

SPRC ANNOUNCEMENT

Marilyn Johnson who serves as our Office Manager will be leaving our church staff. She and her husband, Doug, are moving to Pennsylvania where several family members live. Their exact departure date is uncertain, and Marilyn plans to continue serving at Mount Zion until sometime in October. She and her family will be greatly missed. SPRC has planned a celebration for Marilyn on **Sunday, October 4th from 11:15 - 1 PM** under the Lord's Shelter. We invite everyone to attend, and to extend best wishes to Marilyn and her family. Light refreshments will be served.

KING DAVID/GOD'S MAN Men's Retreat

10/16 7-9 PM & 10/17 8-5 PM • Cost \$15 per person

King David had a mystique that has entranced men for 2000 years. His stories have been told over the centuries because he understood secrets that many men fail to learn. Discover David the man, shepherd, warrior, leader, lover, and poet. We will cover the topics in four sessions: A Man's Inner Strength, A Man Wars With Sin, A Man Leads When It Counts, and A Man Needs Brothers. Along with the study, there will be opportunities for competitive activities complete with trophy. Snacks will be provided Friday night, and Breakfast and Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Register Online at mountzion-umc.org.

2020/2021 Children and Youth Registration

Parents, it is that time of year again when we ask that you register your children with all of their updated info for the 2020/2021 Ministry year. This registration will cover Nursery, Sunday School, Elevate Kids, and Elevate Youth. Registration is an important part of the process so that we are able to place your child in the right class as well as being able to notify you of ministry opportunities that recognize milestones in your children and youths' lives. Register online at mountzion-umc.org.

WELCOME



CALLING PEOPLE HIGHER

Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor
Isaac Jiwon Ryu, Associate Minister
Jenni Ackerman, Care & Connections Minister
Sarah Beth Wood, Next Generations Minister
Julie An, Director of Music Ministry
Erin Nenni, E519 Leader

September 20, 2020 – 10:00
15772 NC 50 N, Garner, NC
919-772-8415

WHY WE GATHER TOGETHER

FIRST TIME HERE?

We are delighted that you are here today. To help you overcome some of the uncertainty and confusion that comes with visiting a new place, you can find information for our first-time guests at the Welcome Center in the lobby of each worship area.

Every Sunday morning, we come together from many different backgrounds to praise God and learn to apply his word. We seek to create an environment that encourages authentic connection with Jesus Christ. The style of music is varied with our goal being to unite our hearts in worship, to become aware of him in our midst, and to offer him all that we have and are.

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Give Online

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/online-giving>

Prayer Requests

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/prayer-ministry>

Order of Worship

Welcome

Congregational Song

“O Worship the King”

Opening Prayer

Congregational Song

“I Surrender All” UMH 354

Children’s Message

Offering

“We Thank You Jesus for Your Perfect Love”
Brenda Heintzelman

Intercessory Prayer/Unison Prayer

A prayer of King David from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (GNT)

Lord God, may you be praised forever and ever! You are great and powerful, glorious, splendid, and majestic. Everything in heaven and earth is yours, and you are king, supreme ruler over all. All riches and wealth come from you; you rule everything by your strength and power; and you are able to make anyone great and strong. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and we praise your glorious name. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“With What Shall I Come”

Sermon Gratitude Prompted Giving

Congregational Song

“Give Thanks”

Blessing

Celebration Sunday ● 9/27

What is Celebration Sunday? A morning set apart in worship to celebrate all that God has done and is doing through His people at Mount Zion. Celebration Sunday also coordinates with the end of our annual stewardship campaign each year with an opportunity for people to present their estimate of giving cards for the coming year. More information will be coming soon on our stewardship campaign.

Discover Mount Zion ● 9/27 • 2 - 4:30 PM

Have you ever wondered about the ins and outs of Mount Zion? Have you considered joining the church but would like more information? Now is your opportunity to have those questions answered. Join us on September 27th from 2– 4:30 PM in person or online. Sign up online at mountzion-umc.org by 9/25.

Harvest Day Auction ● 10/3 • 10 AM Lord's Shelter

Each year Mount Zion gathers together to auction off items to benefit our building fund. Some of the items are jams, jellies, other home canned delicacies, stained glass items, crocheted and knitted blankets, wood carvings, cakes, pies, banana puddings, and we've even had some donate fishing and hunting trips as well as tickets to sporting events. It's a wonderful time of fun and fellowship and we would love to have you participate by attending and/or donating an item for auction. In addition to the auction, we have a "Buy It Now Table". At this table the items are \$20 or less and people can purchase the items immediately. For this portion we would like to have donations of new kids toys, home decorating items, pre-bagged homemade cookies, or other goodies. Please consider donating an item for auction, whether it be homemade or otherwise. Please bring the item on Saturday, October 3rd by 8:30 AM. Preview of items begins at 9:30.

Moved to Give

Part 3-Gratitude Prompted Giving

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!" Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."—Luke 7:36-50 (NLT)

What can I learn from this grateful woman and her gift?

1. My expressions gratitude toward God may _____ to those who don't know what I have received.

You love [Jesus Christ] even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.—1 Peter 1:8 (NLT)

2. A lack of gratitude toward God indicates one of three realities.

- I have never accepted the _____ of Jesus' forgiveness that has been extended to me.

Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.—2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NLT)

- I don't appreciate the _____ of my debt that has been paid for me.

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.—Psalm 103:2 (NLT)

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. ...All of us used to live that way.... By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.—Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

- I am allowing circumstances of life to _____ of the surpassing greatness of God's grace.

But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.—Philippians 2:17-18 (NLT)

Restore to me the joy of your salvation....—Psalm 51:12