

"The Zionette" February, 2014 Edition

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Rev. Tommy Willcockson

A month has passed and the decorations from Christmas have finally been put away—well most of them or at least we are thinking about doing it. All the leftovers have been eaten or frozen (we really ARE going to make that smoked turkey soup this time) or retrieved from the back of the refrigerator so dry and green that we could throw them away guilt-free. Bows have been salvaged, paper carried away, and boxes recycled. Christmas cards have been re-read and re-enjoyed and packed away. We've cleaned and polished and every corner, nook, and cranny is just waiting—anticipating—a reshaping and redecorating when can't -be-too-soon-Spring gets here. If it weren't for the razor-sharp evergreen needles still lurking in the living room carpet, you'd never know Christmas came and went. For the first time in months, life is organized, neat and "normal."

Maybe it would be good for us to practice a bit of mental housekeeping. During the holidays our minds can get pretty cluttered. Our spirits may be weighed down by what happened (or what didn't), who visited (or who didn't), gifts given (or not), and even "thank you's that may have not come. Maybe it is time to sort our feelings and thoughts and intentions—in a sense, recycling and de-cluttering and discarding and cleaning and polishing ourselves on the inside, ready and anticipating the Spring and the year to come

Tommy

Membership/Missions

The mitten tree is overflowing with love from so many; it amazes me how God works when we simply ask him for help. As we go into February and prepare for week of compassion, may our hearts and minds be on those less fortunate than us and remember how truly blessed we are as a nation and God's people. We continue to collect breakfast foods for the WHEAT pantry. All of the items from the mitten tree as well as the food will be delivered to the WHEAT pantry on February 11th to be distributed to the people as they come to pick up food. Again, we appreciate your support.

We will have our annual beans and cornbread luncheon for week of compassion on Feb. 23rd, immediately following our worship service. We hope to see you there.

We will begin working with the Hanover Safe House for our mission statement for March and there will be more details to come concerning this project in the March newsletter.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month and would love to see you there as we always need help.

Membership and Missions Committee,
Pamela Steele

Disciples' Women

We will be meeting on February 4th, so "Ladies" come out and be with us.

We supported a family for Christmas and able to see that they had a "Wonderful Christmas". This was a single "mom" with 4 children—2 girls and 2 boys.

We received a "Thank You" letter from them and said they were blessed to have the "Disciples Women" looking out for them.

Thanks again & God Bless
Patsy Corker, Treasurer

Disciples' Men

The Disciples men have been busy as always. We meet every 2nd Saturday for breakfast at 8:00am in the Christian Center. This year we had our annual December Christmas breakfast with our wives at Debbie's

Restaurant. In January we had a yearly planning meeting while enjoying David Koogler’s fabulous blueberry pancakes. As many of you are aware we have several fund raisers throughout the year,

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Chicken BBQ’s, potato dinners, and car washes. We want to thank everyone who support our fund raisers and inform you how we use those funds. Below are some of the projects we participate in during the year.

ACTIVITIES WHICH ZION DISCIPLES MEN WILL DONATE TO IN 2014

W.H.E.A.T	\$100	January
Hanover Safe Place	\$100	March
Christian Church in Va. Special Camp	\$400	May
Tools & Blanker Fund	\$100	September
Shoe Fund	\$100	October
Thanksgiving Family	\$100	November
Christmas Family	\$100	December
U.S. Flag for Church	\$175	July
Oakridge Correctional Center For Boys & Elder Homes	\$700	
Total	\$1,875	

Extra Causes Donated to in 2013

Family in Need	\$375
2 Frying pans for Church	\$ 44
Graduation Gift for Hayden Cran	\$100
School backpack Supplies	\$100
Supplies for Scouts to Stain Playground Set	\$123
Donation to Gaines Family Trust through OAKWOOD Homes of Ashland	\$100
Zion Christian Church for Membership Supplies	\$100
Donation to W.H.E.A.T. in memory of Bill Short (Proceeds from Potato Supper	\$320
	\$1,262.00

Along with these activities we also work with Project Homes building and installing wheelchair ramps and doing small repairs to homes for folks in need. And let’s not forget that we visit and feed our adopted “Oak Ridge boys” at Beaumont Correctional Center.

We are also aware of needs in our church family and will be glad to help any of our congregation if we hear of a need. We invite any of the men in our congregation or in the community to join us in these mission projects and fellowship serving the Lord. Thanks again for your support.

Zion Disciple's Men's Group

David Benckert, Secretary

"The Happy Beavers" The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:00 am on **Tuesday Feb. 11th** at the church. We will go to The Rumble Seat Grill (old Brenda's) 12912 Plaza Dr. near Field Days of the past. Please come out with us and enjoy good food and a good time.

Joan B. Sasser (804)883-5260

Worship/Education Committee

Acolytes & greeters for January:

Feb 2nd. – Leah and William Hartley

Feb.9th. - Leah Hartley & Cailyn Woody

Feb.16th -- Dylan & McKenzie Holloway

Feb. 23rd -- Ryan & Wyatt Hall

Thanks Acolytes & greeters for doing a great job for our Worship Service.

Feb. 2nd is Boy Scouts will be in the Sunday Service. Please plan to bring a baked good for a reception following the service.

Easter Cantata Practice every Thursday at 7:30pm.

During the month of February the special offerings during worship will be for Week of Compassion.

I would like to know by March 2nd who would like to order Lilly's in honor or memory of someone. I will have a sign-up sheet at the bulletin table and I will find out the costs.

God Bless,

Karen Cuthrell, Chairperson, Worship Committee

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENT

We are looking forward to a Coffeehouse concert on February 15 with the Chris Adams band. They are a favorite to many of our coffeehouse concert goers! So mark your calendars. Show starts at 7:00pm. We will have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and hot cider. There will be delicious baked goodies as well as snacks. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for the show (18 years old and under are free). Drinks and snacks are free but there will be a donation jar going to WHEAT. Our last concert we collected \$75.00 in donations for WHEAT. This time we will try a little different set up with rows of chairs in the front of the stage and tables will be on the sides so plan on getting there early to claim your choice of seating.

Our next meeting will be February 10. If anyone has an idea of an event the community will enjoy let us know. We are always open to suggestions. We are planning a Gospel Brunch for late May or early June. We plan on having our worship service, brunch, and gospel band in the bay area of the Christian center. Look for details coming for that in the next newsletter. You won't want to miss it! It's going to be great!

Margie Koogler, Chair

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Joan B. Sasser

CHILDRENS CHURCH-

During worship

**NURSING/REHABILITATION
FACILITIES**

Elsie Waller – NH – in Fredericksburg

(3-10 yrs of age) Come join us for some Learning and fun!

Betty Hall – Crump Manor, Room C-11
Mary “Grandma” Fencher – Crump Manor, Room C-11

Susie Hall – Ashland Convalescent Center
Ellen Harris – Henrico Rehab Center
Josephine Goodman – Alpha House
Elizabeth “Sis” Moneta Nuckols Lowry – Amber Care, Mechanicsville

Shut In's

Emily Bishop
Nelson Carter
Louise Lowman

The Families of:

Meg Cross Menzies
Bell Mills (Petus Mills, Sr.)
William E. “Shorty” Snelson, Sr.
Clyde West



Hank Bagby
Chris Beasley
Donna Bond
James Bowline
Fred Brooks
Shirley Byers
P. A. Lewis,
Mary Carter
Mack Childress
Robert Coates
Patsy Corker
Marilyn Jean Corker
Johnny Estes
John Wayne Dickerson
Peggy Fortune
Lewis Geyton
Jennifer & Michael Grzunkowski & unborn baby

Nancy Hackney
Barbara Duke Jones
Carolyn Jones
Roy LeFevre
Nickie Labrador
Samantha McDougall
Ray Martin
Ruby Ethel Moss
Doris Mills
Don & Marie Newman
Peggy Orchid
Earl Richardson
April Samuels
Linwood Slayton
John Smith
Pam Steele
Ignatius Swart (Iggy)

Mary Ann Hall
Tinky & Linda Hall & family
Joyce Johnson Harris

Carol Umbel
Patty West
Frances Yost

Ronald Holt

Zion Christian Church
All unspoken concerns
All of our Armed Forces & their families
Our President, Nation, & World

I have taken a number of names off of the Prayer list as they have been there for several months. If you think that they should be left on or taken off, **Please let me know.** A lot of these folks I do not know. I do need your help. Thanks. Joan B. sassyrn1940@embargmail.com or 804-883-5260

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
Feb. 2 nd	Voices of Zion	David Benckert
Feb. 9 th	Women's Praise Team	Jane Sasser
Feb. 16 th	Samantha Waller	
Feb. 23 rd	Big Surprise	

This is something we should all read at least once a week!!! Be sure to read to the end!!!!

**Written by Regina Brett, 90
years old, of this Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio...**

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

1. Life isn't fair, but it's good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.

7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.

8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

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9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.

10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.

13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.

16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

19. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.

20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.

23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait of old age to wear purple.

24. The most important sex organ is the brain.

25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'

27. Always choose life.

28. Forgive.

29. What other people think of you is none of your business.

- 30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
- 31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

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- 32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- 33. Believe in miracles.
- 34. God loves you because of who God is not, because of anything you did or didn't do.
- 35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
- 36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
- 37. Your children get only one childhood.
- 38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- 39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere
- 40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's. we'd grab ours back.
- 41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need.
- 42. The best is yet to come.
- 43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- 44. Yield.
- 45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but, it's still a gift.

