

MT ZION UMC

FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

I have been thinking a lot about godly wisdom lately. At a recent seminar for Western North Carolina Conference clergy, the instructor shared a hymn from the Presbyterian Hymnal. Its words are so powerful, I want to share them with you. As you read the hymn, think about how much we need the wisdom of God in our lives.

Peace,
Pastor Craig

God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

God marked a line and told the sea
its surging tides and waves were free
to travel up the sloping strand
but not to over take the land.

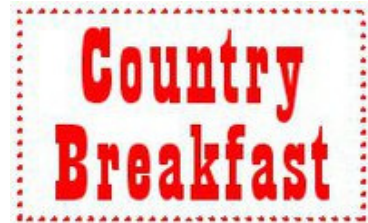
God set one limit in the glade
where tempting, fruited branches swayed,
and that first limit stands behind
the limits that the law defined.

The line, the limit, and the law
are patterns meant to help us draw
a bound between what life requires
and all the things our heart desires.

But, discontent with finite powers,
we reach to take what is not ours
and then defend our claim by force
and swerve from life's intended course.

We are not free when we're confined
to every wish that sweeps the mind
but free when freely we accept
the sacred bounds that must be kept.

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Saturday, February 12, 2011

7:00—9:30 am

Come enjoy scrambled eggs, country ham, bacon, grits, biscuits, and home-made apples & jellies.

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