

"The Zionette" September, 2014 Edition
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From the Pastor's Desk

Minister Rev. Tommy Willcockson

1st John 3:16-18: By this we know love, because he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of compassion against him, how does God's love remain in him? My little children, let's not love in word only, or with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.

Next month, three are going out from our church on a mission trip. Their goal is to help make at least one family's life better. Safer. Warmer. Easier.

Last Sunday we looked at some verses from the book of James and had a conversation about apple trees and how our fruit as Christians should come just as naturally and spontaneously as apples spring from an apple tree. The apples don't come as a result of a decision or even from conscious effort on the part of the tree. The tree blooms and the apples grow from the nature of the—genetics, if you will, but from the inside.

We hear from Paul that we become a "new creation" by grace, but James and John both want to see some proof of that new nature in our actions. It is important to note that both men are talking about work not for the sake of work—but work that comes naturally from that changed nature.

We are to love one another and we are to have compassion for those less fortunate. Jesus said that the world will know we belong to him by the love we have for each other as Christian brothers and sisters. In the parable we call The Good Samaritan, he also taught that we are to love those outside our group—outside our church and community. He taught that we are to help others who are in need.

As our “missionaries” go out from Zion to do good deeds and spread the love of Christ, I am certain that their “apples” spring from the well of Christ’s love that is deep within them. Let’s remember to support them in every way. I look forward to hearing from them when they return—as we also benefit from their experiences and their excitement over what they accomplish.

Tommy

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

Zion Board Planning Meeting

The annual planning meeting took place in the Christian Center August 22nd. The Board Members were served a delicious meal by moderator, Rickie Hall Smith. After which the meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer. Each committee head discussed their plans for the coming year and dates were entered into the calendar for September, 2014-July 2015. The leadership asks for your continued support and prayers. Thank you, Rickie Hall Smith, Moderator/jbs

Membership/Missions

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Baked Potato Dinner a true blessing to Beaverdam Elem. School. Because of your generosity I was able to complete 9 backpacks for children in need at the school along with the Disciples of Christ Women who donated 2 backpacks and both Linda Holts who did a 3rd grade one on their own. I will be delivering 12 backpacks to Beaverdam Elem. School on Aug29th. I know they will bless a child who would not have had school supplies unless loving people like you give of your money and resources to help these children.

I’m excited to be bringing the Samaritan Purse Shoebox Ministry to Zion this year. We will be hearing more about this during the next few weeks. I can’t wait to start packing shoe boxes for children in the Appalachian Mountain Region. We have a list of what can and can’t go in the boxes which are available starting early Sept. and will be included in the Oct. newsletter. Can’t wait to see the shoeboxes being piled at the altar of our Lord as we continue to do his work .

Thank You For All you do to help me to carry out the work of the Lord in so many ways.

Pamela Steele, Chari person

Disciples' Women

We had a good meeting in August. Upcoming Projects Scheduled:

September, 2014 – Contribution to the Church World Services Blanket Fund

October, 2014 –Contribution to the Beaverdam Elementary Coats/Shoes Project

November, 2014 – Provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for a family in our community

December,2014 – Adopt a family for Christmas

Thanks again & God Bless *Patsy Corker, Treasurer*

Disciples' Men

The disciples Men went to Montpelier Sat. to work on a home with Project Homes. We built a railing for the front and back entrances for a family in need. We got drenched in the process, but had fun while doing it. We had a great time while serving the Lord with our labor. We do several of these projects a year and it may be called work but we always have a good time. If you are handy with tools or want to give moral support please join us. We will have our Sept. meeting on the 13th while cooking chicken to sell. We will be selling our famous BBQ Chicken at Zion, Goodway Store, and at the Feed and Seed in Montpelier. Please support our sales so we can support others in need. As mentioned before we use these proceeds to support youth at Beaumont Correction Center and to help our own youth for summer camp. We also have numerous other missions we support with these funds. Thanks to each of you who do support us financially, because of your help we can reach out to many others in need.

Zion Disciple's Men's Group

David Benckert, Secretary

"The Happy Beavers" The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 9th. at the church. We will go to the Lowry's Seafood in Tappahannock.

Joan B Sasser, 883-5260

Worship/Education Committee

September News:

Acolytes & greeters for July:

Sept. 7th – Dylan & McKenzie Holloway

Sept. 14th - Cailyn Woody & Leah Hartley

Sept. 21st - William & Leah Hartley

Sept. 28th - Ryan & Wyatt Hall

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

Rev. Tommy will be out of the pulpit the first 2 Sundays of September. On September 7, Mr. Don Richardson will be here and Sept. 14th Rev. Bob Maphis will fill the pulpit.

God Bless, *Karen Cuthrell*, Chairperson, Worship committee

We had our Vacation Bible School August 4th - 6th from 9am – 12n. The theme was Son Rock Kid's Camp for K-5th grade. We had 13-14 children each day and at least 1 adult for every child. Brianna Michael did a wonderful job with the music and Tarra Cuthrell likewise did an amazing job with the games for the kids. Our teachers and volunteer's did a great job. On Wed. night, the children sang songs that they had learned over the past 3 days for their parents and families, and after the commencement program we had pizzas provided by Rev. Tommy and his wife Vona in the Christian Center along with other fixings. All in all we had a successful VBS. VBS raised \$61.00 for WHEAT.

Jane Sasser, Chair, Education Committee

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENT

The Outreach committee with the help of the Men's group organized 3 Cruise-Ins this summer. We had 45 cars in June, 11 cars (threat of rain) in July and 39 cars in August to participate. The People's Choice Award winners were Jeff Mitchell, Kenny Bishop, and Ron and Rena Rees. We had great support from the community and beyond!. It was so good to see the church yard full of people having a great time, eating \$.50 chili dogs and in case you missed it, George fixed some great pork barbecue, beans, and slaw for the August event as well. Our net proceeds given to WHEAT for just these 3 cruise-ins was over \$450.00. We also gave away a chili dog for each entry each month which was almost 100 hot dogs given away! If you didn't attend you missed out on some good ole inexpensive food and a fun family event. Our cruise-ins for next summer have been set for June 20, July 18, and August 15. Mark your calendar for November 15th for our next Old Firehouse Concert series event. This will be our coffeehouse style, so it will be inside and we will serve coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate, tea etc. Our featured artist is one of our favorites, The Chris Adams Band this November, and then we mix things up with three outstanding groups booked for next year that that haven't played our series before. We are really

excited about the band from Raleigh, NC booked for February called "Barely Above Sea Level" that is lead by a husband and wife duo, and their young kids play and sing a few songs with the band too, We actually have people asking how they can get booked for one of our Old Firehouse Concerts!

Linda Holt is doing a fantastic job with our website! Please take a look and see what she has done. Linda has asked me to please let everyone know that if you have something you wish to add to the website news that she updates it every Monday morning.

Margie Koogler, Chair

Continue to use our web site @ www.Zionchurchdoc.org. Thanks to Linda Holt our Web-master

The web site will be updated each Monday. If you have any announcements, pictures, articles, etc. that need to be posted on the web site, please email those by Sunday evening or **early** Monday morning to lindaholt@embarqmail.com or mail to:

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Joan B. Sasser

Wheat News

Zion continues to collect breakfast foods for the WHEAT pantry on an ongoing basis. All donations are appreciated. Correspondence from WHEAT stating that approximately 50 families are being helped each Tuesday, about 100 families a month at the pantry.

Thanks for your support. Shirley Mills

Dustin Dinsmore
Merritt Draper
Lillian Duke
Joe Exline
Peggy Fortune
Ray Grayson
Jennifer & Michael Grzunkowsk
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Zion Christian Church
All unspoken concerns
Our President, Nation, & World
All of our Armed Forces & their families

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 or 804-883-5260

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>Children’s Sermon</u>
Sept. 7 th	Voices of Zion	
Sept. 14 th		
Sept. 21 st	Zion Praise Team	
Sept. 28 th		

We are proud of our young people going forward in their education. Delanie Corker will be going to Longwood College, daughter of Durvin & Laurie Corker, and granddaughter of Patsy Corker. Hayden Cran will be going to J. Sargeant Reynolds, son of Brenda Cran and grandson of Doris Walker.

As most of you know, Kim Hall is in the clown ministry and on Sunday, August 3rd, we had a "Blessing of the e Clown's" week. Two of her clown friends came for the service and Kim had lunch for them and anyone who wanted to join them in the Christian Center.

Below is a letter from Mrs. Martha Ware Lonergan and a copy of the program of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Zion Christian Church. I have the original at home, let me know if anyone is interested in having it framed and placed somewhere in the church.

How Asparagus Got It's Name

A sixth grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

Here is what he wrote:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden ... Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

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One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot, He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.") During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas **Asparagus**. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot, Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

"Suthnuhs"

For those who don't know the rules

Southerners know their summer weather report:

Humidity
Humidity
Humidity

Southerners know their vacation spots:

The beach
The rivuh
The crick

Southerners know everybody's first name:

Honey
Darlin'
Shuga

Southerners know the movies that speak to their hearts:

Fried Green Tomatoes
Driving Miss Daisy
Steel Magnolias
Gone with The Wind

Southerners know their religions:

Bapdiss
Methodiss
Football

Southerners know their cities dripping with Southern charm:

Chawl'stn
S'vanah
Foat Wuth
N'awlins
Addlanna

Southerners know their elegant gentlemen:

Men in uniform
Men in tuxedos
Rhett Butler

Southern girls know their prime real estate:

The Mall
The country Club
The Beauty Salon

Southern girls know the 3 deadly sins:

Having bad hair and nails
Having bad manners
Cooking bad food

Only a Southerner knows the difference between
a hissie fit and a conniption fit, and that you
don't "HAVE" them,
you "PITCH" them.

Only a Southerner knows how many fish, collard greens,
Turnip greens, peas, beans, etc,
Make up "a mess."

Only a southerner can show or point out to you the general direction
Of "yonder."

Only a Southerner knows exactly how long "directly" is, as in:
"Going to town, be back directly."

Even Southern babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not a
Request for the white, granular, sweet substance that sits in a pretty
Little bowl in the middle of the table.

All southerners know exactly when "by and by" is.
They might not use the term, but they know
The concept well.

Only a Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace
For a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a
Big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's
Trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana pudding'!

Only Southerners grow up knowing the difference between "right
Near"

And "a right far piece."

They also know that 'just down the road' can be 1 mile or 20.

Only a Southerner both knows and understands the difference
between

A redneck, a good ol' boy, and po' white trash.

No true Southerner would ever assume that the car with the
Flashing turn signal is actually
Going to make a turn.

A Southerner knows that “fixin” can be used as
A noun, a verb, or an adverb.

Only Southerners make friends while standing in lines,
...and when we’re “in line,” ...we talk
To everybody!

Put 100 Southerners in a room and half of them will discover
They’re related, even if only by marriage.

In the South, y’all is singular, and, all y’all is plural.

Southerners know grits come from corn and how to eat them.

Every Southerner knows that tomatoes with eggs, bacon, grits,
And coffee are perfectly wonderful; that red eye gravy is also a
Breakfast food;
That scrambled eggs just ain’t right without Tabasco,
And fried green tomatoes are not a breakfast food.

When you hear someone say, “Well, I caught myself lookin’,”
You know you are in the presence
Of a genuine Southerner!

Only Southerners say “sweet tea” and “sweet milk.”
Sweet tea indicates the need for sugar and lots of it – we do not like
Our
Tea unsweetened.

“Sweet milk” means you don’t want buttermilk. And a true Southerner knows you don’t
scream obscenities at little
Old ladies who drive 30MPH on the freeway. You just say,
“Bless her sweet little heart”...and go your own way.

To those of you who are still a little embarrassed by your
Southernness:
Take two tent revivals and a dose of sausage gravy and call me in the
Morning.
Bless your little heart!

And to those of you who are still having a hard time understanding
all this Southern stuff...bless your hearts, I hear they’re fixin’ to have
classes
on Southernness as a second language!

Southern girls know men may come and go but friends are fah-evah!
There ain't no magazine named "Northern Living" for good reason.
There ain't nobody
Interested in livin' up north, nobody would buy the magazine!