



### Prayer Concerns

Glenn Anderson, Jesse Anderson, Heather Bowes, Ailene Bradsher, Bobby Bradsher, Jerry Brand, Waddell Breeze, Harry Clayton, Evan Chris, Daniel Cole, Virginia Crumpton, Carolyn Davis, Jimmy Davis, Barbara Dowell, Brooke Fuller, John Garrard, Walter Gray, Anthony Green, Pasco Grinstead, TB Grinstead, Janet Guess, Richie Guill, Sandra Harris, Mary Harrison, Ann Hawkins, Crystal Hughes, Doris Hutchins, Nick Jenkins, Larry Kidd, A.E. Long, Arlene Long, Dorothy Long, Vera Mays, Elizabeth Mooney, Jim Nance, Mike Nance, Flint Oakley, Randy Pegram, Jim Rhodes, Rebecca Saunders, Whitney Sharlow, Wilbur Solomon, Vera Solomon, Hilda Stox, Linda Titus, Bradley Tuck, Matt Tuck, Angie Warren, Tammy Whitt, Patsy Williams, Dorothy Wrenn, Jerry Wrenn, and Lisa Vereen.  
Military: Jonathan Bradsher      In Sympathy: Families of Nancy Jean Gentry & Mildred Rouby

## Mt. Zion UMC Pre-School

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Prov. 22:6*

Mt. Zion Preschool is a "self-supporting mission" of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. It is our mission to provide a Christian preschool for children that will draw them and their families into a close relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Under the guidance of Christian teachers, this preschool provides an educational program which considers



the developmental needs of the children and emphasizes growth in all areas: spiritual, social, emotional, physical and intellectual.

**The Mt. Zion Preschool Program is accepting applications for the following open positions:** 2 year old teacher and one assistant; two/3 year old teachers and one assistant for the 3 and 4 year old classes. Anyone interested, please have them contact either Jill Rimmer, Chair of the Preschool Board or Sandy Davis, Chair of Staff Parish Relations.

## Congratulations Graduates!



*"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."  
Proverbs 16:9*

### Mt. Zion Happenings Submission Information

Please email any information to:  
[croddgers@baydata.com](mailto:croddgers@baydata.com)  
Deadline for submission of articles  
Is the 20th of each month.



## Happy Father's Day!

*"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many..." Deut. 11:18-21*

# Mt. Zion Happenings

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## Methodist Home for Children

The Methodist Home for Children (MHC) has provided care to North Carolina children and families for over a century. They provide valuable programs and services, such as childcare, foster care services, adoption services, and group residential services.

The residential homes that the MHC operates are small community-based group homes that provide emergency care as well as longer stays. Each home offers a family style setting with full-time supervision for young people aged 10-18 years of age. The resident counselors and staff work with family members, counselors, community resources, and others to create a care plan for each young person. The young people are taught important life skills so that they can achieve their goals for young adulthood. MHC uses a value-based model of care and leadership that promotes honesty, responsibility, empowerment, compassion, and spirituality.

Our Missions Focus for the month of June is the Methodist Home for Children. Our goal is to increase awareness of this organization and the services they provide. Also, in support of the North Hills Group Home, we will be collecting some items they have identified as needs throughout the month of June. More information about the MHC (pamphlets, etc.) will be available at the Missions Table. There will also be a list posted there with requested items so that folks can sign up to purchase a particular item. Any monetary donations will be used to purchase a gift card.

Please consider helping MHC this month by donating items to support this ministry.

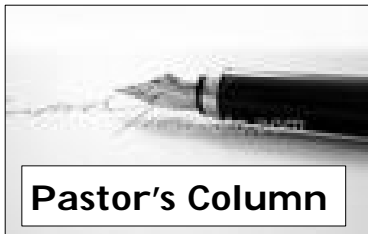
Love in Christ,  
Karen McCulloch  
on behalf of the Mt. Zion UMC Missions Committee

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."*

James 1:27



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**Pastor's Column**

Last May 16, I was among 75 clergy and lay leaders who were selected to attend the Academy for Leader Excellence sponsored by the North Carolina Conference. Jim Griffith, a renowned coach of new church starts, spoke about the qualities of healthy churches, specifically addressing: What

makes a church a 'healthy church'? He said that a 'healthy church possesses a very strong history of legacy — legacy in winning souls, legacy in worship, legacy in discipleship, legacy in stewardship, legacy in social and community involvement.

As I was listening to him, I realized without a doubt that Mt. Zion has been a healthy church with more than 220 years history of legacy. One important legacy that we have here in our church is the legacy of Sunday School. We celebrate the fact that we have very strong Sunday School programs from cradle to grave. A faithful older adult leader once told me that, "I would never be where I am with now in my faith if not for my Sunday School."

As we grow as a church and look to the future, we should never stop enhancing our faith development ministries and discipleship programs including Sunday School. The Council on Ministries recently approved four long-term goals: 1. Mt. Zion needs to strengthen our current Sunday School programs; 2. Mt. Zion needs to develop more Sunday School classes and more small group opportunities; 3. Mt. Zion needs to develop, equip and strengthen our pool of leadership for Sunday School classes for effective ministries; and 4. Mt. Zion needs to develop a three-year long-term comprehensive plan in enhancing and strengthening our Sunday School ministries and small group opportunities.

I pray that each Mt. Zion family will make it a habit to find your 'niche' at Sunday School. After all, "its for life"!

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)*

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Mt. Zion's Mission Committee will be having a **Yard Sale (Rain or Shine)** on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. There are a couple of ways you can participate.



1) Pay \$10 to rent/run your own space and you keep the money from the sale of your items. **Note:** \$15 for the rent of two spaces. The "rent" money will go to the **Building Fund**.

2) Donate items to the Missions Committee and the money those items bring will go to the **Building Fund**.

See Jill Rimmer by Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to rent a space(s). Any items that you would like to donate to the Missions Committee, please have them in the Church Basement no later than Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please see either Jill Rimmer or Kate Holeman



**2007 Vacation Bible School**

**GREAT BIBLE REEF**  
**"Dive Deep Into God's Word"**  
July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**July 15, 2007 Commencement**  
**(during the 11:00 Worship Service)**

Come explore with us as we dive into the Great Bible Reef.

- Day 1: God's People Care
- Day 2: God's People Help
- Day 3: God's People Trust
- Day 4: God's People Believe
- Day 5: God's People Listen

Each night there will be Deep Sea Storytelling, Coral Crafts, Great Barrier Games, Reef Rhythm and Fish Food. Divers of all ages are welcome – 0 to 100!

Our diving journey will conclude on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> with a Commencement Program and a lunch in our "aquarium" (Fellowship Hall).

To get a registration packet, please see either Jill Rimmer or Pam Rodgers. We look forward to having you join us!



Birthday Celebration Home-stead Tuesday



Fellowship Hall Tuesday June 12 @ 7 pm

**MZF**

**June 10th**  
**Palace Pointe**  
**12:30-2:30pm**

## How Do You Treat Your Bible?

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

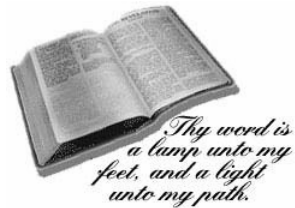
What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!



## Family Day !!!

Sunday  
afternoon  
June 3rd  
Mt. Zion  
church  
grounds



Faith Sharing Moment  
Tammy Tuck

May 20, 2007

As a lot of people, when I was asked if I would give a Faith Sharing moment, I hesitated. I thought to myself, I'm not as smart as those others, my story won't be as "eloquent" (like that word), I'm just a small town girl from Roxboro. And as in so many challenges or scary situations we are faced with, our first thought is to run. So I thought "Run Tammy Run". But a voice kept telling me – always serve God – how can you say no? Thus, here I am, and there you sit.

My name is Tammy Tuck. I am the daughter of Jerry and Mary Lou Clayton, the granddaughter of Jim and Jennie Clayton and Early and Ida Wilson. I have a twin brother, Sammy and a younger brother and sister, Tim and Kim. I am the wife of Bradley Tuck for the past 21 years and the mother of Callie and Caleb Tuck. I tell you all of this because this has helped make me who I am.

As a child I asked to go to church so sometimes my daddy would drop my brother and I off at "Grandma Jennie's" church. But when Sammy didn't want to go and the task wasn't convenient I didn't go often or for any consistent length of time. Then my younger brother and sister got invited to a nearby church by a classmate. Each Sunday his parents came to pick them up and I would jump in. (I recently took the opportunity to thank this family and tell them what that small act of kindness had done for me and my new family... they had no idea it had meant so much.)

Living in a small town, I knew several people in my new Sunday School class and we quickly sealed life long friendships. My Sunday School teachers and I still greet each other fondly and briefly catch up on how each other is doing.

Skipping ahead of many memories, one day in early August 1980, I had just turned 16 and drove myself to Revival. One of the revival nights, was youth night. A young band (don't get too elaborate, it was 1980 in a Southern Baptist church) was there and the whole service I heard a voice calling me, telling me to accept Jesus into my heart. Then it happened – the closing hymn. I felt myself rise from the pew and take that journey down that isle. The joy that filled my soul, as I told our pastor that I wanted to ask Jesus into my heart. What happened after that was a blur, but I remember being content and at peace. (and in a teenagers life, that's a miracle)

Then it was time to go home and tell my parents what I had done. What would they say? I don't remember .. I remember weeks later being submerged into the baptismal in front of our whole church. Those people committed with me that day to guide and nurture me in my walk with Jesus. I vowed that day to give my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service.

Thus here, I stand in front of you today, 26 years later. Still eager to learn about Jesus, but most importantly to tell others about his love and how he can make life's journey so much better.

So I leave you with this...

One day a lady was in a hurry driving down the road. The car in front of her stopped for a red light and that caused her to have to stop. She was irritated and annoyed, that person could have made the light. She made several hand gestures and honked her horn. A cop noticed her behavior and that she was following too close, so he pulled her over and took her to jail. After having been there a couple of hours, he came and asked her if she knew why he had pulled her over and brought her in? When she said no, he said, "You have bumper stickers on your car, a fish emblem, follow Jesus, etc. By your behavior, I thought the car had been stolen."

May God bless you and fill you each day with his holy spirit.

Tammy Tuck

## Gospel Sing Music Artist Sue Dodge

When Sue sings, hearts soar on the wings of faith, hope and worship. When she speaks, hearts are strengthened by her practical application of biblical truth interspersed with real world lessons from her life as a mother and minister's wife. Sue Dodge is the winner of four consecutive Dove Awards. Singing gospel music for more than three decades and standing by her husband in pastoral ministry, Sue is a proven soloist and speaker that has stood the test of time. Her national radio and television appearances include the "In Touch" program with Dr. Charles Stanley, the 700 Club and TBN. She is a favorite on the Bill Gaither video series. With a heart and smile as big as her voice, Sue brings heaven's hope to human hearts in a very special way. Her gift is the ability to communicate the gospel with the power of voice and spirit.

[www.SueDodge.com](http://www.SueDodge.com)



## Church Stores: Past, Present, Future

Margaret Eidson

(oldest, active member living at Cambridge Hills)

She remembers what it was like to have church in the early 1900s. Mt. Zion was a part of a circuit and did not have a regular pastor. The pastor would come only once a month to Mt. Zion and had to be in other churches on other Sundays. The pastor would usually come on a Saturday and he would stay in one of the church members' homes. News that the pastor was in town had a to be spread so that church members would come the next day for church. On Sundays that the preacher could not come, Margaret recalls she would still go to Sunday School and devotion. Even in it's early years, Mt. Zion was a worshipping church.