

Special Gifts to Zion Church

In Honor of:

Larry Parr—Thank you by Mary Knight
Ellen and Clyde Walters and Pat Threatt by Dianne Martin

In Memory of:

In loving memory of Ralph Craig on his birthday by Beth Craig
Marlene Stacks by Rick and Judy Hammond
In loving memory of Mama on her 97th birthday by Rick and Judy Hammond
In memory of Heath and Lois Gay on their birthdays by Rick and Judy Hammond
Marlene Stacks by Clyde and Ellen Walters
Teresa and Jeff Martin by Dianne Martin

Special Gifts to Altar Cloth/Banner Fund

In Memory of:

“Gypsy” our beloved “community dog” by Becky and Jack
“Gypsy”, Becky’s big fur baby by Darlene Hallman

General Fund Expenditures: February 2020

Bus Gas	57.50
Winterplace (youth retreat)	524.70
Pastor Jarrell (travel, music, curriculum)	140.62
Affordable Appliance (life center oven)	162.83
Rural Garbage	145.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	333.34
Comporium	231.00
US Treasury (federal withholding)	445.04
Staff Salaries	4939.33
SC Conference direct billing	2469.06
Hazel Robinson (bus and doughnuts)	74.47
P&J Sales (kitchen)	48.60
Terminix	300.00
My Church Website (annual fee)	299.00
Duke Energy	762.14
LCNGA	515.30
LCWSD	180.47
Intuit Payroll (annual subscription)	650.00
The Upper Room	95.50
Mike Vick (trustees)	49.23
Cauthen’s Landscaping	600.00
People Facts (background screenings)	16.20
US Postmaster (newsletter advance postage)	300.00
Cokesbury (VBS)	48.45
Earl Hinson (community meal)	266.51
Custodial	712.00
Church Supplier (worship)	30.28
Cokesbury (literature)	191.26
Quill (ofc 266.46, kitchen 94.68)	361.14
The Home Depot (gas logs parsonage)	188.44
Wells Fargo (service Charge)	2.00

Our Prayer List as of Monday

Nancy Ackerman	T.R. Grier	James Rushing
Angela Bailey	Ovedia Griffin	Bonnie Sears
Willie Bass	Catherine Hammond	Dale Sherrin
Francis Bell	JoAnn Hinson	Eva Small
Gene Blackmon	Rev. Shelly Holder	Greg Smith
Marion Boswell	Julia Home	JoAnne Smith
Carol Boyles	Kevan Horton	Mike Smith
Randy Boyles	Eric Hough	Freda Snipes
Caleb Catoe	Libby Hunter	Billy Sowell
Sue Catoe	Melinda Hunter	Robbie Stepp
Ann Chappell	Rick Joyner	Sue Stewart
Linda Coker	Henry Ray Knight	Jim Thomas
Sandra Cope	Mary Jane McAteer	Mike Vick
Brett Craig	Kevin McCorkle	Pat Vick
Bill Dinger	Tammy McMillian	Ellen Walters
Sophia Dixon	Debbie McWaters	Megan Wilson
Angie Dobson	Rusty Mosier	David Woodruff
Heather Elder	Bell Perry	Kim Yost
John Elder	Betty Jo Phillips	Our President & Troops
Ashley Fort	Ann Powers	
Betsy Gardner	Vicky Pickett	
Mike Gay	Ann Reed	
Steve Ghent	Kathleen Robinson	
Judy Goodnight	Mayme Jo Robinson	
Travis Gordon	Terry Robinson	



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March 18, 2020

We are limiting visitors to the church office. Please refrain from visiting if you feel sick or can be classified as a vulnerable individual. The reduced traffic flow will be vital to keeping us all well!

Welcome to our newest church member!! Jerry Knight joined Zion Sunday during worship by Profession of Faith. Be sure and welcome Jerry when you see him!

Being a House Church

As we deal with the expanding effects of the coronavirus, we have come to a place where the safety of our people necessitates not having our weekly worship service. Following the advice of the CDC and our Bishop, we will not be having church activities or worship services for the next two weeks (March 22 and 29). Whether we are in a building or not, we are still the church and we will worship together though we are apart. To that end, Pastor Michael will be setting up a Facebook Live broadcast for the next two Sundays at 11am. You will be able to log in to Facebook and go to our page and watch the service and hear the music. He is suggesting that people gather together in homes with family members who have access to Facebook or in small groups (less than 8) with those who can help them to have access. As with the regular service, please, PLEASE stay home if you are sick or feel you may be sick. Let us all be in prayer for all in our communities, our nation and our global communities.

All worship and church gathering activities for March have been cancelled due to the threat of the coronavirus. We hope and pray that all April activities will resume and the threat of the virus is removed. Please pay close attention to the upcoming newsletters and telecommunications for more details.

Visitors on 3/15: Melissa Munn, Chris Bailey, Diane Pitmon, Marion Pitmon, and Susan Rosetti.

We will need volunteers for the nursery for April 12. If you are willing to volunteer, please let the church office know. Thank you!!

Zion United Methodist Men are taking orders for 10 lb bags of Vidalia Onions through April 10. Onions will be available for pick up on April 26. The cost is \$12.00 per 10 lb. bag. Please place your orders with Mike Vick or Steve McDonald by April 10. Thank you!!!

March is our month to support HOPE in Lancaster with donations of food for those less fortunate. Particular needs in March are grits, cereal, spaghetti sauce, beef stew, and canned chicken. Please place your donations in the collection box in the vestibule.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 3/15 Sunday School 0
Present for 3/15 Morning Worship 77

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Fund \$4360
Received 3/15 for General Fund \$3585
Received for Building Fund \$85
Received for Altar Cloth/Banner Fund \$35

*Spring
is Here*

Musings~ Help! My Reptile Brain is Eating My Mammal Brain!

Occasionally, but not often, I am a glutton for punishment.

There may be some disagreement on this from people who know me who may say I'm always a glutton for punishment, but I try to think and act otherwise. In this case there was no argument; I was asking for it. It was last Friday. I made a list of things needed from the store, odds and ends really, and for whatever reason—decided to go to Wal-Mart.

Now, Wal-Mart on a Friday morning in our south of Charlotte suburb is usually fairly quiet, offering little to no major issues. But we normally don't have a major health crisis in play and we normally don't have people freaking out over a viral contagion and we normally don't have, just fill in the blank at this point. There was no bleach, no toilet paper, no paper products of any kind. For those who may think this is a 'class' thing, it isn't. There's no toilet paper, bleach, or paper products or limited supplies at most every store around from Whole Foods and Harris Teeter to local convenience stations.

I wondered about this and I know, some would say this is 'prepping', just in case it gets worse. The truth is, it's something deeper and more instinctual than that. It is the reptilian brain in overdrive. He's how it works. There are three parts to the brain—reptilian (reactive brain), paleomammalian (emotional brain), and neomammalian (thinking brain). Each area does what the description says it does. It reacts or emotes or thinks. In times where we feel stress or crisis, the reactive part of the brain kicks in, tells the emotional part to quit listening to the thinking part and do something to save our collective skin. In a situation like the Coronavirus threat, people can't really do anything about the virus (very, very few of us are virologists) so we try to think of what we can do to 'fix it' or 'be safe' or 'protect ourselves and our loved ones'.

According to Paul Marsden, a consumer psychologist,

"It's about 'taking back control' in a world where you feel out of control," he said. "More generally, panic buying can be understood as playing to our three fundamental psychology needs." ...Those needs were autonomy, or a need for control, relatedness, which Marsden defined as "we shopping" rather than "me shopping," and competence, which is achieved when making a purchase gives people a sense that they are "smart shoppers."

In my sermon yesterday, I talked about the need to avoid being hardhearted toward one another out of fear or apparent loss of control. I talked about how regardless of the situation, we need to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another. In ancient Rome, there were several plagues that wiped out large portions of the population. During these plagues, Christians were not only taking care of one another, but also those who lived in their communities. Their example became the reason that many converted to the Christian faith; it was a real faith, where the people lived out what they preached. As Pope Francis often says, they became the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

But this only works because we are willing to use the thinking part of our brain and allow the Spirit of God to lead us rather than panic. We have people to care for—our elderly, our shut-ins, others who need us to step in and take care of things that under normal circumstances would be taken care of. Are you willing to be the hands and feet of Christ, acting out of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?" Or will you let fear lead you to hurt yourself and others.

#factsnotfear

Pastor Michael