



# The Messenger

of ZHBC

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## January Bible Study Continues

*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 continue leading this 8-session study at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. Do you think God has a message to the members of Zion Hill Baptist Church?

MEMO: TO THE CHURCH @ PHILADELPHIA  
And all others waiting for the  
perfect situation before doing anything.



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## From the Pastor's Desk



There is a word that we use today that means so much more than we realize. It's the word "gospel." The word actually means, "good news." The angels first announced it over a stable in Bethlehem, the apostles died for it, and today it is proclaimed across the planet in churches, missions, and Bible studies from the cold of the north and south poles, to the tropics around the equator.

The "gospel" is about the good news that God can change us. I really believe that most of us would like to change. It really doesn't matter what we would like to change about ourselves. Some would like to change their appearance, lose weight, look younger, or try a different hair color. The cosmetics and diet industries are banking on that.

There are more important changes that we would like to make. We desire to be less judgmental, less negative, stop doing the wrong things, "sin." We want to be more righteous, try to stop gossiping, getting angry, always be truthful. We want to begin anew, but usually find that in a few days, sometimes in only hours, our efforts have failed. Our old ways come rushing back. We fail because we are relying on only ourselves, and our self-reliant strategy is always destined to failure. Our many failures leave us feeling defeated.

But the gospel is good news. Jesus offers a different way for us to change. The only way! It is not by gritting our teeth, digging in, and pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps. The change that is good news is change done by trusting in Christ. It is the work of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus spoke of this change in John 15, "Apart from me you can do nothing." Real change, lasting change, comes from God's working in us. Our only real hope for change is by offering ourselves up to God, as we are, so He can make us who He wants us to be. "I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God---what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2) The transforming work of God is always done by our cooperation and willingness to let Him change what we cannot change. Our part is to seek His power and His presence each day, and take advantage of our times of worship, prayer, and studying His Word.

So, good news! God can change you! It starts with His forgiveness of your sin as you turn from your ways and trust in God's way. Then it continues as He works by the Holy Spirit to change you and make you a new creation in Christ Jesus. The Gospel is Good News!!!!

*Terry Fortner*

**Phil Jones will drive the church van on Sundays in February. Call him at 529-0485 if you need a ride to church.**

### **Welcome Our New Member**

Kendal Chamblee made a profession of faith on Sunday, December 23, and was baptized on January 6. Her baby brother, Jetson, was dedicated by their parents, Justin and Lindsey, the same day, a wonderful beginning for a new year!

### **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!

### **Senior Saints Outing**

Saturday, February 2, Senior Saints will leave at 4:15pm to go to Big K Catfish Barn in Hazen. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board between the Sanctuary and the Senior Wing.

**Sunday, February 3,  
Deacons will meet at 8am.  
History Committee meets at 5pm.**

### **Children's Worship Time**

Elementary school-aged children now have the option to attend a worship time designed especially for them. All children K-6 will come into the Sanctuary after Sunday School for the song service. After the song service they can go to the Fellowship Hall for Children's Worship, which is led by Daren Brenneise and Jessica Erwin, or stay in the Sanctuary with their parents. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please call the church office. Please pray for this new ZH ministry.

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

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

### **Stitching with Love Ministry**

February 7, from 9:00 until noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will continue the sewing project from January. You don't have to know how to sew to participate. Mickie will find a job for you! If you have questions, call Mickie Vann at 988-2790.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, February 9, at 8:00 am, all men are invited to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join you for lots of good food and fellowship.

### WOM Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 16, all ladies are invited to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am.

### Senior Saints Fellowship

Tuesday, February 19, join our Senior Adults at 11:00am for an inspirational program. Bring a dish for the potluck lunch following the program.

### Extension Homemakers Club

EHC meets Wednesday, February 20, 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Meet at Cabot Nursing & Rehab 2pm Sunday, February 24, for ministry.

### Inspire Women's Conference

Ladies, are you ready to be Inspired? Saturday, March 9, will be a day of powerful worship at FBC Russellville. Adult admission is \$30, student admission \$20. Please call the church office or see Kasey Hill by February 24 if you want to go. For more information go to [www.absc.org/inspire](http://www.absc.org/inspire).

### Zion Hill Turns 160!

Zion Hill BC 160 years old this year! The History Committee is planning a special day of celebration on April 14. A former pastor, Dick Avey, will bring the message at 10:55 that Sunday. A pot-luck lunch is planned, followed by music by *Grand Prairie*. If you have any memories that you would like to contribute to a memory book, or some memorabilia to share, please call the office, or speak to a committee member. We plan to take a group picture of everyone who has been a member of Zion Hill 50 years or longer. Committee members are Billie Abbott, Toney Abbott, Becky Bridges, Vicki Humphrey, and Annette Hammons.

### Youth News

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services** - We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- **February 11**—PC schools closed.
- **February 18**—Cabot & JNP schools are closed.

## Message from Matt

I want to take this time to share something with you all that God has had on my heart. Often times I feel as though I am spinning in circles and not reaching many people for Christ. In church we have created so much busy work; busy work that seems to be more about personal preference and comforts for us as members. It is so easy to fall into the trap of being an inward-focused church as opposed to the outward-focused church that God has called us to be. Too often we come together to express our faith in God while also looking to see what benefits are in it for us. When doing this we become so off track that we miss the point totally.

In James 2:14-17 it says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

For me, this hits home! As I type this I am wondering what needs are in my own community that I don't even see and help with because I am so focused on me and the comfort of we that already claim Christ. In Matthew 28 we have what we call the "Great Commission" where we are told to "go and make disciples." When we "go," with what purpose do we go? My conviction is that personally I find myself going and expecting Jesus to be pleased with me if I represent Him well to those like me, but not going with a purpose. The point of the passage is not to just go, but to make disciples as we go, and I am totally convinced we must do something specific as we go for this to happen. We must go with a goal of meeting the needs of those around us who need Jesus. We must go with an openness to get out of our comfort zones and into the trenches where the people needing help are found. These people may not be anything like us as far as we can tell, but we only need to have one thing in common for us to see and meet their needs. That is the fact that we are all sinners who need to be saved by grace. Let us all be in prayer about how God wants to use us as individuals, and as a church, to reach people in our community who are in need.

*Bro. Matt*



### Block Party Training Events

- ◆ FBC Beebe will be the site for the 2019 Statewide Block Party Festival Saturday, March 9, from 11am to 2pm. Training includes face painting, block party evangelism, and lunch. Please register before March 6.
- ◆ Saturday, March 16, training will be held at NPBA office from 10am to 2pm, and includes inflatable certification (must be 18 or older), set-up procedures, current liability and insurance laws, evangelism training, and lunch. Please register before March 13.
- ◆ If you are interested in going, please see Phil Jones. For more information on Block Party Ministries visit [www.absc.org/blockparty](http://www.absc.org/blockparty).

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Service Times:

Sunday:  
9:15am Auditorium open for prayer  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:55am Morning Worship  
11:30am **Children's Worship, Fellowship Hall**  
5:00pm GriefShare Class  
Discipleship Training  
Adult Bible Study  
Growth Groups  
TeamKID  
6:00pm **Children's Choir Practice**  
Evening Worship  
Tuesday:  
7:00pm Churchwide Visitation  
Wednesday:  
5:45pm Wednesday Night Meal  
6:30pm Mid-week Services  
January Bible Study  
(3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)  
*Switch Service*  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## February Activities

2 4:15pm Senior Saints leave for Big K Catfish Barn, Hazen  
3 8:00am Deacon Meeting  
Sunday Services  
5:00pm History Committee Meeting  
6 Midweek Services  
7 9:00am *Stitching with Love* Ministry  
9 8:00am **Men's Breakfast**  
Leave for WinterJam\*  
Return from WinterJam\*  
10 Sunday Services  
11 PCSSD Schools Closed  
13 Midweek Services  
14 **St. Valentine's Day**  
15 **NPBA Men's Retreat\* Begins**  
16 9:00am WOM Prayer Breakfast  
**Men's Retreat\* Ends**  
17 Sunday Services  
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
18 **Presidents' Day**  
Cabot and JNP Schools Closed  
19 11:00am Senior Saints Fellowship  
20 9:30am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting  
Midweek Services/Business Meeting  
24 Sunday Services  
2:00pm Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service  
27 Midweek Services

\*Deadline to sign up has passed

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