



March Newsletter



Zoar Baptist Church

As we move into March, our hearts begin to turn toward Easter.

Easter is more than a date on the calendar. It is the reminder of the greatest news the world has ever heard: Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again in victory. Because He lives, there is hope for the hurting, grace for the sinner, peace for the anxious, and new life for all who trust in Him.

This season is a beautiful opportunity for us as a church family to reflect, invite, and prepare our hearts.

When we think about Easter, it is easy to focus only on the celebration of Sunday morning, and rightly so. But before the empty tomb came the cross.

Jesus willingly gave Himself for us. He was not forced. He was not surprised. He came in love and laid down His life so that we could be forgiven and brought near to God. The resurrection tells us that sin was paid for and death was defeated. The stone was rolled away not so Jesus could get out, but so we could see that the tomb was empty.

This month, take time to sit with these truths:

- The cross shows us the depth of God's love.
- The empty tomb shows us the power of God's victory.
- The call of Easter invites us to respond with faith, worship, and witness.

Let March be a month where we prepare our hearts for Easter by spending time in God's Word, praying for lost people, and inviting others to come hear the hope of the gospel.

Easter season often brings many guests through our doors, and we thank God for that. Every visitor matters. Every family matters. Every person who walks into Zoar is someone God loves deeply.

We do not want to simply have people attend a service. We want to help them feel seen, welcomed, and cared for. That is why we are talking about strengthening our follow-up efforts and creating a Worship Welcoming Team.

Why a Worship Welcoming Team?

A Worship Welcoming Team would help us intentionally connect with guests when and after they visit.

This team would help us:

- Follow up with first-time guests in a warm and timely way
- Thank people for visiting
- Ensure they have a bulletin and Zoar information
- Inform them about the CARE card or know about the Next Step QR code
- Answer questions about the church
- Help guests take the next step (Sunday School, small groups, midweek, etc.)
- Make sure people feel noticed, not overlooked

We want to be the kind of church that not only welcomes people on Sunday, but also lovingly follows up afterward.

As we move forward, here are a few ways you can be part of what God is doing:

1. Pray for people in our community to be open to the gospel.
2. Invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members to services.
3. Welcome guests warmly when you see someone new.
4. Serve where needed as we prepare for a season with more visitors.
5. Consider joining the Worship Welcoming Team if you have a heart for encouraging and connecting with people.

If you would be interested in serving on the Worship Welcoming Team please talk with me or ask me any questions. Church family, this is a great season to be reminded that the risen Jesus still changes lives. Let us be faithful to celebrate Him, share Him, and care for the people He brings our way.

I am thankful to serve alongside you.

In Christ, *Pastor Jon*



March



Anniversaries:

Mike & Patsy Webber - 03/06

Jon & Adriene - 03/10



Birthdays:

Rachel Oaks - 03/02

Gary Bell - 03/07

Brinda Lewis - 03/11

Donald Gene Allen - 03/15

Sonda Hamrick - 03/16

Elijah Payseur - 03/27

Dorris Putnam - 03/31

Nursery Volunteer March:

1- Sherry Blanton

8- Melody Gamble

15- Allison Jenkins

22- Rhonda Newton

29- Lorraine West

Children Volunteer March:

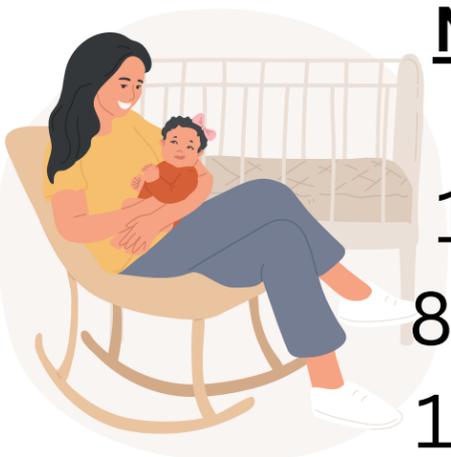
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Activities



SPRING FORWARD

Set your clock an hour ahead

March 8th

The Upper Room class is participating in a mission project at Shelby Manor called a "Bean Auction". We will be collecting items

like:

- 2 Liter sodas
- Candy
- Snack foods
- Little Debbie Cakes
- Chips
- Donuts and similar treats

If you would like to donate, please leave your donations in the tub in the Upper Room Class.

We will be collecting through March 15.

If you have questions, please contact [Karen Bell](#) or any member of the Upper Room class.



Pastor Jon and Adrienne will be attending the Pastor and wives retreat the weekend of March 8. This is a Pastor appreciation weekend! Please take a moment to let them both know how much we appreciate them and Pastor Jon's ministry here at Zoar!

Pauses For Spring Break
3/25-4/15

MID-WEEK WEDNESDAYS

STARTS BACK JAN 7, 2026

- > MEAL 5:45 PM
- > ADULT SERIES 6:30 PM
- > YOUTH, KIDS & NURSERY 6:30 PM

Something for everyone!
Come & plug in!



Dates:

- Thursday, 3/5 - 7 pm - Children's Committee in FLC
- Sundays, 3/22 & 3/29 - Family Worship
- Sunday, 3/29 - 11 am - Church Conference
- Wednesday, 3/25 - Midweek pause for Spring Break
- Thursday, 4/2 - 6:00 - Maundy Thursday Service
- Saturday, 4/4 - 6 pm, Egg Hunt & Hot Dog Dinner - Volunteers needed-
- Sunday, 4/5 - 7:00 - Sunrise Service & Breakfast
- Saturday, 4/25 - 5:30 pm - Church Game Night
- Saturday, 5/2 - 8:00 - Men's Community Breakfast



Mission Action Committee Report:

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - Our church wide goal is \$1500 and 100% of your donations will support missionaries in North America. A week of prayer is March 1-8, 2026 will kick off our emphasis on this offering. Please consider partnering with our North American missionaries by making a generous donation.

"MORE THAN A GIFT" is this year's theme.

Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- Our food closet continues to support.
- Mid-week meal and Bible study is a mission event so bring a friend.
- Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief , BOM reports 663 families returned home after home restorations were completed, this is an ongoing project over the next 5 years.
- Men's Breakfast, over 20 attended breakfast and we enjoyed great fellowship. (Next breakfast, May 2, 8am)
- Easter events are being planned, Easter is on April 5, 2026, stay tuned for big plans for a community meal and invitation to our upcoming children's egg hunt. We will need many volunteers, how can you help?
- Volunteering at various mission event in our community, Shelby Mission Camp and others.
- SS class mission event, we encourage each class to pick some mission projects that you all are interested in. Ask God to fill our eyes and hearts to community opportunities and guidance. We already have several active mission projects centered in Sunday Schools. What are yours?



Donations are always needed for the NC Baptist on Missions for WNC residents who are in desperate need. Link to donate:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Helene>

Thank you all for your devoted support to provide snacks and food for our Shelby Middle School students and support for the monthly show of support to the teachers, support staff and leaders there. They really appreciate all we do. Please continue to pray for SMS.

Future and continuing mission projects are below. Your prayers and support are needed.

Your Mission Team, Jon Jones, Martha Ledford, Nina Willis, Billy and Sherry Blanton, Eddie Winecoff, Mickey and Paulette Bradley