



# We Are The CHURCH


# ZION HAPPENINGS

February 2021

## *Pastor Note*

*“For to this, you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.” 1 Peter 2:21-22*

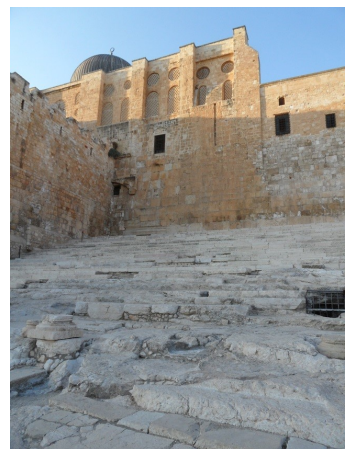
I have had the opportunity to visit historical places in the US and abroad. It is an exciting experience to walk in the places where those who made history have walked. And as you learn the stories of those heroes and communities, about their lives, and the events that they created, many times you are inspired by their bravery, their commitment, and their call to change their world. I dream one day to have the opportunity to visit the Holy Land and to walk in the places where my greatest hero walked when he was on earth; to visit the places where Jesus walked in his ministry and the places where the disciples also walked following the steps of Jesus.



In many ways, we are already walking in the steps of Jesus. As some of you know, I am serving in two important teams in our conference; The Metro District Committee on Ordain Ministry, and the Board of Ordain Ministry. In the last months it has been my joy serving with my colleagues as we share with one another our experiences in ministry but especially having conversations with those candidates who have been called into Ordain Ministry. It is inspiring to learn how God has called each of the candidates to walk in the steps of Jesus, how they have been called to commit themselves to the Lord and somehow to change their world as well.

By reading each candidates papers I can tell that following the footsteps of Jesus not only has to lead them to the field of service, to transform congregations, but to transform their own lives as well.

I cheer up each candidate for following the steps of Jesus, for being willing to take up the cross and serve in ministry. That is also what I encourage each one of you as well as you walk in the steps of Jesus. We all know that following his steps and walking the road he walked is not easy. Sometimes the roads to serve God are steep and rough, there are up hills and down hills, there are joys, there are losses, but we need to take heart! His footsteps are always before us, and his presence gives us the confidence to commit our lives to ministry, to follow the roads he has assigned us, and to pray for those he has put around us with the assurance that his road will lead us all to a safe home.



Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Norma

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**Loaves and Fishes:** The month of February will be a bag of dry beans



**Union County Community Shelter:** *The next shelter meal is February 15.* The December meal was served Dec. 21, 2020. We served about 75 people chicken casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce and cookies. Thank You for your support with this mission project.

Other meal dates:

April 19      June 21      August 16      Oct. 18      Dec. 20



**Announcements and Updates**

- UMW will not have a meeting in the month of February
- The next blood drive will be on *February 8th, 2021 from 3-7:* You can sign up for the blood drive via the Red Cross Portal, look for the February 8th date, as it does not reference Zion.
- Since we are unable to attend church as we normally would I want to make you aware of an upcoming baby! If you would like to send a card please use the address below. This will be Debbie and Kenneth's second grandchild!

*Daniel & Lindsey Purser*  
 3105 Hunters Trail Dr.  
 Indian Trail, NC 28079  
 Baby Boy Purser is due April 9!

**January 2021 Collections**

Online Collections	1,550
1/3 Tithes	1,440
1/10 Tithes	1,224
1/17 Tithes	1,165
1/24 Tithes	4,719
1/24 Children's Missions	2
1/31 Tithes	2,671
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,771</b>

If you would like anything added to next month's newsletter please email it to [zionumcmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:zionumcmonroe@gmail.com) by the first of the month  
 Thank you

**Upcoming Conference Events and News**



The Zoom recordings of the Conference-wide Winter Training Webinar series are now available. If you were unable to attend live, you still glean from the wisdom of our keynote speaker, Jason Moore, and breakout leaders from across the conference on topics such as "Telling the Old Story in New Times," "Financial Faithfulness in Uncertain Times," "Evangelism and Disciple making in a Pandemic," and so much more.



Music Notes from Barbara!



We are almost a year into the pandemic that has changed the way we think about our everyday life! Today I am looking out the window of my den and see a beautiful day that the Lord has made for me! Not just for me but for everyone!

Outside the yard is mushy because of so much rain that we have had lately! The Lord has truly replenished our earth with enough water to get us through the summer months when the heat will begin to dry up the moisture we have collected during these wet months.

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year that we have been worshipping at our church in several different ways - but we are together with one common theme and that is to worship God!!! It's up to us as individuals to keep our prayer line open and our minds open to receive the gospel that is given through Norma as God's servant!

We have been so fortunate to have music through our piano and organ (Robin and me) and our soloists - Phil and Zack, Robin and Skip. I hope that you have been inspired by our music each week! Come to church on Sunday and let me know if you would like to hear something special and I will be happy to make it happen!!!  
Always keep a song in your heart!

Barbara

FEBRUARY	MARCH
Zach Herman - 9	Lisa Hall - 1
Tommy Helms - 9	Lisa Thomas - 8
Tammy Parker - 9	Bobby Simpson - 10
Owen Apple - 10	Marianna Villagrana - 12
Kevin Plyler - 10	Phil Apple - 18
Riley Watwood - 10	Charles Medlin - 23
Gail Brock - 11	Dylan Beach - 24
Lucas Hall - 12	Brenda Robbins - 25
Tanja Huntley - 13	Helen Greene - 26
Deacon Taylor - 14	Caroleen Baucom - 29
James Lowery - 16	Tom Daniels - 29
Joe Greene - 17	Dana Taylor - 31
Kim Brock - 18	Jimmy Clontz - 14
Stephanie Watwood - 18	
Susan Apple - 12	
Doug Martin - 27	



- Kim Mullis
- Mitzi McManus
- Joe and Helen Greene
- Kay Medlin
- C.W. Price
- Jimmy and Susan Clontz
- Teachers and Students
- Military
- Peggy's nephew- Brett Adams
- Jim Beam
- Rondal & Eloise Purser
- John and Theresa Phifer and family
- Biggers family
- Tammy and Bobby Parker
- The Greene Family



*Happy Anniversary*

FEBRUARY	MARCH
Ricky Mills and Annette Harris - 27	Jim and Susan Beam - 6
	Allen and Carol Johnson - 15
	Jimmy and Susan Clontz - 24
	Hugo and Norma

# Upcoming Church Events and News

**MISSION SUNDAY:** On Sunday February 7th, we will be having a guest speaker, Victoria Maye who is the onsite operations director from the Union County Community Shelter.

Please join us in-person or online for worship

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday February 17th, we will have two services at 12pm and 6:30pm



**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY:** This year Boy Scout Sunday will be on Sunday February 28th. Please join us in-person or online worship to support the local troop!



## **ZION MESSY CHURCH COMING SOON!!**

Please keep the leadership in your prayers as they continue to plan this new mission

## Zion Lent Bible Study

*Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross.*

Six Weeks Bible Study beginning on Thursday, February, 24th.

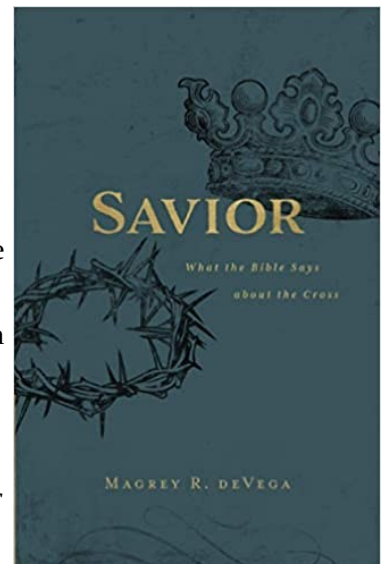
in-person from 12:00 to 1:00 PM at the New Life Center and 5:30PM to 6:30 PM via Zoom

### **Overview:**

The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. But what exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today?

Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus

Join us for this six weeks journey that will prepare our soul to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



## Care Ministry Team



Beginning on Thursday February 18th, we will resume the monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 on Zoom.

If you would like to participate in this essential ministry please

contact Pastor Norma.

Thank you!!

*But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:7*