

NOTES FROM BRITTNYE:



Attention backpack food program participants:
We will have a brief meeting directly following worship service. Please plan to attend if you currently participate in this program or if you are interested in participating.

Many of you have already spoken to me but some details have changed since school began this week and a meeting is necessary. The meeting will be brief. If you cannot attend please email me and let me know as soon as possible. Thank you,



The children of Zoar Church would like to formally invite their grandparents to breakfast on September 5th at 9:00 in the FLC.



Our Outreach Ministry at Gardner-Webb's Connect Fair was a great success! We met the new students and invited them to church and gave them a Zoar cup filled with goodies!! Many Thanks to Brittnye Lee, Lynn Winecoff and Johnny Cabaniss for meeting students and telling them about Zoar!



Zoar Beginners Puppets will meet the first and third Sunday of each month at 10:00 am during Children's Church, for grades 2-5 at 10:00am.



Announcement: Flu Vaccine Clinic

We will be having a Flu Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, September 18 from 9 – 12 in our Family Life Center. Wal-mart is providing the clinic and Cindy Marlowe will be administering the shots. Children 12 and up are eligible to get the vaccine. We will have sign-up sheets available or you can call the church office to indicate that you want to participate. You will need to provide insurance information.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship Service at 10:00 AM.
Children's Church: at 10:00 AM
Beginners Puppets: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6:30 PM



Church Office Hours: Wednesday thru Friday 9 am to 2 pm. Please feel free to call or drop by anytime if there is any way I could be of service to you. (Please be aware that occasionally during those hours I could be out of the office running office errands)

Blessings, Lisa

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THE LIFELINE SEPTEMBER 2021



I am sitting in my office at Gardner-Webb this morning waiting to meet a crop of new students headed into ministry. It has been a good summer but it is now time to start some things over and focus on whatever is next. Focusing on the next thing is always good. The next thing offers incentives to us, hope and direction to us.

I am a list maker. I keep a pad on my desk on which I am always scribbling notes to myself about the next things I need to do: make a phone call, write a sermon, prepare for class, etc. Were it not for my "next thing" list, I would be lost.

Not only should individuals keep a next thing list, institutions like the church should, too. Every January churches ought to gather together for a brainstorming session about the next things. What should the new year look like? What new things should we try, and what old things ought to go six feet deep. Churches that are making a difference as compared to just hanging on, are the churches who understand the value of the next things.

As we start a new church year, lean into ways we at Zoar can explore the next things in ministry. Don't settle for the well-worn paths that often lead to nowhere, strike off in a new direction. Create new paths. Try new things. What is the next thing God wants from us? I promise you, we will not venture the new path alone. God himself will be our guide. He always has been, has he not? And he always will.

I often turn to the prophet Isaiah for inspiration in such things. Hear his word this day as together we seek the next thing: "Remember not the former things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (43: 18-19)

I wonder what our next thing is?

See you Sunday,
Danny

Message from your Deacons

We have had a very busy month at church with a variety of mission and ministry opportunities; GWU Commit Day, Backpack Ministry started at Shelby Middle School along with a breakfast for their teachers and a prayer walk through the hallways, a very good Block Party, Deacon elections and approval of our 2022 lists of officers/teachers/committee members. Thank you all for your support of Zoar's ministries, dedication to Zoar's mission on and off our campus and willingness to fill all these important roles at Zoar.

Coming soon are Homecoming, planned baby dedication services, new member classes and a Baptism. We are being blessed in so many ways. Please join us in prayers of praise.

God expects us all to actively put our hearts, hands and feet to work every day to further His Kingdom. A Godly vision is important as we all seek His will and timing. Your deacons provide servant leadership in many ways through prayer, serving in various volunteer positions, making decisions about our future, serving members and families and following the Christian examples Jesus showed us through scripture.

Our vision at Zoar is to have a blended worship experience that brings us closer to God. Your recent feedback along with deacon discussions confirms that approach. Your deacons are united in furthering the Kingdom of God here at Zoar and with guidance we entrust the judgment of our Worship Leader and Minister of Children and Youth to carry out their calling in their respective areas. Your deacons and staff need and ask for your full and united support. Bottom line is if we do not fulfill our mission and vision as a church growing God's Kingdom here at Zoar then what happens to Zoar in 5-10 years? This may seem harsh or too negative as a possibility for our future at Zoar but your deacons do understand this threat very clearly and God has given them the fruits and skills to lead us into the future with a great spirit of unity. Your prayers of support, generous and sacrificial giving, dedication to God's house (Zoar) in every way God's will directs you are all very important to our future here at Zoar.

Johnny is also working to attract and recruit musical talent for the choir and a future praise band. These kinds of improvements and changes support the vision of a blended worship experience that can attract others, especially young families. A recent conversation with a young family at Zoar tells us that this is the right move for a blended worship experience.

We also heard from some of our seniors who are really attracted to traditional worship. Our blended worship experience does not throw out traditional worship. Again, blended is both traditional and contemporary blended together. And God's message from Danny remains the same. Our prayers and tithing experience remain the same.

Your current deacon board has worked hard serving each of you, our church and our God. Your new deacon board looks forward to serving in the same ways. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, listen and when your church comes to you asking you to serve, follow His will. Zoar needs you to serve in all kinds of ways and not just your church but each other, our community and most importantly our God with a loving and generous spirit.

We will continue to monitor the covid-19 threat and while not a mandate we encourage everyone to practice safe habits that protect everyone. Not everyone is vaccinated so there are risks that are not visible or obvious. At Zoar we have hand sanitizer and masks available at all entrances and thorough cleaning continues weekly. Your safety is and will always be very important to your church staff and all leaders here at Zoar. The church council has decided, due to the Covid-19 threat we are under now, to postpone the memorial service planned the day of Homecoming to another time. We will still remember those we lost during the pandemic but at a safer time.

Sincerely loving others through our words and deeds,

Your Deacons.

Eddie Winecoff (Chairman)	704-477-4576	Jesse Hamrick	704-473-0472
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 **We will be having Homecoming on Sunday, September 12th!! We are happy to announce that Doug Pedigo will be our guest speaker. Plan to bring a picnic basket full of food as we will be having a meal following the service.**

Update regarding the memorial service we had planned for Homecoming day (Sept 12) . With the rise in the Covid-19 Delta Variant and the uneasiness it is causing, we have decided to postpone the memorial part of the service for that day. We will do the memorial service at some point when the virus is more under control.

2021 Community Block Party!

Thank you to all who had any part in the Block Party. We think it was a success and could not have pulled it off without all of you! Barnabas Class coordinates but Zoar works! It was a fun day working together and hosting our community. We would say thanks a million ways if we knew how!

The Barnabas SS Class



Mission Action Report for August

Thank you so much for all the support you provide to the mission action team!! Your prayers and contributions are allowing us to reach out all around the globe spreading the good news for Christ! Through your generous donations we have been able to feed and provide for many families and individuals in the past few months. God has also blessed and our food closet is stocked! We have also opened our clothes closet for appointments and have served a few families needing clothing.



Thank you to all our Prayer Warriors who came to pray and to Christy Hamrick of Shelby Middle School for so graciously allowing us in the building! We were able to walk and pray over each classroom, administrative office, cafeteria and the gym. We left a note for each teacher and staff member letting them know we prayed for them and their students. We were even able to leave a little surprise for each student that Brittney had prepared! May God bless SMS this year!

Brittney and Zoar Kids will have a table at Shelby City park on Saturday September 4th from 2-6. They will be giving out craft bags and free train and carousel rides.

Again thank you for your support of your mission action team!

The Worship Ministry is expanding and looking for musicians, singers and Audio/Video team members. If you know anyone that is talented in any of these areas please contact Johnny@zoarchurch.com.

September- 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *Derrell & Dorothy Hollifield	2	3 Bethany Jenkins Ashton Lee	4 Cindy Marlowe
5 Andrea McSwain	6 Carole Gantt	7	8 *Brinson & Kristin Blanton	9 *Johnny & Dani Cabaniss Chuck Wright	10	11
12 *Boyd & Micki Hamrick Lisa Lowery Terri Wellmon	13	14	15	16	17 *Kyle & Allison Jenkins	18
19	20	21	22 Billy Blanton	23	24	25 Brittney Lee
26 *James & Doris Swafford Ginja Rogers	27 Dianne Whisnant Steve Willis	28	29 Rhonda Newton	30		