

Due to inclement weather there were no services Sunday, September 16. The only donations and gifts thus far are online and were for the general fund.

Your are invited to a baby shower in honor of Keli Lathan Thomas on Sunday, October 14 from 2:30 –4 pm in the TFLC. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby, Target, and Amazon... IT'S A GIRL!!

Join us at the parsonage on October 13th for Faith, Food, and Film, a time of fellowship for those who love movies. Each month, we will enjoy a potluck dinner (bring a side dish or dessert) and watch a movie together, looking for the places where faith intersects with the story. Our first movie will be the classic film, Casablanca.

Zion will host a Christian Services Food Drop on Friday, October 19. Volunteers need to be at the church by 7:45 am.

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to Lisa Lucas and her family in the death of her father, Jack Estridge, on September 16.

Kids and Youth of Zion UMC's Fall fundraiser is underway. They are selling wall calendars, greeting cards, and pocket calendars. These will make great gifts. Wall Calendar—\$7.00, Greeting cards— \$6.00, Pocket Calendar— \$6.00.

General Fund Expenditures: August 2018	
Oriental Trading (children Christmas prg)	16.50
Vista Print (pastor business cards)	24.47
Moriah Carolina Sport Court (gym floor)	94.61
US Postmaster (potage & stamps)	400.00
US Treasury (Federal withholding)	508.10
Quill (office)	125.22
Pastor Michael Jarrell (July travel)	79.85
Rural Garbage	135.00
People Facts	16.20
Wycliffe Bible Translators	333.34
Three Boys Lawn Service	500.00
Hazel Robinson (bus gas)	52.41
Staff Salaries	5376.85
Walmart (keys & kitchen supplies)	17.86
Arrowood Swim Club (kids & youth)	100.00
Terminix	80.00
Christian Services (mobile food pantry)	300.00
Keli Thomas (kids & youth)	82.18
Judy Humphreys (community meal)	151.66
Cokesbury (literature & worship)	957.27
Wespath	44.50
P&J Sales (kitchen)	10.13
Mike Vick (trustees)	8.08
The Upper Room	95.50
Custodial	712.00
SC Annual Conference (calendars)	20.00
Comporium	255.31
Duke Energy	1580.89
LCNGA	120.23
LCWSD	269.48
Building Fund Expenditures: August 2018	
Reliance Trust (mortgage)	5616.57

Our Prayer List as of Monday

Gene Blackmon	Virginia Horton	Eva Small
Nancy Blackmon	Kyle Hudson	Horace Small
Caleb Catoe	Elizabeth "Libby"	Freda Snipes
Sue Catoe	Hunter	Karen Starnes
Vera Catoe	Rick Joyner	Becky M. Steele
Ada Chapman	Henry Ray Knight	Jim Thomas
Linda Coker	Tommy Knight	Sarah Pauline Threatt
Bill Dingler	Lillian McAteer	Mike Vick
Sophia Dixon	Linda McAteer	Pat Vick
Angie Dobson	Mary Jane McAteer	Robert Vick
Bill Dunn	Max McDonald	Sandra Walker
John Elder	Phyllis Morgan	Ellen Walters
Nancy Evatt	Rusty Mosier	Qa'Mora Walton
Ashley Fort	Betty Jo Phillips	Randy Williams
JoAnn Funderburk	Ann Powers	EmmaGene Wright
Steve Ghent	Vicky Pickett	Kim Yost
Travis Gordon	Ann Reed	Our President & Troops
T.R. Grier	Bennie Robinson	
Bucky Hardin	Kathleen Robinson	
JoAnn Hinson	Bonnie Sears	



This Week at Zion

- Friday, September 21**
8:00 am Walking Club
- Saturday, September 22**
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- Sunday, September 23**
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
12:00 am Church wide covered dish meal
5:00 pm Kids & Youth Classes
6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
- Monday, September 24**
8:00 am Walking Club
- Tuesday, September 25**
8:00 am Walking Club
- Wednesday, September 26**
8:00 am Walking Club
- Thursday, September 27**
8:00 am Walking Club
8:00 am Senior Adult Apple Picking Trip
- Friday, September 28**
8:00 am Walking Club
- Saturday, September 29**
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

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Scripture Focus this week: Prov. 31 : 10-31, Ps. 1, James 3: 13- 4: 3, 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

Homecoming is this Sunday, September 23, at 11:00 am with a covered dish meal immediately following the worship service. Everyone is asked to bring a well filled basket and drinks to share in the meal and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

Apple Picking Trip: Thursday, September 27. The senior adults will leave the church at 8:00 am and travel to Granddad's Apples in Hendersonville. Please eat breakfast before you come. After our stop for apples, we will have lunch at The Moose Café and then go to the Farmer's Market. Call Terry at 283-7195 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Our Annual Fall Yard Sale will be Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th from 7 am—11 am in the TFLC to benefit our building fund. Please, no big TVs and no donations after Wednesday night. We welcome help with the clean up on Saturday when the sale is over at 11 am!! Thank you to each of you for your support of this event that benefits our building fund.

2019 Budget requests are being distributed to the committee chairs. Completed budget requests are due to the church office by **Sunday, October 7th.**

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Due to inclement weather on 9/16 there were no services.

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage	\$5899
Received 9/16 for General Fund	\$950.07

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Phillips

11:00 am Nursery: volunteers needed

Children's Church volunteers: Angie Wood

Ushers: Tommy Middleton, Tim Steen, Steve McDonald, Mike Rape

Worship opening and closing: Tom Salisbury

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:

Kids: Keli Thomas

Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins

Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley, & Chad Payne

Musings ~

Hurricane Florence has left the building; at least our part of it anyway. Currently, what is left of the once catastrophic, slow moving storm is causing rain across New England as it prepares to move out to sea in the North Atlantic. Unfortunately, it has left in its wake a trail of death and destruction across the Carolinas and Virginia: 32 deaths, a city cut off from the rest of the world, tornadoes spawned from the storm's wake. Places like Union County, Charlotte, Chesterfield County, and most of the coastal regions of the Carolinas will be picking up the pieces for some time to come.

As I have checked around with our church family, I have found that most weathered the storm well. We were told to prepare for the worst and we did, most of us believing that the damage we would wake up to on Sunday would be substantial. Yet, very few had any damage to their property and from what I have heard, none of our church family was injured. The worst thing that most of us faced was having intermittent power and internet outages; a few dealt with downed trees and limbs. We have much to be thankful for and much work to do to help our friends and family that were not spared the onslaught.

As I thought about this storm, it reminded me of the storms that we face inside. Most of us have had to deal with the damage of broken relationships, unexpected life events, and other turbulent, emotional crises. We have, sometimes by choice and sometimes by circumstance, found ourselves looking at what seems to be insurmountable odds to face. The damaging circumstances not only influence our emotions, but our spirits as well, damaging the relationship we have with the Trinity and the Body of Christ.

I am reminded of the story in Luke 8 where Jesus and the disciples were crossing a lake and during the crossing, Jesus decided to get some sleep. While Jesus was sleeping a storm came up on the lake and the boat began taking on water. The disciples were panicked, bailing water and yelling for Jesus to wake up. As Jesus comes awake, he looks at the situation and rebukes the wind and the waves which cease and go still. He looks at the motley crew of ragtag disciples, drenched and embarrassed and asks them, "Where is your faith?"

It seems like a sharp question to ask. After all, they were just battling a storm in which their boat was taking on water and it looked like they might sink. Why would Jesus offer such a strong rebuke of the disciples in this case? A close look at the Greek shows that the question that gets translated as "Where is your faith?" has more meaning than you might think. Another way of saying it might be, "In what, or more specifically whom, do you place your trust, your confidence?" To borrow a phrase from the eighties, who ya gonna call?

The internal storm of the disciples in that moment is no different than the internal storms we face: the fear, the pain, the sense of helplessness. And the answer for us is the same as for them, a question, in whom do you place your trust and confidence? Where will you go to find the answers that will allow you to overcome the tempest in the moment? For the disciple of Jesus, we look to the life and ministry of Jesus, his teachings, his miracles, his conversations. We take these and make them a part of who we are and in those moments of trial, we will have the heart of who Jesus was with us and the Spirit of who Jesus continues to be in us.

It won't make the storm go away, but it will make it easier to bear.

Pastor Michael