



THE MESSENGER

Why Am I Here?

While this question has always been important, the levels of anxiety, depression, and hopelessness in the world have given it a new sense of urgency. We look around and see people of every background struggling with the same sense of meaninglessness. Though we might try and fill that void through relationships, achievement, or power, the void remains. Like an itch we can't seem to scratch, there lingers in us an idea that we were made for more.



In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis wrote: "If I find in myself desires which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." He was right. God created us with purpose, and when we discover that purpose in Christ, life takes on a meaning and richness the world can't offer. We don't need to settle for just living when we can thrive.

This will be a six week Zion Hill series that begins Sunday, September 1 at 10:30am. Come at 9:15am to join our family life grow groups that follow the sermon series with community discussions for all ages. There is a weekly devotional guide available to help you get the most out of the THRIVE series.

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Week of Prayer for Dixie Jackson Arkansas Missions

Every dollar given to the Dixie Jackson Arkansas Missions Offering helps **RESOURCE** and **MOBILIZE** Arkansas Baptists to **SERVE** and **REACH** people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

September 8-15



"Jesus was **going** through all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues and **proclaiming** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. **Seeing** the people, He **felt** **COMPASSION** for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He **said** to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore **beseech** the Lord of the harvest to **send out** workers into His harvest.' "



—MATTHEW 9:35–38

Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
September 5 at 9am –12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month
September 14 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday
September 17 at 11:00 am



A Thriving Life

Reading through the gospel of John, one cannot escape the promise of LIFE, of flourishing and thriving, in Jesus. Over and over Jesus promises that *"I have come that you may have LIFE... and that you may have it in abundance"* (John 10:10). In fact, the over-arching identity and mission of Jesus in John's Gospel is one of LIFE-giver.

Jesus is LIFE. He said *"I am THE BREAD OF LIFE"* (John 6:35), *"I am THE LIGHT OF LIFE"* (John 8:12), *"I AM THE DOOR"* for the preservation of life and access to **life** (John 10:9), *"I am THE GOOD SHEPHERD"* who lays down his **life** for the sheep, that they may have **life** (John 10:11), the *"I am THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"* that *"whoever believes in me, though he die, yet he shall live"* (John 11:25), *"I am THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"* (John 14:6) and lastly *"I am THE VINE"* through whom we have access to and power for **life**, for *"apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5)

This promise of **LIFE** is not defined as an easy life, overflowing with worldly goods or void of suffering. Jesus did not promise his followers a life without pain and difficulty; rather, he promises *"In this life you will have trouble"* (John 16:33). The apostles echoed his words when they wrote to the suffering churches *"all who desire to live a godly life will be persecuted"* (1 Timothy 3:12) and *"do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you"* (1 Peter 4:12). In reality, the New Testament says *"don't just SURVIVE hardships – THRIVE in spite of it!"*

Remember, *"all things work together for the good for those who love God"* (Romans 8:28), and *"tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope"* (Romans 5:2-5). The Holy Spirit is living in the believer as a guarantee of ETERNAL LIFE (Ephesians 1:14) – the promise to share in the GLORIOUS LIFE of Christ. Therefore we should rejoice in hardships, because it helps us have godly character and reminds us to long for a life without sin and suffering.

THRIVING amidst hardships means we push on in hardships in faithfulness to God, because we know *"He who promised is faithful"* (Hebrews 10:23) – our perseverance has promise of the prize. To hold on, to break through, to push forward in hope leads to a better LIFE. THRIVING in hardships requires hope – a clear picture of what the reward for perseverance is. David writes on hope: *"I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living"* and concludes *"wait in the Lord; be of good courage and he will give strength to your heart"* (Psalm 27:13-14).

Love,
Pastor Michael



Ladies! Register Now !

ABSC Annual Women's Conference will be September 21, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Benton, AR from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Powerful worship, dynamic speakers, meaningful times of connection and more of Jesus; what more could you ask for? Make plans to join in and invite a friend.

Cost is \$35 for Adults and \$25 for Students. We'll take the bus and make a girls' trip out of it!

NEW This Fall

9:15am
Fellowship Hall
Bring
Your
Kids.
We love
families.



Starts
Sunday,
September 8th
@
Zion Hill
Baptist
Church

An Eight Session Group Study from Chip Ingram

Helpful parenting topics that include:

- Raising positive kids in a negative world
- Developing your child's full potential
- Preparing your kids to win life's biggest battles
- Disciplining your child effectively.



Use this opportunity to reach out to Friends and neighbors and invite them back to church on **September 15.**



THE POINT

A co-ed group for those in high school, college and young adult work force...

The Point is a next generation ministry (high school, college, young workforce) focused on helping those find THE POINT in life. We exist to help the next generation find their purpose of following King Jesus in all aspects of life. Each week we meet, we will spend time in God's Word, small group discussion and fun.

Sunday Nights at 5pm– in the Fellowship Hall –Kickoff– September 8th

Invite your friends and come join us!



Operation Christmas Child

We are continuing to gather items for OCC. For the month of September, the items needed are children's underwear sizes 4-12, puzzles, punch balls, balloons and small games. 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.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS™



SCHOOL DAYS OUT

PCSSD—September 2, 23
JNP and Cabot—September 2

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer
(Fellowship Hall)
9:15 am Grow Groups
10:30 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Children's Worship (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 pm Grow Groups

Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
(Senior Saints every 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesday

5:45 pm Family Meal
6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls
BetterMan/Women's Groups

September Activities

1	Sunday Services
2	Labor Day-Office will be Closed
3	10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
4	5:45 pm Family Meal
4	6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls/BetterMan/Women Groups
5	9:00 am Stitching with Love
8	Sunday Services
8	5:00 pm Kick off THE POINT Grow Group
10	10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
11	5:45 pm Family Meal
11	6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls/BetterMan/Women Groups
12	6:00 pm One Day Training at Central Baptist NLR
14	8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
14	(TBA) Family Day Event
15	Sunday Services
15	11:45 am Potluck Business Meeting
15	5:00pm Grow Groups
17	10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study—Senior Saints Fellowship
18	6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls/BetterMan/Women Groups
21	8:00 am ASBC Women's Conference
22	Sunday Services
22	5:00 pm Grow Groups
24	10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
25	5:45 pm Family Meal
25	6:15 pm Family Fun Event
29	Sunday Services
29	5:00pm Sunday Sing & Desserts



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services can be viewed at
www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



Our goal is to restore faith in Jesus, love for family,
and hope for our Country. Our new Wednesday
evenings will be designed to help us accomplish all
three. There will be a family meal available at 6pm
and then from 6:30-7:45pm we'll have Trail Life,
Heritage Girls, Better Man, and Ladies Ministry.
Colossians 1:10 – “walk in a manner worthy of
the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in eve-
ry good work and increasing in the knowledge of
God”

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure program for Men
and Boys.

Better Man helps men get a biblical definition or vision for manhood.

What is Heritage Girls? American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered
character and leadership development program for women and girls.

Ladies Ministry is a place to study God's Word, Serve others, get
support, and build community.



Join us at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for 10 minutes of prayer each Sunday. All lead-
ership 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.