



### Prayer List

Chelves Ashby, Gloria Benton, Heather Bowes, Jerry Brand, Pat Campbell, The Family of Ray Canada, Harry Clayton, Jackie Carter, Cline Chandler, Evonne Chapman, Harry Clayton, Terry Clayton, Daniel Cole, Wallace Cowan, Robert Crumpton, Virginia Crumpton, Jason Daughenbaugh, Carolyn Davis, The Family of Robert Davis, Sue Dodge, Chad Dowell, Effie Dowell, Margaret Eidson, D.A. Fields, Bernease Foushee, Loretta Foushee, The Family of Deborah Fox, Brooke Fuller, John Garrard, Walter Gray, Anthony Green, Janet Guess, Mary Harrison, Jon Holland, Crystal Hughes, Charlene & Pete Hunley, Travis Loftis, A.E. Long, Dorothy Long, Dora Anne Maness, Vera Mays, Joe Morris, Flint Oakley, Gianna Pannachia, Marvin Paradis, Mike Perry, Frank Poindexter, Richard Poole, Victor Poole, Emma Jean Powell, Linda Pennington, Logan Rimmer, Dot Roberson, The Family of Faye Roberts, Vera Solomon, Wilbur Solomon, Hilda Stox, Lisa Vereen, Brent Whiltt, Tammy Whitt, Patsy Williams  
 Military: Travis Long, Eric Price, William Price, Jr., and Matt Tuck

### Mt. Zion Preschool

The Mt. Zion Preschool has been in operation for five years. We currently have 24 students in three classes. The three and four year olds meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The two year olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Barbara Carr teaches our four year olds. She has seven students. Joy Griffith teaches our three year olds and also has seven students. Maria Lea and Pam Rodgers teach our two year old class. We have ten students in this class. Maria Lea is also our Preschool Director. We teach basic social skills, motor skills, abc's and 1-2-3's. We especially want the children to learn about the love of God. The Preschool appreciates the support from the church.

# Mt. Zion Happenings

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### It's about a Greater Need

In January, Mt Zion will focus its mission needs on The Ronald McDonald House of Durham. The Ronald McDonald House is about a long tradition of comfort and care. It has been a fixture within the Durham community since 1980 and in that time has offered a home-away-from-home to over 20,000 families with seriously ill children who come for medical treatment. They are located at 506 Alexander Avenue in Durham. They are continually needing cleaning supplies, grocery, gift and phone cards, office supplies and financial support.

It's about saying YES to keeping families together in their greatest time of need. RMHD will build a new house to accommodate more pediatric families, more often. It will have 70 rooms and 30 transplant and immune suppressed suites inside 71,000 square feet and will be located on 2222 Elba Street.

They have a monthly wish list of needs. This wish list will be next to the gift box on our missions table. Please help us with this wonderful cause. We will deliver the items the last Friday in January. We also hope to serve a meal to the families staying in the house. They usually serve 50 people who are in great need of a home cooked meal. To read more on the RMDH visit their website at [www.ronaldmcdonaldhousedurham.org](http://www.ronaldmcdonaldhousedurham.org).

Thanks for all the support you have given to our many missions. The Missions team looks forward to a wonderful 2007 in sharing.

Blessings to you,

Kate Holeman

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Deadline for submission of articles is the Friday  
 before the last Sunday of the month.  
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## Pastor's Column

Mt. Zion UMC is blessed to have a growing congregation with varied experiences and talents. In the last 6 months, we already received five new members. Praise the Lord! As we continue our growth, one of our priorities is to identify the gifts and talents of our laity. Recently, we distributed a membership survey to all church members age 18 years and older. This survey is designed to help us gather key information on members' work experience, areas of interest, small group experiences and spiritual gifts. Our aim is to enhance our church database to reflect our gifts, abilities, and diversity, so we can continue to strengthen our church family.

*So far, we have received more than 100 survey responses, but we still need to hear from those who have not yet replied. If you cannot locate your survey, you may pick up additional copies at the church office or download it from our Mt. Zion website. When this information is compiled, our church leadership will be able to create programs to meet focused areas of interest, generate targeted mailing lists and identify gifts and talents.*

Also in line with this priority, I will be preaching a sermon series on **"Discovering our Spiritual Gifts"** on January 14 & 21. Please don't miss it! At the same time, Pastor Tony & I will lead a **4-week Spiritual Gifts Class** beginning January 21 aim in exploring the biblical and theological foundations of spiritual gifts as well as identifying untapped leadership and ministry skills of our members to better fulfill our church's mission.

Indeed, let us be reminded of a passage from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus where he charged the congregation to unite their gifts and talents so that the body of Christ might be built up. *"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."* (Ephesians 4:11-12)

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## Fund Raising Committee Report

In 2006 the Fund Raising Committee was tasked with raising money to support the building of the new fellowship hall. The Committee talked about what needed to be done, what we were going to do and how long it would take. The concern was how much money the new building will cost and how we as a Church were going to pay for it.

The Building Fund is currently up to \$500,000. We still need about \$500,000 more to meet the projected cost of the building of \$994,000. As a committee we decided to make our goal \$600,000 to cover any unexpected overages, since things will happen and circumstance change during the construction phase. This is certainly a lot of money for our Church and we ask that everyone is prayerful in all phases of this project. Praying that God will lead us in his Name to complete this project of a new, larger Fellowship Hall and classrooms.

The goal is now \$600,000. How do we plan to get there? How long will it take?

We discussed many things in how to get there. The time frame is to plan for five years, needing to raise \$120,000 per year.

One of the first things that was decided was to look at how we had arrived at where we are today. With the help of Betty Jean Horton we looked at the make-up of the Building Fund for the past two years.

2005		2006 (through November 27, 2006)	
\$70,470.31	Donations	\$58,264.16	Donations
\$34,706.56	Stews	\$40,469.65	Stews
\$10,322.02	Estate Gift	\$16,555.00	Bricks
\$ 7,545.00	Memorial & Honor	\$16,112.00	Gospel Sing
\$ 3,301.50	Mr. Mt. Zion	\$ 7,067.10	Circle 3 Supper & Auction
\$ 2,325.25	Yard Sale	\$ 7,010.00	Memorial & Honor
\$ 552.10	Homestead	\$ 2,689.00	Supper & Lunch
\$ 165.18	Food Lion	\$ 1,842.00	Circle 2 Pecans
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\$129,387.92		\$ 60.00	Yard Sale
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		\$150,614.91	

The numbers for 2005 and 2006 gave us a reason to be hopeful. The Church is currently able to give in the amount of goals. We realized that our giving is on track. **Our new goal is to keep doing what we are doing.**

Chuck Rodgers  
Fund Raising Committee