



THE MESSENGER

From the Pastor's Desk



Wow, my first month was lots of work, change, and learning. But through it all you've been great! I'm still struggling with names and faces, but getting better every day. Sundays and Wednesdays have been amazing and already I see the hand of God moving among us. Be sure and welcome those who are new and reach out to those we haven't seen in a while. If you haven't been coming, we sure hope you will.

Growing to Become Like Jesus

Becoming like Jesus is the most important priority we have as believers. It is a lifelong journey of transformation and growth in which we strive to become more like Him in character, values, and actions. As Christians, we believe that the Word of God, the people of God, the Spirit of God, and the mission of God are essential components of this process. Just like the early church, if we commit to do the hard work of following Jesus, we will see God do amazing things in our personal lives, our families, our church, and our community. Being like Jesus is the greatest gift we can give. I am so proud to be a part of a church that takes our calling so passionately.

The Word of God

The Bible is the foundation of our faith and the primary source of guidance for our lives. Through reading and studying the Word of God, we gain wisdom, understanding, and insight into who God is and what He desires for our lives. As we apply its teachings to our lives, we begin to reflect the character of Jesus and grow in our faith. We learn to see everything through the perspective of Jesus. I want to encourage everyone to be in God's Word every day.

The People of God

We were not meant to walk this journey alone. Community is essential to our growth as believers, and we need the support, encouragement, and accountability of other Christians. Through fellowship, discipleship, and serving alongside other believers, we are challenged and inspired to become more like Jesus. Our new Grow Groups are doing well. I am so encouraged by the enthusiastic reception and involvement on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Already God is moving and shaping our lives.

The Spirit of God

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God within us, empowering and guiding us in our journey of transformation. Through prayer, worship, and obedience to the Spirit's leading, we are transformed from the inside out, becoming more like Jesus in our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. I am praying that God will help us be sensitive to His direct leadership in our midst. I encourage you to expect God to show every time we meet. Let's worship with enthusiasm, listen for His voice, and respond as He leads. Without this, everything else we do is worthless.

The Mission of God

As followers of Jesus, we are called to join in His mission of bringing salvation, healing, and

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Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
May 2 at 9am –12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month
May 11 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday
May 21 at 11:00 am

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restoration to a broken world. This starts with prayer! I am thrilled with our growing emphasis on prayer and can't wait to see how God answers. As we pray for God's Kingdom, serve one another, share the gospel, and live out our faith, we put our selves into a great position for revival.

Growing to become like Jesus is a journey that requires intentional effort and a commitment to the Word of God, the people of God, the Spirit of God, and the mission of God. It may take a lot, but it will be worth more than we can imagine. I am reminded of that verse, "Taste and see..."

See you Sunday,

Pastor Michael



It's time to become a prayer and discipleship church!

Choose Sunday or Wednesday. Worship, Prayer, and Discipleship on both nights. Sunday will include traditional worship while Wednesday will be contemporary. Sunday @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall (Traditional) Wednesday at 6:30pm in the downstairs area. (Contemporary) Includes adults and teens! Scan the QR code to input your information for one of the discipleship groups.



It's time for our annual baby bottle fundraiser again to help support Options Pregnancy Center. From Mother's Day through Father's Day we'll have baby bottles set out for you to take home to fill with change/cash or checks as donations to OPC. Already this year they have helped save 92 babies from being aborted. The number of babies saved in 2023 was 265 and your donations had a part in saving those babies. So pick up a bottle and fill it with change to help change a life of a baby *and* a parent. If writing a check, please make check out to OPC and they will send you a donation receipt.

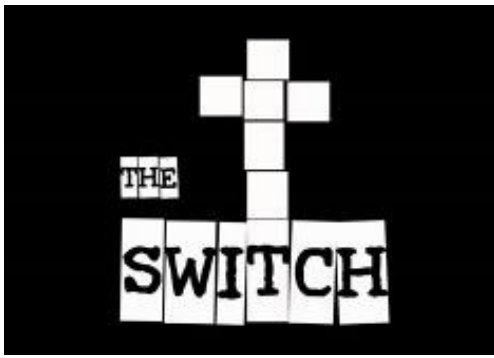
Operation Christmas Child

We are continuing to gather items for OCC. For the month of

May, the items needed are, boys & girls t-shirts, (children's sizes to a Size S Adult) Hot Wheels, small cars, marbles, and tennis balls. You can also fill a bottle with \$10 worth of quarters to cover shipping of boxes. Please place items in the box in the breezeway.



Invite your friends and come join us!



VBS 2024

June 16—20

Check the table in the breezeway for sign-up sheets to claim your spot for VBS! Fill out the back of the FAQ page to let us know where you want to serve.

VBS Children's Meeting April 2 at 6:00 pm

All group leaders & volunteers are encouraged to attend to help with planning!



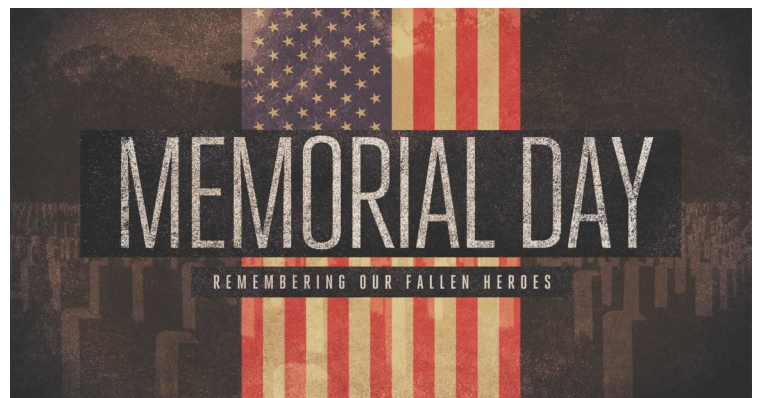
Join us May 5 as we honor our graduating seniors of 2024! We'll also have a potluck fellowship luncheon after the morning worship.

Congratulations to

Kaycee Abbott, Madison Holmes, and Robert Huey



Hopefully not a problem here at Zion Hill...



Hope everyone has a safe Memorial Day Weekend. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Schools Out

- CABOT May 27 Last Day May 24
- PCSSD May 27 Last Day May 28
- JNP May 27 Last Day May 31

**ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Children's Worship (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 pm Revival Prep Group (Traditional)

Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

5:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
6:30 pm Revival Prep Group (Contemporary)
(Downstairs)
(3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)
GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,
6:30 pm Choir Practice

May Activities

1 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
1 6:30 pm Revival Prep Group—Contemporary/Downstairs
2 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
5 Sunday Services
5 12:00 pm Graduating Seniors Potluck Fellowship
5 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5 5:00 pm Revival Prep Group—Traditional / Fellowship Hall
7 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
7 6:00 pm VBS/Children's Meeting—all volunteers invited!
8 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
8 6:30 pm Revival Prep Group—Contemporary/Downstairs
11 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
12 Sunday Services / Mother's Day / No Evening Services
14 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
15 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
15 6:30 pm Business Meeting / Will be short to defer to May 19
15 6:30 pm Revival Prep Group—Contemporary/Downstairs
17 Cabot High School Graduation
18 Jacksonville & Sylvan Hill High School Graduations
19 Sumner Cemetery Decoration Day
19 Sunday Services
19 4:00 pm Business Meeting
21 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study - Sr. Saints Fellowship
22 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
22 6:30 pm Revival Prep Group—Contemporary/Downstairs
26 Sunday Services—Memorial Day Weekend—No Evening Services
27 Memorial Day—Office will be Closed
28 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
29 No Evening Services



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



Join us at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for 10 minutes of prayer each Sunday. All leadership should attend, along with anyone who wants God to move mightily in our church. "We have not, because we ask not." God wants us to be a house of prayer, and it starts with us coming together for the purpose of interceding for our church. Everyone and any age is welcome. Let's begin Sunday morning in prayer.

H A P P Y
MOTHER'S
day
May 12

To....

young mothers, old mothers, grandmothers, step mothers,
biological and non biological, those with babies in heaven,
those with mothers in heaven, those who have stepped into the role,
and those who have a mothering heart,
may you all have a *blessed* day!