

EXTRA YEARS of ZEST

- Elvie Munday and Clara Townsend

The Mt. Zion Golden Agers was organized May 12, 1965 with 32 members present. Pastor Roeber had devotions and the group had a song session with Betty Huffman playing the piano. The group decided on the name "The Mt. Zion Golden Agers" and elected Mrs. A. O. Killian as president and Mrs. Rosa Lafone as secretary.

In May, 1976 Pastor and Mrs. Patten and Pastor Winters organized another Golden Agers Club. They met in the Parish Hall or in the parsonage. Pastor Winters had devotions. Mrs. Killian remained president until she died and Mrs. Verna (Lizzie) Sipe was elected in 1981 followed by Ethel Lail, Nan Sipe, Clara Townsend and Neva Deal.

Ethel Lail and Paula Zimmerman gave the club the new name of the XYZ Club - Extra Years of Zest!

The club has had Roy Munday as president for a good many years. Currently, Elvie Munday is treasurer and Leota Prestwood, secretary. Pastor Winters had devotions as long as he was able to attend.

There are approximately 40+ members at the present time. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall with a covered dish of the "best food in the county!" Pot pie, desserts, you name it - we have it!

The XYZ Club uses the church bus to take one-day trips of their choice. On April 8th a trip is planned to Gastonia's Schiele Museum. Most of the year there is a program planned, but we can change it if we like. We have cook outs, mystery trips, poor man's lunches, Christmas and Valentine parties.

If you're a Senoir Citizen, come join us. We have good fellowship and LOTS of fun!

NOTE: Thanks to everyone who submitted articles to this month's newspaper. Next edition our focus is on MUSIC/CHOIRS. Submit articles to me, Ann Sipe, or telephone me at 464-3718 by March 27th.

XYZ TRIPS

- Ethel Lail

When the Senior Citizens of this church were young, they didn't have the money or a way to go very much.

But today, we are taking advantage of going as much as possible. One of the first trips that I remember well was to the zoo in Inman, SC. I saw on television that they had porpoises at that zoo, and since it wasn't that far, we decided to go. When we arrived, I was never so shocked. We smelled the place almost before we got there. It was just dirt paths, and I asked to see the porpoises. They didn't have any. It was false advertising. The only things they had there were smelly monkies, baboons, guerrillas, and anything else that smelled bad. I was beginning to think I'd have to walk home after making that mistake, but Gaffney, SC was on the way home and every one forgot about the ugly, smelly place when we reached Hamrick's (since there was no store in Hickory).

One trip that the group still talks about was the trip to "The Field in the Woods" beyond Murphy, NC. The Ten Commandments are written in stone on the side of a mountain.

Pilot Mountain was another nice trip. You can see for miles around, and the best part of that trip was to eat at Ray's Cafeteria where they serve fatback meat. We liked it so well, we go back each year.

Billy Graham's Cove was a very interesting trip to see the chapel and the place they hold retreats with 200 rocking chairs on the porches!

Summers are all planned in taking trips such as to Cherokee to see "Unto These Hills," Gatlinburg, TN, Lake Norman and Kings Mountain. A mountain trip is planned each fall. Our latest was to Level Cross to see Richard Petty's museum. If you like to travel, travel with us!

Almighty God, we thank you for the examples of faith-filled lives you place around us. As we share our stories, help us also to serve as examples of your gracious love.

Amen.