

"The Zionette" October, 2014 Edition
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From the Pastor's Desk

Minister Rev. Tommy Willcockson

I Thessalonians 54:16-18 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

God is telling us to "be joyful always." No matter what is going on in our lives, we should always be able to think of something that will bring joy to our minds and hearts—if not our routine. Sometimes at work, I just simply stand for a few moments and look out my window—enjoying the birds and the clouds and the things God created. I'm sure my company would be upset if I couldn't keep a good balance between the project I have due and the joyful moments I sometimes spent "in the now" but that refreshing brings joy as well as productivity.

'Pray continually.' If we stopped and prayed over and over again, we might not get much accomplished. But if we think of prayer as a continuous and thankful awareness of God's presence and love and power in our lives, then that makes it easier—moment to moment. This is a way to constantly keep God in the front of our hearts and minds. It is a way to be open to the words he might speak to our hearts.

"Give thanks in all circumstances." That can be a hard one. Especially when things are not going well. No matter what our circumstances, we can be thankful that God rejoices when we rejoice, shed tears when we hurt, and hears our prayers.

...for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We are always seeking God's will—and we should do so. But, here we have at least SOME of God's will laid out for us by Paul.

God's will is for us to be joyful always, pray continuously, and give thanks in all circumstances. How simple—and yet how powerful.

Tommy

Reminder: As you travel throughout the year, please remember to collect small hotel-sized toiletry items (especially shampoos, body wash and lotions) to support Zion's ministry with the Oak Ridge unit at the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center. These items are used as prizes when Zion visits and plays bingo with the teenage boys there a couple of times a year. The guys love getting these items because the toiletries they are rationed have no fragrance. Please forward any items you collect to David Koogler. Thanks, David Koogler

**Saturday August 22, 2014
Zion Christian Church Board Retreat**

In attendance: Richie Smith, Linda R. Holt, Tommy Willcockson, Margie Koogler, Karen Cuthrell, Pam Steele, Jane Sasser, Sam Moss, David Benckert, Joan Sasser and George Poffenberger.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by Rickie Smith and prayer by Tommy Willcockson.

Each committee chair provided a list of their committee members. (Please see the attached list.) Committee membership for all church officers was discussed and confirmed.

Membership & Missions

Chair – Pam Steele (449-2320)

Members – Pam Steele, Nancy Nichols, Larry Steele, David Koogler

Auxiliary members – Rickie Smith, Margie Koogler, Vonna Willcockson, Tommy Willcockson

No formal meeting time has been established at this time.

Evangelism & Outreach

Chair - Margie Koogler

Members – Margie Koogler, Rickie Smith, Linda R. Holt, Frank & Shelby Gayle, Mary Ann Hall, Ron & Linda Holt, Linda Hall, James & Shirley Mills, Shirley Moss

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Property & Stewardship

Chair – George Poffenberger

Members – George Poffenberger, David Benckert, Sam Moss, Frank Gayle, Linda Hall, David Koogler

Meets the 3rd Monday in August, October, December, February, April & June

Worship & Education

Chairs – Karen Cuthrell- Jane Sasser

Members – Karen Cuthrell, Jane Sasser, Donna Michael, Hayden Cran, Kim Hall, Joan Sasser, Tara Cuthrell, Brianna Michael, Carolyn Dickerson

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Head Elder – Sam Moss

Head Deacon – Joan Sasser

The Zion Calendar of Activities and Events for July 2014—June 2015 (and into the fall of 2015) was reviewed, and events/activities were added to the calendar. The after-school portion of the Wednesday Recharge was discussed, and the consensus was to put this on hold pending further discussion of the

format and recruitment of volunteers. (The July 2014—June 2015 Calendar of Activities and Events is attached.)

Discussion of new ideas to engage the congregation and grow membership was held.

We were adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda R. Holt, Recording Secretary

September 9, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Rickie Smith, Linda R. Holt, Margie Koogler, Karen Cuthrell, Sam Moss, David Benckert, Joan Sasser, and George Poffenberger.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Rickie smith.

The Secretary reported that there had been no changes in the roll, and the number of members remained at 174.

A motion to accept the minutes from the Board Retreat held on August 22, 2014 was made by George Poffenberger and seconded by Karen Cuthrell. The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

The Treasurer presented a report showing the current status of income and expenses including an itemized list of expenditures made by each committee. The church offering is slightly lower than expected, but this is not a matter of concern at the current time. An explanation of the four accounts (Operating, Funkhouser Account, Reserve Account, and Endowment Fund) was given.

Treasurers Report Zion Christian Church

Sept. 9, 2014

Operating Account	\$38,162.04
Funkhouser Account	\$ 3,505.96
Reserve Account	\$11,020.35
Endowment Fund	\$86,909.00

Worship/Education Report (Karen Cuthrell & Jane Sasser)

Light a Candle will continue to be part of the worship service until October 19. The committee will be discussing the Fall Festival at its next meeting.

Efforts are being made to organize a multi-church youth activity.

Karen also indicated that the candles at the front of the church needed to remain on the floor to prevent accidents and injury when they are being lit during the worship service by the acolytes.

There has been some difficulty in scheduling acolytes for the Sunday morning worship.

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Discussion on how to address some of the issues involved was held.

The committee will be addressing the status of the after-school program at their next meeting.

Outreach/Evangelism Report (Margie Koogler)

An off-site cruise-in will be held October 18 at Hanover Courthouse as part of the Fall Fellowship Festival. The Disciples Men will be having a chicken barbecue booth. Side items will be prepared and sold by the Membership/Missions committee. A booth to highlight Zion Christian Church and the many events sponsored by the church will also be set up at this festival.

On November 15, the Old Firehouse Concert Series will feature music by Chris Adams.

Disciples Women

Projects currently planned are: September Blanket Fund, October Coats and Shoes Collection for Beaverdam Elementary School, November adopt a Family for Thanksgiving, and December Adopt a Family for Christmas.

Membership/Missions

No report was submitted in Pam Steele's absence.

Property/Stewardship (George Poffenberger)

Two people will be coming to construct the rails at the Christian Center.

A filter has been ordered for the ice machine.

A new dipstick will need to be purchased for the lawn mower, but it is still usable.

The committee has recommended that the parsonage be sold. George made the motion and Margie Koogler seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval for the sale of the parsonage. A document will be prepared and distributed to the congregation that will clarify why the recommendation has been accepted by the Board. A congregational meeting will be held to discuss and vote on this recommendation.

Deacons and Elder Updaters (Joan Sasser and Sam Moss)

The Deacons have no issues to address at the current time.

The Elders met on August 26, 2014. At this meeting, Tommy Willcockson gave a report on his visitations, phone calls, and sending of cards. He is doing a very good job in keeping up with our sick, especially while working a full-time job. Tommy is also volunteering to be on call during the week so he will not be called away on Sundays.

Those attending the Elder's meeting were: Sam Moss, Kathy Benckert, David Koogler, Jane Sasser, Frank Sasser, and Tommy Willcockson.

The Board discussed After-School and Recharge alternatives as well as the possibility of a youth activity for the Super Bowl, including working with other churches on this event.

Funkhouser Committee Report (Printed report submitted by Kathy Benckert)

The Funkhouser Committee met on 7/22/14. Kathy Benckert and Stephanie Swart attended. On the same day Kathy met with Brandy because she had work obligations. We reviewed the current balance for the account provided by the treasurer. We prepared 6 letters for annual notice of account balances to each loan recipient. Current outstanding loan balances total \$9,777.00; 2 loans have been repaid in full since last year, and 1 is receiving regular payments. We continue to try to keep members of the church informed about the scholarship/loan application process. Since we are such a small congregation and are aware of most upcoming graduates, we will extend a personal contact, either with a phone call, note or in-person explanation of the loan/scholarship process. We now have the guidelines and application as PDF files available as a download from the ZCC web site. All 3 members agreed to remain on the committee.

New Business

An Old Firehouse Renovation team has been formed to prepare a list of ideas for renovating/updating the Christian Center. Current members of this team include David Koogler, Shelby Gayle, Tara Cuthrell, Donna Michael, Tommy Willcockson, David Benckert, Paul Dickerson, James Mills, and a yet to be determined Membership/Missions representative.

David Koogler and Ron Holt are continuing to work on guidelines for the Endowment Fund.

Zion will be responsible for the combined churches "Community" Thanksgiving and Easter Sunrise services in 2015.

Aug. 2016 will be the 150th Anniversary of Zion Christian Church. Planning for this event should begin soon.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda R. Holt, Recording Secretary

"VERY IMPORTANT"

**Zion Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
Beaverdam, Va.**

The Property committee of Zion Christian Church has thoughtfully considered the cost benefits of a church-owned parsonage in today's marketplace. After analysis of the property, cost of upkeep and other issues around "home ownership", George Poffenberger property committee chairman, put forth a motion during the September 9, 2014 board meeting to sell the Zion Christian Church parsonage.

This document is to advise all Zion church members of the motion. The committee and board also wanted all members to see the facts and figures that went into consideration prior to the motion to sell. Prayerfully consider all of this information as we prepare to put this question before the church membership for a future vote.

Past Income and Expenses

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	Total
Income	\$3,800	\$4,550	\$2,250	\$0	\$10,600
Expenses	\$3,582	\$2,329	\$2,297	\$12,156	\$10,600
Net Profit (loss)	\$218	\$2,221	(\$47)	(\$12,156)	(\$9,764)

Reasons to Keep

1. Zion will have a home for a future pastor to live.
2. In order to keep parsonage, Zion would need to maintain/rent for an unknown period of time, Zion would have to manage and maintain rental property. While parsonage ownership has some advantages, the required landlord role the church is required to perform does not fall into Zion’s mission and ministry.

Reasons to Sell

1. Current Pastor owns his home and has no desire to occupy the parsonage. Our prior pastor also purchased her own home for equity in retirement.
2. Tenants put wear and tear on a property. Managing and maintaining rental property is not part of Zion’s mission and ministry.
3. Upkeep on home, built in 1958, has been expensive. Rental income has not covered expenses to own and maintain the parsonage. The shortfall has been covered by the church offerings.
4. Maintenance expenses are beginning to increase due to age of home and equipment.
5. The parsonage has been renovated (updated kitchen, fresh paint, refinished floors) and should be in good shape to place on market with no foreseen additional expenses.
6. Economy has improved over the past several years with a stronger real estate market than we had when this was considered several years ago.

Membership/Missions

Well fall has arrived and so much is happening at Zion. I am so excited about the coming months and all the activities that we have planned. We will be having a potluck luncheon on Oct. 5th following church services in memory of Marion Deihls. We will provide the meat and if everyone brings a side dish and desert to share we will spend time, fellowship and sharing our memories of Marion.

Also we will kick off our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry this month. We will begin packing shoeboxes and getting ready to send them off in early Nov. to start their journey to a child, who without these boxes would never have anything for Christmas. We will have a box at the front of the church for those of you who would rather just buy a few things and let us pack the boxes or you can just donate a small amount of money if you don't feel like shopping. We can do that for you also. Just make sure to Indicate that the money is for the shoeboxes. Here is a list of the items you can pack in your shoebox: dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, yo-yo's, jump ropes, **WAR RELATED ITEMS SUCH AS TOY GUNS, KNIVES OR MILITARY FIGURES, CHOCOLATE OR FOOD; OUT DATED CANDY; LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS, MEDICATIONS OR VITAMINS, BREAKABLE ITEMS SUCH AS SHOWGLOBVES OR GLASS CONTAINERS; AEROSOL CANS.** You may also want to include a letter to the child that will receive your box with your name and address so they can write to you. There is a \$7.00 shipping charge for each box and the forms for the boxes with your label are available in the church foyer. The shoeboxes will be due by Nov. 9th at the church.

Also this month is our annual coats and shoes mission for Beaverdam Elem. School for students whose parents can't afford to buy them a winter coat or shoes.

We will partner on Oct. 18th with the Disciples of Men to sell Chicken Dinner's at the Hanover courthouse during the events being held there from 10 to 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Pam Steele, Chair for Membership and Missions

Disciples' Women

The Disciples Women donated 2 filled "Back Packs" for the children in Beaverdam Elem. School, and will be making a donation for the Blanket Fund. Also a donation for the "Shoe Fund" this month for the "children" in Beaverdam Elem. School.

We are very grateful that we are able to help those that are in need.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 7th so ladies come out and join us.

Thanks again & God Bless *Patsy Corker, Treasurer*

Disciples' Men

The Disciples Men Made \$500.00 on their last BBQ chicken dinner, they sold out early.

Zion will be participating in the Fall Fellowship Festival on October 18 from 10am – 3pm at the Hanover County Government Complex. The Cruise-In will be hosted by Zion. We will also have a booth and our famous BB chicken. The event is sponsored by the Hanover County Sheriff's Office

Zion Disciple's Men's Group

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip

On Sun. Aug.31st, 2114, Margie & David Koogler wrote: Hayden Cran, Donna Douglas, Billy & I want to thank Tommy and Vonna and everyone who contributed to making today's ASP commissioning service very special. We sold every item we brought for the ASP Store and all of those things will be very useful for us going to the Appalachian region in WV later in Sept.

And our Zion family contributed much more on top of buying the items we needed for the trip – a total of \$449.25 was donated. Wow! We had hoped to maybe get half that much. Every dollar will be put to good use to support our travel and work on this mission trip.

Thank you for your financial support but most importantly thank you for your prayers and spiritual support. Our Zion family will be with us and we look forward to sharing our experience with everyone when we return.

ASP Mission Trip:

Zion representatives Rickie Smith, Donna Douglas, Hayden Cran and David Koogler participated in an Appalachia mission trip from Sept. 25-28 in a very remote, economically depressed area of West Virginia. The worked out of the ASP Guyan Valley Center in Brenton, WV, which is northwest of Bluefield, about a 5 hour trip from Beaverdam. The team made much-needed repairs to the home of a family in need. The trip was organized by District 9 of the Christian Church in Virginia. You should be proud that four of the five people who went on the mission trip to WV are affiliated with Zion. Thanks to all who supported the mission trip by purchasing items and making additional contributions during our "ASP Store" fundraiser and commissioning service on Sunday, Aug. 31. The response was overwhelming, and a total of \$449 was donated to cover expenses related to the mission trip. Thanks to everyone for your financial and spiritual support!! Your ASP Team will be sharing their experience during a future worship service and will also provide a report in a future newsletter

"The Happy Beavers" The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:00 am on **Tuesday, October 14.** At the church. We will go to Teppanyaki Grill & Supreme Buffet, 9043 W Broad St. (Between West End Drive and Tuckernuck Dr., behind food Lion & across from David's Bridal shop)

Joan B Sasser, 883-5260

Worship/Education Committee

October News: Acolytes & greeters for October

Oct. 5th – Dylan & McKenzie Holloway

Oct. 12th -- Cailyn Woody & Leah Hartley

Oct. 19th - William & Leah Hartley

Oct. 26th - Ryan & Wyatt Hall.

We had a meeting the early part of Sept. to decide on the continuation of Youth Recharge. We had to beg and plead with church members to:

1. Be at church by 3pm to get the children off the bus
2. Teach the classes
3. To be responsible for cooking the meals (which is a biggie) every Wed. night.

We decided as late as last night, Sept. 24th that we would start Recharge, Wed. Oct. 8th. We took a letter to Beaverdam Elem. School 9/25/14 to give to the counselor so that she can get bus transportation to church, and parents to pick them up at 7:30pm.

Meals will cost:

Adults: \$5.00

Children: \$2.00

If we can't get enough volunteers for 1st 3 items, we will have no choice but to discontinue this program.

Jane Sasser, Chair, Education Committee

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENT

The Outreach committee is organizing a booth along with the men's group for the Hanover Fall Fellowship Festival on the 18th of October at the Hanover courthouse. This is sponsored by the Hanover County Sheriff's Office. Zion will host a Cruise-In at this event. Two trophies will be handed out. If you want or know of anyone that would like to participate by bringing a vehicle to show please have them call Margie or David Koogler at 804-883-7460. No registration fee but we only have spots for 50 cars so please call to hold a place for you. George will be grilling his famous barbeque chicken and full dinners will be available to purchase. If your group or committee would like to have a flyer or brochure at the booth please make copies available to Margie before Oct. 12th and she will see that they are at the booth.

On Oct. 31st, the Outreach committee will be organizing the Halloween Festival at the church. The time of the festival will be from 6:00-8:30. We will have lots of new games with prizes. A separate game area for 3yr olds & under. A Sweet Walk (other sweets besides cakes) and free grilled hotdogs, chips, and a drink for each. We will also have Trick or Trunk. If you wish to contribute by running a game, donating sweets for the walk, donating bags of candy, being a floater, serve food etc we need all the help we can get. This is an event that needs everyone to participate. It takes a lot of volunteers to have a successful festival so please call Margie At 804-883-7460 if you can help in any way.

Oh and don't forget your best costume, and be prepared to have a great time. Oh did I mention door prizes????? See you there!!

Don't forget our website and if you would like Linda to post something on that site, she updates it every Monday morning! our web site @ www.Zionchurchdoc.org

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Joan B. Sasser

Wheat News

Zion continues to collect breakfast foods for the WHEAT pantry on an ongoing basis. All donations are appreciated. Correspondence from WHEAT stating that approximately 50 families are being helped each Tuesday, about 100 families a month at the pantry.

Thanks for your support. Shirley Mills

CHILDRENS CHURCH-

During worship
(3-10 yrs of age) Come join us for some
Learning and fun!

Kim Hall

**NURSING/REHABILITATION
FACILITIES**

Betty Hall – Crump Manor, Room C-11
Mary “Grandma” Fencher – Crump Manor,
Room C-11
Fred Dye – Shelton Arms Rehab
Josephine Goodman – Ashland
Convalescent
Susie Hall – Hanover Manor
Ellen Harris – Henrico Rehab Center
Dorothy Steele – Papp House
Elsie Waller – NH – in Fredericksburg
Zetsie Stevens - NH ?

The Families of:

Marion Kitchen Deihls
John Wayne Dickerson
Alex Harpine
Clyde Harris
Walter Carlisle Luck
Margaret Hall Flynn Moody
Thelma May Stanley Moore
Rebecca Simmons

Shut In's

Emily Bishop
Nelson Carter
Lewis Geyton
Louise Lowman

