

Mt Zion Christian Church Newsletter-OCTOBER 2018

(Published in memory of Miss Lillian Sharpe)

Bump in the night

Well that old "holiday", Halloween is getting closer and I've already seen lots of decorations in the stores. Another thing we have to look forward to this time of year is all those scary movie advertisements. What is with that anyway? Actually most of them don't look as scary as they are just plain gory and violent. When I was little those old black and white vampire movies were scary enough for me. Just the look in the vampire's eyes would send me right under the covers. I didn't even need to see the blood. I'd hide my head under the covers until I thought it was safe to come out. Actually I still hide my eyes when something scary or gory is on tv. When I am real smart I just turn the tv off.

Yep, I am a scaredy cat!

I got to thinking about some things we are afraid of:

1-Things of our own making

Adam in the garden of Eden comes to mind. I guess we have been scaredy cats for a while now. Here it was the beginning of the earth and Adam was "afraid".

Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit that God had told them not to eat. They did not hide under the covers but they did hide in the garden.

Genesis 3:8-10 says:

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Breaking fellowship with the Lord is a very scary place to be. There are some people who live their most of their lives getting further and further away from God.

There are other consequences of our own making, not all rooted in sin. It may be that sometimes we have to make decisions that are hard because we know there will be costs that come along with those decisions. Sometimes these things of our own making seem to be lurking like a big shadow in the dark just waiting to shout boo!

2-Things that are bigger than we are

One such thing is the challenge that Saul and the Israelites had with Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:11

On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified

In that chapter Goliath just screams his challenge to the Israelites. Challenges and heavy burdens in our lives can look like monsters with big fangs looming in the dark. Things that are way bigger than us make us feel tiny in comparison and we feel afraid.

3-Things we don't understand

Look at Mary, the mother of Jesus in Luke 1:29, 30 when Gabriel came to her to tell her she was to carry the Christ Child. She did not understand what was happening so she was afraid.

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God"

I think the things we do not understand are sometimes the scariest. We don't know how to process what we cannot put into a tangible form. Like the wind howling on a dark and stormy night.

4-Things that give us immediate danger

Like the story in Matthew 14:30,31 of Peter walking on the water. As long as he kept his eyes on Jesus he was safe walking with Him but when he took his eyes away he began to sink.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Peter's fear was that of immediate danger. The same immediate danger we sometimes find ourselves in that take our breath away.

In conclusion there are always going to be things that scare us and make us afraid even as Christians. Fear is an emotion we have built in us as humans but we should not let fear overtake us.

Psalm 56:3 says:

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

(by-Julia Bettencourt)

(There are numerous places in the Bible that remind us that our Lord is forever with us and we are not to fear anything of this world. We are still human and weak and need constant reminder that we are never alone. God is always with us and we need not be afraid.--ab)

Mount Zion Support group met on September 5 @ International Buffet. Those attending enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at Cracker Barrel in Mebane.

Come and join us.

Libby Atkins

The Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on September 29th with 15 in attendance. Pecan and blueberry pancakes were enjoyed by all. We prayed for our families, our church families, our sick and others needing God's healing touch. Those enjoying wonderful fellowship and a delicious breakfast were: Doug Atkins, Cecil Shue, Lewis Baker, Robert Bridges, Asie & Sandra Glasgow, Haywood Shue, Johnnie Parker, Jim Stephenson, Brice Stanfield, Pete Enroughty, Gary Moran, Frankie Vaughan, Anthony Cole, and Jerry Lane. Our next prayer breakfast will be on October 27th. We would love for you to join us.

Jerry Lane

Happy Birthday

- 10/1 Gayle Rice, Jason Rainy, Bobby Culler Jr
- 10/2 Luana Shafer, Leon Hinton
- 10/3 Traci Leach, Amy Jones
- 10/4 Rene King
- 10/5 Neal Stanfield
- 10/7 Elizabeth Thompson
- 10/9 Sarah Tatum
- 10/10 Susan Johnson
- 10/11 Haywood Shue, Dianne Atkins
- 10/12 Sammy Singleton
- 10/13 Lillianne Oates, Sherri Bradley, Sarah Louise Bradley
- 10/14 Cathy Lambert, Austin Minter, Clara Greer
- 10/15 Wayne Morrisette
- 10/18 Karron Bradsher, Tammy Hughes, Kaleb Glasgow
- 10/19 Dalton Byrd
- 10/20 Andrea Chilton, Morgan Young
- 10/22 Marie Lovero, Cindy Winchester
- 10/23 Kevin Kirkpatrick
- 10/24 Catherine Barber, Caleb Ferrell, Terry Baker
- 10/25 Cathy Webster, Jeff Davis
- 10/26 Marcia Culler
- 10/27 Linda Miles,
- 10/28 Craig Tate, Cody Toellen, Trey VanDusen
- 10/29 Frankie Shepherd
- 10/31 Emily Fisk, Jay Shue, Makayla Danford, Anna Bowland

Happy Anniversary

- 10/16 Richard & Cathy Stowe
- 10/17 Brad & Katrina Martin
- 10/21 Asie & Sandra Glasgow
- 10/23 Jeff & Cynthia Davis
- 10/24 Butch & Kathy Flake
- 10/27 Jimmy & Judy Evans
- 10/29 Frankie & Denise Vaughan
- 10/31 Earle & Juanita Moore

Each month we will show an individual's favorite hymn and Bible verse.

Denise Vaughan: Amazing Grace and Psalm 23

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Ashamed, Baal, Beast, Charged,
 Children, Commanded, Counsel,
 Death, Depart, Despise, Dwell,
 Fast, Flock, Forsake, Fountain,
 Gentiles, Glorious, Hananiah,
 Healed, Hearken, Husbands, Israel,
 Jeremiah, Jerusalem, Judah,
 Judgment, Justice, Malchiah,
 Mockers, Princess, Prison, Profane,
 Prophets, Reins, Remnant, Scribe,
 Shewed, Wicked, Wrath

After you have found all the words, put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

Last month's answer: DELIVERED

Activities for October 2018

Each Wednesday Night-----Adult Bible Study @ 6:30PM
Choir Practice @ 7:30PM

- 10/1 Ladies Circle Meets @ 6:30PM
- 10/3 Mt Zion Support--Cracker Barrel---11:30AM
- 10/7 World Wide Communion--Pastor's Appreciation Day
Flower Fund--Sunday School
- 10/8 BOCE-----7PM Deacons/Deaconesses---following
- 10/21 Movie Matinee 3-5PM
- 10/27 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7AM
- 10/28 Deacon's Fund

From the Pastor's Desk---September 2018

Hello Everyone and Greetings in Christ Jesus,

We enjoyed a fabulous September. On Labor Day Sunday, everyone came dressed in their work clothes, whether currently employed or retired. Everyone shared where they worked. Then our message was not only about our earthly jobs, but, about being the hands and feet of our Savior and working for Him in this world with the lives we live.

Grandparents Day was filled with lots of children and grandchildren enjoying the day with their Grandparents and Great Grandparents. We talked about what the Bible teaches us about being Godly Grandparents and the impact we make by living for Christ in our actions and words. We then shared a covered dish meal together and Holy Communion.

We had a fantastic Church Picnic. Games, hot dogs and the trimmings, desserts and our first annual Homemade Ice Cream Contest.

We have seen so many children coming to church this month. It is wonderful to see them during Children's Church with Ms Teresa and their attendance at all of our events!

I don't know about you, but, I can't wait to see what God has in store for us the rest of this year!

Love you all,
pastor rick

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
 it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
 It always protects, always trusts,
 always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV