

**Special Gifts to Zion Church**

**In Honor of:**

**Lillian McAteer on her 96th birthday** Love, Rick and Judy  
**Tommy Knight** by Rick and Judy Hammond  
**All the people that made our tubing trip possible** by Claudia and Cierra Hartley  
**Lib Preslar Thank you!** By Beth Craig  
**My grandson, Luke on his 5th birthday this week** Love, GiGi

**Special Gifts to Building Fund**

**In Honor of:**

**Lillian McAteer on her 96th birthday** by Carolyn Massey, Clyde and Ellen Walters, Frances Parris, Peggy Ann Knight and Nancy Rape  
**Lillian McAteer on her 96th birthday Love you,** Susie and Steve McDonald

**Special Gifts to Altar Cloth/Banner Fund**

**In Memory of:**

**Franklin Hallman** by Darlene Hallman

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at St. John's United Methodist Church** - 321 S. Oakland Ave., Rock Hill SC 29730

Who is invited?: Rock Hill District pastors and leaders (one per church) of congregations with 50-200 average worship attendance

Topic: "4 Possibilities for the Present and Future"

Deadline to register - **March 21<sup>st</sup>** - <https://goo.gl/forms/gll7qSC8m8YJuk1e2> Dinner will be provided.

**Our Prayer List as of Monday**

Gene Blackmon	Chuck Hopper	Horace Small
Nancy Blackmon	Virginia Horton	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	Barbara Vick
Bill Dingler	Mary Jane McAteer	Mike Vick
Sophia Dixon	Ralph McAteer	Pat Vick
Angie Dobson	Max McDonald	Robert Vick
Bill Dunn	Tammy McMillian	Sandra Walker
John Elder	Dessie McWaters	Ellen Walters
Suzanne Evans	Phyllis Morgan	Qa'Mora Walton
Ashley Fort	Rusty Mosier	Randy Williams
JoAnn Funderburk	Betty Jo Phillips	EmmaGene Wright
Sam Funderburk	Ann Powers	Kim Yost
Steve Ghent	Vicky Pickett	Our President & Troops
Travis Gordon	Ann Reed	
T.R. Grier	Bennie Robinson	
BJ Griffin	Kathleen Robinson	
Ovedia Griffin	Bonnie Sears	
JoAnn Hinson	Eva Small	

**This Week at Zion**

**Friday, March 15**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Saturday, March 16**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**Sunday, March 17**

7:45 am United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

4:30 pm Youth outing to Unity ARP

5:00 pm Kids of Zion Class

6:00 pm Chancel Choir practice

**Monday, March 18**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:00 am Walking Club

6:00 pm Community Meal

**Thursday, March 21**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Friday, March 22**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Saturday, March 23**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**General Fund Expenditures: February 2019**

Keli Thomas	29.16
People Facts	16.20
Quill (ofc)	303.48
Rural Garbage	145.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	333.34
Cokesbury (literature)	659.37
US Treasury (federal withholding)	445.04
Staff Salaries	5412.42
Hazel Robinson (bus gas)	43.71
Three Boys Lawn Service	500.00
SC Conference Direct Billing (Jan & Feb)	3773.36
My Church Website (annual fee)	299.00
Duke Energy	776.39
LCWSD	171.95
LCNGA	877.66
Springmaid Mountain (youth)	553.01
Lifeway Christian Bookstore	10.71
Wespath	46.67
The Upper Room	95.50
Terminix	80.00
Custodial	712.00
Wells Fargo (service fees)	133.60
Comporium	229.51

**Building Fund Expenditures: February 2019**

Reliance Trust (mortgage)	5616.57
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**The Church wide Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration will be Sunday, April 7 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Cane Creek Park.** We will have games, food, fellowship & egg hunt for 5th grade & under. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, April 27, 2019, will be our annual Chinese Auction in our TFLC.

**Our Administrative Board voted to approve the recommendation from Finance to pay off our Thompson Family Life Center mortgage on the May 16, 2019 bond call date in the amount of \$44,018.22.** With the funds raised from our recent Chicken Bog and our current Building Fund cash on hand, we have sufficient funds available to pay off our mortgage almost 5 years early. All praise to God for His blessings on us at Zion!



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**March is our month to support HOPE in Lancaster with donations of food for those less fortunate.** Particular needs are: boxed pasta, canned chicken, canned tomatoes, jelly, cereal, and grits. Please place your donations in the vestibule collection box and they will be taken to HOPE weekly. Thank you!

**All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's breakfast on Sunday, March 17, at 7:45 am** in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, a devotional, and business meeting.

**This Sunday, March 17 is Needy Fund Sunday. All loose offering received in the offering plates will be given to the Needy Fund.**

**The Youth of Zion will be attending Unity ARP's program on the Opioid Crisis Sunday, March 17 at 5pm.** Please meet at the church at 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Wood.

**Community Meal:** Invite family, friends, neighbors, and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal to join us on **Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.**

**The Tony Neal Scholarship Committee is asked to meet Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.** The members are: Lisa Lucas, Carol Cauthen, Keli Thomas, Lee Hall, Claudia Hartley, Cheryl Hayes, Susan Scott, Tony Broughton, & Jimmy Neal.

**The Administrative Board has approved a free will Love Offering for Greg Smith.** We will receive this offering on **Sunday, March 24** during worship. Please mark your special offering "Greg Smith".

**There will be a planning session for our upcoming Chinese Auction on Sunday, March 24 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.** We welcome anyone who would like to help with this fundraiser for our building fund.

**The Youth Council is asked to meet Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.** The members are: Jill Thompson, Wendy VanDyke, Keli Thomas, Angie Wood, Susan Broughton, Chad Payne, Dale Jenkins, Claudia Hartley, & Brooke Collins.

**Spring Yard Sale will be Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 from 7am–11am in the TFLC to benefit our building fund.** As you begin spring cleaning, remember to save your items for this fundraiser. You may bring those items on Sunday, March 31st–Wednesday, April 3rd. Please no big TV's. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

**Visitors on 3/10:** Sawyer and Emma Lehman.

**Musings ~ Shared Experience**

Imagine you're listening to your favorite music – favorite song being played by your favorite band. Now imagine it right in front of you with ten thousand other people who think this is their favorite band, too. Every year billions of dollars are spent by concert goers worldwide. In fact, according to Forbes magazine, the highest grossing concert acts of last year made over two billion dollars just for the top ten artists, and nearly one quarter of it from the biggest selling artist last year. Why would our society spend so much money on entertainment?

The answer, I think, is shared experience. This is an idea my wife mentioned to me the other day as we were talking about concerts and shows we wanted to go see. There is something about being in the moment, not only yourself but with a group of people, that gives that moment greater emotional weight and personal value. Think about a concert experience and what that entails: the artist singing music people know for the most part, the artist interacting with the crowd, the crowd interacting with one another. As people are drawn in to the music and moment, it creates something more than a series of interactions. It intensifies the quality of the experience and it creates a strong sense of social bonding between the people involved. Another good example of this is remembering where you were when certain major historic events happened: when JFK was killed, when the Berlin Wall fell, when the US hockey team beat the Russians in 1980. These are all socially shared experiences amplified by the intense emotion we felt in the moment.

You can guess where this is going, right? If you can't, it's going to church. When you come to worship and share time with others singing, reading liturgy, hearing a sermon or Sunday school lesson, do you come away from it feeling like you have had an experience? Is it something you talk to other people about after the fact and feel like the experience was something of emotional and spiritual value? Sometimes we don't feel that way, but does that say something about the quality of the experience, or does it say something about us and where we are in that moment of our spiritual journey? I think the idea of shared experience is behind the statement from Hebrews that says, "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." I think looking at worship time together as a shared, positive experience is what draws us to the fellowship of other believers and keeps us from being Lone Ranger Christians, out doing our own thing.

Join us at Zion UMC this week and every week to share the experience of faith and worship together.

Pastor Michael

1. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/hughmcintyre/2018/12/06/these-are-the-10-highest-grossing-tours-of-2018/#6c1827e6298f>
2. [https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/fb28/964fe97ceac20644010542d6a284d3d45d63.pdf?\\_ga=2.111885316.1635152858.15523113567211](https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/fb28/964fe97ceac20644010542d6a284d3d45d63.pdf?_ga=2.111885316.1635152858.15523113567211)

**Serving Zion UMC this Sunday**

**Liturgical Color:** Purple

**Flowers:** Mr. & Mrs. Danny Ackerman & Courtney

**11:00 am Nursery:** Tammy Cooper & Alaina Anderson

**Children's Church volunteers:** Laura Everall & Brooke Collins

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

**Worship Opening and Closing:** Tom Salisbury

**Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:**

Kids: Laura Everall & Sherrye Ingram

No Jr & Sr High Classes due to the program at Unity ARP Church!

**Last Week's Record**

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

**Presence:**

Present for 3/10 Sunday School 71

Present for 3/10 Morning Worship 124

**Gifts:**

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5884

Received 3/10 for General Fund \$3759

Received for Building Fund \$503

Received for Altar Cloth/Banner Fund \$25

Received for Epworth Children's Home \$120

Received for CB supplies from Quilt raffle \$75

Received for Salkehatchie Registration Fees \$120