

Special Gifts to Zion Church

In Honor of:

Our Parsonage Family by Mr. & Mrs. Max Funderburk

In Memory of:

Edith Threatt by **Cindy Threatt**

Jack Estridge by Mary P. Knight and Mr. & Mrs. Max Funderburk

Special Gifts to Building Fund

In Honor of:

Mike Vick, Greg Smith & Sue Catoe by Clyde & Ellen Walters

In Memory of:

W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Mike & Diane Rape

W.C. Ghent by Mary P. Knight

Peggy Knight, W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Tommy Knight

Peggy Knight & W.C. Ghent by Danny, Nancy & Courtney Ackerman

Frank Thomas, Edith Threatt, W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Clyde & Ellen Walters

Frank Thomas, W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Doreen Catoe

Mildred "Granny" Evans by Becky & Jack

W.C. Ghent & Frank Thomas by Rock & Karen Love

W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Ralph & Beth Craig

Jack Estridge by Jimmy & Karen Neal

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!!

The Lay Leadership (nominations) Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Committee members are Pastor Michael, Myra Funderburk, Susan Scott, Teresa Evans, Marcene Plyler, Jimmy Neal, Janet Webster, Dennis Hall, Margie Vincent, and Beverly Knox.

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

Finance Committee is asked to meet Sunday, October 21, at 7:00 pm in the TFLC. The members are Susie McDonald, Dennis Hall, Keli Thomas, Rock Love, Laura Everall, Missy Snipes, Judy Humphreys, Rob Wood, Doreen Catoe, Beverly Knox.

This Week at Zion

Friday, September 28

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, September 29

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, September 30

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Kids & Youth Classes

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

7:00 pm PPRC meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 1

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, October 2

8:00 am Walking Club

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 am Walking Club

Thursday, October 4

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, October 5

7:00 am Annual Fall Yard Sale

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, October 6

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

7:00 am Annual Fall Yard Sale

Please update the following changes of addresses in your church directory:

Chad & Melissa Payne, 352 Charlie Stacks Rd., Lancaster
Dwayne Ray & Kristina Humphreys, 2439 Zion Rd., Lancaster

Nancy Knight, 109 Irish Lane, Lancaster

Just a friendly reminder: If you access the buildings, please be sure you lock back up behind yourself as this creates a safety risk not only for the facilities but also for our members and staff.

Visitors on 9/23: Kathy Hargett, Emily Tucker, Blake Bowers, Corey, Mandi, Blake, Caden & Rilee Payne and Chris Beeson.

Dear Zion Church Family,

We cannot thank you enough for the delicious meal you prepared for us, as well as the visits, cards and memorials given. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. He will truly be missed. Love, The W.C. Ghent & Bailey Families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER!!

10/1	Dennis Hall	10/20	Ray Vincent
	Brielle Hayes		Renee Finley
	Angie Hall	10/21	Emma Massey
10/2	Tom Salisbury	10/22	Billy Sweatt
	Renee Steele		Charles McAteer
10/3	Judy Hammond	10/23	Margie Vincent
10/4	Cameron East		Libby Morris
10/5	Darlene Craig		Carmen Faile
10/8	Dwayne Ray	10/24	Debbie Melvin
	Noah Bradley		Claudia Hartley
10/9	Steve Moseley		Zachary Bailes
	Robert Woodward	10/25	Sonny Curtis
	Terri McAteer	10/26	Jeffrey Moree
	Matthew Whitley		Leslie Jenkins
10/10	Dianne Thomas		Chris Massey
	Brent McAteer		Katie Knox
10/11	Michael Stogner	10/28	Erin Payne
10/12	Jamison Craig	10/29	Larry Craig
10/14	Becky Barton		Myrtle Walker
10/15	Janie Brooks		Claire Payne
10/18	Brooke Collins	10/30	Pat Threatt
10/19	Chris Steen		Micah Seegars
10/20	Wade McAteer	10/31	Jonathan Mackey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER!!

10/7	Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Polston
10/8	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Ackerman
10/9	Mr. & Mrs. Andy Knox
10/13	Mr. & Mrs. David Haile
10/20	Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Robinson
	Mr. & Mrs. Brad Bridges
10/21	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis
10/22	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Thomas
10/23	Mr. & Mrs. Lex Ford
10/25	Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Curtis

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Visit our website: www.zionumc.com

Scripture Focus this week: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22, Ps. 124, James 5: 13-20, Mark 9: 38-50. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee is asked to meet this Sunday, September 30, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The members are Pastor Jarrell, Susan Broughton, Janet Webster, Jeffrey Thomas, Rob Wood, Shawn Thomas, Susan Scott, Tammy Cooper, Marcene Plyler, Judy Humphreys, and Laura Everall.

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.

Coffee and Donut Fellowship: Join us for biscuits, donuts, coffee, juice and milk **Sunday, October 7 at 9:30 am** in the fellowship hall.

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

Pumpkin Patch & Fall Treats at the Craig's, 1745 Zion Road, Sunday, October 7, 3:00- 4:30 pm. Ralph and Beth will be hosting a fun event for kids up to 6th grade—please plan to attend.

All women of the church are invited to our United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A nursery will be provided.

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*.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 9/23 Sunday School 77

Present for 9/23 Morning Worship 138

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899

Received 9/23 for General Fund \$4485.50

Received for Building Fund \$974.50

Received for Needy Fund \$60

Received for Epworth Children's Home \$100

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Mrs. Becky Barton

11:00 am Nursery: volunteers needed

Children's Church volunteers: Wendy Vandyke

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

Worship opening and closing: Tom Salisbury

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:

Kids: Laura Everall & Sherrye Ingram

Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins

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

Musings ~Goodbye

It was a chilled, rainy day in the Bluegrass, the clouds ominous and grey from the start. The wind whipped around my long, black robe as I stood in ankle deep grass that scratched at my legs. A man in a grey suit walked over to me and thankfully held an umbrella over me and more importantly, over the slim, black Book of Worship and hand scribbled notes in my hand. The crowd around us huddled together under umbrellas or hats, trying to stay dry in an impossible situation. Even those who sat under the tent were not spared from the elements, drops of rain mixing with tears on their faces. Many stood in the pouring rain, drenched but resolute in their duty to be there for and with their family.

I read the prayers, read the eulogy, and tried to speak a few words of comfort. Having been on both sides of that handshake, I know that very few people ever get beyond their thoughts in the moment. Like most, the people in the velvet lined chairs simply nodded or said softly, "Thank you," and continued with their thousand-mile stare. I know that look. I've seen it a thousand times or more and worn it more than I would like. It is the look of emptiness when tears have fallen until there are no more. It is the look of despair for one more talk, one more hug, one more moment of time. It is the look of someone saying goodbye and wondering if those words will ever be heard.

For those of us who have chosen to walk the road of life as disciples of Jesus, that emptiness comes with a certain solace. The Apostle Paul writes, *So, we are always full of courage. We know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord's home. For our life is a matter of faith, not of sight. We are full of courage and would much prefer to leave our home in the body and be at home with the Lord.* (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). For Paul, this body we inhabit is a temporary home of the spirit that resides within. In talking about death throughout the New Testament, Paul repeats time and again that when we are no longer in this current physical body, our spirit comes before the throne of God. We go to the true home of our spirit, the presence of the One Who Created Us.

Is it easy to say goodbye? No. Does it make it easier to say goodbye? Sometimes. The greater truth of death is that it is simply another stage of life, one that goes beyond our ability to interact with in our present state. But one that we will all can and will experience someday. Should we be sad? Yes. It would be strange I think not to feel some sadness. But I think the greater emotion should be peace and contentment for those who have lived lives of faith and are seeing the reward of that faith – being in God's presence – come to them.

Let the rain come, but know the sun will come after; know that there is peace in the presence of God either way.

Pastor Michael

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 Dangler	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	