

MT ZION UMC

APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

In April, we move from the Season of Lent to the Season of Easter. Historically, this has been a time in which people focus on the person and work of Jesus—specifically what Jesus accomplished on the cross and in his resurrection from the dead. And, thanks be to God, Jesus fulfilled God's plan, that we might be saved from the power of sin.

But when it comes to our lives as Christians, we bear a responsibility to live godly. Who WE are and what WE do matters! God calls us to step out in love and faith to help bring about God's will in the earth! Being a Christian is not a passive way of life!

Yet sometimes we are afraid to step out, for fear of making mistakes. Yet, in order to do anything for God, we must have the courage to do new things. And doing new things always invites mistakes.

President Theodore Roosevelt spoke words that should inspire anyone to move forward, to do new things:

It is not the critic who counts,
Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles,
Or where the doer of deeds could actually have done them better.
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,
Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood,
Who strives valiantly,
Who errs and comes short again and again—
Because there is no effort without error and shortcomings—
But who does actually strive to do the deed.
Who knows great enthusiasm, great devotion,
Who spends himself in a worthy cause,
Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement
And who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly—
So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls
Who know neither victory nor defeat.

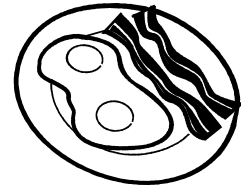
Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Craig

GIDEONS UPDATE

On Sunday, March 20, we were blessed to hear Randy Bivins of Alamance East Camp, Gideons International. During the service we received an offering for the Gideons—the total was \$427.00. Thanks to all who gave!

Saturday, April 9

Country Breakfast 7-9:30 am



Yard Sale 7am-Noon



To reserve a space for the yard sale, please contact Debbie de la Cruz at
(336) 552-6190

There is no charge for spaces and you keep the proceeds of your sales!

Anyone who wishes to donate yard sale items to the church, contact Steve Bullock or any member of the Fellowship Class.

Do you have an event or article for our next newsletter? Please contact Heather Ulrich at (336) 996-7745 or ulrich_heather@hotmail.com