

"The Zionette" May, 2015 Edition
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From the Pastor's Desk

Minister Rev. Tommy Willcockson

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!" The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me! For am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips: For my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of Armies!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven." I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send Me!" [Isaiah 6:1-8 World English Bible]

Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. [Matthew 28:18.20 World English Bible]

The first passage is often called the commissioning of Isaiah. Regular attendees at Zion have seen that passage at 'Recharge last week and at morning worship on April 19th. Since this

reflects Isaiah's calling into a successful ministry, I feel that it is worth reinforcing the ideas we can find there—especially as it relates to our own “general Christian commission.

It is almost the timer we celebrate the ascension and with it, the Great Commission—where all Christians were challenged by Jesus himself to spread the Good News around the world.

I am reminded that the commissioning of Isaiah into successful ministry has similar components to those that will make us successful—either in the general commissioning from Jesus to make disciples or in a specific/individual calling or commission that may come to each of us.

When we are called of God, it is important that we put ourselves in a position to succeed. Here are some things that may help make that happen:

- Acknowledge the holiness, the grandeur, the power and the majesty of God the creator, the sustainer of all that is, and with it his authority to call us to ministry.
- Acknowledge where we stand in comparison to God. Isaiah said he was “undone” in the translation above. Do notice though, that he didn't say he was worthless. We humans may be sinful and have unclean lips. We may be “undone” but we were worth the price paid in the sending of the Son.
- “Seek and accept the forgiveness that comes automatically when we recognize and repent of our “unclean lips” (and heart and soul and minds.) Believe that God can and will make us clean.
- Listen to the commission. Hear it. Embrace it with all our hearts. “Who will we send—who will go for us?” “Here I am, send me.”

The “Great” Commission is called that because that was the way God intended to get the Good News out to the world. Not shouted by angels from the mountains and from the skies, Not dropped from heaven on golden leaflets.

Human beings' sharing their faith is still God's methodology. Shared person to person—one starving beggar telling another where to find the Bread of Life.

Lived in front of our neighbors.

Preached by our lives.

“Preach the gospel always and if necessary use words.” [Attributed to Francis of Assisi]

Tommy

ALLERT ALL TRAVELERS

Reminder: As you travel throughout the year, please remember to collect small hotel-sized toiletry items (especially shampoos, body wash and lotions) to support Zion's ministry with the Oak Ridge unit at the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center. These items are used as prizes when Zion visits and plays bingo with the teenage boys there a couple of times a year. The guys love getting these items because the toiletries they are rationed have no fragrance. Please forward any items you collect to David Koogler. Thanks, David Koogler

April 12, 2015 Called Board Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Rickie Smith, George Poffenberger, Jane Sasser, Pam Steele, David Benckert, Joan Sasser, Karen Cuthrell, Margie Koogler. Tommy Willcockson was also in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rickie Smith.

The Property Committee (including Board members George Poffenberger, Sam Moss and David Benckert) met April 6, 2015 and had recommended to the board the purchase an 8ft x 16ft "Stage "Depot" stage and lighting system. The approximate cost is \$4,100, which they recommended to use Capital Funds. Due to amount, the committee is asking for Board approval.

Background:

Other items on the "Wish List" of improvements to the Christian Center are:

- Murals on front doors, to include replacement of the windows.
- Shed, to enable storage of items lawn care items, instead of 4th bay.
- ? Electric announcement sign to replace the present one.

Other more expensive items that will be needed for Christian Center in future:

- Climate control of bay area
- Handicap restroom
- Improvement to lighting in bay area

Other issues that board is aware of:

- Roof for Sanctuary (wait for funds from sale of parsonage)

Info David Benckert on Finances:

- Funds allocated for Christian Center Renovations equals \$3,344.

- Funds allocated to a general Capital Fund equals \$7,371.
- Total of these two - \$10,715.

Respectfully submitted
Rickie Smith

Membership/Missions

I am so excited about the way God gives us the flowers and the warmth of springtime. We have so much going on at church this spring and summer I can't wait to see how God shows up.

A few Sundays ago I made an announcement in church at the end of our service about 2 little girls, kindergarteners at Beaverdam Elementary School that were in need of clothes and shoes but most of all underwear. We placed a basket at the door and God Worked his love and I was able to collect \$167.00 in less than 15 minutes. I purchased 6 sets of shorts and tops, along with 2 cute dresses apiece, and underwear for each one. Then I heard they needed shoes, so off I went with the remainder of my money and purchased 2 pairs of sandals, tennis shoes and flip flops for play at home. These little girls were so excited to have clothes to wear so they would not be made fun of anymore. It made my heart smile when one of them asked me if I was a fairy godmother. I said no just a lady who knew 2 cute little girls who wanted new clothes. So a friendship has started with them now and they know that God helped me buy the clothes. When we do as God tells us too we always come out on top with blessings that we never expect.

I look forward to seeing you on Mother's Day for a wonderful service and a small thank you gift for the mom's. See you at Church! In God's Time, *Pamela Steele, Chair*

Disciples' Women

- 1) A "Great Big Thanks" to everyone that helped fill two baskets for the Hanover Safe Place.
- 2) We are donating to the Scholarship fund for "Women" who will go into the ministry.
- 3) Please don't forget our "Bake Sale" on May 9th when the Disciples Men will be having their chicken BBQ sale also—
- 4) Remember May 10th is "Mother's Day". "Happy Mother's Day" to all the mothers – Have a wonderful day.

God Bless & thanks

Patsy Corker, Treasurer

Disciples' Men

Zion Disciple's Men's Group

David Benckert, Secretary

"The Happy Beavers" The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:00 am on **Tuesday, May, 12.** At the church. We will go to Track Side in Ashland. I will need to know how many will be going by Fri. May 8, so I can make reservations. Joan Sasser -- (804)-883-5260

Worship/Education Committee

April News: Acolytes & greeters for May

May 3rd -- William & Leah

May 10th -- Paul & William Mother's day

May 17th -- Worship in the Bay -- No Acolytes

May 24th -- Beau & Hayden

May 31st -- Karen & Donna

God's Minute

May 3rd -- Pam Steele

May 10th -- Shirley Moss Mother's Day

May 17th -- Worship in the Bay

May 24th -- Rickie

May 31st -- Kim Hall

Worship Happenings:

The Liturgical color of the Cloths: Is White for the Easter Season

April 5 Is Easter Sunday and the Cloths will be White until May 17 the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Pentecost Season the Liturgical Cloth will change to Red on May 24. This is for the Day of Pentecost

May 10th: Mothers Day

May 24th -- Founders Day. Zion was New in 1846 the History that is alive in this church is amazing.

Especially all of the Special people that have gives so much of their love time and lives to Zion Christian Church. Each and everyone has a memory or story of this wonderful church. I am inviting everyone to share History, stories and any wonderful memories to share. Please get your thoughts together and get me your stories.

We will have a special minister with us that day. Tommy will be out for that Sunday but Dan Stevens will be with us. I want to make Founders day a day to Celebrate at Zion.

Worship in the Bays: That starts in May

So many Exciting Worship happenings are starting with the Spring and going through September:

May kicks off the Worship in the Bays Series. This year it will be every third Sunday. We will have service in the Bays with the weather permitting, doors open and letting the "Son" shine on the Worship Service.

May 17 – Bubba Johnson Brunch

June 21 – Fathers Day

July 19 – Christmas in July with Timmy Williamson. More details to follow about Lunch after church and a concert of Christian Gospel Music.

August 16 – Beach in the Bay

September 20 – Commission Sunday, Zion will be gearing up to send off a mission trip to ASP Appalachia Service Projects. We will have the Finney's a Husband and Wife duo to bring us Christian Country Gospel Music. More details to follow about a Lunch and Concert after Church.

Worship Chair, Karen Cuthrell

VBS is being planned. We are meeting Wed. Apr. 29th to decide on the date, days, and times, depending on when people are available.

Please let Jane Sasser know if you would like to help. 389-4596 cell phone. We will start off with a Bible Food Banquet, serving foods of the time. This is a fun meal and we welcome everyone to participate.

The final day of Wed. night recharge will be Wed. May 20th unless otherwise notified. We will also decide then if the adults want to continue through the summer. Jane Sasser, Education chair.

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

On May 2nd our first open-air concert of the season will be held in the Old Firehouse bays. The band, The Company Store, will entertain us with old time music and humor.

On May 17th at 11:00am, we will have our first Worship in the bays service of the season. These services are laid-back, casual dress type of service. Around 12:30, we will host our 2nd annual Gospel Brunch with Bubba Johnson and his band. You can join us first for our worship service

or go to your own service for worship then join us at Zion Christian Church for our **free** buffet-style brunch. You won't leave hungry! Bubba Johnson is as an award-winning gospel artist that will have you up on your feet spiritually and entertained! Please join us; we had so much fun last year! (Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses.

Mark your calendars for June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th for our summer Cruise-Ins. Cars start arriving around 5:00pm. This is a fun family event with \$.50 grilled hot dogs, with chili and grilled onions. Other snacks and drinks available for a low cost. We will have oldies music! A People's Choice award will be given away each month at 7:30pm. Fun! Fun! Fun!

Don't forget to check out our wonderful website!! Thanks to Linda Hold for her work on this!
Margie Koogler, Chair

The Zion web site is updated every Monday, please send info for her lindaholt@embarqmail.com or mail to:

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Joan B. Sasser

WEEKLY NEWS

What a wonderful Easter Sunday! It began with a combined Sunrise Service at the Beaverdam Ruritan Park with Zion taking the lead in the service. Thanks to the Disciples Men for providing breakfast at Zion following the service. It was delicious as always. The morning service was great with Tommy's Message "Pray Without Ceasing" based on John 17:11-20. Tara Cuthrell had the special music with an outstanding solo of "He's Alive!" Thank you Tara! I hope all of you had a glorious Easter with family and friends as we remembered our risen Lord.

Again, we were so pleased to have Kathy Benckert at the service as well as Megan who will be returning to New Your this week.

Sunday May 17th will begin our "Worship in the Bay's" for the summer months. They will be held each third Sunday.

Sunday, April 12th, Tommy had a wonderful sermon based on Luke 24:13-27 and entitled "On the Road Again!" Lots to think about in that sermon.

Sat. May. 9th the Disciples Men will have a chicken BBQ and the Disciples Women will have a bake sale.

Contact Carolyn Dickerson or Patsy Corker if you have a prayer concern. They meet each Sunday morning before Sunday school for prayer.

On Sunday April 19, Tommy delivered another wonderful sermon. It was based on Isaiah 6:1-9 and entitled "Pattern and Standard". Thanks to Pam Steele for "God's Minute", and to the Praise Team for their selection of "The Old Rugged Cross" in memory of Doris Mills.

Zion volunteers will be working with Project Homes to assemble a wheelchair ramp for Mack and Linda Childress on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30am until about ?, Jane had a great "God's minute" on the "talents" and Brianna and Tara sang "I'll Fly Away".

The Disciples Women raised approximately \$800.00 on their spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening.

Shirley Mills

CHILDRENS CHURCH-

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

Kim Hall

**NURSING/REHABILITATION
FACILITIES**

Betty Hall – Crump Manor, Room closer to desk
Mary "Grandma" Fencher – Crump Manor, C-8

Fred Dye – Shelton Arms Rehab
Josephine Goodman – Ashland
Convalescent

Susie Hall – Hanover Manor
Ellen Harris – Henrico Rehab Center
Dorothy Steele – Papp House

The Families of:

Beverly Hall "Boonie" Stanley

Dorothy Eddleton Waldrop
Betty Wright

Shut In's

Emily Bishop
Nelson Carter
Louise Lowman



Hank Bagby
Kathy & David Benckert
Megan Benckert
Joyce & Andy Bodoh
Baby girl Bodoh
James Bowline
Donna Bond
Danny Brown
Fred Brooks
Mary Carter
Mack & Linda Childress
Robert Coates
Patsy Corker
Marilyn Jean Corker
Judi Darden
Ronnie Dougan
Fred Dye
Joe Exline
Laura Frymier
Frankie Gayle
Shelby Gayle
Ray Grayson
Claudia Gibson
Mary Ann Hall
Travis Hall
Rose Mary Harrigan
Dora Harrington
Katherine Henley Harris
Nancy Harris
Ronald Holt
Linda Holt
Daniel Holt
Darnell Corker Jones
Vernell Jones
Kenny Lloyd
Daniel Holt
Darnell Corker Jones
Vernell Jones
Kenny Lloyd

Erick Johnson
Ed Jones
Nickie Labrador
P. A. Lewis
Earnest Lee Lowry
Robin Nash
Ray Martin
Donna Mills Michael
Don & Marie Newman
Cecil Oliver
Peggy Orchid
Lynn Parrish
Francis Rogers
Earl Richardson
April Samuels
Carley Sauer
Craig Scott
Elsa Stanley
Brittany Smith
John Smith
Marilyn Sumski
Thomas Lee Lowry
Conner Steele
Lois Stanley
Doris Walker
Tracy Wright
All unspoken concerns
Our President, Nation, & World
All of our Armed Forces & their families
Zion Christian Church

I have taken a lot of names off, but if you think 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. Sasser

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>God's Minute:</u>
May 3 rd	– Voices of Zion	May 3 rd – Pam Steele
May 10 th	-- Open	May 10 th – Shirley Moss – Mothers Day
May 17 th	-- Bubba Johnson's Brunch	May 17 th – Worship in the Bay
May 24 TH	-- Praise Team	May 24 th – Rickie
May 31 st	-- 5 th Hymn Sing – Open to singers for the Hymn Sing	May 31 st – Kim Hall

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Delaney Corker who made the Dean's list at Longwood University. She is the daughter of Durvin & Laurie Corker and granddaughter of Patsy Corker.

Congratulations to Lorie Corker was chosen "Teacher of the Year" for Thomas Jefferson School in Louisa. She is the wife of Durvin Corker and daughter in law of Patsy Corker.

Congratulations to Kathy Benckert who is now home for a long period of recovery before facing more surgery. Also Megan is home for an extended time off to take care of her mother.

What Grace is Not

Grace is never something given out of fear.

Grace is not a license to sin. The Apostle Paul makes this statement in Romans 6:1-2: “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

Grace is not a license to vegetate by believing that all that is necessary is to have faith in Christ and let Him do all the work. In Philippians 2:12 the apostle Paul writing to converted Christians says: “..work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Christ also tells us in Luke 13:24: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.”

Grace is not selfish, but is given without expecting something in return. Christ’s instruction on this matter is found in Matthew 6:2 “Therefore when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”

The granting of God or Christ’s grace to an individual is not a guarantee. It does not come on a piece of paper that we can hold onto.

Anonymous

Article from Southern Journal

Lead Foot Edwina

When Grandmama gets behind the wheel—look out, South Alabama.

Some years ago, my grandmother Edwina (“Win” to her friends) bought a new silver car. Her cars are always the same color, always christened “Silver Bullet”; and always sport her infamous license plate, “GWTIN” (Gone With the Win). Curious, I phoned to ask what brand she’d bought.

“You know I don’t know those things,” she declared, “I just told them to send me a silver one.”

The car that replaced her Ford was silver DeVille, which she evidently mistook for a gussied up Taurus. Upon learning that her new ride was actually a Cadillac, Grandmother was mortified that she’d bought a vehicle that, in her mind only Presidents, potentates, and pop stars should drive.

Immediately, she began a campaign of subterfuge in an attempt to regain her automotive modesty, first by stealing my cousin's trailer-hitch cover (a rubber mallard head) and then shoving it down over her Caddy's proud hood ornament. Suitably disguised, her "Quackallac" was now free to travel the byways of South Alabama without pretension.

The duck even monitored my grandmother's speeding. Edwina routinely drives at a speed equal to her age—which polite grandsons don't mention in major magazines. Let's just say it's over any legal limit here in America. "I know I'm going too fast," she declares, "when that duck turns around and looks at me."

Curious to find out just what speed produced the glassy-eyed stare of a fake mallard, I took the Quackallac for a spin on the bypass one afternoon last summer. The duck looked straight ahead at 55, 65, and 75 m.p.h. Finally at 83 m.p.h., wind friction caused the head to turn around.

That evening, I confronted Grandmother with my discovery. Instead of shock, she replied, "If you go much faster, you can blow his head right off!"

Speeding is just one of Grandmother Edwina's driving quirks. Sidewalk parking, off-road shortcuts, and causing general motoring mayhem have earned her quite a reputation in her hometown of Andalusia, Alabama.

In 1996, my Uncle Mark, a local attorney, was standing on the town square with an important client from Montgomery. Suddenly, from around the corner, screeched a huge silver car—bedecked with a rubber duck—headed against the one-way square traffic. The police pulled out behind the woman and cranked on the siren and lights. The driver put the hammer down and lost the cop in a cloud of dust. "My God!" gasped the client, "Who was that crazy woman?"

"I have no idea," replied my uncle.

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Moments later, the police cruiser pulled up alongside the two men. "Mark," said the police chief, "Will you please tell your mama that next time we pull out after her, she needs to stop?"

Most officers now know Grandmother's schedule and do their best to clear a path for her. Woe be unto the rookie that pulls her over. (She recently called up the mother of a new recruit who had the audacity to ticker her).

My wife doubted the veracity of this oft-told family lore until a recent trip to South Alabama took us through the one-light town of McKenzie, where we were stopped by the local P.D. for going 40 M.P.H. in a 35 M.P.H. zone. As with all great Alabama police monologues, this one opened with, "Son, what's your hurry?"

When I replied that we were going to see my grandmother, Win Murphy, the constable shrugged.

"Oh, go on," he sighed, "She blew through here twice last week, I'll just put it on her tab."

MORGAN MURPHY

