

September 2023 Birthdays and *Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Bethany Jenkins Ashton Lee	4 Cindy Marlowe	5 Andrea McSwain	6 Dawn Bradley Carole Gantt	7	8 *Brinson & Kristin Blanton	9 *John & Dani Cabaniss Chuck Wright
10	11	12 *Boyd & Micki Hamrick Lisa Lowery Terri Wellman	13	14	15	16
17 *Kyle & Allison Jenkins	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Brittnye Lee	26 *James & Doris Swafford Ginja Rogers	27 Diane Whis- nant Steve Willis	28	29 Rhonda New- ton	30

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

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Children’s Worship 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, Children’s Church: 10:00-11:00 AM

Beginners Puppets: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

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

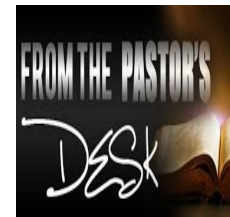
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor Jones began a 10-week Bible study, along with videos on Nehemiah, June 21



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THE LIFELINE - SEPTEMBER 2023



186 years! This month we celebrate 186 years of Zoar Church being a body of believers. Our country is only 61 years older than our church. It is so important that we celebrate what God has done through this local congregation in Shelby. God has blessed our church with 186 years. In those years, Zoar experienced highs and lows. We most certainly have seen the faithful father guiding us and as the good shepherd God continues to lead us. I pray that we stay faithful and committed to Him. We certainly have a lot to celebrate.

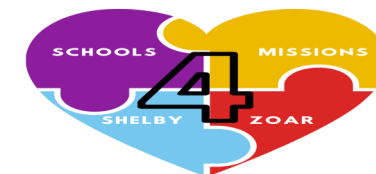
It turns our minds to the church as we emphasize homecoming. This year we have Dr. McConnell preaching at our homecoming. The idea of having a home church is important. Church is something we join but it is more than that. Church is about connection and connecting and being committed to other believers. The concept of church is a vital part of being a follower of Jesus. Gathering together is what rallies us. Gathering and worshiping together is what unifies the believers. Gathering together is what encourages us. If we deny ourselves this aspect of the life of a believer, then our spiritual relationship with Jesus suffers. This month we will be focused on Kingdom Building. During this time, I'll be preaching on this matter, and we will be encouraging you through Sunday School to invite people for our Connection Day in October. We also are having a church wide cookout/lunch following that worship service. These are two events that we can invite others to. The biggest way we grow as a congregation is by inviting, by being a fisher of men as Jesus describes it. We have a great opportunity to be in worship and invite others to worship alongside us. That personal connection that we have with people carries significant weight.

My devotional thought for this month for you is centered around Hebrews 10:25 which states "not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching." We must as we look at this new church year encourage one another. I know I am encouraged as we have seen so many step up to teach and serve in various roles at the church. The verse reminds how easily gathering together for corporate worship can be neglected and that neglect can become a habit. There are many reasons that pull us from worship but there is one reason why we worship and that is Jesus. He is bigger than any other pull and so we must continue in our walk with Him by gathering together.

I'm so blessed to be the pastor of such a loving and serving church. I am so moved by how we all worked and served to make the Block Party happen. Thank you, Lyn, for organizing it and thank you to all the volunteers that were sweating for Jesus. It was hot but it was a good time. Also in September, I will be going to Honduras to help with a missionary retreat. They had a team cancelled at the last minute. So, it is an opportunity for me to help the Moras and the teams in Honduras. It will also give some insight on more mission trip opportunities in the future for our church.

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 has been rescheduled for September 3.**
Please consider meeting with other volunteers to send cards to those with concerns.



Deacon's Meeting September 19, 7:00pm
DEACONS – 2023-2024

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Scribe: Brinson Blanton
Personnel Committee: Ken Gantt (Chm), Billy Blanton, Jesse Hamrick
Deacon Family Ministry Coordinator: Steve Carroll
Senior Adult Advocate: Billy Blanton
Youth/Children Advocate: Brinson Blanton

Dear Fellow Zoarites,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all you did Sunday at the Block Party. This was truly a picture of God's people working hand in hand to show the community that Jesus loves them and we here at Zoar do, also.

We just talked in class Sunday about how serving Jesus is a privilege. This was lived out on the ballfield Sunday afternoon. Thank you again for all your hard work and your loving, generous spirits.

The Barnabas Class

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40



Mission Action Update and Need

Your Mission Action Committee has been quite busy this summer serving our community all because you provided funding and food donations. Just since July 1, we have served 32 families and provided emergency food (canned and dry goods) for 78 members of our community outside our church.

You all have been very supportive with your donations and prayers. Thank you!

Our food closet continues to have needs for regular food donations regularly of nonperishable food donations, but we can handle and store fresh veggies if you have extra from your home gardens. A list of items that we try to keep in stock is below. Monetary donations work well too as we will go shopping if you would rather donate some designated funds for the food closet.

We also know there are other ministries here at Zoar needing help and support from our generous members such as the backpack ministry and the block party. Each and every ministry is very important to us all. And this is what God calls us to do, be the light to our community and use our feet, hands, and pocket-books to show the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord through Zoar missions.

HEARTS4 our fellowship, our community, our partnership with Shelby Middle School, our neighbors, and friends at the Block Party, and feeding those who are hungry.

Also, Brittnye will soon start delivering foods and snacks to the Shelby Middle School students in need. She normally prepares 15 stuffed bags for the school each week and this starts in September. Donations are needed for this ministry as well so if you can help, please ask Brittnye about the details. Every bit helps.

Your Mission Action Committee has already begun partnering with the school and Zoar provided a breakfast for the teachers there and we did a prayer walk throughout the school praying for every student, teacher or assistant, administrator, kitchen/housekeeping/support staff member. It was truly a blessing.

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, food, and financial support,

Your Mission Action Committee, Brittnye Lee, Martha Ledford, Sherry and Billy Blanton, Nina Willis, Eddie Winecoff, Mickey, and Paulette Bradley
(Please see the insert for Regular Food Pantry needs.)



September 24, Church Conference
Immediately after the Worship Service

Church Council will meet September 17, 4:00pm.



Please mark your calendars for
Connection Day, October 22