

**Special Gifts to Zion Church
In Honor of:**

EmmaGene Wright & Sue Catoe by Pat Vick
Sue Catoe & Ellen Walters by Lillian McAteer
Pat Threatt, Marion & Sonny Curtis, Ellen & Clyde Walters & Wayne & Linda Pardue by Dianne Martin
Diane & Billy Sweatt by Ralph & Jackie McAteer

In Memory of:

Vance Threatt, Peggy Knight & W. C. Ghent by Dianne Martin
Gene C. Hodge by Claudia Hartley
Edith Threatt by Martha Hamrick
Frank Thomas & W.C. Ghent by Ralph & Jackie McAteer

**Special Gifts to Building Fund
In Honor of:**

Becky Steele by Lillian McAteer
Jamison Craig by Ken & Lib Preslar
Max & Myra Funderburk by Tommy Knight

In Memory of:

Peggy Knight, W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge by Ken & Lib Preslar
Aunt Bernice & W.C. Ghent by Frances Parris

**Special Gifts to Community Meal (General Fund)
In Memory of:**

W.C. Ghent, Jack Estridge, & Mrs. Bernell Craig by Hazel & Terry Robinson

Dear Members of Zion Church, Thank you all for your support and prayers and may God bless you! ~ Greg Smith

Thank you to everyone who brought donations, helped with the set up, those who worked all week pricing and organizing and to the ones who helped with the clean up for our Annual Yard Sale. We raised a total of \$1,200 for our Building Fund!

Visitor on 10/7: Laura Barton.

Annual Missions BAZAAR

Saturday, November 3rd from 8am-1pm

It's time to begin planning for our UMW Annual Bazaar. There are many ways you can help with this event. You can:

- Save your mayo jars and lids for the soup
- Make soup—we will need a lot of it!
- Craft or help one of our crafters buy supplies
- Bake! All baked goods sell well
- Help buy the sausage and ham
- Bring items needed to make cornbread
- Help with set up and clean up afterwards
- Pray! Please pray for this event! When Zion prays things happen!

Everyone is asked and encouraged to help! We also have spots available for vendors so please help spread the word! Please contact the church office by calling or email for vendor information or visit the church website, zionumc.com. All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to help those in need!

This Week at Zion

Friday, October 12

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, October 13

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

5:30 pm Faith, Food, & Film @ Parsonage

Sunday, October 14

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

2:30 pm Baby Shower in honor of Keli Thomas

5:00 pm Kids & Youth Classes

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

7:00 pm Lay Leadership Committee Meeting

Monday, October 15

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, October 16

8:00 am Walking Club

Wednesday, October 17

8:00 am Walking Club

6:00 pm Community Meal

Thursday, October 18

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, October 19

7:45 am Christian Services Food Drop

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, October 20

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday, October 21 at 7:45 am in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, devotional, and a business meeting.

Jr. High Youth Fun @ the Bridges 5943 Pageland Hwy, Lancaster, SC, **Sunday, October 21.** We will meet at Zion at 3:15 and return by 6:00 pm. Join us for fishing, games, fun, food, and devotionals. Bring your fishing gear if you plan on fishing.

The 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, Julie Middleton, Carol Cauthen, Barbara Catoe, Mike Vick, Janet Webster, Wanda Murphy & Jimmy Neal.

There will be a Worship committee meeting Sunday, October 21, at 4pm in the fellowship hall. Members are Diane Rape, Mary Knight Doreen Catoe, Claudia Hartley, Jill Thompson, Anna Massey, Marion Curtis, Michael Mills, and Becky Steele.

The Kids & Youth of Zion are Hosting a TACKLE HUNGER Canned Food Drive this Fall! Zion Congregation & Church Family start stocking UP. The Gamecock & Tiger End zones are in the Vestibule of Zion, and ready for your donations! The canned food drive will last through Sunday, November 18th.

The Administrative Board is asked to meet Sunday, October 28 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The members are: Rob Wood, Laura Everall, Susie McDonald, Dennis Hall, Keli Thomas, Rock Love, Missy Snipes, Judy Humphreys, Doreen Catoe, Hazel Robinson, Libby Morris, Shawn Thomas, Michael Mills, Steve McDonald, Susan Scott, Dianne Sweatt, Dwayne Ray, Wendy VanDyke, Lee Hall, Luke Broughton, Beth Craig, Diane Rape, Earl Hinson, Myra Funderburk, Terry Robinson, Kathryn Hicks, and Claudia Hartley.

Zion's Annual Fall Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 5-7 pm. Join us for carnival games, inflatables, hay rides, Trunk or Treat, a Costume Contest, Bingo and lots of fun! BBQ (\$5) & Hot Dog (\$4) plates will be available for purchase. Invite your family, friends and neighbors and join us for fall fun, games, great food and more!

Our Prayer List as of Monday

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

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Scripture Focus this week: Job 23 :1-9, 16-17, Ps. 22 :1-15, Heb. 4 :12-16, Mark 10 :17-31. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

The Administrative Board has approved a free will Love Offering for Greg Smith. We will receive this offering on Sunday, October 21 during worship. Please mark your special offering "Greg Smith".

PLEASE NOTE: There are no yard sales in the coming months of 2019. In the past, items have been stored in the Educational Building for future sales. When you clean and decorate for upcoming holidays, you can take unwanted items to Christian Services, the Hospice Store, or Goodwill. Please do not bring to the church. Thank you for your support to our Building Fund. We praise God for His many blessings on our church.

Join us at the parsonage this Saturday, October 13th at 5:30 pm 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*.

You are invited to a baby shower in honor of Keli Lathan Thomas this 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 this 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.

Community Meal: Invite family, friends, neighbors, and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal to join us on **Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.**

The Senior Adults will be going to Red Bone Alley in Florence, SC, for lunch on Thursday, October 18. We will leave the church @ 9:45 am. After lunch and shopping, we plan to visit the Farmer's Market. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call Terry Robinson at 803-283-7195.

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

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 10/3 Sunday School 74
Present for 10/3 Morning Worship 119

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage	\$5899
Received 10/3 for General Fund	\$5838
Received for Building Fund	\$914
Received for Community Meal	\$100
Received for Needy Fund	\$40
Received for Community Meal	\$100
Received for UMCORR	\$300
Received for Yard Sale	\$1200
Received from calendar sales	\$308
Received for Epworth	\$100

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Pat Threatt & Marion Curtis

11:00 am Nursery: volunteers needed

Children's Church volunteers: Jessica Bailey & Claudia Hartley

Ushers: Larry Parr, Chad Payne, Ray Ingram, & Billy Sweet

Worship opening and closing: Steve McDonald

Musings ~ Home

I was eight months old when my parents moved into the house they live in now. For forty-five years, they have known that little early 1970's style ranch building as home. Usually when someone mentions the word home, I think of their house as well, since I can't remember any other house from my childhood. I think this is true of most of us, we use the place where things happened as a way of marking where our relationships developed. When we think of these places, they connect to relationships and a sort of imprinting takes place. We feel at home around these people who are family to us, in a certain place, and because we feel at home with them there we are home. I think this is true with our Christian life as well. We think of our church family and church buildings in the same way. For most of us the word church invokes an image of a certain building where we experienced the idea of church. Because of this, the building can carry as much meaning for some as the people they met in it. In the Christian community, we also have an idea of home as heaven, a place beyond the physical realm we live in. In the bible we read things about it like,

The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸ The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. (Revelation 21:16-21)

I think when we read about these things we sometimes get fixated on the physical beyond the physical, that which reminds us of what we already understand. The way I understand it though, the real home, the place we want to be is not found in that paragraph of Revelation 21 but the next. It says,

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. (Revelation 21:22-26)

When I read this, I see heaven, our future home, not as a perfected version of our physical world, but a perfect version of our relationship with God through Jesus. I see that heaven is a place where we are always in the presence of God, a place where the earthly distinctions that drive people apart in this life are lost in the wonder and glory of the Creator. I see a place where all things are seen in the light of and glory of God. Heaven isn't really a place anymore than home is. Heaven, and home, are relationships and both are better if we spend our time building them. Consider thinking on these things a challenge to work on spiritual honey-do list as you work around a new idea of a heavenly home.

Pastor Michael