

Zebulon United Methodist Church

*Transforming life through
relationships with Jesus Christ*

August 2018

Excuse Me, Are You Jesus?

A friend e-mailed this story. It is a pretty good question for all of us. As you read this, think about what you would do!

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved goodbye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain that he is taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16 year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you ok?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister. . ." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Sometimes we just take things for granted, when we really need to be sharing what we know ... Thanks.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Clyde



August Birthdays	
4	<i>Lauren Bailey</i>
5	Charles Corbett
10	Margie Bumgarner
11	Tom Evans David Windley
12	Mel Daughtridge
13	Jimmy Joyner
14	Caroline Tuck
15	Lowell Pulley William Goodfellow
16	<i>Peyton Windley</i>
17	Debby Driver
21	Abigael Jones
24	Richard Paschall
25	James Poole
28	Jason Rivera
31	Alex Harrelson



August Sanctuary Flowers	
5	Angie Fowler
12	Randy & Debbie Pittard
19	Bob & Sue Russo
26	Mary Ann & Cristi Eakes



August Anniversaries	
1	Wayne and Amy Bouren
5	Clyde & Leigh Denny
6	Wayne and Ann Davis
11	Jim and Terry Matias Jackie and Lynn Williams
13	Heber and Gina Windley
14	Randy and Debbie Pittard
15	Keith and Jennifer Marshburn
19	Andy and Kristen Zeh
24	Richard and Pat Paschall
25	Mel and Linda Daughtridge

We would like to thank our church family for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers after Jimmy's passing. What a blessing you have all been.

May God bless you all!
~ *Becky Spivey and Family*

Fun Lovers

Sure hope all of you are enjoying your summer!!!!

Our next gathering will be on August 14th at 1:30 PM. Audrey Galloway from AARP will be our guest speaker. We are having an ice cream social--please bring a topping to share. Please join us for good information, dessert and wonderful fellowship!!

If you have questions please call Anna Corbett (919-810-9709)

July Budget Report

DATE:	Amount Given	Year to Date Monthly Amount	Year to Date Monthly Budget Amount
July	\$24,280.11	\$155,488.16	\$205,560.00

2018

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29	30	31	
AA 05 8p	Trustees 06 7p	Steel Magnolias 07 7p	
AA 12 8p	13	Historical Society 14 7p	
AA 19 Shawl 3p 8p Prayer	Finance 20 7p	Evangelism 21 6:30p	
Puppet Ministry 26 8p 4p AA	Church Council 27 7p	28	
02	03	04	

Tuesday Womens Bible Study Every Tuesday morning at 9:00a

SUNDAY

Boy Scouts every Tuesday at 7:00p / Girl Scouts every Thursday at 7:00p

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02 AA	03 8p	04
08 Missions	09 7p	10 AA 8p	11 Private Event 1p
15	16 AA	17 8p	18
22 UMM	23 6:30p	24 AA 8p	25
29	30 AA	31 8p	01
05	06	07	08

Fall Festival 2018 News



Can you believe it? It is time to start thinking about Fall Festival 2018. This will be our 35th year?! The date is set for Saturday, October 13th, so mark your calendars!

Hope you have been working on those crafts, canning items for the country store, and looking for items for our silent and live auctions over the Summer. We have lots to do!

We are looking forward to another successful Fall Festival, but we can't do it without you!

**FALL
FESTIVAL**

*Jim and Trish Deal
Doug and Karen Grygiel
Jim and Terry Matias
Fall Festival Co-Chairs*

Food Pantry Requests For August and September 2018



- * Cereal
- * Peanut butter
- * Bags of dried beans
- * Spaghetti sauce

Healthy snacks for children and adults
(think after-school snacks for the children)

Small bags of nuts

*Starred items are especially needed as they are core items we give.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

Dear Members and Friends of Zebulon United Methodist Church,

On Monday, July 31st, final approval was granted by the ZUMC Trustees and Church Council to contract with Gray Security for the installation of a modernized fire alarm system. This update is required by city code, and provides us multiple advantages. The monitored system will bring us into compliance with city ordinances, will protect our physical property, and will ensure a safe environment for our gatherings and ministries, including our preschool children who are in our building five days a week during the school year. Our existing fire alarm system is non-functioning, unrepairable, and unmonitored. If we choose to ignore this needed repair, our neglect could result in enforcement actions being taken by the Fire Marshall's Office due to code violations.

Our church leadership is taking our stewardship for the safety of our membership and guests very seriously. We have implemented additional security measures which include push-bars on some of the doors, parking-lot patrols during service, radio communications, and now this fire system. More push-bars are to come in the near future, including ones for our double-glass entrance doors.

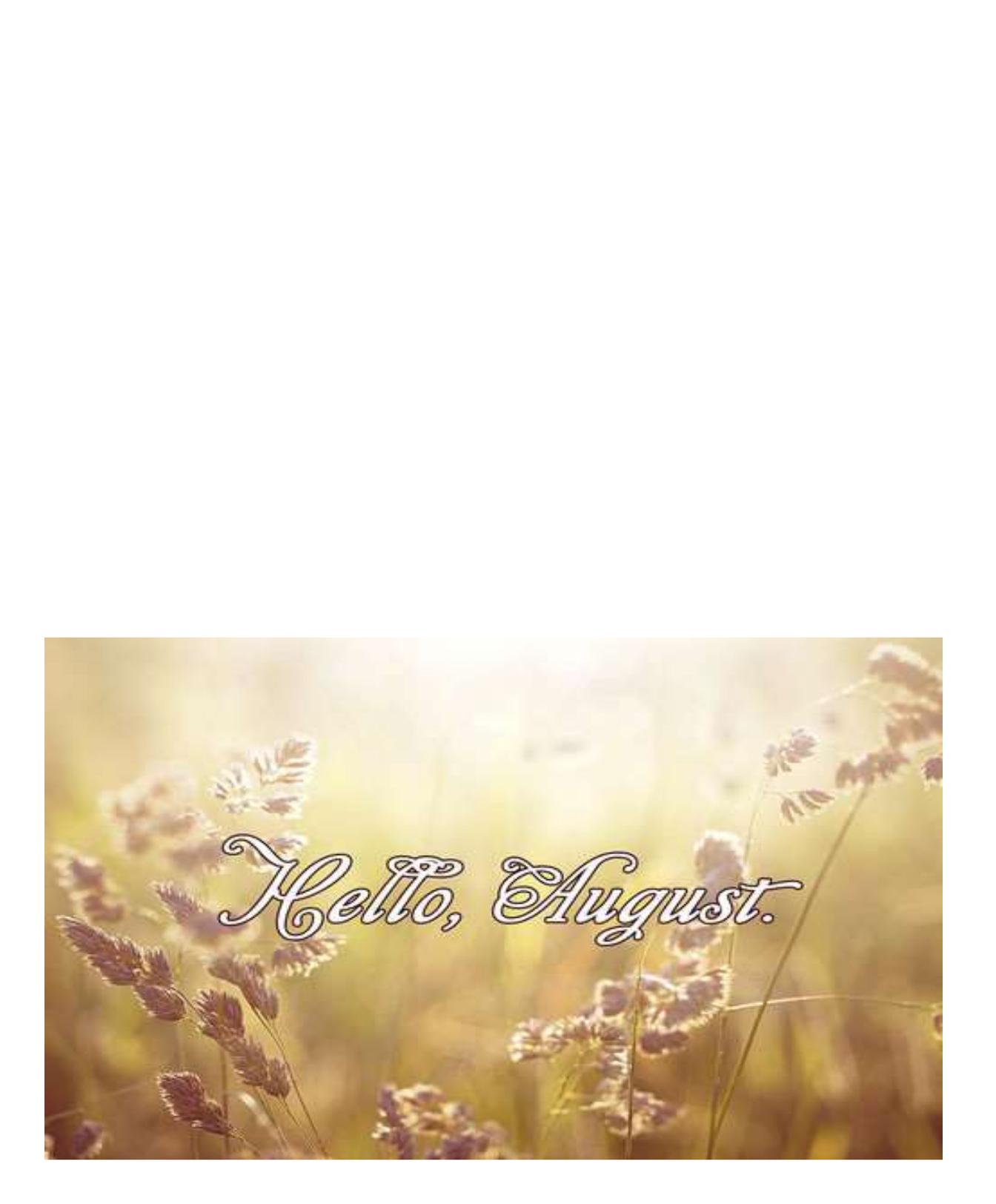
The Gray Securities Fire Alarm System is an advanced, monitored system which does come with a hefty price tag of \$39,996, but this price includes necessary drawings and permits before the installation can begin. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 which should cover the installation, 6 months of monitoring by Gray Security, and the first year's inspection and maintenance. The reason for the additional \$5,000 is for incidental overages or unanticipated issues which may arise during the installation, a measure common in planning a project such as this. Any leftover monies will be earmarked specifically for upkeep and monitoring fees associated with the system.

The completion date needs to be before the middle of December, so we have our work cut out for us. As a church, we need to pull together and figure out ways to raise the capital for this non-budgeted item without sacrificing our regular contributions to the church since we are in a pinch there also. A special account has been set up for contributions to the new fire system. If you or someone you know can help with this project, please reference the "fire system" on your contribution.

Zebulon UMC is an amazing bunch of people! We are "wowed" constantly by the service, love, and care our members display on a daily basis. We see this fire alarm project as a wonderful opportunity to bond together and watch God move this "financial mountain" by faith. Let's be a light which shines on others to bring them into a relationship with God and with our church!

John Chalfant *Trustee Chair*
Brent Boykin *Lay Leader*
Pat Tarbell *Council Chair*
Steve Lyman *Finance Chair*
Clyde Denny *Pastor*





Hello, August.