

MIZPAH MUSINGS

2019: Our Year in Review

Angel tree gifts, beds and bedding for two little boys
Boards no longer Trustees and Elders, now one
Choir plus clavino va equals heavenly music!
Delivered meals to shut-ins
Easter Sunrise blessings
Fellowship hall renovation planning
Gideon Bibles funded by our congregation
Handbells!
Ian, Hannah, Eunice and Phil Raeford visit from Mexico
Joined fellow churches for Thanksgiving service
King Outreach partner in feeding the hungry
Lovefeast celebrations throughout the year
Monthly meals for the community
New members welcomed
Old Richmond candle tea, coats, backpacks, snack closet
Passion Week readings
Quiet moments in worship
Roofs replaced on pavilion and Christian Education Building
Sunday School fellowship
Teacher appreciation luncheon at O. R. Elementary
Unused space now filled by Girl Scouts
Vacation Bible School "Rolling River Rampage"
Women's Fellowship – worship, fellowship, food, fun
Xerox copier churning out bulletins and news
Years we've served the Lord at Mizpah: 124
Zealous chicken pie makers

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.
II Corinthians 9:8 KJV*

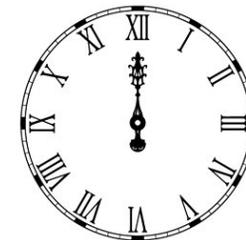
Unity Prayer Watch

Be part of this historic season of prayer!

In 1727, the Moravian community in Herrnhut began a round-the-clock "prayer watch" that continued nonstop for over a hundred years. And 65 years after the prayer watch began, that small Moravian community had sent 300 missionaries to the ends of the earth! Could it be that there is some relationship between their "effectual fervent prayer" and their sustained evangelism?

Two weeks after what we Moravians celebrate as our spiritual birthday of August 13th, 24 men and 24 women covenanted to spend one hour each day in scheduled prayer, the first "prayer watch." Six months later, Count Zinzendorf challenged his fellow Moravians to evangelize those "for whom no one cared," aimed at the West Indies, Greenland, Turkey and Lapland. Some were skeptical, but Zinzendorf persisted, and 26 Moravians stepped forward in 1727 to volunteer for world missions wherever the Lord led.

The "prayer watch" was reestablished in 1957, the 500th anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum. Mizpah's assigned time this year is Thursday, January 9, from midnight to 6:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet and prayer guide in the narthex.



Excerpts taken from an article by Leslie K. Tarr, "The Prayer Meeting That Lasted 100 Years"