The Great Commission calls us to go or as we go that we make disciples. This means that we are to be disciples that make disciples. One way we can do that is with personal evangelism. We can practice our personal evangelism with our Connections Day. See, found people find people. We must leverage our connections to invite people into the Kingdom of God. I encourage you to think and pray for opportunities to invite people to be a part of our church to attend on our Connection Day, and more importantly invite others to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Peter tells the religious leaders in Acts 4:20 “for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” These words from Peter should challenge us to have the same attitude of Peter and John. They faced persecution and imprisonment and yet because of what Jesus had done through the work on the cross and the power of the resurrection they would not and could not be silent. When we know Jesus as our Lord and Savior and have experienced His grace it should move us to share. God is moving at Zoar. We have a lot of great qualities and so out of our Heart4 Jesus we should have a Heart4 Zoar and part of that is inviting others to be a part of our process of being transformed to be more like Jesus. On our Connection day, which is October 22, we will be taking Sunday School class pictures and have a picnic following worship service that morning. It will be a great time of fellowship and so I encourage you all to invite and reach out and make those connections or reestablish those connections.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon



### Winter Coats and Clothing Needed

Our church has a request for winter coats and slightly used clothing donations (now until Oct 29) for children and adults from the local Totally Free Clothes store on Gidney Street.

We are asking all our SS classes to help with this very important request as fall has arrived and soon, we will be experiencing colder weather.

The emphasis is for winter coats, gloves, hats, toboggans, scarves, and any other slightly used/clean clothes donations in good condition that are no longer needed. Please bag (sturdy trash bags) up these items and store in your classroom. The Mission Action Team will pick up these items after October 29.

#### **Hearts4 our community.**

Let us know if you have any questions or special requests, your Mission Action Team:  
Sherry and Billy Blanton      Mickey and Paulette Bradley      Martha Ledford  
Nina Willis      Brittnye Lee      Eddie Winecoff



#### **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 October 8.**

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



***It is time for another Connection Day at Zoar!!***  
***Connection Day: Sunday, October 22, 2023***

#### **Make Some Connections!!**

We want to continue to be a “Great Commission” Sunday School at Zoar. Working together we can reach more people with the gospel. For the coming weeks let’s “Connect” and “Reconnect” with friends, relatives and neighbors who are lost or who are not currently in worship or a in a Bible Study Group!

#### **Become involved in OUTREACH & INREACH in the coming weeks!!**

**Sunday, October 1st** and week of October 1 – October 7: CARE Ministry, send a personal letter and continue praying for Connection Groups.

**Sunday, October 8** and week of October 8– October 14: Send a Connection Card and continue praying

**Sunday, October 15** and week of October 15 – 21: Send a Facebook Message, email or text, make a phone call, make a visit and continue praying.

**Saturday, October 21: Phone Blitz**

**Sunday, October 22 ---- CONNECTION DAY!**  
**(Class Pictures and Churchwide Picnic)**

### From your Mission Action Team

Special emphasis this month was on the NC Mission Offering. Last year our churchwide offering was over \$2500. This is a very important offering and the need to help others continues to grow. Feeding victims and volunteers in Florida and Vermont brings comfort to all those devastated from these weather disasters. Disaster relief, planting churches and helping many in our community through volunteers from the Shelby Mission Camp are just a few of the important functions your dollars that you contribute to result in making happen. You bring light to darkness and glory to God.

The food closet has fed 15 community members so far this month and emergency food requests routinely come in. Last month we published a page you can hang on the fridge as a reminder of our regular needs in nonperishable food donation. We hope that helps you and we are grateful for whatever we receive from you. Remember we do accept designated donations and we will go shopping for the food closet for you. Hunger is real all around us and especially in kids in our community.

Pastor Jon left for Honduras this morning on a 7am flight. He had to be at the airport by 5am and it was an hour of travel getting there. That’s dedication! David and Hannah Mora reported Jon’s safe arrival that afternoon as Jon will be serving many Honduran missionaries over the next seven days. He arrives back at the airport at near midnight, so he’ll need some time to recover. But more importantly, we are grateful to Jon for volunteering at the last minute to fill this important need. Pray for safe travels, comfort and grace for him and the many missionaries and their families there as they all work hard every day bringing Gods word and His great news to the lost in Honduras.

Today, several church men gathered to meet another need. After getting organized, Allen Hester led a group of men, building a handicap ramp for a church member in need. The ramp was completed in four hours and the men enjoyed great fellowship and breakfast along with some great conversation on a comfortable late summer day. Thank you to Allen Hester, Larry Gamble, Terry and Mickey Bradley for volunteering for this mission project. Praise God for mission projects that impact our congregation and community where we celebrate and glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Brittnye Lee, Sherry Blanton and Donna White started this year’s partnership with Shelby Middle School (SMS) with a bang. This mission event includes a breakfast for teachers, staff and administrators, prayer walk, and backpacks filled with food for 15 students assembled and deliver to the school each week throughout the school year. This is a very important mission demonstrating our support and appreciation for these educators and support staff. They know where these resources come from. These actions reflect our spirit and Gods love for all. Sharing the light with others turns hearts around. Our faith in supporting these functions knows no limits.

Our church block party was celebrated on August 27th led by Lyn Carrol and the Barnabus SS class. Even with extreme heat and the threat of rain they pulled it off. Another successful outreach to our community. There were many who helped pull this event off with fantastic results. Again, our members volunteered from all age groups and classrooms. This event takes at least half our church members to staff effectively. It’s a big deal and we are grateful for all the support from all volunteers and church leaders for your help.

We know that we just don’t organize these mission events just to have fun. Pastor Jon and our staff developed a QR code to speed up registering our campus visitors to these outreach events which quickly allow our guests to register online. Our visitors love this option, and that registration allows Pastor Jon to organize effective follow up with any guests. Of course, not every guests wants follow up or contact but done do and express interest in our church and it’s ministries or missions. From this registration they do get information about us and what we are about. Pray for all we come in contact with as a church body and for hearts to be open and receptive to hearing the good news about Jesus.

Mission events to plan for in October:

Buy tickets for the Girlfriends & Grace women’s event for Oct 7

Register for immunization clinic in advance to be held Oct 7.

Let’s finish strong on the NC Mission Offering Oct 8

Donate candy to the SMS and GCCBA October events. (Use the food closet tubs for candy and food closet donations) Oct 15

Donate clothes for Totally Free Clothes Store, especially winter coats, gloves and hats. (Please donate by Oct 29, Fall is here!)

Donate nonperishable food items anytime (use the food closet tubs).

Donate to the SMS Backpack ministry anytime (use the Backpack tubs)(See Brittnye for details)

Your Mission Action Team: Billy & Sherry Blanton, Martha Ledford, Nina Willis, Brittnye Lee, Eddie Winecoff, Mickey & Paulette Bradley