



### Prayer List

W. T. Adcock, Heather Bowes, Denise Bradsher, Jerry Brand, Sabra Brown, Jackie Carter, Cline Chandler, Evonne Chapman, Harry Clayton, Terry Clayton, Daniel Cole, Myrtle Cole, Robert Crumpton, Jason Daughenbaugh, Dana Davis, Robert Davis, Al Day, Effie Dowell, Margaret Eidson, Brooke Fuller, John Garrard, Ray Garrett, Walter Gray, Anthony Green, Janet Guess, Julie Gurtner, Dorothy Whitfield Harrington, Mary Harrison, Lucy Hawkins, Susan Hicks, Betty Hill, Crystal Hughes, Charlene & Pete Hunley, Ronnie Jackson, Pattie Sue Jones, A.E. Long, Dorothy Long, Mary Long, Sherman Long, Vera Mays, Jim Nance, Arther Oakley, Buck Oakley, Flint Oakley, Neil Pennell, Mike Perry, Frank Poindexter, Richard Poole, Mike Porterfield, Emma Jean Powell, Coleman Rimmer, Logan Rimmer, Dot Roberson, Jake & Faye Roberts, Ethel Russell, Rebecca Saunders, Virginia Scott, Bill Sims, Vera Solomon, Hilda Stox, Peggy Suchil, Neil Titus, Joyce Walters, Taylor West, Patsy Williams, the family of Nat & Brenda Williams. Military: Charles Bradsher, Michael McClung, Travis Long, Eric Price, William Price, Jr.

# Mt. Zion Happenings

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### Welcome! Pastor Ed, Judy, Kristina & Elaine!

Pastor Ed was born and raised in the urban heart of Manila, the Philippines. He was baptized as a Catholic, however, grew up in a Methodist upbringing. Married to Judy Gaid who was also born and raised in the southern part of the Philippines. They are blessed with two lovely children, Kristina Esther ( 3 1/2 years old) and Kairos Elaine (1 year old).

Our new pastor is a Master of Divinity graduate from Duke Divinity School and a recipient of Dean's Scholarship, General Board of Global Ministries and Leadership Development Grant Scholarship. He was commissioned as Probationary Member in 2000 and ordained Full Elder in 2003 North Carolina Conference, the first Filipino clergy member of this Annual Conference. Presently Pastor Ed is a member of the Conference Nominations Committee, Conference Commission on Christian Unity and representative to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

While in seminary, Pastor Ed served as Youth/Associate Pastor of Duke Memorial UMC in Durham, Hill's Chapel UMC in Charlotte, Tabernacle UMC in Robbins. He also served as Chaplain at Jubilee House, an ecumenical ministry in Henderson. After seminary, he served in a variety of contexts from rural setting (Saxapahaw UMC in Burlington District, 2000-2003) to downtown urban (Edenton St. UMC in Raleigh District, 2003-2006). While serving at Edenton St. UMC, he was appointed to start a new church in Morrisville, led this community until its merging with Acts UMC in Apex, January 2006.

Prior to coming to the United States in 1997, Pastor Ed earned his Bachelor of Social Sciences at the University of the Philippines and pursued his graduate degree in Master of Business Administration at De La Salle University.

In the Philippines, Pastor Ed was an active National UMYF leader, Philippines Annual Conference UMYF President and an ecumenical leader of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. He represented Philippines in various national and international church gatherings such as the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, World Council of Churches, Asia Mission Conference, Global Gathering, Volunteers-in-Mission, World Methodist Evangelism Institute. Pastor Ed is one of our United Methodist delegations at the 8th WCC Assembly in Zimbabwe, 1998 and recently attended the 9th WCC Assembly in Brazil, 2006.

Pastor Ed brings to Mt. Zion a God-inspired, Christ-centered and Spirit-led ministry of proclaiming His birth, death and resurrection, calling people to Christ through repentance and faith. As a visionary leader, he always leads the church and its people in claiming its vision goal and direction in realizing its mission and relevance in today's world. He is a missionary pastor with a heart for missions and evangelism. Having been born and raised in a mission nation, Pastor Ed dedicates his ministry towards bringing more people to Jesus Christ. We welcome Pastor Ed and his family to the Mt. Zion community!

**Circles**  
**Circle 2**  
 August 7  
 7:30 pm  
**Circle 3**  
 August 8  
 Homestead  
 6:15 pm  
**NEWS**



### Methodist Men Breakfast

August 6th  
7:30 a.m

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Welcome home! This how we felt when we arrived here at Mt. Zion community. Your gracious hospitality and warmth embrace truly makes us at home Praise the Lord! I strongly believed that the Lord called us to be at Mt. Zion and we faithfully responded to His call.

As we begin our journey together, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my three priorities (or the 3 P's) that will guide my pastoral ministry here at Mt. Zion for the next 12 months. First: PRAYER I believe in the power of prayer! I can personally attest to the joy and hope I received as I witnessed God's hand moving whenever lay people and pastor pray together. Each day, Judy & I never fail to pray for Mt. Zion inviting God to shine His face upon us. And we want to start our ministry here at Mt. Zion bathed with prayers. Recently, my prayers were answered when a group of lay folks bonded together and started an intentional prayer team. Together, we prayed for the pastor, church leaders, and the missions and ministries of our church. More than ever, I'm convinced that when we work, we work; but when we pray, God works!

Second: PRESENCE My ministry here at Mt. Zion shall be an embodiment of Christ's ministry for the world. I take seriously being present among the people of the church and community. Since we arrived, we met folks in nursing homes, hospitals, restaurants, homes, funeral home, and even in the 'cornfield'. My goal is to visit each member or household here at Mt. Zion during my first year. Though it will take me awhile to learn all your names (and you're 'kin' to whom?), I'm just so thrilled to listen to your exciting stories and inspiring journeys.

Third: PROPHETIC VISION Only through prayers and presence in community do we gain the insight needed to initiate a prophetic vision for the future of our church. I believe that God has a great vision for Mt. Zion, as witnessed to your vision of building a new fellowship center. And your pastor, together with our lay leadership will work hand-in-hand in continually leading the search for a God-inspired, Christ-centered, Spirit-led vision. Indeed, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church has been and is being greatly blessed by God. I believe with all my heart that God's hand is upon this place and that God has a great plans for this church. Please join me in praying daily that we stay in God's will. The Scripture is clear that if we put Him first in our lives, all the other things will fall into place (Matthew 6:33).

In His Love,

*Pastor Ed*

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# Mt. Zion Happenings

## GOSPEL SING

August 26th 7 p.m.

At the Kirby

Sue Dodge, Bob & Jeannie Johnson,  
The Hayes Family.

Opening by the Malpass Family

Tickets are \$10 in advance

## CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER

It is our turn to serve at the Christian Help Center  
on Friday August 25.

## HARVEST SALE

Our annual Harvest Sale this year will be October  
7th.

## HOMECOMING

October 15th

Rev. Eddie Hill, guest preacher

## FALL STEW

November 18th

## PERSON COUNTY WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 7 to 8 pm  
in the Person Memorial Hospital Board Room this  
month and will return to holding meetings in the  
Classroom (next to the cafeteria) there after. The  
Women's Cancer Support Group meets every First  
Tuesday of the Month. This Support Group is open  
not only to those women newly diagnosed, but  
those in treatment and/or remission as well.  
Special Guest this month will be Charlotte Barnard  
LCSW, Director of the Outpatient Psychiatry  
Department at Person Memorial Hospital.

## COMMUNICATIONS

There will be a consultation meeting on  
Sunday, August 13th at 6 p.m. regarding  
communications for Mt. Zion. We will be  
discussing ways to better communicate with  
the members of the church, shut-ins and  
community. Anyone interested in participating  
please come.



## BUILDING FUND UPDATE

We have surpassed the  
\$300,000 mark.

