



The Messenger

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ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

Christmas Blessings

Special Sundays in December

-  **Dec 2—Lord's Supper**
-  **Dec 9—Children's Christmas Program**
-  **Dec 16—Adult Christmas Program**
-  **Dec 23—Cabot N & R Service**

Open House at the Fortners'

-  **Dec 30—Holiday Celebration and Praise**

Sundays Are Special Always!

Plus

-  **Dec 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**



From the Pastor's Desk



The gift-giving season is in full swing. Wishlist catalogues have been arriving in the mail for several weeks. The ones that have something someone might get have been dog-eared, and are stacking up. The rest are being thrown out. My dear wife has already hidden presents away in closets for family members. Some have caught on to the spirit of the season, and have started their long and constantly changing Wishlist. Others have taken on a humbler approach. "I've got all I need so there's no need to worry about getting me something. Save your money, or spend it on someone else."

It is important to remember that this whole gift-giving season started when God gave the most precious gift. He gave His only Son. With the Son also comes the incredible spiritual riches of God. We have the gift of His goodness and grace. We have the gift of His Holy Spirit, the very presence of God in our life to help us, comfort us, guide us, and teach us. We have the fellowship of like-minded friends and relationships with the members of our church, the people of God who encourage us, support us, pray for us, and hold us accountable.

We have many more gifts because of God's greatest gift of His Son. I am concerned that some of us say to God "I've got all I need!" I pray that our church is always a place where all are encouraged to come and receive the many spiritual gifts that God offers through trusting His only begotten Son. A place where no one will ever be turned away, and none of us will ever have all we need of His grace and gifts. I challenge you this Christmas, make a wishlist for God, and come to church hungry and thirsty for His righteousness. He will always have more to give you. Merry Christmas!

Terry Fortner

You're invited! Robbie and I would love to invite you to come by our house at 15 Oak Brook Drive in Cabot for a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 23, any time between 3 and 5pm, for Christmas Fellowship and Snacks.

New Orleans Mission Trip

Please pray for the members of the New Orleans Mission Team. Pray for safety as they travel. Pray that they will be able to accomplish their goals and more, all in the name of Jesus and for His glory. Some volunteers will leave Wednesday, November 28, and begin their work Thursday morning. Others will leave Thursday, November 29. They will work through Saturday and worship with Pastor Leonard Vincent's church on Sunday morning. Then, after grabbing some lunch, they will head back to Arkansas.

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. Enter His house with Thanksgiving and Praise!

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

**Sunday, December 2,
Deacons will meet at 8:00am.
Lord's Supper observed at 10:55.**

Children's Choir Schedule

The children will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm Sunday, December 2, for the final rehearsal for their Christmas program at 10:55am Sunday, December 9. Invite your family and friends.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 2-9. Use the Prayer Guide in the December 2 bulletin to pray for our missionaries. Pray also about your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

LM Mission Meal Fundraiser

WOM will have a Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction at 6:30pm on Monday, December 3, in the Fellowship Hall. Burgers will be served (call ahead if you need a turkey burger), chips, and your choice of Coke or root beer float for \$10/person. Individual dessert servings will be available to purchase, with full desserts for auction. All of the money donated will go to Zion Hill's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$10,000.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meal is served from 5:45-6:15. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed and appreciated. The meal is always delicious!

Stitching with Love Ministry will not meet in December.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 8, at 8am, all men are invited to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join you for lots of good food and Christian fellowship.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party, for newborn through grade 6, will be 10-11:30am Saturday, December 8, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games, crafts, and cake for Jesus' birthday. And-Santa will tell about the greatest Christmas gift ever received.

Special Ed Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8, at 6:00pm, join us for a churchwide Christmas potluck in honor of the Special Ed Class. Bring a dish and celebrate the holidays with us. After the meal we will sing Christmas carols and they will open their presents. See Martha Harbour to help with gifts.

WOM Prayer Breakfast will be cancelled for December.

Adult Choir Schedule

The Adult Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm Sunday, December 9, for a dress rehearsal, in addition to regular rehearsals on December 5 and 12. They will present their Christmas program at 10:55am on December 16.

Senior Saints Fellowship

Tuesday, December 18, join our Senior Adults at 11:00am for an inspirational program. Bring a dish to go with the ham, which will be provided. Invite a friend to join you.

Extension Homemakers Club will not meet at the church in December.

December 23 Schedule

We will have regular morning services on December 23, but the evening services will be cancelled.

Join us at Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center 2:00pm Sunday, December 23, to minister to the residents there.

You are invited to Open House at the Fortners,' 15 Oak Brook Drive, Cabot, December 23, from 3-5:00pm.

Celebration & Praise Service

We will have regular services December 30, with a special Holiday Celebration and Praise Service at 6:00pm. Let Bro. Gary know if you have something that you want to share with the church that night. The normal finger food fellowship will be cancelled.

Youth News

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services** - We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- **December 19**-Cabot schools closed through January 2.
- **Wednesday, December 19, 6:30**— Youth Christmas Party, Basement.
- **December 20**-PCSSD schools closed through January 2.
- **December 21**-JNP schools are closed through January 4.



Message from Matt

With the kick-off of our new Kid's Ministry (Hiz Kidz) logo, we will be ordering t-shirts for the kids. The shirts will be great to wear on Kids Day Out, to camps, or to school to promote Hiz Kidz! The t-shirts cost \$10, and come in children and adult sizes. You can find order forms in the Kid's classrooms, in the breezeway, or in the church office. The deadline to get your order in and be guaranteed a shirt is Sunday, January 6!

Bro. Matt



A Service of Consolation and Reflection at Park Hill BC

Have you recently lost a loved one? The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who are grieving a significant loss. Sunday, December 2, from 2-4 pm, Park Hill BC will hold a community worship service in the Heard Building. This service is designed to help those who are struggling with the pain and heartache that comes with grief. Think of it as an hour to just get alone with God and breathe. No rules. No expectations. No pressure to say or do anything. Just breathe.

GriefShare Classes Planned at Zion Hill

- Sunday, December 9, from 4-6 pm, Nancy Prickett will lead a one-session GriefShare class exclusively for those grieving the death of a spouse.
 - Sunday, January 6, Nancy Prickett will begin a 13-session GriefShare class for anyone grieving because of the death of someone close to them.
- If you have any questions concerning these grief support classes, please call Nancy Prickett at 333-4332. If you know someone who could benefit from either of these support groups, please pass this information along to them.

January Bible Study

The Letters to the Seven Churches: Revelation 1-3 is the 2019 January Bible Study. John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. By studying these letters, believers today can find encouragement and instruction for their church. Bro. Terry will begin leading this 8-session study on January 9 at 6:30 during Wednesday night Bible Study. Books are available in the Sanctuary.

New Year's Eve Concert at the Jacksonville Community Center Ballroom 8pm-Midnight December 31, 2018. Call 501-920-8911 for tickets or order at Mike@mikefranklinministries.com, www.mikefranklinministries.com.

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Service Times:

Sunday:
 9:15am Auditorium open for prayer
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:55am Morning Worship
 5:00pm Discipleship Training
 Adult Bible Study
 Special Studies
 TeamKID
 6:00pm Evening Worship
 Wednesday:
 5:45pm Wednesday Night Meal
 6:30pm Mid-week Services
 Bible Study
 (3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)
 Switch Service
 GAs, RAs, Mission Friends
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

December Activities

1 Pray for New Orleans Mission Team
 2 Week of Prayer for International Missions begins
 8:00am Deacon Meeting
 Sunday Services
 10:55am **Lord's Supper Observed**
 12:00pm Mission Team leaves for Arkansas
 6:00pm **Children's Choir Practice, Sanctuary**
 3 6:30pm WOM Lottie Moon Mission Meal Fundraiser
 5 Midweek Services
 8 8:00am **Men's Breakfast**
 10:00am **Children's Christmas Party**
 6:00pm Special Ed Class Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
 9 Sunday Services
 10:55am **Children's Christmas Program**
 4:00pm GriefShare, Loss of Spouse Support Group
 5:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 10 11:00am Esther Class Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
 12 Midweek Services
 14 6:00pm Co-Ed 3 Class Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
 16 Sunday Services
 10:55am Adult Choir Christmas Program
 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
 18 11:00am Senior Saints Fellowship
 19 Cabot Schools closed through January 2
 Midweek Services (Business Meeting)
 20 PCSSD Schools closed through January 2
 21 JNP Schools closed through January 4
 23 Sunday Services (Evening Services Cancelled)
 Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service
 2:00pm
 3-5pm **Open House at the Fortners'**
 24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed)
 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service
 25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)
 26 Evening Services Cancelled
 30 Sunday Services
 6:00pm Holiday Celebration and Praise Service
 31 **New Year's Eve**

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