

MT ZION UMC

JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

This year, the theme for Vacation Bible School is related to cooking. Going along with this is the subtitle to our VBS logo: "Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe." This simple statement speaks volumes of truth! The Law (Commandments) God gave to Moses is, in Hebrew, called the *Torah*—a word that means *instructions*. In short, what God gave Moses was a set of divine instructions, a sort of recipe for holy living.

As Christians we believe that Jesus came to give us eternal life and that our salvation rests on what Jesus did for us. But this does not eliminate our need to obey God's instructions. Jesus himself said:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (Matthew 5:17, NIV)

By saying this, Jesus affirmed the enduring importance of the Old Testament. This is why Christians can learn as much (often MORE) about God and godly living by reading the Old Testament as they can by reading the New Testament.

In light of this, what should we do? First, in order to follow God's divine instructions we must KNOW THEM! This means we must study and give careful attention to the WHOLE Bible. When we do, we will find a storehouse of godly wisdom. Of course, some things in the Old Testament are no longer applicable, such as commandments dealing with animal sacrifice. Yet most of the Bible can be applied today, in some form or another—and we can certainly learn more about God and godly living by studying the whole of Scripture.

Remember this: Jesus did not do away with God's instructions. Rather, he completed them. Let's learn all we can from both the Old and New Testaments. We'll be blessed if we do.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Craig

UMM & UMY COME TOGETHER FOR COUNTRY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 18, Mt. Zion's United Methodist Men and United Methodist Youth teamed up to serve a delicious Country Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. A lot of people came out to enjoy the food and fellowship. A total of \$537.22 was raised (after expenses), which was split equally between the UMM and UMY. Gook work!

Vacation Bible School
Mon., July 18 - Fri., July 22
6:00 - 8:00 pm Nightly



The goal is spiritual growth for every child. To help make this happen, we need volunteers and food donations for each night. Sign up today! You'll help children and grow closer to God in the process! (sign-up sheet is in the church lobby). Also, we ask that EVERYONE bring at least one of each of the following items to the Fellowship Hall:

1. reusable grocery bags
2. red and white checkered tablecloths
3. empty snack boxes (fruit snacks, cheez-its, granola bars, etc.)

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