

**Special Gifts to Zion Church**

**In Honor of:**

**Ellen and Clyde Walters, Bryan & Donna Walters, Wayne & Linda Pardue, Betty Crook and Pat Threatt** by Dianne Martin

**In Memory of:**

**Walter and Lorraine Knight** by Lex and Kim Ford  
**Margaret, Vance and Ronnie Threatt, Herbert Martin, Sallye Estridge and Sadie Rape** by Dianne Martin

**Special Gifts to Building Fund**

**In Honor of:**

**Robert Vick** by Carolyn Massey  
**Robert Vick and Ellen Walters** by Doreen Catoe  
**Ellen Walters and Robert Vick** by Della McManus  
**Robert Vick on his 95th birthday, Clyde and Ellen Walters, Stanley Knight and Terry Chandler** by Hazel & Terry Robinson  
**Sue Catoe & Lillian McAteer** by Frances Parris

**In Memory of:**

**Ruby Steele** by Doreen Catoe

**Special Gifts to Needy Fund**

**In Memory of:**

**Irene Everall** by Claudia H. Hartley

**In lieu of Christmas cards, a donation has been placed in the Youth Fund in honor of our church family. God bless you with His love this Christmas and through out the coming New Year, too! Love, Sonny & Marion Curtis**

**In lieu of Christmas cards, a donation was made to the Youth Fund - Merry Christmas to each of you! ~ Doreen Catoe**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!!**

1/2	Jimmy Neal	1/15	Sam Funderburk
	Hannah Steen	1/16	Jeremy Haile
1/4	Butch Ghent	1/18	Donna Smith
1/6	Caden Payne		J D Twitty
1/7	Doreen Catoe	1/19	Joseph Morris
1/8	Dennis Steele	1/21	Erika Capra
	Jeannie Moree		Heather Jarrell
	Max Funderburk	1/24	Doug Plyler
1/9	Chris Curtis	1/26	Frieda Couch
	Mary Knight		Tyler Broome
	Tommy Middleton		Linda Patchus
1/10	Reagan Williams	1/27	Jacob Fields
1/11	Justin Haile	1/28	Barbara Hall
1/12	Wayne Fields	1/29	Penny Blackmon
	Candy Pardue		Lib Preslar
1/13	Kenny Polston		Donald Jenkins
	Annemarie Salisbury	1/30	Scotty Bailey
1/14	Jennifer Burrack		

**This Week at Zion**

- Friday, December 21**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Saturday, December 22**  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- Sunday, December 23**  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship
- Monday, December 24**  
Office Closed—Christmas Eve  
8:00 am Walking Club  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Tuesday, December 25**  
Office closed—Christmas Day
- Wednesday, December 26**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Thursday, December 27**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Friday, December 28**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Saturday, December 29**  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- Sunday, December 30**  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship
- Monday, December 31**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Tuesday, January 1**  
Office closed—New Year's Day
- Wednesday, January 2**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Thursday, January 3**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Friday, January 4**  
8:00 am Walking Club
- Saturday, January 5**  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Zion United Methodist Church has some of the best cooks in Lancaster County. Zion is raising money to help pay for our Family Life Center so the Ladies of Zion have opened their bakery for this important event. Cakes and pies are made when ordered and will be delivered to you within three days. Some of the available cakes and pies are listed but if your favorite is not on the list, the Ladies of Zion will be glad to make it for you.

**CAKES**

ALMOND POUND CAKE W/ ICING	\$25
BLACK WALNUT POUND CAKE	\$30
BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE	\$20
CREAM CHEESE POUND CAKE	\$25
FIVE FLAVOR POUND CAKE W/ GLAZE	\$25
KEY LIME POUND CAKE	\$25
LEMON POUND CAKE W/ GLAZE	\$25
CHOCOLATE POUND CAKE WITH ICING	\$25
POUND CAKE	\$20
SEVEN-UP POUND CAKE W/ GLAZE	\$25
CARAMEL CAKE	\$30
CARROT CAKE	\$25
COCONUT CAKE	\$30
GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE	\$35
HERSHEY BAR CAKE	\$25
ITALIAN CREAM CHEESE CAKE	\$30
MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE	\$25
ORANGE COCONUT CAKE	\$25
PEANUT BUTTER CAKE	\$25
RED VELVET CAKE	\$35
STRAWBERRY CAKE	\$25
10 LAYER CHOCOLATE CAKE	\$40
UPSIDE DOWN PINEAPPLE CAKE	\$20
YELLOW LAYER CAKE WITH ICING	\$25
FRESH APPLE CAKE	\$25

**PIES & BROWNIES**

EGG CUSTARD	\$8
CHOCOLATE PIE	\$8
COCONUT PIE	\$8
MILLION DOLLAR PIE	\$10
PECAN PIE	\$10
BROWNIE CUP CAKES	\$1 EACH
(WITH OR WITHOUT NUTS)	
BROWNIES WITH CHOCOLATE ICING	\$15

PLEASE CALL TERRY ROBINSON, 285-3043 OR JUDY HUMPHREYS, 286-4317 TO PLACE ORDERS!!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN JANUARY!!**

- 1/1 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Griffin
- 1/9 Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Steele
- 1/10 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Collins
- 1/14 Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Baker
- 1/20 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Morris

**BIRTHDAY CLUB**

**In Memory of Pat McAteer  
by Libby, Jo Jo and Alicia**

**Zion United Methodist Church**

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**Scripture Focus this week:** Mic. 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Heb. 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

**There will be no youth evening classes or Chancel Choir practice Sunday, December 23rd, or Sunday, December 30th.**

**The church office will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th.** There will not be a newsletter mailed that week.

**Please join us for our Christmas Eve worship service and annual lighting of the luminaries on Monday, December 24th at 6pm in the Sanctuary.**

**2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the church vestibule or in your Sunday School classrooms.** As in years past, assigned numbers are not necessary. Please take as many boxes as you feel your family needs.

**The 2019 Zion informational directory is currently being updated and should be printed in January. If you have any address or telephone changes that the church office needs to be made aware of, please contact Tonya as soon as possible, 285-3864.**



**Last Week's Record**

**Prayers:** Are you praying for our church?

**Presence:**

Present for 12/16 Sunday School 81  
Present for 12/16 Morning Worship 118

**Gifts:**

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFCLC mortgage \$5899  
Received 12/16 for General Fund \$7340  
Received for Building Fund \$819  
Received for Needy Fund \$205  
Received for Calendar Sales (youth) \$40  
Received for Birthday club (Building Fund) \$7.60  
Received for Youth for card sorting \$50  
Received for Luminaries \$338  
Received for Community meal \$251.10  
Received for Chicken Bog Bake Sale \$75

**Serving Zion UMC Sunday, December 23**

**Liturgical Color:** Purple

**Flowers:** Poinsettias

**11:00 am Nursery:** volunteers needed

**Children's Church volunteers:** Angie Wood & Bethany Hayes

**Ushers:** Billy Sweatt, Dale Jenkins, JoJo Morris, & Mike Rape

**Worship opening and closing:** Tom Salisbury

**Serving Zion UMC Sunday, December 30**

**Liturgical Color:** Purple

**Flowers:** Jimmy and Karen Neal

**11:00 am Nursery:** Marcene Plyler and Margie Vincent

**Children's Church volunteers:** volunteers needed

**Ushers:** Billy Sweatt, Dale Jenkins, JoJo Morris & Mike Rape

**Worship Opening and Closing:** Tom Salisbury

**Musings ~ Markers**

My father loves music. For as long as I can remember, he has listened to a wide variety of artists and been influenced by their artistry. I think for him, music has a way of encapsulating both moments and feelings in a way that few other things can. There is a craftsmanship to piecing together these emotions that along with the artistry, my father has an appreciation and affinity for. He is especially fond of story songs, songs that narrate some life experience for the writer.

For instance, some years ago, Dan Fogelberg released a song called *Another Auld Lang Syne*. The song is about a man running into an old flame at a grocery store on Christmas Eve and the conversation that follows. The couple in the song catch up, sharing stories of their lives and remembering their shared past before the woman leaves and each goes back to their respective lives. Because the song references Christmas Eve and was released during the holiday season, it is played along with other Christmas songs.

For Dad, it isn't Christmas until he hears it. I don't know how long he has felt this way, maybe since the song came out in 1980 but it just isn't Christmas until he hears that combination melancholic piano, somber strings, and mournful saxophone. Despite the sad nature and nostalgia of the song, it carries a certain joy in that it becomes the marker for the holiday season. We heard the song, let the festivities begin.

I believe we have markers – things, times, places – that carry a greater meaning than other people can really understand. They have shaped every aspect of our lives, spiritual, emotional, and otherwise. These markers define us in some ways, shaping and molding our lives, pointing backward and forward to relevant events in our lives.

As we come to this holiday season – a marker in itself – what personal and spiritual markers have shaped your life and led you to where you are? What have learned from them? Where do they point you to go?

Pastor Michael

**Our Prayer List as of Monday**

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