

# MT ZION UMC

## SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

As our students and teachers begin the new school year, I've been thinking how much I enjoy *learning*. When I first arrived at Mt. Zion in June 2008, my daughter, Sarah, began the habit of calling our church, "Bible School." As far as I can tell, she did this because she attended that summer's Vacation Bible School, and the term stuck in her mind. Since that time, I've thought, "What would happen if everyone who came to church saw learning as so central to the church's purpose that they called the church a "school." The more I think about it, the better this sounds! At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus speaks directly to his disciples, charging them with these words:

“. . . All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
(Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)

The English word "disciple" is translated from the Greek word μαθητης (*mathetes*, pronounced *math-ay-tes*), which means "a learner." This fall, imagine Mt. Zion as a place where we learn how to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Imagine church becoming a place noted for its learning. With this in mind, I encourage everyone to regularly attend a Sunday School class. I also invite adults to attend the Pastor's Bible Study, which begins Thursday, Sept. 30.

Blessings,  
Pastor Craig

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### 2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

September begins our 2010 Stewardship Campaign, which will culminate in a special Celebration Sunday on November 14, 2010. Along with this, the theme of Pastor's Bible Study this fall will be "A Biblical Perspective on Money." The class begins Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

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### CONSIGNMENT SALE

Gently used kids clothing, toys and games.  
To consign contact: Debbie de la Cruz,  
Elicia Knight or LeeAnne Hayes  
Sale Dates: Friday, October 1 from 12-7 pm,  
& Saturday, October 2 from 8-2pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

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### BRUNSWICK STEW

Mt. Zion Homemade Brunswick Stew will be held Saturday, September 18th. Pick up around 11am. To order call 336-643-8317, 336-427-0603, 336-427-0602 or

visit

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

#### To volunteer:

Meet in the Fellowship Hall:

Wednesday, September 8th  
7:30am (men)

9am (women) for Chicken  
preparation

Friday, September 17th  
8am-until for Vegetable  
preparation



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Have an event or article for our next newsletter? Please contact Heather Ulrich at (336) 996-7745 or [ulrich\\_heather@hotmail.com](mailto:ulrich_heather@hotmail.com)