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Minister – Mr. Tommy Willcockson (Interim)

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*From the Pastor's Desk*

**Interim Minister**

**Rev. Tommy Willcockson**

When our son Tom was a little boy, he was out in the back yard and he found a caterpillar. He thought it was the greatest thing, but reality is that it was a big slick, ugly green one with spots.

Mainly to humor him, we put it in a quart mason jar—one with little holes poked in the lid so the ugly green thing could get oxygen. Tom gathered fresh green leaves every day to make sure it had something to eat.

After a few days or even some weeks, it began to spin a web around itself, hung itself upside down on a little branch we had provided and settled in for a little nap.

Tom would look at it every day to see if it was doing anything—but it remained the same day after day. Maybe it was several weeks. Just sitting there on our counter. In the jar—being still and just hanging around.

After a while it looked like our little impromptu science experiment had gone bad somehow. Maybe we fed it the wrong thing or maybe it should have had water or maybe it was too warm in the jar and in the house.

One day, though, it began to swing and sway slightly and then more and more. That went on for a few days. After it had worked and worked it finally broke free from the shell it had created, climbing up the stick toward the lid and unfurling a beautiful set of wings—flexing and drying them.

We took the jar outside and opened the top. After a little while, it climbed up onto the rim of the jar and sunned itself for a few minutes. It was a beautiful feathery light green and when the time was right,

It launched itself gracefully into the air. It flew and floated and swooped for a couple of minutes—almost like it was trying to see how everything worked. Then it flew away.

Not everything is as it seems. Tom's caterpillar wasn't really a slick ugly green worm. It was a beautiful moth that wasn't yet mature. It just wasn't yet what it was going to become.

Read Luke 22:55-62 and you will see Simon Peter as an ugly caterpillar, but in Acts 2:1-41 you will find Peter soaring on the wings of the Gospel of Jesus—transformed into something new and powerful and beautiful.

Isn't great when we realize that Scripture is full of worms that ultimately soared and losers that finally won for the sake of God's kingdom? In the stories of Moses, Abraham, Joseph, David, Thomas, and Peter (among many others) we find that God can use and transform anyone. That includes you and me. We may not be perfect—but we aren't yet what we will ultimately become as we mature in the love and the will and the grace of the Creator God.

*Tommy*

**ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION!!!**

**In accordance with Section V.I of Zion's Bylaws, a special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10 immediately following worship to receive and act on the recommendation of the Pastor Search Committee and the Board that Zion call Rev. Tommy W. Willcockson to be its permanent minister.**

**Membership/Missions**

What a blessing it was to deliver coats and shoes to 13 children at Beaverdam Elementary School as our mission statement for October. Just knowing we were able to make a difference in a child's life and easing the mind of their parent's burdens of trying to figure out where they were going to find the money for such a small thing as a coat or pair of shoes. We had a nice turn out for the luncheon in honor of Pastor Willcockson. We presented him a small gift as a token of our appreciation for being our

interim pastor for the last several months. If you have yet to meet him, you are missing out on a wonderful Godly man and his sweet wife Vonna.

We are getting ready for the upcoming holidays by adopting a family for Thanksgiving. We will deliver them a full meal for Thanksgiving and breakfast for the following morning. They are a family of 6 with a lot of health issues in the family.

Mark your calendar for Dec 15<sup>th</sup> as we will be going to Ashland Nursing Home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents and pass our candy canes. And spread the Love of Christ thru song and kindness to all. There will be more information in the December newsletter but mark this date so you can join us to bring a smile to someone who may be in need of one.

Membership and Missions Committee,  
*Pamela Steele*

### *Disciples' Women*

We will be meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> so "Ladies" come out and be with us.

We will furnish 'Thanksgiving Dinner' for a family and also looking for a family for Christmas.

We donated \$100.00 to the 'Blanket Fund' so we are staying busy with reaching out to others.

Thanks again & God Bless  
*Patsy Corker, Treasurer*

### *Disciples' Men*

The Disciples Men will be having a "Baked Potato" dinner on Friday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of **WHEAT**. Please come and help this valuable community organization out with your donations.

*David Benckert, Secretary*

**"The Happy Beavers"** The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:30am on Tuesday Nov. 12th at the church. We will go to Bonefish Grill, west end, on Broad Street, Richmond. Please come out with us and enjoy good food and a good time.

*Joan B. Sasser* (804)883-5260

### *Worship/Education Committee*

**Light a Candle for Children Event:** The Last Candle was lit October 20,2013. I would like to thank everyone that participated with me in honoring so many special people within our church.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### **Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>: Fall Festival:**

This is a big event for the Beaverdam Community and also Zion Church. Please plan to attend and help with this event. We will meet at the church on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> to decorate. Please see Jane or Karen to see how you can help.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will not have our After School and Recharge on Wednesday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, as we will need that time to set up and decorate for The Fall Festival.

Thanks, Karen Cuthrell/Worship chair

#### **SCHEDULE FOR ACOLYTES IN October: Acolytes please be at church by 10:40**

Nov. 3rd - Beau & Cailyn Woody  
Nov. 10th - Ryan & Wyatt Hall  
Nov .17th - Dylan & McKenzie Holloway  
Nov. 24th - William & Leah Hartley

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

God Bless,

*Karen Cuthrell*, Chairperson

Worship Committee

## EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENT

*Margie Koogler, Chair*

I encourage you to continue to give Linda Holt articles and information for the website which is [www.Zionchurchdoc.org](http://www.Zionchurchdoc.org).

*From the Publishers Desk*

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Joan B. Sasser

***CHILDRENS CHURCH-***

During worship

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

In Jesus Name, Kim Hall, Leader

**NURSING/REHABILITATION  
FACILITIES**

Elsie Waller – NH – in Fredericksburg  
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  
Dorothy Steel – Papp House  
Josephine Goodman – Alpha House

***Shut In's***

Emily Bishop  
Nelson Carter  
Louise Lowman

**Prayer CONCERNS**

**The Families of:**

Peggy Ann Borkey  
Alice Francisco Scott  
James E. “Jim” Vass  
Peggy Dymacek Whitley  
Rev. Bob Witham  
Andy Wodward

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Kenny Allen  
Hank Bagby  
Coleman Baughan  
Chris Beasley  
Gwen Bennett  
Jude Bernett  
Donna Bond  
James Bowline  
Shirley Byers  
Mary Carter  
Victoria Carter  
Victoria Carter  
Bobby Childs  
Mack Childress  
Robert Coates  
Billy Corker  
Patsy Corker  
Randy Corker  
Mike Chrouthamel  
John Wayne Dickerson  
Barbara Duke Jones  
Fortune Peggy  
Lewis Geyton  
Jennifer & Michael Grzunkowski & unborn baby  
Stan Ghickhausen  
Audrey Gray  
Jean E.(Beaver) Hall  
Mary Ann Hall  
Tinky & Linda Hall & family

Nancy Hackney  
Carolyn Jones  
John R. Jones, Jr.  
Vernell Jones  
Annabell Koogler  
Diana Koff  
Edna Lauterbach  
P. A. Lewis, Jr.  
Douglas Lane  
Samantha McDougall  
Ray Martin, Jr.  
Peggy Mae Hall Morris  
Ruby Ethel Moss  
Doris Mills  
Don & Marie Newman  
Elsie Nuckols  
Peggy Orchid  
Darrel Parrish  
Terrie Reck  
Frank M. Sasser, Jr.  
Denise Sumski  
John Smith  
Wayland (Jack) Stanley  
Pam Steele  
Carley Taylor  
Gloria Thom  
Edward Tuttle  
Carol Umbel  
Patty West  
John Williams  
Francis Yost  
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@embarqmail.com](mailto:sassyrn1940@embarqmail.com) or 804-883-5260



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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Voices of Zion	Pam Steele
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Samuel	Shirley Moss
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team	Rickie Smith
Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Britton	David Benckert

