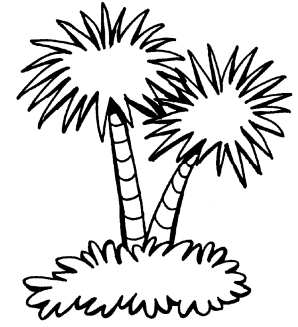
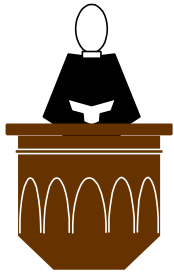


# Zion Alert



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## From the Pastor



All of us probably at some point in time have played the game “20 Questions”. The format of the game is very simple – the questioner has 20 questions to try and determine what the other person is thinking of. This month I would like to propose a twist to this game by offering

### 21 Questions Methodists Should Ask Themselves Daily

- 1) Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words am I a hypocrite?
- 2) Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
- 3) Do I confidentially pass on to another what has been told to me in confidence?
- 4) Can I be trusted?
- 5) Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habit?
- 6) Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
- 7) Did the Bible live in me today?
- 8) Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
- 9) Am I enjoying prayer?
- 10) When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?
- 11) Do I pray about the money I spend?
- 12) Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
- 13) Do I disobey God in anything?
- 14) Do I insist on doing something about which my con-

science is uneasy?

- 15) Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- 16) How do I spend my spare time?
- 17) Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
- 18) Am I proud?
- 19) Do I thank God that I am not like other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
- 20) Do I complain or grumble constantly?
- 21) IS CHRIST REAL IN ME?

All this leads to asking the final question—How do you measure up?

All the above questions are taken from page two of the 2/28/85 edition of *The Advocate*.

Peace to you all, Lowry

### **\*\*Celebrations\*\***

\*Thanks to all who supported the Girl's Softball teams. We had a great season!  
\*\*We had a wonderful Lake Outing. Thanks to all who helped. A special thanks to Rhett and Edna Marie Fellers for opening their home.

**Altar Flowers**

- Aug. 1- Mike and Marianne Haney
- 8 - Dusty and Jeanette Boozer
- 15 -Marian and Oscar Bowers
- 22 -Mark and Lisa Hockman
- 29 - Carol Marse

**Acolytes**

- Aug. 1 - Nell Drennen
- 8 - Abigail Shealy
- 15 -Grace Bedenbaugh
- 22 -Jordan Barnes
- 29 - Ryan Shealy

**Nursery Ministry**

- Aug. 1 - Julie and Peggy Barnes
- 8 - Tish Anderson and Denise Taylor
- 15 -Allison Elswick and Marcia Miller
- 22 -Rhonda Perrell and Jackie Lawrence
- 29 - Angelia and Dennie Bedenbaugh

**Ushers**

- 8:30 a.m. Service
- Brent Richardson
- Jonathan Richardson
- 10:30 a.m. Service
- Mark Hockman
- Jeremiah Hockman
- Gene Fellers
- Dean Fellers
- Jeffrey Fellers

**Average Attendance for July**

- Worship 151
- Church School 89

**Men's Club**

The Zion Men's Club met Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. In the Family Life Center. There were 22 members present.

The club enjoyed a cook out consisting of Bar-B-Que sandwiches, pork and beans, French fries, coleslaw, peach cobbler, and tea.

There was no business meeting this month.

The cooking captain for August is Tony Barnes. The devotion leader is Terry Fellers.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone at Zion who supported us with cards, prayers, calls and visits. This has been a difficult time for me as I was very close to my mother. All of your expressions of sympathy have really touched my heart. Thank you again for your friendship.

May God bless you all,  
Karen Freshley

Dear Zion Church Family,

Robert joins me in thanking you for your many kind expressions of love and concern during Jewel's illness and subsequent passing. Your prayers, cards, calls and memorials have meant so much to us and to Jay and his immediate family. Please continue to remember them as they go through the grieving process.

Pastor Drennen, your presence at the funeral service was a touching gesture of your constant attention to and interest in our own members as well as their extended families. Thank you for your commitment and ministry.

With love and a grateful heart,  
Sara Stackley Ruff

Dear Members of Zion UMC,

Thank you so much for the canteen and the draw string bag. I know they will be put to good use when I go to Carolina this year.

Sincerely,  
Rett Haney

**Zion volunteers who served at Manna House,  
July 12-16**

- Monday: Jerry and Peggy Koon
- Tuesday: Dot Connelly and Cedralia Stevens
- Wednesday: Jeanette Boozer and Mary Moore
- Thursday: Carol Marse and Mildred Tyler
- Friday: Betty Dominick and Larry Killian



## United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on August 8 at 5:00 p.m.

### Koinonia Circle Lake Outing

The Koinonia Circle will have their Lake Outing 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 22 at Dreher Island Shelter #3.

### Vision Committee Report

In his book, *From Embers to a Flame*, Pastor Harry Reeder III writes:

*The people of God need Biblical strategy for church revitalization because so many of us are or will be part of a body that is in need of it. Consider the following information: About 95% of all churches in North America average 100 people or fewer in worship; Over 80% of established American churches are either on a plateau or in decline; Every year 3,500 to 4,000 churches die in this country.*

Over 4 years ago, Zion UMC decided to participate in the Natural Church Development Process. This process is a strategy that helps churches turn embers into flames, by helping the church grow in ministry and membership; while also drawing the church and its present membership into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior.

In May of this year, 30 members of our congregation took a survey to determine our minimum and maximum factors as a church. The Vision Committee would like to inform the congregation of our new minimum factor as determined by the survey. Our new minimum factor is "Inspiring Worship Service".

Inspiring Worship Service is comprised of these 4 profile insights of the church: 1) Our personal transformation in worship. 2) Our being a visitor friendly church. 3) Our anticipation for worship. 4) The relevance of message.

Over the next few weeks and months, the Vision Committee will be analyzing and going over the data and results of the survey to implement structures to work on this new minimum factor.

We as a committee look forward to working with our coach, our pastor, our council, and "most important" our congregation of believers here at Zion, so that we will turn our embers into a **Flame**.

—The Vision Committee

## Young-at-Heart

Zion Young-At-Heart met July 20, 2010 in the Family Life Center meeting room with 20 present. Ralph mentioned the sick and shut-in and had an opening prayer.

Pat Jones had the program on "Forgiveness". She closed with prayer. Ralph read acknowledgement for memorial for Leslie McAdams.

Thanks to Della for the Zennias for our tables and to Larry for his "garden goodies" and Mary for cucumbers to share. The treasurer's report was given. Birthdays for Glenda, Violet, and Oscar were celebrated with singing to them.

Pat's entertainment was rounds of Bingo until all prizes were given out.

Larry Killian gave the blessing for a lunch of sandwiches and home-made ice cream.

The August program will be by Doris Webb and have "pot luck" meal. See you August 17th.

If weather etc. permits, we will probably go to Glenda and Jim's in September and to Milton and Diane Dennis' in October to visit with them. More details later.

## Youth News

By Chase Green

The week of July 4 a few of us went to Salkehatchie for a week in Pendleton, SC. There we split up into eight groups of fifteen people to work on nine separate houses. We got a lot done on our site for Mrs. Rachel Owens. We had to redo the roof from the rafters up and we also redid 4 rooms adding paint, repairing holes in the drywall, and laying carpet and linoleum.

We also made lots of good friends that we will have for the rest of our lives, and I believe everyone there got a step closer to God. Also, on Wednesday we went to TigerTown Tavern. Friday we went to the camp directors family's house for a southern BBQ and a bonfire. We also had an open mic night and people told there stories about God. It was a great trip and one I recommend for anyone to attend.

### Special Gifts to the Budget

In honor of Sara Ruff by Oscar and Marian Bowers.  
 In memory of Edna Carns  
 By: Betty and Ollie Dominick  
 Bob and Alice Faye Shealy  
 Mildred and Charlie Tyler  
 Junior, Renee, Summer, and Madalyn Parkman  
 In memory of Jewel Stackley  
 By: Betty and Ollie Dominick  
 Bob and Alice Faye Shealy  
 In honor of Emory Hipp on his birthday by Mark and Melanie Hipp.  
 In honor of Milledge Wilson by Garrett and Inge Lipscomb.  
 In honor of Karen and Steve Freshley by Bob and Alice Faye Shealy.  
 In honor of Glenda Wood on her birthday by Betty and Ollie Dominick.  
 In honor of Sebert Sizemore by Jerry and Peggy Koon.  
 In memory of Fred Foster by Mildred and Charlie Tyler.  
 In memory of Leslie McAdams by McSwain Evans Funeral Home.

### Special Gifts to Church Improvement

In honor of Alice Boozer by Judy and Bo Hamm.  
 In memory of Edna Carns by Zion UMW.

### Special Gifts

**To the Bus Fund:**  
 In memory of Eddie Taylor by Charles, Sherry, Alex and Will Bedenbaugh.  
 In honor of Jackie Franklin  
 By: Glenn and Joy Fellers  
 Terry and Susan Fellers  
 In honor of Jenny Fellers by Judy and Bo Hamm.  
 In memory of Jewel Stackley and in honor of Robert and Sara Ruff by Judy and Bo Hamm.  
 In honor of Larry Killian (Thank You) by Ralph and Violet Hamm.  
 In memory of Leslie McAdams  
 By: Daniel, Sheron, Leila Kate, and Hannah Quattlebaum  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyler  
 In memory of Jewel Stackley  
 By: Daniel Sheron, Leila Kate, and Hannah Quattlebaum  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyler  
 In honor of Sgt. Milledge Wilson by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyler.

In honor of Kyle Moore (Eagle Scout) by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyler.

In memory of Edna Carns  
 By: Keith and Jeanette Boozer  
 Robert and Sara Ruff

In honor of Jenny Fellers by Alice Faye and Bob Shealy.

In honor of Todd Bedenbaugh by Alice Faye and Bob Shealy.

In honor of Jerri Lynn Shealy by Steve and Karen Freshley.

#### To the Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Eddie Taylor by Judy and Bo Hamm.

#### To the Youth:

In honor of Kyle Moore Rank of Eagle Scout by Mike, Marianne, Rett, and Josh Haney.

In honor of the youth working Salkehatchie by Ed and Sue Green.

In honor of Kyle Moore by Robert and Sara Ruff  
 In honor of our Eagle Scouts by Esther Mae Bray.

#### To the Music Fund:

In memory of Edna Carns by George and Lou Oxner.

#### To the Chase Hamm Fund:

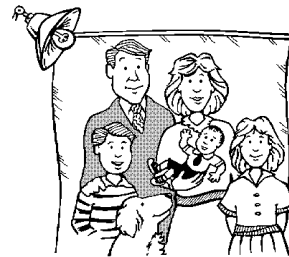
In honor of Todd Bedenbaugh by Bo and Judy Hamm.

The silk arrangements are given to Zion to be used as needed in memory of Bobby G. Webb by Doris P. Webb.



Zion Extends Sympathy to the following:

Cloyd Chapman and family on the death of his brother, Waldo Chapman.



Make-up day for pictures will be August 24th

# August

## Calendar and Birthdays

Sun. 1	Mon. 2	Tue. 3	Wed. 4	Thur. 5	Fri. 6	Sat. 7
<b>Vision Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m.</b>  <i>Leslie Dominick Collin Long</i>			Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  <i>Tyler Grubbs Hodge Harmon</i>			Potter's Clay, 7:00 a.m.  <i>Keith Boozer Grace Bedenbaugh</i>
<b>8</b>  Joint UMW Meeting, 5:00 p.m.  <i>Willie Mae Lipscomb</i>	Men's Club, 7:00 p.m.  <i>Leo Jennings</i>	10  <i>William Collins</i>	11  Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.	12	13  <i>Bo Hamm Doug Bowers Stacy Folk</i>	14  Potter's Clay, 7:00 a.m.  <i>Eddie Norris</i>
<b>15</b>  Committee Meetings, 5:30 p.m. Administrative Council, 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Young-At-Heart, 10:30 a.m.  <i>Ryan Boozer</i>	18  <i>Renee Parkman</i>	19	20	21  Potter's Clay, 7:00 a.m.  <i>Meg Davis Miller Hamilton Hannah Quattlebaum</i>
<b>22</b>  Koinonia Lake Outing, 4:00 p.m.	23	24 Bible Study, 12:00 p.m. Helping Hands, 1:00 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Info Due</b> Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.  <i>Fredna Dominick Steve Hipp</i>	26  <i>Peggy Garrett Reagan Grubbs</i>	27  <i>Allison Elswick</i>	28  Potter's Clay, 7:00 a.m.  <i>Tanner Folk</i>
<b>29</b>  Church Picnic following 10:30 service  <i>Sue Green Noah Hydrick</i>	30	31 Bible Study, 12:00 p.m. Helping Hands, 1:00 p.m.  <i>Angelia Bedenbaugh Lauri Monts</i>				

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## Outreach News

Epworth has invited us to partner with them for the 2010-2011 school year by making a financial contribution that will ensure each child who calls Epworth home has the opportunity to fully experience his or her education. Thanks to the generosity of Epworth supporters, there is an abundance of school supplies this year. For those wishing to contribute an alternative to school supplies, it is suggested that we purchase gift cards from Walmart, Target or Kohls.

The following are highlights from the ICS meeting, held July 22:

\*DSS has contributed \$35,000+ assisting residents of Newberry County with food, utilities, and housing this year. Manna House assisted 118 families during the 2nd quarter. Available monies from the Emergency Relief fund are almost non-existent at the present time.

\*Two guest speakers from the "Senior Matters" office briefed attendees of the services available through that organization. The primary goal of this service is to extend the amount of time seniors can live independently at home, and maintain their quality of life. If you know of seniors who reside

in Richland, Lexington, Newberry or Fairfield Counties, and may be interested in taking advantage of these services, please have them contact Mary Stewart at (803) 779-1181. A brochure has been placed on the

bulletin board behind the sanctuary.

\* Mills Chapel Church in Newberry in connection with "Samaritans Feet" and Southern Gents' programs, will sponsor an event on August 7 from 10AM until 2 PM. An open-invitation is offered to the entire ICS community. School supplies, as well as 250 pairs of new sneakers will be distributed. A foot-washing ritual is also planned, as an expression of the act of servanthood.

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