



JUNE Newsletter

Zoar Baptist Church



One of the gifts of being Southern Baptist is that we are not a church standing alone. We are part of a family of churches that choose to cooperate together for the sake of the gospel.

Through cooperation, we help send missionaries, train pastors, plant churches, respond to disasters, support ministries, and take the good news of Jesus to places most of us will never personally go.

That is one of the beautiful things about the Southern Baptist Convention.

We do more together than we could ever do alone.

Recently, there has been discussion around a proposed amendment in Southern Baptist life called the "Truth and Unity Amendment." The amendment seeks to clarify how cooperating churches relate to the office and function of pastor, elder, or overseer, particularly as it relates to women serving in those roles.

Dr. Albert Mohler announced his intention to propose the amendment to Article III of the SBC Constitution at the 2026 SBC Annual Meeting.

I want to be clear. I believe the office of pastor is reserved for qualified men as taught in Scripture and reflected in the Baptist Faith and Message. That is our conviction at Zoar. At the same time, I do not believe this amendment is the best or most helpful path forward for our convention. My concern is not with the desire for doctrinal faithfulness. We should always care about the truth.

My concern is that we already have a confession of faith, we already have processes for determining whether a church is in friendly cooperation, and we must be careful not to create more confusion, unnecessary division, or unintended consequences in the name of clarity.

But here is what I also believe deeply: disagreement does not have to destroy cooperation.

Southern Baptists have never agreed on every issue. We have different church sizes, worship styles, ministry approaches, personalities, and local contexts. Yet we have historically chosen to come together around shared convictions and a shared mission. We believe the Bible is true. We believe Jesus saves. We believe the lost need the gospel. We believe the nations need to hear. We believe churches are called to make disciples.

That is what must remain in front of us.

Jesus did not give the church a suggestion. He gave us a commission.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19, CSB).

That Great Commission is bigger than any one church, any one pastor, any one committee, and any one annual meeting. It is the mission Christ gave His people until He comes again.

And that mission is not just global. It is local.

We must cooperate for the sake of the nations, but we must also cooperate for the sake of Shelby. There are people all around us who are hurting, searching, lonely, confused, and lost. There are families who need hope. There are students who need truth. There are neighbors who need love.

There are men, women, boys, and girls in our own community who need to hear that Jesus died for sinners, rose again, and offers forgiveness and new life.

That means cooperation is not just something we talk about at the denominational level. It is something we must practice right here.

We cooperate when we pray together. We cooperate when we serve together. We cooperate when we give together. We cooperate when we invite each other. We cooperate when we put the mission of Jesus above personal preference. We cooperate when we remember that the church is not here to win arguments, build platforms, or protect comfort. The church is here to glorify God by making disciples. My prayer for Zoar is that we would be a church rooted in truth, marked by love, and focused on mission. We can hold biblical convictions without becoming harsh. We can speak clearly without speaking carelessly. We can disagree with brothers and sisters without forgetting that we are still called to labor together for the gospel. The work before us is too important. The gospel is too good. The need is too great.

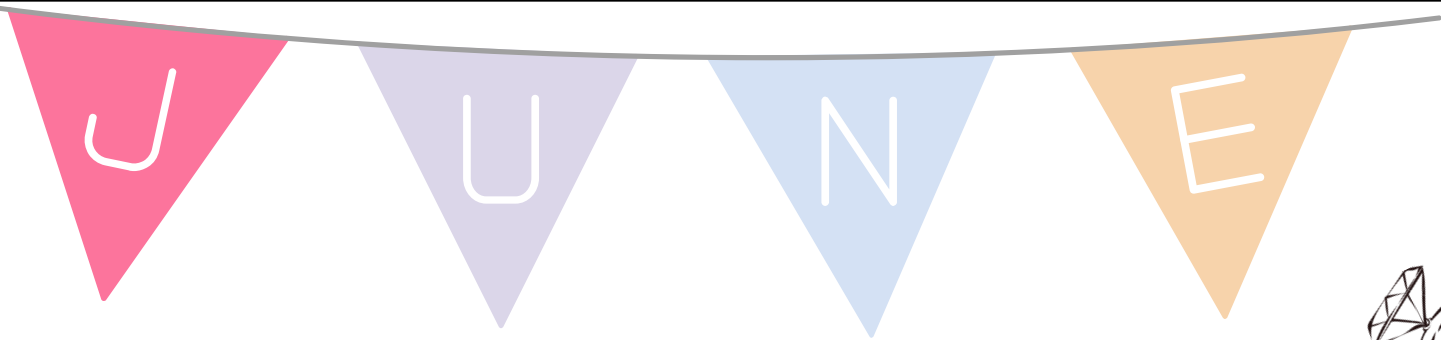
So let us keep our eyes on Jesus. Let us stand firmly on the Word of God. Let us love one another well.

And let us continue to cooperate, locally and globally, for the sake of the Great Commission.

Shelby needs Jesus. The nations need Jesus. And by God's grace, we get to be part of making Him known.

In Christ, *Pastor Jon*





Anniversaries:

Gary and Karen Bell - 06/14

Steve and Lyn Carroll - 06/16

Dean and Martha Ledford - 06/16



Birthdays:

Mallorie Humphries - 06/02

Becky Wright - 06/02

Leighton Humphries - 06/04

Glenda Allen - 06/08

Melody Gamble - 06/08

Mary-Helen Warren - 06/09

Parker Hamrick - 06/18

Carolyn Duncan - 06/20

Nancy Jolly - 06/20

Alex Carroll - 06/24

Lyn Carroll - 06/27

Kyle Jenkins - 06/27

Debbie Dover - 06/29

Nursery Volunteer

JUNE:

7- Allison Jenkins

14- Lorraine West

21- Rhonda Newton

28- Melody Gamble

Children's Volunteer

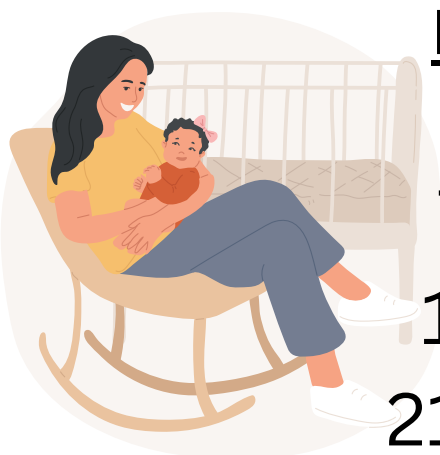
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7- Billy Blanton

14- Adriene Jones

21- Sherry Blanton

28- Family Worship



Activities

Dates:

Sunday, 6/7/26 - 5:00 - CARE Meeting

Saturday, 6/14 - 6:00 pm - JOY Dinner Captains Cap

Sunday, 6/14/26 - 11:00 - Church Council

Wednesday, 6/16/26 - Deacon Meeting

Sunday, 6/21/26 - Fathers Day

Sunday, 7/5/26 - Jason Ballard, Guest Speaker



Fathers Day
6/21

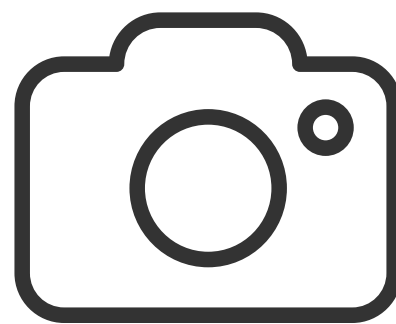
J.O.Y. Dinner at Captains
Cap in Gastonia
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the trophy case if you
want to ride in the Van.

6/14/26 at 5:30



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July 18th 5:30

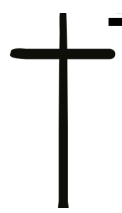
GAME
Night



Pictures!!!!

Our social media team would like to showcase our church through pictures of all of us doing things at the church. A small group together or working in a mission project, any miscellaneous picture of us being a family at Zoar is great!

Please pass your pictures to Holly.



Mission Action Committee Report:

SHELBY MISSION CAMP:

The Shelby Mission Camp is a place close by that is meeting human needs in Jesus' name. God opens doors to spiritual needs. Constructions, VBS, service, and other projects are planned for this summer in advance. How can you help?

HURRICANE HELEN:

Twenty months after Hurricane Helene swept through western North Carolina, we continue to witness God's powerful work transforming lives and communities in its wake. Our 5 rebuild centers provide volunteers lodging, meals, and projects in Boone, Spruce Pine, Burnsville, East Flat Rock, and Black Mountain. 100% of all donations go towards this mission project.

Update as of 5/15/2026: 915 home repairs completed, 220 homes in progress, 1 of 20 new homes constructed.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus is a joy!

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

- Our food closet continues to support hungry families, especially in the summer months.
- 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 has a new date. (Next breakfast, May 16, 8am)
- 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?

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.



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>

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR LEADERS AT EVERY LEVEL, OUR MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.

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