

MT ZION UMC

MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

This year, every Sunday in May is included in the Season of Easter, which culminates on June 12—Pentecost Sunday. If we are used to thinking of Easter as a single day, it may come as a surprise that Easter is a season that extends for 50 days. The Season of Easter represents the time between Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower believers to follow Jesus as disciples and to bear witness to the coming kingdom of God. Between the time Jesus rose from the dead and his ascension into heaven (40 days after Easter), Jesus showed himself to many disciples to confirm his identity as the Messiah (Savior). When the first disciples saw the resurrected Jesus, their hearts were filled with awe and wonder! This is why Easter Season is a time of *celebration*. We celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, and we celebrate God's promise that we too will be raised from the dead to live in bodies that will no longer be subject to death.

From Easter Season we learn that God honors people's desire to "see it to believe it." God willingly sent Jesus back from the dead to show how much God loves people. Similarly, we who follow Jesus are called to show the love of God to people in our time. And this is the main reason we hold Community Day each year—to demonstrate the love of God.

As we celebrate the Season of Easter this year, let us also take time to show God's love to others. One great way of doing this is to invite your family, friends, neighbors—and other people you know—to our 3rd Annual Community Day. Make up your mind that there are people God wants you to invite—then follow through and invite them to this special event!

Let God's love flow through you this Easter Season!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Craig

3rd Annual Community Day
Sunday, May 15
4:00-7:00 pm



Meet Your Neighbors

Community Day began in 2009 as a way to show the love of God to people in the community. We are now in our third year! We invite people to Mt. Zion as our guests—with food, live music, and other fun activities for people of all ages—all free of charge. Make plans now to participate! Come welcome neighbors and share God's love for people at our 3rd Annual Community Day!

We need YOU to help on the day of the event. See sign-up sheet in church lobby.

For more information, contact Debbie de la Cruz at (336) 552-6190 or Heather Ulrich at (336) 996-7745

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TO SING AT TWO SERVICES!

Mt. Zion Children's Church will sing at the 11:00 am worship service on **Sunday, May 29**. At 6:00 pm that evening, the Children's Church will perform at the Good Samaritan Ministries' 5th Sunday Singing, to be held at Oak Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 9070 US Hwy 158, Stokesdale. Make plans to attend, and show your support for our children!

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