#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **BLESSED 2 BLESS**

New Sermon Series Kicking off January 18 Be a Blessing 2026!

#### **CHILDREN MINISTRY**

Interns/Leaders
Robert Huey & Madison Holmes

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Pastor Logan Evans & Savannah Evans



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# A Letter from Pastor Michael

Church Family,

As we stand at the threshold of a New Year, I'm filled with excitement about what God has in store for Zion Hill Baptist Church. After months of prayer, planning, and seeking the Lord's direction, we're thrilled to announce our theme for 2026...

#### ..."BLESSED 2 BLESS"

This isn't just a catchy slogan or a nice idea to put on a t-shirt. It's a calling. It's a challenge. It's a lifestyle that flows directly from the heart of Scripture and the character of God Himself.

#### Where It All Begins

Our theme is rooted in one of the most foundational passages in all of Scripture—God's call to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3:

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#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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"The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Did you catch the pattern? God blessed Abraham first, and then Abraham became a blessing. God didn't bless him just for his own benefit. The blessing had a purpose—to overflow to others, to reach all peoples on earth.

That same pattern runs throughout the entire Bible. Israel was blessed to be a light to the nations. The Church was blessed with the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. And now, Zion Hill has been blessed—with a rich history, a clear vision, talented people, a strategic location in Central Arkansas, and most importantly, the privilege of knowing Jesus—so that we can bless our community and beyond.

Blessed to Bless captures this complete cycle. We don't manufacture blessings on our own. We receive from God's abundant grace, and then we overflow that blessing to others. It's grace first, then mission. Gratitude first, then generosity.

#### The Question That Changes Everything

In 2026, we're going to let one question guide everything we do: "How does this help us receive and share God's blessing?"

Every sermon series. Every ministry initiative. Every event. Every decision. We'll be asking ourselves: Are we receiving God's blessing in this?

Are we sharing that blessing with our families, our guests, our community, the nations?

This isn't about doing more activities or filling up our calendar. It's about being intentional with everything God has given us. It's about moving from a consumer mindset ("What can the church do for me?") to a kingdom mindset ("How can we receive God's blessing and overflow it to others together?").

#### Four Ways We're Blessed to Bless

Let me give you a preview of how we're going to live this out in 2026:

#### 1. Blessed to Bless Our FAMILIES

Our G2G (Generation to Generation) vision is more important than ever. We're focusing on equipping parents to disciple their children, especially in that critical 4-14 age window when kids are most likely to accept Christ and establish lifelong faith patterns. When we partner with parents to raise kids who love Jesus, we're sharing the greatest blessing imaginable with the next generation.

This year, you'll see us launch some exciting initiatives for families—including our fully realized World Changer Kidz ministry with a creative curriculum, a point system that rewards kids for blessing others, and events designed to bring families closer together and closer to Christ. We're also completing some facility improvements that will create beautiful, engaging spaces where kids beg their parents to bring them to church.

#### 2. Blessed to Bless Our COMMUNITY

We live in Central Arkansas not by accident, but by divine appointment. God has positioned us here to be a lighthouse of hope. In 2026, we're rolling up our sleeves and serving our neighbors in practical, tangible ways.

You'll see opportunities throughout the year to volunteer, to serve, to meet needs, to show up when it matters.

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From back-to-school events that bless students and teachers, to community meals that bless families who need encouragement, to mission projects that bless those who can't repay us—we're going to be known as the church that shares God's blessing with everyone we encounter.

#### 3. Blessed to Bless Our GUESTS

Every person who walks through our doors is a gift from God. In 2026, we're committed to radical hospitality that makes every visitor feel valued, welcomed, and genuinely cared for. We're implementing a 48-hour follow-up system that we're calling "The Blessing Touch"—handwritten notes, personal phone calls, delivered gifts, and genuine care that says, "God has blessed us through your presence, and we hope you experienced His blessing too."

We'll have special "Invite Sundays" throughout the year—the first Sunday of every month—where we go the extra mile with hospitality, serve a special brunch, and create an atmosphere that screams, "You belong here. Come experience God's blessing with us." And we're equipping you with tools to invite confidently—professional invite cards, social media templates, and simple ways to say, "Come be blessed with us."

We're also introducing six "Out to Eat Sundays" throughout 2026 where we challenge everyone to take someone to lunch after service. Whether it's a guest who visited that morning, a neighbor you've been praying for, or a friend who needs encouragement, these Sundays are designed to extend the blessing beyond our building and into everyday life. There's something powerful about breaking bread together—Jesus did it all the time. We'll provide conversation starter cards and even help coordinate groups so no one eats alone."

#### 4. Blessed to Bless THE NATIONS

Jesus' final command was to go and make disciples of all nations. We're taking that seriously in 2026. We'll continue supporting

missionaries around the world, but we're also planning a family mission trip where we can go together and share God's blessing with another community.

It's one thing to write a check; it's another thing to get your hands dirty serving in Jesus' name. We're doing both.

#### What You Can Expect This Year

I don't want to spoil all the surprises, but here's a taste of what's coming:

Our 2026 Sermon Journey: This year, we're walking through twelve powerful sermon series designed to help us live out "Blessed to Bless" while deepening our spiritual lives. We'll start with "LIMITLESS" and "BLESSED TO BLESS" (January), then "LOVE THAT LASTS" (February), "THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS" (March), "RESURRECTION POWER" (April), "FAMILY ON MISSION" (May), "BUILT TO LAST" (June), "SENT" (July), "FIGHT TO WIN" (August), "ALL IN" (September), "HARVEST" (October), "GRATEFUL WARRIORS" (November), and "THE GREATEST GIFT" (December).

Every series is practical, biblically grounded, and family-friendly—helping parents disciple and everyone grow in their walk with Jesus.

Big Events with a Blessing Purpose: We're hosting quarterly events designed to make it easy for you to invite friends and family— Easter celebrations, a family-style VBS, our July 4th fireworks service, a fall festival, and our new Miracle of Jesus Christmas production. Every event will be excellent, creative, and focused on one goal: helping people experience the blessing of the gospel.

**Spiritual Growth Tools:** We're introducing a framework of 12 Spiritual Disciplines that will give you practical tools for deep spiritual growth. When you grow in prayer, Bible study,

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service, and evangelism, you naturally become a person who overflows God's blessing to everyone around you.

A Beautiful Facility: Soon, our basement renovation will be complete, creating a coffee house worship area and vibrant kids' spaces. Our upstairs game room for youth will be finished. These aren't just cosmetic upgrades—they're investments in spaces that will help families experience God's blessing for generations.

Volunteers Who Bless: We're launching an "Everyone Serves" campaign because we believe that every member has been blessed with gifts that can bless others. You'll have opportunities to discover your spiritual gifts and find your place to serve. When you use your gifts, you're not just helping the church run—you're sharing God's blessing.

#### Your Part in the Story

Here's the thing: this theme only works if we all live it out. I can preach about being blessed to bless every Sunday, but if it doesn't leave the building with you, nothing changes. So here's my challenge to you as we begin 2026:

Receive God's blessing daily through prayer, worship, and Scripture

Pray for opportunities to share God's blessing with someone every week

Invite friends, co-workers, neighbors—share the blessing of an invitation

Serve somewhere in the church—bless others with your gifts

Give faithfully and generously—participate in blessing the church and those we reach Look for ways to bless people in your everyday life—at work, at home, in your neighborhood Share your blessing stories with us—when you bless someone, tell us about it so we can celebrate and give God glory.

We'll be tracking blessing stories throughout the year. We want to hear how you prayed for someone and saw God work. How you served a neighbor and made a difference. How you invited someone and they encountered Jesus. These stories will fuel us, encourage us, and remind us that God is using ordinary people like us to do extraordinary things.

#### The Best Is Yet to Come

I believe with all my heart that 2026 will be a defining year for Zion Hill. Not because of our strategies or our plans, but because God is faithful. He's already blessed us beyond measure. Now He's inviting us to join Him in sharing those blessings with others.

As we launch this theme, I keep coming back to Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

God can do more than we can imagine. But notice that phrase—"according to the power at work within us." He wants to work through us. He blesses us so we can bless others through our hands, our words, our service, our generosity, our love.

So let's step into 2026 with expectant hearts. Let's be a church that receives God's abundant blessing and overflows it to our families, our guests, our community, and the nations. Let's be known not for what we're against, but for who we're for. Let's be a lighthouse of hope in Central Arkansas.

Let's be blessed to bless.

See you Sunday, Pastor Michael

P.S. — Mark your calendars for our first Invite Sunday on January 4th. Bring someone who needs to experience the blessing of Jesus. We'll have a special Blessing Brunch between the services, and I promise you won't want to miss what God has in store. Also, join us on January 7th for a special prayer event as we seek God's blessing together for the year ahead.

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# Brunch, Sunday





The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching 1 Timothy 5:17

January 4th Invite someone to Church!



# START 2026 GOD'S WAY: PRAYER NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH 5:30-7:30PM

A family prayer experience that inspires hope, offers daily prayer habits, and helps commit our plans to God faithfully. Join us for a spiritfilled evening of connection, faith, and renewal

#### Family directions:

- Seven interactive prayer stations
- Kids 2026 Prayer Passports, the drawing activities
- Practical Prayer Ideas
- Prayer Journal & 30 Day Prayer Challenge
- Family dinner

2026 Prayer Journal 30 Day Prayer Challenge



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The Lord's Supper Sunday January 11





INVITE SOMEONE OUT
TO LUNCH
ON SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH



# JANUARY

Dec 31- January 2-Office Closed
January 4 -Invite Sunday
Brunch at 10:20am
January 7 -Prayer Event 5:30pm
January 8- Stitching with Love 9am
January 11- Lord's Supper
January 12- Deacon Meeting 4:30pm
January 13-Church Council
January 16 -Daryl Mosely Singing Event
January 18 -Blessing Lunch Out
January 20- Senior Saints



ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

#### **SUNDAY**

9:30 AM TRADITIONAL 10:45 AM FAMILY WORSHIP

ZION HILL K-4 & 58 AT 10:45AM

#### **TUESDAY**

10 AM TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (SENIOR SAINTS EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY)

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

5:45 FAMILY MEAL 6:30 PM FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP/ GRIEFSHARE/GROUPS



SCHOOL DAYS OUT CABOT - January 1, 2 & 19 JACKSONVILLE - January 1, 2, 6 & 19







Join us for Kidz Church at 10:45am Every Sunday!



JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S
AT 5:45PM MEAL
DISCIPLE GROUPS 6:30PM
ADULTS, YOUTH & KIDS
GROUPS
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE!



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