



August Newsletter

Zoar Baptist Church



We have much to be thankful for as we enter August. We are especially excited about the church's vote to call Caleb as our new Youth and Children's Director. Our children and youth are a vital part of the church today. We believe God has great things ahead for these ministries, and we are excited to see how He will use Caleb to disciple our young people, encourage families, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.

I also want to thank our search committee for the many hours they gave to prayer, meetings, and careful consideration. Their faithfulness and commitment to seeking God's direction are deeply appreciated. Please continue praying for Caleb and his family as they begin this new season with Zoar. Pray that God will give him wisdom, strength, creativity, and a deep love for the children, students, and families of Zoar.

While we celebrate this answer to prayer, we must continue praying for our Music Minister Search Committee. We naturally want to find the right person quickly, but more than anything, we want God's will in God's timing. Let us pray that the Lord will direct every conversation, open the right door, close the wrong ones, and prepare both our church and the person He is calling to serve alongside us. We do not simply want to fill a position. We want to follow the Lord's leadership.

Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain."

That verse reminds us that the church belongs to God. Our plans, programs, committees, and ministries matter, but they cannot replace our dependence upon Him. We can prepare carefully and work faithfully, but only God can produce lasting spiritual growth. Our responsibility is to remain prayerful, obedient, and ready to follow wherever He leads.

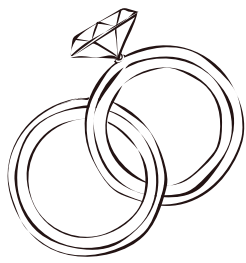
We are also looking forward to the return of our midweek activities on Wednesday, September 2. Midweek is an opportunity for children, students, and adults to grow in faith, build relationships, and find encouragement during the week. I hope you will make plans to be part of it.

I truly believe Zoar is entering an exciting new phase. God is opening doors, raising up leaders, and preparing us for the work ahead. Let us move forward together with faith, prayer, and expectation, trusting that the God who has been faithful in the past will continue to lead us into the future.

The next phase is beginning, and I am excited to see what God will do through His people at Zoar.



In Christ, *Pastor Jon*



Anniversary:

Billy and Sherry Blanton - **08/04**

Eddie and Lynn Winecoff - **08/09**

Mark and Barbara Southard - **08/12**

Steve and Nina Willis - **08/20**



Birthdays :

Eddie Winecoff - **08/01**

Hope McSwain - **08/05**

Larry Gamble - **08/10**

Bill York - **08/12**

Jon Jones - **08/19**

Rick McDaniel - **08/24**

Mark Southard - **08/28**

Adriene Jones - **08/30**



Nursery Volunteer

August:

2- Lorraine West

9- Melody Gamble

16- Sherry Blanton

23- Glenda Allen

30- Allison Jenkins

Children's Volunteer

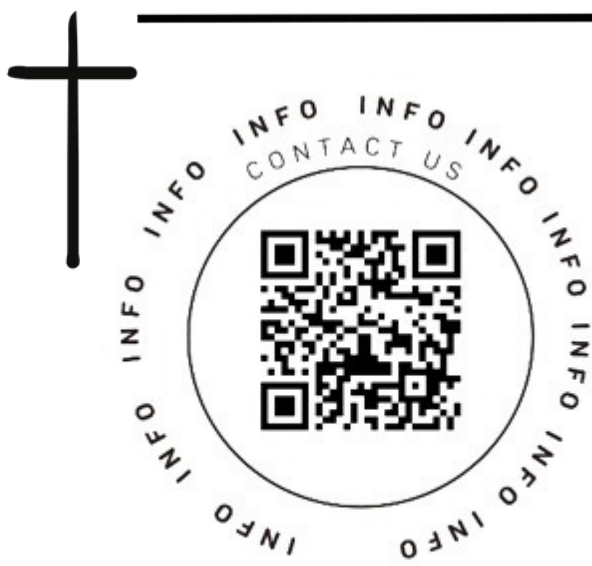
August:

2- Cindy Ledford

9- Rick McDanold

16- Allison Jenkins

23+30 Family Worship



Activities

Date Reminders:

Monday, August 3rd, 7 pm - Children's Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 8 - 9am Prayer Walk

Saturday, August 8th - 11 am- Block Party Promo Shaved Ice

Sunday, August 9th - 3-5pm - Block Party

Monday, August 10th, 7pm - Youth Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 8 am- Mens Breakfast

Sunday, August 30th Teacher Dedication

Sunday, September 13th - Homecoming



Our annual block party is planned for Sunday afternoon, August 9, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Please mark your calendar and save the date.

Begin now to pray about how you can be involved in this event.

Sign-up sheets will be on the trophy case in the hallway during July.

We also need to borrow tents to put up that day. You will sign up on the same sheet for both. There is something for everyone!

We need all hands on deck!

While we prepare and serve, let's remember **Colossians 3:23-24**

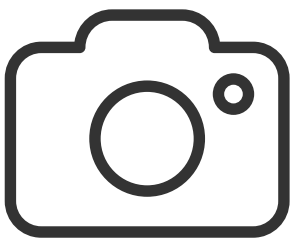
“ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

4th & 5th Sunday August 23rd and 30th



The Joy Group may be going to Pigeon Forge in October!

Let Julie know if you are interested.



Pictures!!!!

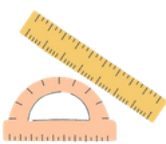
Our social media team would like to showcase our church through pictures of all of us doing things at the church. A small group together or working in a mission project, any miscellaneous picture of us being a family at Zoar is great!

Please pass your pictures to Holly.

Teacher Dedication Aug 30th, 2026



SHOW YOURSELF IN ALL RESPECTS TO BE A MODEL OF GOOD WORKS, AND IN YOUR TEACHING SHOW INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, AND SOUND SPEECH THAT CANNOT BE CONDEMNED



- TITUS 2:7





Mission Action Committee Report:

As summer is coming to an end, we will start August with an annual prayer walk at Shelby Middle School(SMS) and James Love School. This is an important ministry and partnership. We anticipate providing the same number of backpacks (12) for students at SMS beginning in September and we are grateful to all our members who provide the food and goodies for all the backpacks. Thank you so much. If anyone wants to make any changes in supporting this ministry, please contact Mickey Bradley right away. Also, we will have our annual block party on August 9, Sunday afternoon and we will need everyone's help. Please consider helping with this big community event.

Being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus is a joy!



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

- In July, our food closet has provided assistance to 12 adults and children, with most of the recipients being children. Our grant funds are currently being utilized to restock the shelves, and donations are always welcome!
- Join us on August 8 at 9 a.m. for the prayer wall at Shelby Middle School and James Love School. We'll meet in front of SMS.
- Also on August 8, at 11 a.m., gather at the church office as we will once again use the shaved ice trailer to distribute snow cones in promotion of the block party on Sunday, August 9. Our next stop will be the Washington Square apartments.
- We are looking for volunteers to assist with the block party on August 9. We will serve a hot dog meal to the community, offer delightful treats, and enjoy lots of fun on the ball field with local families. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share in prayer. We would love for you to join us!
- Men's breakfast is scheduled for August 15 at 8 a.m. Bring a friend and enjoy a hearty breakfast along with some fellowship.
- As we approach September, consider planning your donations for the NC Mission Offering. This is a fantastic opportunity to support Baptist on Missions activities, particularly in western North Carolina. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,800, which will aid in restoring damaged homes and constructing new ones in WNC.

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