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Zion Memorial

Bollinger’s Chapel

The Shepherd

**Fourth Edition – Volume 3**

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**PAST0R’S NOTES**

**LEADING ON EMPTY**

During my two years of study at Regent University in their School of Divinity, as I came to one of my last classes, one of our textbooks was a text entitled *‘Leading on Empty.”* It was a book written by a minister who built a church with his work, his prayers, and his own special ministry into a megachurch where the average attendance was over ten thousand each Sunday and a multimillion-dollar budget and a staff of dozens of various ministers working in various ministries. He had written several books and numerous articles and was a well-known speaker traveling across the country. He had a happy marriage, successful children in their own careers, life, as he said, was good. He was constantly on the go with his speaking engagements and was well respected and loved my many. One day, as he was away preparing to do another speaking engagement, as he was taking his daily jog, he stopped at a corner, fell on his knees and just broke into tears. He had pushed his body, his emotions, and even his spiritual life to the brink of exhaustion. It was only by the Grace of God he managed to get through his speaking engagement and made his way back home where he fell on the bed and just started weeping uncontrollably. It was from this experience that he wrote this book for those of us in leadership positions who feel we are approaching that same scenario. Looking back he had seen many signs that he was on the verge of a breakdown but he ignored them. When Doris and I were given the news of her cancer just before the Christmas holidays, the shock was something that we handled with our faith in God and in each other. During her five months of chemotherapy and now starting her 32 radiation treatments with the daily task of driving almost two hours each day, the strain of all of this has taken its toll on both of us. There were several times when I felt we needed to just drop everything and focus on her. But being the strong person she is, she would not give up her work at the churches while at the same time encouraging her husband to fight on! And we have! God’s love and His Grace are so often taken for granted even by those who claim to know and love Him. We have found it so easy to take the relaxed approach in our daily tasks and the few gifts we give back to Him seem so meaningless, but the beauty is that He blesses all of our work, and takes what we give Him, and makes it into something even more beautiful than we could have ever imagined. That is who our Lord is and the depth of His patience and His love, we may never fully understand until the day we stand before Him………and praying we too will hear His words………..’Well done thy good and faithful servant.” My question is will what little we give be enough to hear those sacred words?

**In His Service,**

**Pastor Steve**

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**Happy**

**Anniversary!!**

**August Birthdays**  **August Anniversaries**

**1st – Carol Abee**

**1ST – Jim Deal**

**1st – Sammy Childers**

**4th – Lynn Abee**

**12th – Heather & Josh Carswell**

**16th – Yates & Kay Berry**

**28th – Johanna & Tod Gilliland**

**7th - Pam Hammersla**

**15th – Michelle Weaver**

**25th – Mary Gordon**

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**Prayer Requests**

**Always, all members of both Bollinger’s Chapel and Zion Memorial with extra prayers for:**

**Bollinger’s Chapel**

**Ann Barus**

**Elaine Phillips & the McEntire Family,**

**Bruce Weaver**

**Danny & Regina Alexander**

**Francis Shull,**

**Steve & Doris Pickard**

**Mary Gordan**

**Betty Brown**

**Bob & Ella Mae Benton**

**Keith Bishop**

**Junie Barrett**

**Herman Messer**

**Jordan Ferrell**

**Brandy Garrison**

**Cindy Fletcher**

**Dolly Maltba**

**Annie Mae Whisnant**

**Lora Hutson**

**Carolyn Eller**

**Brenda Lavender**

**Emma & Alaina Alexander**

**Melba Carroll**

**Wanda Reep**

**Robbin Cotter**

**Gary Joy**

**Tina Neal**

**Gail Pennell**

**Malcolm Scott Cervenka**

**Lisa Hoyle**

**Stacy**

**Johnny Lowman**

**Angie Price**

**Zion Memorial**

**Jerry & Maxine Propst George & Terry Davenelos**

**Steve & Doris Pickard Gene Turnmire**

**Jennifer Abee**

**Brandy Wilson Family**

**Bill Berry**

**Reba Clontz**

**Don Hunt**

**Reba Pritchard**

**Queen Family**

**Stella Shuping**

**Earl Smith**

**Mildred Cline Family Mary Johnson**

**Dale Cozort**

\*\*\* Pray for our Nation and all branches of our military, police, firemem, medical personnel and all other essential workers.

\*\*\*Please turn in to Doris Pickard any Newsletter announcements of upcoming events and all other items you which to have placed in the newsletter by the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please call my cell if you have someone that needs to be added to or removed from the prayer list. Thank you, Doris

**Church office hours are on Fridays.**



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**Each month that has 5 Fridays, the Pastor will not be in the office on one of the**

**Fridays during that moth.**

Zion, Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church phone # 828/437-3444

Bollinger’s, Fridays – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM & til meals are delivered.

Church phone # 828/368-0410

You can reach Steve Pickard by phone on or by email: psstppckrd@aol.com his cell # 828/244-2845 or

Doris Pickard at 828/234-9661, email: [drlgood@aol.com](mailto:drlgood@aol.com)

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

**Our funds for our Meals on Wheels are down by 50%. We would greatly appreciate any food donations as well as monetary donations. The team of workers: Jean Childers, Kay Berry, Betty Abee, Pat Randall, Sethu Palmer, Charles McGee, and Steve & Doris Pickard, prepare and serve about 55 meals every 2 weeks. If you think you**

**can assist call Jean Childers at 828/448-1273 to find out what specific items may be needed or if you want to make a donation to the Meals on Wheels fund you can mail a check to the church and note in the bottom left corner that this is for meals.**

**Mail your check to: Bollinger’s Chapel UMC**

**1215 Carolina St. SE**

**Valdese, NC 28690**

**Many thanks to all who can assist in helping this program continue to serve meals to our shut-ins.**

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!!!**

**TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM AND TO**

**ZION MEMORIAL. ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Special Announcements

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Description automatically generatedMeals on wheels continue to be served on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Please contact Jean Childers (828/448-1273) if you wish to help by serving or make donations, and if you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a meal. Please let us know any meals suggestions you may have.**

**During August preparation of meals will start about 1 PM.**

**August’s Meals on Wheels Menu**

**August 11th -**

**Taco or Pasta salad, taco chips, ranch dressing, desert**

**August 25th -**

**A sandwiches, chips, fruit or desert**

**Bollinger’s Chapel Announcements**

* **Meals on Wheels food preparation starts at about 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall kitchen**

**on 2nd & 4th Fridays**

* **Pregnancy Care Center – Bollinger’s will once again start collecting items for children 1 month**

**to 2 years old to donate to the Pregnancy Center. Bring your items and place in a box located**

**in the Narthex.**

* **Food donations can be placed in the narthex.**
* **Police & Firemen’s Snack Fund – (Cash donations work best because snacks are ordered in bulk and the display space is limited) Thank you for your support.**
* **Please check Bollinger’s Chapel UMC, Facebook page. We are now live-streaming Sunday Worship. Please call a Church member or us and let us know you watch our service what you think and that you have listened to the service. We are also livestreaming Bible Study**

**every Friday at 1 PM.**

**July Facebook - Sermon views = 90 and Bible Study Views = 46**

**Homecoming at Bollinger’s will be the 2nd Sunday in September**

**More info coming in September’s Newsletter**

**Zion Memorial’s Announcements**

* **Bring non-perishable food items for B.U.C.M.**
* **Collecting Cleaning Supplies for the Homeless shelters.**
* **Website has been updated**



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[**www.zionmemorialmorganton.org**](http://www.zionmemorialmorganton.org)

**Please visit our website and click the link**

**or visit our livestream on Facebook**

**and Watch Sunday’s Worship**

**Service. You can Search Facebook for**

**Jerry Propst and a, Picture of Zion**

**Memorial. Then, at 11 AM on Sunday mornings and watch the service live.**

**Then call the church or leave a comment on Facebook or our webpage saying that you**

**listened to the service and your name, and you’ll be added to that Sunday’s attendance. Services link will be added by noon on Mondays or Sunday evenings, barring no technical**

**issues to the website. Newsletters containing announcements can also be visited on the**

**site as well. Hope you enjoy. We would appreciate your feedback.**

**July Facebook Sermon views = 76**

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**July Puzzle Answrs**e

# August Puzzle

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