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**"The Zionette" October, 2012 Edition**  
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Minister – Mr. Dan Stevens (Interim)  
**Director of Youth & Children – "Bobbie" Riggan**

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*From the Pastor's Desk!!*

I want to thank the wonderful people of Zion for their gifts to me. I love my coffee machine! I use it every day. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Blessings,  
Joan Daniels

*From the Desk of the Youth Director!!*

We started Recharge Wednesday, September 12, 2012 and had a great turnout. Thank you to the volunteers who helped and the teachers for their time as well.

The teens are excited about soon repainting and moving into their own room. They also very much enjoyed using the new big screen TV for their lesson. Thank you to all those who made that possible.

Please keep in mind that Trick or Trunk will be on Wednesday Oc. 31<sup>st</sup>. We **will not** have the after school program that day. We need volunteers and candy. If you would like to help, we need volunteers for game tables, door prizes, serving food and monitoring the children. We also need people to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy. If you have any individually wrapped candy to donate please do so.

Thank you,  
Bobbie Riggan

**ZION BOARD MEMBERS JULY, 2012 THRU JUNE, 2013**

<b>Moderator</b>	David Koogler
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Benckert
<b>Head Elder</b>	David Benckert
<b>Head Deacon</b>	Nancy Nichols
<b>Membership &amp; Missions Committee</b>	Chairperson - Marilyn Sumski
<b>Evangelism &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	Chairperson - Shirley Mills
<b>Property &amp; Stewardship Committee</b>	Chairperson - George Poffenberger
<b>Worship &amp; Education Committee</b>	Chairperson - Carolyn Dickerson
<b>Minister, ex officio</b>	_____
<b>Youth Director, ex officio</b>	- Bobbie Riggan

If anyone has a church issue or suggestions, please contact the appropriate board member. Remember they are there to work for you in your church.

**Pastor Search Update**

Please note the "Constitution and Bylaws" of the church which states in Section V-I:

1. A representative committee of five (5), one of which shall be the Head Elder, shall be nominated by the Moderator and elected by the General Board to serve as a Pulpit Committee and be responsible for recommending a prospective minister to the General Board.
2. The General Board shall consider the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee and if approved, recommend the prospective minister to the Church.
3. It shall be the policy of the church to only consider one prospective minister at the time.
4. The recommendation of the General Board must be accepted by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting in a regular meeting of the church before a call may be extended.

Let us all be in prayer during this transition in our church.

Shirley Moss, Board Secretary

The 5 members of the pastor search committee who were selected at the called board meeting, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 are: David Benckert, head elder, Chris Holloway, leader, Haden Cran, Pam Steele, and Shelby Gayle.

**ZION BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Board met on Tuesday evening, September 11, 2012 with 6 of 8 members present, plus the Youth Director. One Member of the congregation was present to observe. The Board did not receive any motions to act on, but did receive numerous reports and discussed several topics, as summarized below:

\*Heard a report by Head Elder David Benckert on the Pastoral Search committee. The committee had its initial meeting September 6, led by Regional Minister Lee Parker who explained the process of searching for and calling a minister. The Committee will meet frequently and keep the congregation updated on its progress. The process of reviewing and considering candidates will have to be confidential. The first steps for the committee will be to complete a church profile and have the congregation provide input through a questionnaire.

\*Received an update from Youth Director Bobbie Riggan that much has been done to prepare for Zion's fall youth programs. New study materials have been prepared for use by the youth leaders and teachers for Wednesday Recharge (which started Sept. 12) and for Sunday School. It was noted that the Property & Stewardship Committee has approved the use of Joan Daniel's old office as a space for the teenagers to meet.

\*Was informed by Treasurer David Benckert that for the church year ending June 30, 2013, Zion had a total income of \$85,000.00 and expenses of \$96,000, for a deficit of \$11,000.00. This deficit was covered by operating reserves from previous years. It was also noted that for the first two months of the current church year (July and August) the average weekly offering has been \$1,278.00 while the budget is based on a weekly offering of \$1,365.00, which means we have experienced a budget shortfall of approximately \$87.00 per week so far.

\*Discussed the importance for all committees to communicate planned activities using all available channels. Most importantly, new Webmaster Linda Holt needs to be informed so she can keep the website current; Pam Steele needs to be informed so she can include information in the weekly bulletin; and Joan Sasser needs information to include in the newsletter. Shirley Mills also provided contact information on other communication outlets to be used, including several newspapers and websites.

\*Determined that the Evangelism & Outreach and Worship & Education Committees (and possibly other committees) will work together to identify and implement new ways to make Zion more "visitor friendly". One specific idea discussed was to prepare a brochure that provides an overview of all Sunday School classes.

\*Heard reports from each committee on numerous activities and projects that are planned for the weeks and months ahead, including concerts, dinners youth events, cantatas, movies, etc.

\*Learned that the Elders will meet in early October, and at that meeting will plan to address the interim pastor situation while the search for a permanent minister continues, since Dan Stevens has only committed to serve until November 11.

\*Decided that Head Deacon Nancy Nichols should convene a meeting of the Deacons soon to review the procedures for serving communion and collecting the offering with only two Deacons.

The next Board meeting will be Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m., with Bobbie Riggan hosting at her home. The meeting is open to any member of the congregation who would like to attend and observe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley W. Moss, Secretary

### ***Membership/Missions***

#### **Membership/Missions Committee**

In Sept. we put together 7 full backpacks, the wish lists and many, many other items to go to filling other backpacks. There were taken to Beaverdam Elementary. Thanks to everybody involved. The soup and bake sale did very well. The final total is \$280.00. Again thank you to everyone who baked, bought and passed the word along.

On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> we will have the first Saturday Afternoon at the Movies. The movie will be Courageous and will be free. This is at 1:30. On Oct.29<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Fall Harvest Luncheon. Please bring something good to eat and a dessert.

#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

We will also be starting our Christmas Basket raffle at the end of October. It will be filled with a lot of really neat items. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Luncheon.

On Nov.3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday Afternoon at the Movies will be showing Soul Surfer at 1:30. The cost is \$3.00and includes popcorn and a drink.

#### **Other Saturday Afternoon at the Movies –scheduled Dates and Movies**

12/8	Secretariat
1/12	Queen
2/9	Fireproof
3/9	Big Miracle

On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 1 day event to collect for Wheat or a soup kitchen. This is in lieu of our Thanksgiving Luncheon and I think it would be nice to donate what it would cost to make something or bring non-perishables.

Again I would like to thank everyone for helping to make everything work.

Thanks, Marilyn

### *Disciples' Women*

We have had a "Birdhouse" donated to our group, Johnny Jones made us a good looking bird house and we know someone will be lucky to have this to put up in their yard. The tickets are a \$1.00 – donation. The drawing will be on October the 29<sup>th</sup>.

So, please see one of the "Disciple's Women" to get your ticket. As we will be using the monies for our 'Missions'.

Come out and join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday night at 7pm which will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Disciples Women  
Thanks again & God Bless  
Patsy Corker, Treasurer

### *Missions & Community Service*

The mission for the month is the shoe/coat fund. Every year during the month of October Zion Christian Church collects money for shoes, coats, and socks. The items mentioned will be given to those students at Beaverdam Elementary who are in need of shoes or a coat for the winter. After all the needs are met at the elementary school any remaining money will be given to Hanover Social Services.

Thank you,

Terry Daniels, Mission Committee

### **"THE HAPPY BEAVERS"**

**Please Note** – We will meet on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am at church. We will go to Ally's on The Lake. I've been told that they have excellent food especially sea food. The only problem is that they are closed on Thursdays now.

Joan B. Sasser  
(804)883-5260

### *Worship/Education Committee*

Lets "Fall" into Sunday School at Zion Christian Church with a big bang. Enjoy our great Sunday School beginning at 9:30am each Sunday morning with these teachers. Pre-school – Patsy Corker and Linda Hall; Middle class – Jane Sasser; Teens – Donna Michael; Patents of young children – Shirley Mills; Middle adults – David Benckert; Adult Ladies – Joan Sasser; Adult Men – George Poffenberger, something for everyone. After Sunday School at 10:30 – fellowship time in the Christian Center ending at 10:50. From 10:50 to 12:00pm – Worship time with Pastor Dan Stevens and nursery for our little ones. Come and let's praise the Lord.

We are preparing for our "Fall Festival" at Zion, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6-8pm. Something for all ages. Hotdogs, chips, cupcakes and Lemon aide, Trick or Trunk, Cake Walks, games, Door prizes. Come and meet your friends and neighbors.

Worship and Education Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the Christian Center.

God Bless,

Carolyn Dickerson, Chairperson

### *EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENTS*

We are excited to welcome Rickie Smith as a new member of the Evangelism Committee! Rickie returns to the Beaverdam community after being away a number of years. We look forward to her input on Evangelism.

### **"Old Firehouse Concert Series"**

#### **Chris Adams in Concert**

By the time you read this newsletter, Chris Adams will probably have had his outdoor concert (Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>) at the Zion Christian Center. We are grateful to him for his support of our Concert Series and to you for your support in our attempts to reach people through music for Christ and provide good entertainment for the community. We are also grateful to the youth/children for selling their desserts to raise money for **WHEAT**. As always, we appreciate Nancy Nichols and her folks for providing the food. We look forward to seeing you at the next concert! Perhaps in February...

The committee has "Concert Series" tee shirts. They are black in color with the logo printed on them. See Margie Koogler if you are interested in purchasing one for \$11.00.

#### **"Offering" Returns in December**

"Offering" will return to Zion on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for a concert in the sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this spirit-filled Christmas concert.

Check us out on Facebook at “Old Firehouse Concert Series”.

**“Praise & Spiritual Renewal” Service**

Sunday, November 11, Evangelism is sponsoring a “Praise and Spiritual Renewal” Service in the sanctuary at Zion at 6:30pm. Prior to Thanksgiving we invite you to join us as we give God thanks for the many blessings in our lives and commit ourselves anew to service to Him.

**Tournament/Fun Day**

The Committee is planning a day of fun and games in the spring of 2013. Thanks to Brandy Hall for heading up this event for us. There will be opportunity for children and adults to enjoy games, maybe get some information, etc. We are still in the planning process. Watch for details...

Be sure check out Zion’s website at [www.Zionchurchdoc.org](http://www.Zionchurchdoc.org)  
Linda Holt (Ron’s sister) has put a lot of time and effort into providing a wonderful website for us, the community and prospects to enjoy. Be sure to pay the website a visit. Committee chairpersons and leaders, keep that information coming to her. She is waiting for your news!

What kind of church would my church be, if every member were just like me.

-copied

Shirley Mills, Chairperson

Frank Gayle	Brandy Hall
Linda Hall	Mary Ann Hall
Linda Holt	Ron Holt
Margie Koogler	James Mills
Shirley Moss	Ignatius Swart
Rickey Smith	

*From the Publishers Desk*

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Joan B. Sasser

**WHEAT – The amazing Raise and other opportunities**

Have you checked out The Amazing Raise at [giverichmond.org](http://giverichmond.org)? It is a great 36hour fundraising event for Richmond area nonprofits. Over \$800,000 has been donated since 6am yesterday. WHEAT is on the list! If WHEAT receives 23 more \$50 contributions before 15 other charities, they would qualify for \$1000 bonus prize. Run, don’t walk and check it out.



Sally Boice  
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 Tom Luck  
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 Roger Mills  
 Wilbur Mills  
 Patricia Mustian  
 Gladys Nichols  
 Bennie Price  
 Eva Ralph – Joan Daniel's Aunt  
 April Samuel  
 Ceclie Smith  
 Harry Smith  
 Sharon Smith  
 Elsa Stanley  
 Pam & Larry Steele  
 Evelyn Strong  
 Zion Christian Church  
 All unspoken concerns  
 All of our Armed Forces

**<<<<<<< SINGING – CHILDREN – MORE >>>>>>>>**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SINGERS</u></b>	<b><u>CHILDRENS SERMONS</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Voices of Zion	Kim Hall	Rickie Smith
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hayden Cran & Briana Michael	Kim Hall	
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women's Praise Team	Kim Hall	Kim Hall
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Church	Kim Hall	People are on call to help keep nursery The 4 Sundays

**Wednesday Night Recharge:**

We would like to invite everyone to our Wednesday Night Recharge 6-7pm. We have a new lady, Jody that is doing the cooking, delicious food and desserts. Please come out and support her. She and her family do not have a church at the present and we are hoping that they will come and try Zion out as their home church. After dinner we have a very uplifting bible study led by Joyce Harris 7-8pm.

Hello everyone,

As many of you know our daughter Megan Benckert is working in a refugee camp in South Sudan Africa with "Dr.'s without Borders". She would love to hear from her Beaverdam friends. If you would like to write her a note her address is the following:

Megan Benckert  
South Sudan Mission  
C/O MSF Medicines Sans Frontiers  
8 Rue Saint Sabin 75544 Paris Cedex 11  
France

It will take at least 2 weeks for her to receive your mail, so if you have access to a computer she checks her email every few days and would love to hear from her Zion Church family. This is the easiest and least expensive way to reach her. Her email address is [benckertm@gmail.com](mailto:benckertm@gmail.com) . Thanks for your concern and please continue to pray for her and the entire relief effort there.

