

SERVE

Here are some other ways to serve and connect through Mount Zion's partnership with Community of Hope, located in Garner.

We encourage you to learn more about this local ministry on their website at: communityofhopeministries.org. The following are ways Mount Zion is already helping serve with Community of Hope:

CARPENTER'S HAND

This group provides home repairs to "at-risk" citizens in the Garner area. Widows, single mothers, senior citizens, and those with disabilities are eligible to benefit. The services include: minor home repairs, lawn maintenance, and other household needs.

Contact: Bill Cordray: Bill@kesslercommunications.com

FOOD PANTRY

Currently, we are looking for individuals who are interested in helping with the Community of Hope's Food Pantry pick-up at the Food Lion on HWY 50.

Contact: Janice Krakowsky: magicaljan22@gmail.com

GARDEN OF HOPE

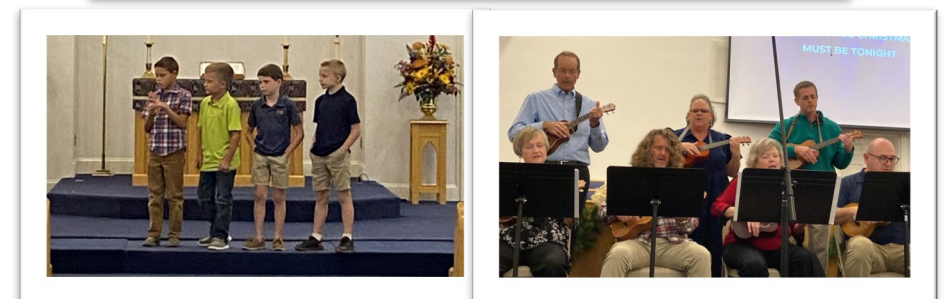
Community of Hope has an on-site garden where it grows fresh produce to give out through its food pantry. Each year their garden produces thousands of pounds of fresh produce.

Contact: Bill Poske: wposke54@gmail.com



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UPWARD • ONWARD • OUTWARD
Winter/Spring 2024





*Mount Zion's vision is to become
a passionate body of disciples
being transformed by Christ,
growing through biblical teaching,
and sharing the Good News
to the ends of the earth.*

*Mount Zion's mission is calling people
Upward, Onward, and Outward.*

For us to achieve both the vision
and mission of Mount Zion, we need
to connect with God, each other,
and our community.

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Just a few suggestions on how you can serve at
Mount Zion

YARD MINISTRY

The Yard Team oversees the physical needs of the church landscape, cemetery, and parsonage lawns. Volunteers are always needed to mow, trim, and perform basic lawn care.

Chair: Tim Cowell: tdcowell2@gmail.com

SAFE SANCTUARY/SECURITY MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to help with church security on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. **Chair: Roger Locklear: rogerlocklear@yahoo.com**

MUSIC MINISTRY

There are many opportunities to be involved in the Music Ministry at Mount Zion, including: Choir, Cantatas, E519, and special music. **Julie An, julie@mountziongmc.org, Director of Music Ministry; Erin Nenni, erin@mountziongmc.org, E519 Leader**

AV TECH MINISTRY

Volunteers operate our sound, projection, and livestream during Sunday worship and for special services. Individual training is provided for those wishing to serve. **Tim Ackerman, AV Ministries Coordinator: tim@mountziongmc.org**

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SHIRLEY MCLAURIN MEMORIAL CARD CLUB

This group was named after Shirley McLaurin, JoAnne Myers' sister who loved to play cards. All women are invited to gather for fellowship and the card game, Hand & Foot. Beginners and experienced card players are welcome. The ladies would love to teach you how to play.

Leader: Elaine Heintzelman: dexchines@gmail.com

Meets: Bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

Dates: 1/24 - 5/22

Time: 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Location: Room 106

Cost: Free

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

This group offers an opportunity for young adults to meet, learn, and grow spiritually together. We will be studying the book of Ephesians. If you are a young adult and want to get connected, we invite you to join us.

Leader: Todd Spivey: tspivey.home@gmail.com

Meets: Wednesday evenings during Elevate

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Dates: 1/17 - 5/22

**Runs concurrently with Elevate and does not meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month.*

Location: Parsonage's Lower Level

Cost: Free

WHAT'S GOING ON?

MOUNT ZION WEBSITE

Go to: mountziongmc.org

- Worship Times
- Upcoming Events
- Ministries
- Livestream
- Past Sermons
- Prayer Requests
- Online Giving

Visit us on Social Media



CONNECT WEEKLY

A weekly email that previews what is happening at Mount Zion.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Every person at Mount Zion has free access to biblical videos, interactive devotionals, kids' shows and much more. Flyers with the QR code and directions are available at the Welcome Center.

NEXT STEPS

DISCOVERING MOUNT ZION

Are you considering joining the church and becoming more involved at Mount Zion, but would like more information? Then join us for our next Discovering Mount Zion class. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available upon request. This is a 3-hour class, taught by Pastor Leonard, focusing on a higher level of spiritual commitment and the ins-and-outs of Mount Zion. Watch for the next class being offered.

You will need to register at mountziongmc.org/upcoming-events. *Childcare provided upon request.

****Registration will be available, closer to the date of the classes at: mountziongmc.org/upcoming-events.***

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CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENTING ESSENTIALS

Would you like to pass on a legacy of faith in Christ to your grandchildren? Culture says that its time to take it easy and enjoy spoiling your grandchildren. Scripture says that grandparents are called to a greater level of influence: *Teach them to your children and to their children after them.* - Deuteronomy 4:9. Grandparents (or soon to be grandparents) will find this group encouraging and practically helpful in making a positive spiritual impact in their role. The group will utilize video's from Legacy Coalition, and the workbooks cover topics such as spiritual grandparenting, intergenerational prayer, character building, and grandparenting struggles.

Leaders: Leonard and Donna Rex: leonard@mountziongmc.org
919-218-7215

Meets: Weekly on Monday evenings

Time: 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Dates: 1/15 - 4/1

Location: Parsonage

Cost: \$10.00 for Workbook

BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study from Rightnow media. Contact Elaine for more information.

Leader: Elaine Heintzelman: dexchines@gmail.com

Meets: Weekly on Monday evening

Time: 5:45 - 7:00 PM

Dates: Begins in March: 3/4 - 5/20

Location: Room 103

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MOUNT ZION MEN

This group is open to all men. Participants gather for a time of fellowship, breakfast, and devotion each month. There also will be opportunities for service in our community that take place on different days of the week. We hope you'll join us! You do not have to participate in the service projects to be a part of this group.

Leaders: Bill Cordray: 317-507-6427

Bob Kisner: 919-819-0987

Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Dates: 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, and 5/12

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Breakfast provided each month.

**Suggested: monthly donation of \$5; applied towards community outreach projects.*

SENIOR FIT CLASS

In this group seniors join together for low impact chair exercises. **Some standing required. Wear comfy clothes and sneakers.*

Leader: Diane Shannon: bake5017@yahoo.com

919-219-3272

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays

Time: 11 AM - Noon

Dates: 1/18 - 5/23

Location: Sanctuary Narthex

Cost: Free

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We encourage you to consider joining an Adult Sunday School class; below are the current classes being offered. You can contact the leaders directly, or contact Donna Rex at: donna@mountziongmc.org. Also, if you are a Mount Zion member who is interested in beginning a new class, contact Donna Rex.

GOOD SAMARITAN'S CLASS

Sundays 9:30 AM • Fellowship Hall

Contact Les Brown: lbrown120@nc.rr.com for details.

BIBLE SEEKERS (Women's Class)

Sundays 9:30 AM • Room 103

Contact Elaine Heintzelman: dexchines@gmail.com for details.

FISHERS OF MEN (Men's Class)

Sundays 9:30 AM • Room 105

Contact Dean Crow for details.

SHARE AND CARE CLASS

Sundays 9:30 AM • Room 104

Contact Julia Dupree for details.

BIBLE DISCUSSION CLASS

Sundays 11 AM • Room 103

Contact Bill Cordray: Bill@kesslercommunications.com for details.

BIBLE DISCUSSION CLASS

Wednesday 7 PM • Zoom

Contact Bill Cordray: Bill@kesslercommunications.com for details.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CARE MINISTRY

The Care Ministers offer care through: cards, calls, emails, texts, and visitation at home and hospitals. The Ministry is designed to connect individuals to one another as we journey together through life. We pray that people find hope and companionship through this ministry. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is seen multiple times healing bodies, minds, and spirits. He understood the depths of suffering and its hold on the lives of people. **Cindy Brendle, Care Ministries Coordinator: cindy@mountziongmc.org**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Mount Zion has a Prayer Room located off of the Chapel that is open 24 hours daily for anyone needing a quiet spot to meet with God. Join us for a prayer group that meets every Wednesday morning, 8-8:45 AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH LENDING LIBRARY

Located in the Prayer Room is a valuable resource of books, that are available for borrowing: Prayer Books, Devotionals, and Studies.

BIBLE CART

A cart with Bibles is located in the Fellowship Hall. They are free for anyone who wants one or would like to give a Bible away to someone. Children's, Youth, and Study Bibles are just a few of the choices available. This Bible Cart Ministry is supplied by Steve Sorrell.

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KINGDOM WOMEN GROUP

This group is for women and will involve discipleship, fellowship, and encouragement. We will meet for devotions and an activity. The devotion will emphasize what a kingdom woman is and the activity and place will be different each month.

Leader: Jenni Ackerman: jenni@mountziongmc.org

Meets: Monthly, First Meeting is Thursday

Date: 1/25

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: David's Dumpling & Noodle Bar

Cost: Varies each month depending on activity.

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study group is for women and will be studying Beth Moore's "*Children of the Day*." It will be a verse-by-verse study of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. During this 9-week study, participants will learn how to let go of past mistakes, discover that circumstances are not a coincidence, and find that God's timing is impeccable. What ever you are facing: family crisis, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, be encouraged that we are where God wants us to be.

Leader: Jenni Ackerman: jenni@mountziongmc.org

Meets: Weekly on Monday evenings

Dates: 1/22 - 5/1

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Panera

Cost: "*Children of the Day*" by Beth Moore

Average price: \$16.00

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LADIES BUNCO GROUP

Bunco is a fast-paced dice game, played in rounds that gets everyone involved at the same time! It only takes minutes to learn! We will have fellowship, a devotion, and prayer. Bring a snack to share.

Leader: Sheila Brookover: sbrook467@gmail.com
919-862-4405

Meets: Monthly on Friday evenings

Dates: 1/26, 2/23, 3/22, 4/19, and 5/17

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5 a month for prizes

CREATIVE CHRISTIANS

This is a group for crafty souls who gather to share in Christian fellowship while working on their own craft projects. Bring a project and a snack to share. Come for part or all of the evening. *Group is for 13 and up.*

Leaders: Carolyn Brown and Sarah Lee:
usborne4you@nc.rr.com or angelectra@aol.com

Meets: Monthly on 2nd Friday (except 1/19)

Time: 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Dates: 1/19, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, and 5/10

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free

CONNECT GROUPS

What are Connect Groups?

A Connect Group is a small group, that is usually 8 to 12 people, who come together and meet regularly with similar interests. A variety of interest based groups are offered three times a year; Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer. **Winter/Spring Connect Groups** are listed below; you may contact each leader directly to sign up for that group or gather more information about it. Contact information is also available in RealmConnect APP. *If you don't have access to the APP, contact Donna Rex at: donna@mountziongmc.org for further details.*

FAITH DRIVEN ENTREPRENEURS

Faith Driven Entrepreneur is about connecting people because we know all-too well how lonely the journey of an entrepreneur can be. Through a Foundation Group, you can lock arms with other like-minded business leaders and develop meaningful friendships. This is an 8-week journey where you will learn more about your call to create, watch compelling videos, engage in conversations with other entrepreneurs, and listen to what God has to say.

Leader: Barbara Taylor: barbarahemphilltaylor@gmail.com

Meets: Friday mornings for 8 weeks

Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Date: 2/2 - 3/22

Location: Room 103

Cost: Free

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EXPERIENCING GOD

Would you like to hear God speak? Would you like to know God's will for your life? Would you like to experience his presence and power daily? This 12-week Bible study focuses on knowing God intimately, recognizing his voice, understanding his will, and doing it. It will involve weekly video lessons and discussion, as well as personal study in between. The materials were developed by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King. This group will be offered two different times. Patty will lead a day group and an evening group.

Leader: Patty Eller: tompattyeller@gmail.com / 919-553-1106

Meets: Weekly on Tuesday afternoons for 12 weeks

Time: 1:30- 3:00 PM

Dates: 1/16 - 4/9

Location: Room 103

Cost: \$20 for the book

Leader: Patty Eller: tompattyeller@gmail.com / 919-553-1106

Meets: Weekly on Thursday evenings for 12 weeks

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Dates: 1/18 - 4/11

Location: Room 103

Cost: \$20 for the book

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SATURDAY SOCIALS

This group meets monthly for a potluck lunch and to enjoy fellowship with one another. Participants are asked to bring a dish or two to share.

Leader: Diane Shannon: bake5017@yahoo.com
919-219-3272

Meets: Monthly on Saturdays

Dates: 1/27, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, and 5/18

Time: 11:30 AM - 3 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This is a weekly Bible Study for women. Participants will need to bring their Bible. Any translation of the Bible is welcome. No homework is given. The study will be on Moses.

Leader: Glenda Fowler: gfn253@yahoo.com / 919-810-6849

Meets: Weekly on Tuesday mornings

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Dates: 1/16 - 5/28

Location: Room 104

Cost: Free