

We would like to extend a big "Welcome" to Rev. Greg Ott and his wife Peggy, who will serve as our interim minister at least through the Easter Season of 2013.

Zion Christian Church, D.O.C.

YOUTH PROGRAM

We plan to continue the youth program as long as possible with our faithful teachers and volunteers.

I would like to thank David Benckert, Eric Snead, George Poffenberger, and Frank Sasser for agreeing to help teach our middle age group of youth.

We appreciate your continued prayers for us and our church.

Joan B. Sasser

From the Treasurer's desk

Ask and ye shall receive, is an often used quote from the scriptures. At Zion we asked for enough offerings to meet our budget and through the Lords help along with our tithes we are in the black financially, our average weekly offerings have been \$1,327.22 and our projected offerings based on last year as a model was \$1,365.00. Because of our payroll expenses being lower than expected we have a surplus of funds in our operating account. Fortunately we have enough funds to cover some unexpected repairs needed to be made to the Sanctuary and the Christian Center. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. We are also approaching winter and the inevitable heating expenses so please keep this in mind when you make your weekly offering God bless each of you and I pray we will be able to continue to make ends meet.

Thanks again, David Benckert

Treasurer Zion Christian Church

Membership/Missions

Membership/Missions Committee : 2012 Christmas Offering is upon us. This offering will strengthen our regional ministries in the gathering of youth, candidates for the ministry and our missions to the world. 100% of this offering will stay in our Region.

Saturday at the Movies will be showing Secretariat, Saturday, Dec. 8th at 1:30. Cost is \$3.00 which includes a drink and popcorn. Bring a friend. It is an excellent movie.

Sunday, Dec.9th we will be having our Christmas Luncheon after church. Ham will be provided. Please bring a side and a dessert to share. We will draw the winner of the Christmas Basket at this time. Don't forget to get your tickets. The cost is \$3.00 for 1 and \$5.00 for 2. Proceeds of the raffle are going to give Christmas to a family that includes 4 children. Help us to make it a Happy, Merry Christmas for them. Donations will gladly be accepted.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF MEMBERSHIP/ MISSIONS WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY, MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS. LET'S TRY TO KEEP IT IN OUR HEARTS ALL YEAR LONG. MAY WE BE BLESSED IN THE NEW YEAR WITH LOVE, UNDERSTANDING, COMMITMENT AND THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER.

Other Saturday Afternoon at the Movies –scheduled Dates and Movies

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

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

God Bless Everyone, Marilyn

Disciples' Women

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

The Disciples Women were able to furnish dinner with all the trimmings for a family for Thanksgiving.

We also made a donation to the "Hanover Christmas Mother".

Our next meeting will be on December 4th. All ladies are invited to join us.

Disciples Women
Thanks again & God Bless
Patsy Corker, Treasurer

"The Happy Beavers"

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE:

We will meet on **Sunday, December 16th** at 1:15 at church to go to the Glen Allen Cultural Center to see "The Christmas Story". I ordered 20 tickets. Seniors \$5.00/ticket.

We will need to eat something before we go as they don't serve a meal. We can go somewhere afterwards for dinner if anyone wants to.

We went to Kabutos Japanese House of Stakes in November and everyone seemed to enjoy it, especially the "Chef" which was a real show.

Joan B. Sasser
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Worship/Education Committee

A reminder, worship/education has the month of Dec. for the Coffee Time between Sunday School and Church. Carolyn will take the 1st Sunday. Please let her know if you can help with this.

Cacky and Patsy Corker meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 for prayer time. Anyone interested please come and join in, we have much to pray for.

As Advent means "coming", in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ here at Zion, each Sunday we will have a reading and singing pertaining to the Advent; come and let's worship the coming of Christ, and keep it in our heart.

Our children have done great lighting the candles, receiving everyone at the door with bulletins, and taking up the offering.

December 16th our children will present their program with Brandy Hall and Courtney Holloway directing.

Dec. 23rd our Christmas Cantata "Start At The Manger directed by Donna Michael. Also Linda Hall and Brandy Hall are getting ready to go caroling on the 23rd.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve program.

SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN IN DECEMBER

Dec. 2nd - Bo & Cailyn Woody – candles and receiving offering
Bulletins – McKenzie Holloway.

Dec. 9th - Ryan Hall & Dylan Holloway– candles and offering
Bulletins – Wyatt Hall.

Dec. 16th - Dylan Holloway & McKenzie Holloway – candles and offering
Bulletins – Cailyn Woody.

Dec. 23rd – Bo & Cailyn Woody – candles and offering
Bulletins – Wyatt Hall.

Dec. 30th – Ryan Hall & Dylan Holloway – candles and offering
Bulletins – McKenzie Holloway.

WELCOME HOME TYLER BENCKERT – we are so glad that you got home safe and sound.

God Bless,
Carolyn Dickerson, Chairperson

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENTS

“Praise & Spiritual Renewal” Service:

Thank you so much for your support of the Praise & Spiritual Renewal Service on Sunday, November 11th. The Committee deeply appreciates the support of all who attended. It is our hope you were blessed by the service.

“Offering” Returns in December

“Offering” will return to Zion on December 16th at 6:00pm for a Christmas concert in the sanctuary. Invite others to come share the spirit of Christmas with you as we enjoy the beautiful music of “Offering”. A reception will follow the concert in the Christian Center.

Tournament/Fun Day: June 1, 2013

The Committee is planning a day of fun and games and perhaps an outdoor concert to wind up the day on June 1, 2013. We appreciate Brandy Hall heading up this event for us. There will be opportunity for children and adults to enjoy games, perhaps some wellness information, etc. Join us at Zion for a good time of fun, fellowship and perhaps music!

“Old Firehouse Concert Series” (sponsored by Evangelism)

Coffeehouse: February 9th:

The Committee has booked a band, The Johnson County Sheriffs, for the next coffeehouse. Please put us on your calendar to experience the wonderful music of this band Details to follow...

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

Don't forget 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.

We encourage you to continue to check the website for up-to-date information on Zion's happenings. Again, a huge thank you to Linda Holt (Ron's sister) who is our Webmaster. Committee chairpersons and leaders, be sure to continue to send her your information. She is counting on you!!!

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Joan B. Sasser

I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian." I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow! (Author unknown)

Congratulations to three of our very own members of Zion!!

Courtney Holloway for receiving the honor of Teacher of the Year for Beaverdam Elementary School!

Courtney was honored at a gala on October 30th along with all the Teachers of the Year for Hanover County, Courtney we are all so proud of you and excited for you in winning this award.

Jacky Harris is Hanover Co's. Christmas Mother this year. She will have many responsibilities and duties this coming year. We are very proud of you and we know that you will do a great job.

Delaney Corker was inducted into the National Honor Society of the Louisa County High Chapter on November 12, 2012. The four principles of the National Honor Society are service, character,

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>CHILDRENS SERMONS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
Dec. 2	Voices of Zion	Joan Sasser	Linda Hall
Dec. 9	Paul Dickerson	Jane Sasser	
Dec. 16	Children’s Christmas Program		Shelby Hall
Dec. 23	Christmas Cantata		
Dec. 30		Jane Sasser	Shirley Moss

The Zion Christian Church Board met on Tuesday evening, November 20, 2012 at 7pm. David Koogler opened with the reading of the Psalm 100 and prayer. Seven (7) members of the Board were present with two (2) observers

The minutes were approved from the previous meeting.

David Benckert reported that Disciples’ Minister Greg Ott has agreed to come to Zion as Interim Minister beginning December 2. In addition to leading worship each Sunday, Greg has committed to one day a week for visitation, consultation etc. He will also continue to serve as minister for a Disciples church in formation in Northern Virginia that meets at 4pm on Sunday afternoons, and feels that he can comfortably serve in both roles, Greg previously was the pastor at Trinity Christian Church in Mechanicsville.

Pastor Search Committee – David Benckert reported that the committee has received three (3) minister profiles from the Regional Office, but so far has not found a candidate that matches what Zion is looking for.

Treasurer’s Report – David Benckert reported we have almost \$23,000.00 in the Operating Account. The weekly average offering for the church year that started July 1 is \$1,327 while the budget is based on a weekly offering of \$1,365.00 So giving has remained very strong while we have had an interim minister and obviously expenses are less than budgeted due to the fact that we are not currently paying full time staff. David will commend the Congregation for their faithful giving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship & Education Christmas programs/preparations are in place, Carolyn purchased a chalice for the church in order to return the one we have been using back to our previous minister. Appreciation and praise was given to the Acolytes for a job well done.

Outreach & Evangelism – Offering Concert scheduled for December 16; Coffeehouse to be held February 9 and the Tournament/Fun Day/Concert is scheduled for June 1. Disciples Men will be going to Oak Ridge on December 1.

Membership & Missions – The planned Parents Day Out on Dec. 1 was canceled due to lack of participation,. The annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 9.

Property & Stewardship – David Benckert reported that outside trim on the church and Christian Center needs to be wrapped to preserve the wood and prevent further deterioration. Several bids were received and Window World has been selected to do the repairs on the church trim for \$3,600 and to the Christian Center for \$2,600. Before this work is done, a leak in the kitchen of the Christian Center needs to be repaired, at an estimated cost of \$1,500. David B. offered a recommendation on behalf of the Property Committee that all repairs be done and that the work be paid for from the general Operating Funds and recorded as a maintenance expense for this year’s budget. The Board unanimously approved the committee recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS – The Moderator asked if everyone was comfortable enough with the new Congregation-approved governance structure so that we could move forward with convening the By-laws committee to revise the Constitution & Bylaws to reflect the new structure. It was the consensus of the Board to wait a while longer before doing this

David Koogler asked the Board to begin thinking of who could be appointed to serve on the 2013 Nomination Committee, and noted the Board positions and other leadership slots that will need to be filled effective 4 July 1. **Next meeting scheduled for January, 8, 2013 at the church.**

Respectfully submitted, Shirley W. Moss, Recording Secretary