



Prayer List

Gloria Benton, Heather Bowes, Jerry Brand, Family and Friends of Officer C.J. Callemyn, Harry Clayton, Cline Chandler, Evan Chris, Daniel Cole, Robert Crumpton, Virginia Crumpton, Jason Daughenbaugh, Carolyn Davis, Jimmy Davis, Effie Dowell, Agnes Edwards, Robert Faulkenbury, Reade Foushee, Brooke Fuller, John Garrard, Walter Gray, Anthony Green, Janet Guess, Mary Harrison, Ann Hawkins, Spephanie Higgenbotham, Crystal Hughes, Pete Hunley, Vernon Hunter, Travis Loftis, A.E. Long, Dorothy Long, Vera Mays, Danielle Miller, Joe Morris, Flint Oakley, Marvin Paradis, Mike Perry, Frank Poindexter, Richard Poole, The Family of Victor Poole, Logan Rimmer, Rebecca Saunders, Wilbur Solomon, Hilda Stox, Matt Tuck, Angie Warren, Tammy Whitt, Patsy Williams, Lisa Vereen

Christian Help Center Ministry

The Christian Help Center of Person County is an ecumenical community Christian organization founded on the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord. Their mission is in response to Matthew 25:35-36. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Their ministry is one part of their Christian calling. They minister to the needs of those around us, showing them the love of Christ through actions and pointing them to him as the answer to their spiritual needs.

These are the services offered: Needy Family Financial Aid, Fire Victim Aid, Clothes Closet, Emergency Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Housing Assistance, Furniture, Transient and Homeless Aid.

We will serve our next meal at the Christian Help Center March 23rd. Thank you for all your support.

In Christian Love,

Carolyn Foushee

Mt. Zion Happenings

A Newsletter of
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Submission Information

Please e-mail any items to:
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Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of the month.

Mt. Zion Happenings

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mt Zion UMC met yet another need in our community on February 11, 2007. The American Red Cross blood bank was at an emergency level, due to poor weather and sickness. Our goal was 30 pints, we received 47.

It is an amazing process to watch the set up of the Blood Drive. 6 Red Cross employees converted our fellowship hall into a blood donation site in an hour and half. They unloaded numerous boxes & carts of materials. The drive was from 1-5:30. The last box was placed back on the Red Cross truck at 6:50. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, break down, gave blood, donated refreshments, helped recruit, prayed and supported this wonderful mission. I think we surprised the Red Cross with such a wonderful turn out.

Here are the stats below:

Total units of blood donated: 47

41 signed up to donate
3 could not give
8 unable to keep appt
3 new donors
33 gave whole blood
7 gave double red blood cells
10 walk ins (saw ad & did not make appt)

The Red Cross has asked us to hold another blood drive. The missions committee will keep you posted.



**American
Red Cross**

Pastor's Column

By the time you read this column, we're probably on our way back home to NC! Indeed, it was a busy schedule yet we praise the Lord for our very meaningful sojourn in the Philippines. I thank our Mt. Zion family for your thoughts and prayers throughout our trip.

We are continuing our journey in this season of Lent. Can you name the caring ministries in our church? We have the Nurture & Caring Ministries Committee who helps in crisis situation such as visiting the sick and the shut-ins, sending out care cards and providing meals for families of deceased love one. We also have the Prayer Chain and the Prayer Team who constantly lifts up prayer request received giving praise and thanks, seeking for healing and recovery. And we have countless folks in our church who in their own personal way, show the love of Jesus Christ by reaching out to others in time of need.

Billy Graham told a story about Bob Pierce who was one of the most remarkable men he had ever known, a great evangelical, co-founder of Youth for Christ, founder of World Vision and later in his life, founder of Samaritan's Purse. He once told Franklin, *"The only measurement I had in assessing what we should be involved in was, "Is this something Jesus would do? Something God would want done? Ultimately, let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God."*

Jesus Christ met people at their point of need. Should we do less? Our homebound need someone to come by for a visit, to send a card, or call just to say hello. Our new members need someone to learn about their stories and help them find their places in our church. And our folks in hospitals and nursing homes just need a ministry of presence— someone who will be there to touch their hands, listen to their stories and offer love and comfort.

We recently started our 12-weeks Comfort Ministry Training aim in providing a support team for the pastor in providing pastoral care to our congregation and community. If you feel like serving in the caring-giving ministries or would like to grow more spiritually, come and join us every Sunday from 2-4pm. I'm sure that with the grace of God, you will come out from this training better equipped to help others that are having a 'storms in life'.

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What is P.U.M.P.?

P.U.M.P. is Person United Methodist Parish consisting of 16 churches in the county.


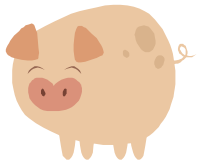
Pastors and two representatives from each church meet once a month at a host church to discuss needs of the people in their church and community. They also provide ministry within U.S. and abroad. The money for P.U.M.P is given by the churches.

To name a few projects that PU.M.P. did in 2006:

- Served a supper for The Foster Parents @ Children
- Sent work teams to disaster areas
- Helped with Safe Haven
- Supported the Warehouse Youth for Christ
- Christian Help Center
- Youth Rallies

The 16 P.U.M.P. Churches are:

Allensville UMC	Longhurst UMC
Brooksdale UMC	Long Memorial UMC
Brookland UMC	Mt. Tirzah UMC
Cavel UMC	Mt. Zion UMC
Concord UMC	Oak Grove UMC
Grace UMC	Salem UMC
Helena UMC	Trinity UMC
Lea's Chapel UMC	Warren's Grove UMC

	<p>Ham and Egg Supper with Gospel Entertainment Friday, March 30th Supper from 5:30 – 7:00 Entertainment at 7:30 Tickets are \$10...see a member of Circle #3</p>	
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