



# *The Messenger*

*of ZHBC*

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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# He Is Risen!

## **Sunday, April 1, join us for**

- 6:30 - Sunrise Service, Sumner Cemetery
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 10:55 - Easter Program and Message

Evening Services will be cancelled so that you can spend time with your family.

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## churchwide



## Sunday, April 29

Following the Fifth Sunday Celebration and Praise Service, which will be at 5 pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Zion Hill's annual Pinewood Derby and Fellowship. There will be a boys division and a girls division. Each division will have First, Second, and Third-Place trophies, and a trophy for Best of Show. After each division has finished, those who placed in the top 3 will race against each other, and against any youth or adults who have a car they want to race to determine an overall champion. Start working on your car now and mark your calendar for April 29 for family fun.

## From the Pastor's Desk



1 Corinthians 1:3-5 - For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

The Easter Story is the most important, and the greatest, story ever told. It is of first importance. This is because without the truth of resurrection we would be hopelessly lost in our sins. It was Mark Twain who said, "Man is the only animal that blushes, and the only animal that needs to." We are all guilty of sin. But as Jesus told His disciples in the upper room, the cup represents "His blood which was shed for the forgiveness of sins." He linked His death with our forgiveness. He was the innocent who died in our place. He was the one who owed nothing, yet paid the price of our debt.

It is the most important story because of the power it has to change people. Whether we know it or not, we are all powerless. We cannot defeat temptation, we cannot form a relationship with a Holy and righteous God. We cannot even change our own nature. A cruel person cannot become kind; a sour person cannot become sweet; a weak person cannot become strong. The Easter story means that with God's power and our faith in the living Lord, our lives can be changed. In this life we can become the saints we could never be, without the Resurrection.

As Easter changes our past by making forgiveness possible, and as it changes our present by giving God's power to our powerlessness, it also changes our future. The greatest fear known to man is the fear of death. Without Easter, death is the end of us. Death, without Easter, is the end of our lives, our friendships, our loves, our families, and everything we cherish or hold dear. No matter how fast we may run it will overtake us. For some it will be sooner, as parents who have tragically buried their child. For others it will be later, as for my aunt Marietta who died a few years ago in California at 101. The Message Bible translates Job 21:23-26 this way, "Some people die in the prime of life, with everything going for them-fat and sassy. Others die bitter and bereft, never getting a taste of happiness. But they're both laid out side by side in the cemetery, where the worms can't tell one from the other."

I can say now that because of Easter, the future has been changed. Now there need be no fear of death. For all eternity as a follower of Christ I shall shout "because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone." He is Risen and, praise God, everything has changed!! "He is Risen!" and that's the most important message you will ever receive!

*Terry Fortner*

**Lanny Vines will drive the church van on Sundays in April. Call him at 988-1802 if you need a ride to church .**

### **Senior Saints Outing**

Tuesday, April 3, Sr. Saints will leave at 9:30 am to visit the Linda Byrd Smith Museum of Biblical Archeology at Harding University. There is no admission charge, but bring money for lunch.

### **Churchwide Ministry Project**

This group will meet the first Thursday each month from 9 am until noon. On April 5 we will continue the sewing project from March. If you don't sew, come for the fellowship! If you have questions, call Mickie Vann, 988-2790.

### **Wedding Shower Brunch**

You are invited to a wedding shower brunch in honor of Stephanie Hand and Steve Garner Saturday, April 7, 2018, in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in between 10 and 12 noon to celebrate their engagement and shower them with gifts and well wishes for their marriage. Gift registry is at Walmart and at <https://www.theknot.com/us/stephanie-hand-and-steve-garner-may-2018>.

### **GriefShare Class Begins**

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending GriefShare classes, please call the church office or contact Nancy Prickett (416-3970) or Brian Goforth (501-941-7485). The first class meets at 4 pm Sunday, April 8.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Call a friend and invite him to come with you to Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 14, at 8 am. There's always plenty of good food and fellowship.

### **Wedding Announcement**

You are invited to the marriage of Jeremiah Wren, and his fiancé, Alyssa Elgen, Saturday, April 14, at 2 pm at Beebe City Hall. Jeremiah is the grandson of Carroll and Mary Barron.

**Deacons will meet at 5:00 pm on April 15 to prepare for the Deacon Ordination Service at 6:00 pm.**

### **Deacon Ordination Service**

Sunday, April 15, at 6:00 pm, we will have a service to ordain Brian Goforth, Tyler Griffin, and Glenn Wyatt as Zion Hill's newest deacons. There will be a reception in their honor immediately following the service.

### Senior Saints Fellowship

Tuesday, April 17, join the senior adults at 11:00 for an inspirational program by Don and Susan Hines. Bring a dish for potluck lunch.

### NP Home Extension Club

North Pulaski Home Extension Club will meet 9:30-11:30 am Wednesday, April 18, in the Fellowship Hall.

### WOM Prayer Breakfast

Ladies, you are invited to join us on Saturday, April 21, at 9 am for our monthly Women On Mission Prayer Breakfast. Invite a friend.

### Cabot N and R Center Service

Join us at 2 pm Sunday, April 22, at Cabot N & R Center as we minister to the residents and workers. Bro. Steve will lead in singing and Bro. Terry will bring a message.

### Celebration and Praise Service

Sunday, April 29, is our Celebration and Praise service at 5 pm. If you would like to share a song, scripture, testimony, or poem, etc. with the church, please let Bro. Gary know so that he can plan the order of service. It will be followed by the annual Churchwide Pinewood Derby and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

### NPBA Prayer Gathering

Church members of NPBA will meet at FBC Sherwood Thursday, May 3, to pray for the people, churches, and mission work of NPBA. There will be snacks and fellowship beginning at 5:00. The meeting will begin at 6:00.

### Operation Christmas Child

In April we will collect small stuffed animals, dolls, and toys that fit in a shoebox. Please place donations in the designated box in the Breezeway.

### Youth News

- At Wednesday night *Switch* services we have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30 pm. Join us!



## Message from Matt

As many of you know, I went to Texas to run one of my dogs in a hunt test. Getting there I was a bit nervous. This is the first event like this I have really been to, much less participate in! There were lots of things I was unsure of. I wondered if I had trained my dog in the ways I should have to do well. I wondered if my dog would be as good as the others. I wondered if being around "birddog people" I would be an outcast and maybe not included in the group. As you can tell, I had a million things going through my mind, and I was wondering if I even belonged there.

My feelings of worry went away within ten minutes. I had people greeting me and letting me know how glad they were that I had come to the hunt test and was willing to test my dog. On day 1 of the event I was not scheduled to run my dog. I was there and I observed. As I observed, I can't tell you how many veteran "birddog guys" would walk up and ask me if I had any questions. Some came up and would point out to me what the judges of the test were looking for while the dogs were running and working the field. By the end of the day, I was excited to be there and looking forward to day 2 when I would be running my dog.

I entered day 2 with confidence. We ran the first part of our test flawlessly! It was such a great feeling! When it came time for the second part of the test, the conditions of the field changed and brought obstacles that this first timer had not prepared for. We struggled a bit in our second phase of the test. We then breezed through the third phase, but I can't begin to tell you how nervous I was to hear the final score and whether we passed or failed the test. The experienced guys could see this on my face and kept coming by to assure me that we did just fine and I would probably be surprised to see how well we did. They kept encouraging me and lifting me up all day.

I say all of this for one reason.....the way I felt going to this hunt test for the first time is very similar to how someone feels going to church for the first time. The question is, are we going to let a bunch of birddog guys be more hospitable and encouraging than the Bride of Christ? When we have visitors come to worship with us, I pray we drop conversations with those in our comfort zone and that we begin right then and there to pour into our visitors what the Lord has poured into us! May we create an environment with visitors that makes them want to come back for more and is contagious! Let's never let a first time visitor sit alone, walk alone, and even go on to lunch alone without letting them know that we are willing to walk with them along the way.

BTW.....we passed the hunt test with flying colors!!

*Bro. Matt*

### Auditorium Open For Prayer

The auditorium is open for prayer each Sunday morning from 9:15 – 9:45. Come before Sunday School and pray for revival and revitalization.

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Service Times:

Sunday:  
9:15 am Auditorium open for prayer  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:55am Morning Worship  
4:00 pm GriefShare Class (begins April 8)  
5:00pm Discipleship Training  
Adult Bible Study  
Growth Groups  
TeamKID  
6:00pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday:  
7:00pm Churchwide Visitation  
Wednesday:  
6:30pm Mid-week Services  
Bible Study  
(3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)  
Switch Service  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Cancelled 4/4 & 4/11)

## April Activities

1 Easter Sunday  
6:30 am Sunrise Services, Sumner Cemetery  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Easter Services, Evening Services Cancelled  
3 9:30 am Senior Saints Searcy Outing  
4 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
5 9:00 am Churchwide Ministry Project  
7 10:00 am Wedding Shower Brunch for Stephanie Hand and Steve Garner, Fellowship Hall  
8 Sunday Services  
4:00 pm Mission Trip Meeting  
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
11 Midweek Services  
7:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting, Basement  
14 8:00 am **Men's Breakfast**  
2:00 pm Wedding of Jeremiah Wren and Alyssa Elgen, Beebe City Hall  
15 Sunday Services  
5:00 pm Deacon Meeting  
6:00 pm Deacon Ordination Service  
7:00 pm Deacon Reception  
17 11:00 am Senior Saints Fellowship  
18 9:30 am Home Extension Club Meeting  
6:30 pm Midweek Services (Business Meeting)  
21 9:00 am Women On Mission Prayer Breakfast  
22 Sunday Services  
2:00 pm Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service  
25 Midweek Services  
29 Sunday Services  
5:00 pm Celebration and Praise Service  
6:00 pm Churchwide Pinewood Derby and Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

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