



The Messenger

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Zion Hill's Goal: \$5,000

New Orleans Mission Trip

We would like to invite anyone available to join us in our mission efforts in New Orleans this April. As many of you know we are doing construction work on a church in New Orleans to help create a much-needed ministry base within the St. Roch community. We have a lot of work yet to be done, and need as many volunteers to do construction work as possible. Our next trip is April 2 thru April 5. If you have any interest in being a part of this ministry, please see Bro. Matt or Steve Holmes. We assure you, you will be blessed!

From the Pastor's Desk



Knowing God is the most important thing in a Christian's life. If you really know Him, then you will reflect His character and obey His commandments.

In a familiar Bible story Jesus is asked by a lawyer, "What is the greatest commandment?"

He answers with, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." Then, to explain who your neighbor is, He told the story of the good Samaritan.

When you remember that God loves you so much that He gave you His Son, you begin to understand, and to know, who He is and what He has done for you. There is no greater love than His love for you.

Paul understood that, and was inspired to pray for the Ephesians, "Out of His glorious riches may God strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all God's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:16-19)

"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending..... love of God." Cory Asbury

Understanding God's love demands the revelation of God Himself. It will never be understood with human study, knowledge, or intellect. It will never be achieved with human goodness. Our best efforts will always be only a feeble shortsighted and hopeless attempt.

In 1917, Frederick Lehman was inspired to write about the love of God.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on Earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

Praise God, What a Savior, and what a Great Love for Us all!

Terry Fortner

Auditorium Open For Prayer

The auditorium is open for prayer each Sunday morning from 9:15 – 9:45.

Sunday, March 1

- ◆ Deacons will meet at 8:00am
- ◆ Directory Update Pictures will be made at stained glass window before Sunday School and after worship.
- ◆ We will observe the Lord's Supper during worship.
- ◆ We will receive a love offering for Local Missions after worship.
- ◆ Week of Prayer for North American Missions begins
- ◆ Church Council will meet at 4:00pm

Sunday Night Schedule

Children's Choirs and Growth Groups will meet Sundays from 5:30-6:30pm.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are served from 5:45-6:15. WNMeals won't be served when schools are closed.

Stitching with Love Ministry

This ministry will meet 9am to noon Thursday, March 5. They are working on Easter dresses at this time. Even if you don't sew, you can help. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

What's At Steak?

Men and boys 12 and older are invited to a steak dinner with all the trimmings 5:00pm Saturday, March 7, at Second BC Jacksonville. The guest speaker will be Sonny Tucker, Executive Director, ABSC. The cost is \$15. Call 501-985-2502 or go to Whats-At-Steak.PushpayEvents.com to register.

Move your clocks forward one hour Saturday, March 7, for DST.

Pinewood Derby

Zion Hill's Race Night will be 5pm Sunday, March 8. Children will work on their cars in class on March 4. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and help their children. See Phil Jones, Andy Kew, or call the office for more information.

Men's Breakfast

Men are invited to breakfast 8:00am Saturday, March 14, in the Fellowship Hall. Andy always prepares lots of food, so come, and bring a friend.

Senior Saints Fellowship

Senior Saints will meet for fellowship 11:00am Tuesday, March 17. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fellowship and potluck lunch following the program. March's program will be brought by Don Moore, retired ABSC Executive Director.

Extension Homemakers Club

EHC meets on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be March 18, from 9:30-11:30am. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, join them in the Fellowship Hall.

2020 Prayer Gathering

March 19 you are invited to FBC Sherwood for two hours of prayer focused on the people, churches, and mission work of the association. There will be fellowship and snacks from 5-5:45. The prayer meeting begins at 6.

WOM Prayer Breakfast

Ladies, you are invited to Women On Mission Prayer Breakfast 9am Saturday, March 21, in the Fellowship Hall.

Cabot N & R Center Service

Sunday, March 22, join us at Cabot Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 2pm. Bro. Terry will bring a message and Bro. Steve will lead in singing.

Celebration and Praise Service

Zion Hill's 5th Sunday praise service will be March 29 at 5:30, followed by a finger food fellowship. Let Bro. Gary know if you want to share something with the church that evening.

March Items for OCC

Adult Sunday School classes have been asked to help pay for a soccer ball w/pump to include in each shoebox. Quarter Collection Bottles are in the Breezeway to fill with quarters to cover shipping. Thank you for your help.

Children's Easter Celebration

This year Zion Hill will participate in a community Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11, 2-4pm at North Pulaski Community Complex. Volunteers and donations for prizes will be needed. Watch for more info.

Youth News

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services**
We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- **Friday, March 20**—Cabot Schools closed
- **March 23-27**—Spring Break



Message from Matt

Second chances! I can't tell you how many times in life that I have messed up. I can't tell you how many times in my life that Satan has tried to throw those "mess ups" back in my face to convince me that I have little to no worth. I will be honest, I have failed enough to be labeled a failure. I have broken down enough to be called broken. If people look at me for who I am, they won't see much to get excited about. Second chances have saved me! Every time I have fallen, failed, messed up, or whatever else you want to call it, Christ has been right there, waiting on me to forgive me and use me. In my weakness the power of God is glorified. As I look into God's Word I find I am not alone.

King David was known as the giant-slayer! His faith in God helped him conquer one who no one else thought could be conquered! Even David became a coveting, adulterous, stealing, murderous, liar! That is what I call a mess-up! However, once David repented and turned from his sin, God still used King David! God never gave up on him.

Elijah had what seemed to be unshakeable faith in God. He caused the rain to stop for three years, was fed by ravens, witnessed a widow's son resurrected, and beat the prophets of Baal by calling down fire from heaven. However, when Jezebel wanted Elijah dead, he cowered and ran off into the wilderness. God gave him another chance, though. He allowed him to rest, and then encouraged Elijah in a still small voice that he was not alone.

Paul is known as the first great missionary. However, there was a time when Paul messed up badly. His name was Saul at that time and, although he believed in God, he did not accept Jesus as the Son of God. He tried to destroy the early church and the people who made up the church. Jesus spoke to him on the road to Damascus to give him another chance. The rest is history; literally! Saul, now Paul, served Christ the rest of his life.

These are just a few of the examples in the Bible of God giving second chances and using these people of second chances in a BIG way! I am so thankful that after repentance, God has given me second chances. I am so thankful that, despite my failures, Christ forgives and is willing to use me. I pray that if you find yourself defeated, that you will repent from your failures and turn to Jesus and allow Him to give you another chance, and be amazed as the power of God shows itself to you! For those of us living for Christ in our "second chance" phase of our life; may we never forget that it's by God's grace that we are forgiven. Let's not allow Satan to use us to throw the failures of those that are lost in their face. Instead, let's introduce them to the God of second chances and encourage them into their journey with God.

Bro. Matt

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Service Times:

Sunday:
 9:15am Auditorium open for prayer
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:55am Morning Worship
 11:30am **Children's Worship, Fellowship Hall**
 5:00pm Fellowship Meal (Potluck)
 5:30pm **Children's Choir**
 Growth Groups

Tuesday:
 7:00pm Churchwide Visitation

Wednesday:
 5:45pm Wednesday Night Meal
 6:30pm Mid-week Services
 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)
 GAs, RAs, Mission Friends
Switch Service
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Senior Saints April Outings

Saturday, April 4, Senior Saints will leave at 8:30am to go to the Scottish Festival in Batesville. They will return about 4:30pm. Mark your calendar and look for sign-up sheets and more information coming soon.

Arkansas Master'Singers will be in concert at FBC Cabot at 7:00pm Thursday, April 16. Senior Saints will leave as a group at 6:15 from Zion Hill's parking lot, or you can meet us there, if you prefer. The concert is FREE.

Mission North Pulaski One-Day Mission Trip

Saturday, May 2, Mission North Pulaski will kick-off at Cedar Heights BC, 14510 Cedar Heights Rd., NLR at 8:30. Ministry team choices are Prayer Walking, Prayer Meeting, Evangelism, Senior Adult, Home Repairs/Painting, Yard Work, and Block Party. Everyone should be headed home by 3:30. Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 31. The cost is \$10 plus a non-perishable food item for Food Pantries. Cost includes lunch and a t-shirt. Sign-up sheets are available in the church office.

March Activities

1 8:00am Deacon Meeting
 Sunday Services

4:00pm Church Council Meeting

4 Midweek Services

5 9:00am *Stitching with Love* Ministry, Fellowship Hall

7 5:00pm **What's At Steak, Jacksonville 2BC**

8 Sunday Services

5:00pm Pinewood Derby, Fellowship Hall

11 Midweek Services

14 8:00am **Men's Breakfast**

15 Sunday Services

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

17 11:00am Senior Saints Fellowship

18 9:30am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall
 Midweek Services/Business Meeting

19 6:00 NPBA Prayer Gathering, FBC Sherwood

20 Cabot Schools Closed

21 9:00am Women On Mission Prayer Breakfast

22 Sunday Services

2:00pm Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service

23-27 Schools on Spring Break

25 Midweek Services

29 Sunday Services

5:30pm Celebration and Praise Service

6:30pm Churchwide Finger Food Fellowship

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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons.