

April Newsletter



Zoar Baptist Church

As we begin the month of April, our hearts are turned toward the celebration of Easter and the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter reminds us that our hope is alive because our Savior is alive. The empty tomb is not just a part of our faith story, it is the foundation of our hope, our joy, and our victory.

What a blessing it is to begin this month by recognizing and celebrating the resurrection. Because Jesus lives, we can face every season with confidence, knowing that sin has been defeated and death has lost its sting. As a church family, I pray we will rejoice again in the power of the gospel and the life we have in Christ.

I am also thankful for the way Zoar continues to walk together in faith, service, and love. The Lord has been faithful to our church, and I am excited about what lies ahead as we continue to seek Him together.

This month, we are also excited to welcome Caleb Humphries as our new Interim Youth and Children's Minister. We are grateful for his willingness to serve in this role, and we look forward to how God will use him to minister to our children, students, and families. Please join me in praying for Caleb as he begins this important work here at Zoar.

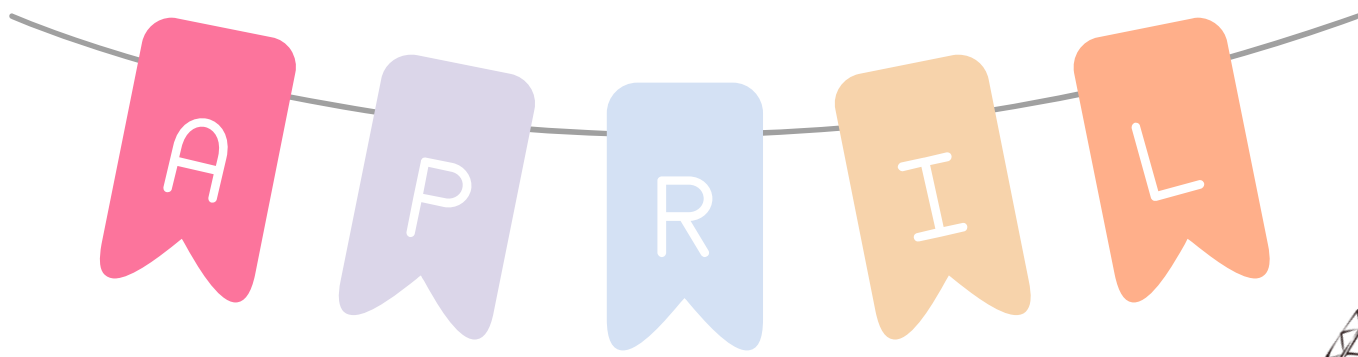


Caleb Humphries is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Bible Theology at Liberty University as he prepares for vocational ministry. His wife, Mallorie, faithfully serves the community as a nurse in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Together, they have one son, Leighton, and are joyfully anticipating the arrival of their second child in mid-May. As a family, they value intentional time together and share a common interest in attending all things motorsport. May we continue to be a church that celebrates the risen Christ, proclaims His gospel, and invests in the next generation for the glory of God.



In Christ, *Pastor Jon*



Anniversaries:

Jimmy and Vicki Willis - **04/29**



Birthdays:

Brinson Blanton - **04/01**

Dan Jolly Jr - **04/02**

Sherry Blanton - **04/03**

Carol Condrey - **04/03**

Mickey Bradley - **04/20**

Julie Humes - **04/20**

Nursery Volunteer

APRIL:

5- Glenda Allen

12- Sherry Blanton

19- Melody Gamble

26- Allison Jenkins

Children Volunteer

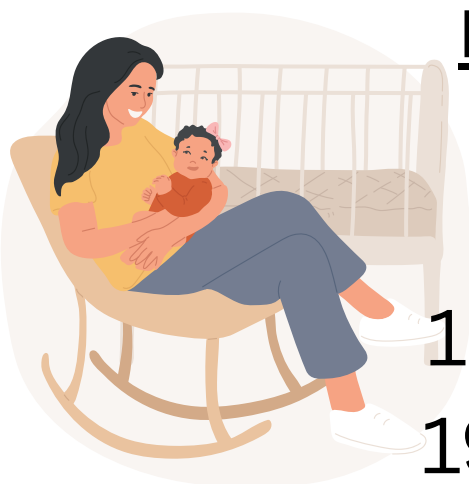
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5- Easter- Family Worship

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Activities

Dates:

Thursday, 4/2 - 6:00 - Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, 4/4 - 12/Noon, Egg Hunt & Pizza Lunch

Sunday, 4/5 - 7:00 - Sunrise Service & Breakfast

Wednesday, 4/15 - Midweek back form

Spring Break

Thursday, 4/16/26 - 7:00 - Children's Committee

Sunday, 4/19/26 - 11:00 - Church Council

Sunday, 4/19 - 6:00 - Joy Group Meal at Shomars

Tuesday, 4/21/26 - Deacons Meeting - 7:00 - Library

Friday, 4/24 - 5:30 - Hospice Chicken Dinner

Saturday, 4/25 - 5:30 pm - Church Game Night

Saturday, 5/2 - 8:00 - Men's Community Breakfast

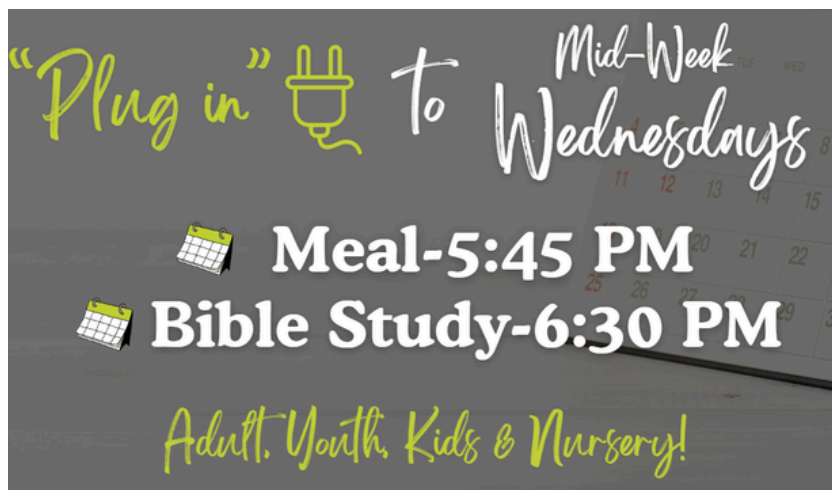
Saturday, 5/30 - Shaved Ice Ministry

May 31 thru June 4 - VBS is coming! Please pray about how you can help!!!



Saturday, April 25 @ 5:30 - Please join us for an evening of a light supper, fellowship and all kinds of table games, corn hole, and card games! Come as you are! For the whole family! See a member of the Upper Room class for any questions!!

**Spring Break
Pause
4/1 to 4/15**



Sunday, April 19, 5:30 - The Joy Group will be going to Shomars for supper! See the sign up sheet on the trophy case



Easter Sunday. April 5th, 2026



*Puppet Performance Schedule for
Morning Worship*

**April 5
May 3
May 24**

Mother's Day Reminder: May 10th,





Mission Action Committee Report:

Happy Easter to all! And take the time to reflect on our many blessings. Reach out to all your family and friends and let them know how much you love them and how Jesus has made such a difference in your life. Be that example to reflect His love for serving others.

Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering needs some help to reach our goal of \$1500. Donations given so far are almost \$900. Please be in prayer about how you can help us make this important goal. 100% of your donations will support missionaries in North America.

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

We are very grateful to Sherry and Billy Blanton for their leadership and work in packaging the backpack bags each week and each month providing snacks that support the Shelby Middle School teachers, students, and staff. This regular mission event would not happen without their devotion along with all who support this ministry with their donations of food that fill these bags every week.

Thank you all!

Our food closet continues to support individuals and families with much needed food from your donations and from the grant funds we were given to support this important mission event.

The mid-week meal volunteers who prepare those delicious meals are doing a fantastic job of preparing and serving us every Wednesday. This is a great way to get a meal and hear the word of God through Bible study each Wednesday. Invite others in this mission effort.

The Baptist on Mission message about Western NC this week informs us that 775 homes have been repaired, 241 homes are in progress (under repair) and 20 new homes are being built. 30,000 volunteers and lots of donations made this happen. This is a 4-5 year ongoing mission project and you can help by volunteering and making regular donations. Please consider helping any way you can.

The Upper Room provided snacks and goodies for Shelby Manor in March. The seniors there had an auction event that is lots of fun spreading joy to all. The Barnabas class collects socks, scarves, gloves and toboggans all year for their W. Virginia mission project so pick up some of these items when you can and they are planning an homeless feeding in May. Talk to Lyn Carroll for more information.

Eddie will be selling Hospice Chicken dinner tickets soon for April 24. Plan now to support this community event.

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

- - Our food closet continues to support hungry families.
- - Mid-week meal and Bible study is a mission event so bring a friend.
- - Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief , BOM reports 775 families returned home after home restorations were completed, this is an ongoing project over the next 5 years.
- - Men's Breakfast, we as 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 events 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 with 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.

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