



The Messenger



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Upcoming Events

- November 7 Wedding Shower
- November 23 Community Thanksgiving Service

Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
November 4 9am –12pm.

Extension Homemakers Club

meets every 3rd Wednesday
November 17 9:30—11:30

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
November 13 at 8 am

Community Thanksgiving Gathering

7:00 pm November 23

We’ve invited area churches to join us in an evening of Thanksgiving. Come and join with us as we celebrate this time of year and offer praises of Thanksgiving. We’re also taking up canned food and non-perishable food items for a local food pantry to help them stock up for the coming holidays. Please bring some kind of finger food to share for a potluck fellowship after the service for everyone to visit with our neighborhood church families.

From the Pastor's Desk



It was Thanksgiving Day at the retirement home. Many of the residents had been picked up by their families and taken out for a Thanksgiving gathering. Some were left at the home, having no one to take them out or being too ill to leave. Some of them gathered in the day room. The complaining had started. Words about loneliness, loss, grief, and the feeling that no one cared. The disappointment in the meal they were being served instead of the Thanksgiving feast that was traditionally served in the past. A staff member hearing this decided that this sad group needed some cheering up, so she stood in the middle of the room and said, "Today is Thanksgiving so I would like to ask each one of you to say something, just one thing that you are thankful for. Who will be first?"

For a long time everyone was quiet, then slowly a little old woman in a wheelchair raised her hand. Everyone looked at her. Some thought what could she possibly be thankful for? The staff member was just relieved that the awkward silence might be broken. She said, "Yes, thank you, now sweetheart what are you thankful for?" A weak voice answered, "I am thankful for my good teeth." Then she grinned, an almost toothless

smile. "I have two of them, you know." She pointed to them, "One of them is in my upper jaw and one in my lower jaw and they meet together, so I can still chew my food."

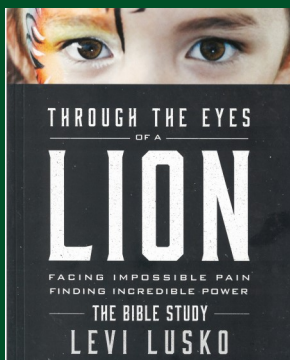
Thanksgiving or complaining are two words that reveal the attitude of our soul. Thankfulness or the lack of it is a thermometer by which our spiritual temperature can be gauged. Psalm 100 tells us to "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving. And into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

So, if you are going to experience the presence of God you must be thankful. Even for something as simple as two teeth that line up so you can chew! Happy Thanksgiving to you. May you enjoy giving thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at 7:00 on Tuesday November 23, at Zion Hill Baptist with a fellowship after the service, and we ask for you to bring snacks for the fellowship and nonperishable food for the Food Pantry at Bayou Meto Baptist.

Terry Fortner

What are you most thankful for?



GROWTH GROUP

Join us on Sunday Nights for a new study. Discover the power of hope in a world that is often filled with pain, suffering, and loss. Study continues through November

ABSC Happenings

Scholarship Opportunities:

Did you know that ABSC offers scholarships? They offer over 20 different scholarships ranging between \$500 to \$5,500 per year for Arkansas Baptists pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The online application for the 2022-2023 school year is currently open and available to university and seminary students.

Visit abf.org/scholarships to apply. Deadline is February 1, 2022

November is National Family Caregivers Month

This is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country. You can find out more about it at caregiveraction.org. Celebrating Family Caregivers during National Family Caregivers Month enables all of us to:

- Raise awareness of family caregiver issues
- Celebrate the efforts of family caregivers
- Educate family caregivers about self-identification
- Increase support for family caregivers

Did you know that ZHBC has its own caregiver group? If you'd like to know more about this ministry, plan on joining us for our next meeting on November 21 at 5:00 pm.

Youth, Children & Other Happenings



Weekly Youth Gatherings

- **Sunday Night**
Bible Study at 6:00
- **Wednesday Night**
Switch Services
Music and a devotion from
6:30-7:30pm.

School's Out

- JNP—November 22-26
- PCSSD—November 22-26
- Cabot—November 22-26

Update from Brother Rich

Come join us!

Dear Zion Hill family,

With October coming to an end, it's time to get ready for turkeys! The spookiness will leave and the thankfulness will be in full swing! But first, I want to reflect!

October was Pastors appreciation month, and I want to personally thank each of you for your generous gifts and actions towards me not just in October, but all year long. October marked my one year of being a part of this family, and I am grateful and appreciative of each of you. Thank you!

We had two of our very own children in our church become believers and get baptized!! We are so proud of Colt & Presley for the most important decision of their lives! We as a church need to continually encourage and support them in their journey as believers!

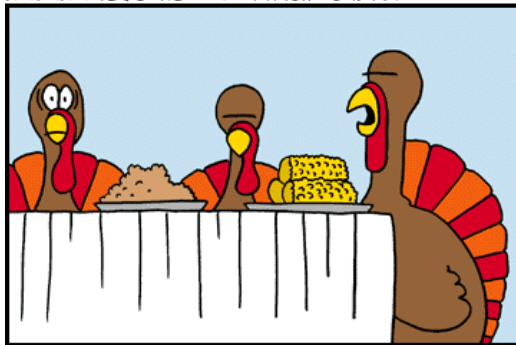
We have our Fall Festival planned for October 30, and that same morning of the 30th, we are going to Cockrill's Country Critters. A recap of that will be in the next newsletter.

With trickery season ending, and thankful season beginning, I want to send a reminder that every day we should be giving thanks to the Lord. He is the one I am most thankful for. He came to this earth to die for us so that we may live eternally in heaven with Him. We should be thanking Him for that every day. As we prepare for Thanksgiving and family gatherings, let's focus on more than food and football. Let's focus on Faith as well. I can't wait to see what all God brings for us in November!

~Your brother in Christ, Rich

**Choir Practice for Christmas
Cantata each Wednesday at 7 pm
Children's Christmas Play
Practice each Sunday at 6 pm**

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WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS

STEP INTO THE LIGHT TOUR Thursday, November 18

All are invited!
Children under 13 will need a parent or guardian to accompany them. Will leave the church at 5:30 pm.



WEDDINGS ~ SAVE THE DATES

Richard Barkhimer & Haley Woodfield

will be joined in marriage on Saturday December 4, 2021 at 2:00 pm We will be hosting a shower for them on November 7 at 2:00 pm. You can view their gift registry at www.theknot.com. An invitation will be included in the bulletin for those that would like to attend.

Jonathan Fortner & Amanda Beard

will be joined in marriage on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 3:00 pm Due to busy schedules, they will not be having an in person shower, but many have asked about gifts. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Bed Bath & Beyond, and also at Amazon. An invitation will be included in the bulletin for those that would like to attend.



Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 11:30 am Children's Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Growth Group (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wed. Business Meeting)

GROWTH GROUP

Beginning late November, be sure and join us for a new bible study from Kirk Cameron called, "Saving Christmas."

November Activities

November

2	Election Day
3	6:30 pm Midweek Services
4	9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
7	Daylight Savings Time Ends
7	8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
7	Sunday Services
7	2:00 pm Bridal Shower for Haley & Rich
10	6:30 pm Midweek Services
11	11:00 am Finance Committee Budget Meeting
13	8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
14	Sunday Services
14	12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
17	6:30 pm Midweek Services / Business Meeting
17	9:30 am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting
18	5:30 pm Step Into the Light Tour
21	Sunday Services
21	5:00 pm Caregiver Meeting
23	7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service & Fellowship
24	No Wednesday Evening Services
25	Happy Thanksgiving
25-26	Office will be closed Thursday & Friday
28	Sunday Services
28	5:00 pm Church Council Meeting

If you're not currently receiving email prayer requests and information updates and you would like to be added to the list, please let Karla know. You can email me at zionhillbc@gmail.com to be added to the list.



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