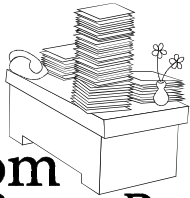


MT ZION UMC

AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER



From the Pastors Desk

Disciples are Learners!

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

August is a time many of us associate with school, as it marks the end of the summer and the beginning of the school calendar. Since the primary mission of schools is education, the subject of *learning* comes to mind.

Whenever I think of learning, I like to think of memorable lines in the Bible that remind me of the importance of learning. One of the best places to look for these is the Book of Proverbs. Here, one may feast on numerous short, anecdotal-like statements that help us to understand how to live wisely—and how to avoid living foolishly.

In the New International Version of the Bible, Proverbs 16:21 states, “The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction.” The phrase “gracious words promote instruction” makes me think of the best of my teachers. More than anything, I remember these teachers as people who held my attention by their astute observations, timeless truths, and generally interesting ideas. In short, these teaches are (as are all good teachers) anything but boring.

When we approach our Christian faith, we need to remember that we serve a great God—one who made a vast universe and filled it with so much variety. The Lord wants us to appreciate who we are as Christians, and pass this appreciation on to the next generation. Remember that the word disciple means a *learner*. Let’s be glad we are Jesus’ disciples, and help the next generation learn our precious faith.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Craig

Vacation Bible School and Sunday Youth Service are Big Hits!

This year 40 children participated in our VBS, July 18-22. In the process, they learned about the Christian faith—and got to enjoy a lovingly-prepared meal each night! Thanks to all the adult and youth helpers for making this year’s VBS a success! On July 24, our youth led the Sunday morning worship service. The congregation was truly privileged to see how well the youth did as they helped us worship the Lord.

HOME COMING

Sunday, August 14

10:45 a.m.

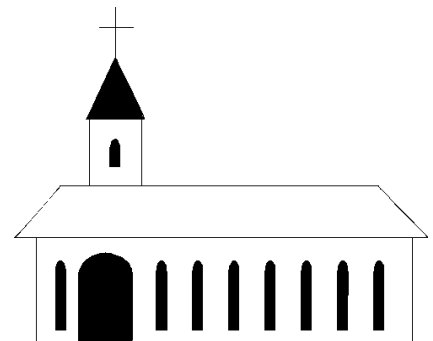
This year will feature the music group
Chords of Faith.

We will also hear special selections
from our Choir and the
Children's Church.

Preaching by Pastor Craig.

The service will be followed by a
covered-dish lunch.

Don’t miss out! Invite your family and
friends to join us for this annual event.



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