



# The Messenger

of ZHBC

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## 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 6:30pm during Wednesday Night Bible Study.

MEMO: TO THE CHURCH @ EPHESUS  
and all others that think love is  
optional.



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## From the Pastor's Desk



What do you say about a Christmas gift you do not want?

A top five list of things to say about a Christmas gift you don't want.

5. Wow! This is perfect for wearing around the basement!
4. Boy, if I suddenly shoot up 4 sizes, this is going to look nice on me.
3. If the dog buries this, I'll be furious.
2. I'm so glad I got this the year I vowed to give all my gifts to charity.
1. I hope this never catches fire! But it is fire season and there are a lot of unexplained fires.

2 Corinthians 9:15 says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" What is the indescribable gift? Some say it is Jesus; others, that it is salvation. I wonder between those two what does it matter if you have received Jesus you are saved, if you are saved it is because of Jesus. I believe it is both.

The truth is that God is the greatest giver of the greatest gift. He gives the gift beyond description. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Charles Spurgeon answered a critic who complained that after 20 years he was still telling "That same old story."

He said "I will preach the old, old story still, for there is nothing like it. If I preach Christ, I will never run short. If I delivered ten thousand sermons about Christ, I will have not left the shore, I will not be out in the deep sea yet. Dive, my brother! With splendor of thought, I will plunge into the great mystery of free grace and dying love, and when I have dived the farthest, I will perceive that I am as far off the bottom as when I first touched the surface of God's unfathomable gift!"

A more recent pastor had this to say about God's greatest gift. "The greatest Christmas gift is Jesus, and those who receive him are never disappointed. There was a King born in Bethlehem. He didn't look like a King on the outside---He looked just like a baby. But on the inside? Underneath the wrappings? He was the greatest gift of all."  
Max Lucado

What do you say about God's greatest gift? I say humbly, "Thank you, Lord, for saving me."

*Terry Fortner*

### 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!

**Andy Kew will drive the church van on Sundays in January. Call him at 539-0525 if you need a ride to church.**

### 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!

### Widow/Widower Banquet

Zion Hill deacons and their wives will host a Banquet for widows and widowers at noon, Saturday, January 5, in the Fellowship Hall. Call 988-4989 if you need transportation.

**Sunday, January 6,  
Deacons will meet at 8:00am.  
Church Council meets at 4:00pm.**

### GriefShare Class Begins

Sunday, January 6, Nancy Prickett will begin a 13-session GriefShare class for anyone grieving because of the death of someone close to them. This class will meet weekly from 5:00-7:00pm in the Senior Adult Wing. If you have any questions concerning this support group, please call Nancy Prickett at 333-4332. If you know someone who could benefit from this ministry, please pass this information along to them.

### Children's Choir Resumes

Children's Choir Practice will resume Sunday, January 6, at 6:00pm, for age 3 through grade 6. They will be learning music for Easter, and they will also learn to play handbells.

### Hiz Kidz T-Shirts

Have you ordered your Hiz Kidz t-shirt? The shirts will be great to wear on Kids Day Out, to camps, or school to promote Hiz Kidz! They cost \$10, and come in children and adult sizes. Order forms are in the Kid's classrooms, breezeway, or the church office. The deadline to order and be guaranteed a shirt is Sunday, January 6!

### Children's Worship Time

On January 6, elementary school-aged children will 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, led by Daren Brenneise and Jessica Erwin. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please call the church office. Please pray for this new ZH ministry.

### Adult Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Rehearsal will resume Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00pm. The choir will be learning music for Easter. This would be a great time to join the choir! We need you!

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 12 at 8am, all men are invited to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join you for lots of good food and fellowship.

### Christmas Decorations

Your help is needed on Saturday, January 12, as we meet at 10:00am to take down the church's Christmas decorations. If we have a good turnout it won't take long to get the job done.

### Senior Saints Fellowship

Tuesday, January 15, 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, January 16, 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

### WOM Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 19, all ladies are invited to come for breakfast at 9:00am, and invite a friend to come with you.

### January 20 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

### NPBA Kickoff Dinner

Thursday, January 24, NPBA church members are invited to North Hills BC to hear all about 2019 NPBA Mission events. A free catered meal will be served at 6:00pm. Plan to attend and hear how you can be involved.

### Cabot Nursing & Rehab Service

Join us at Cabot N & R 2pm Sunday, January 27, to minister to the residents.

### State Evangelism Conference

Monday and Tuesday, January 28-29, Geyer Springs FBC.

### Youth News

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services** - We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- **January 21**—Schools are closed.



### Message from Matt

I want to tell you all about something I am really excited about! I am seeing growth at Zion Hill! Sure, we have been growing some in numbers, but what has me even more excited is the growth I am seeing in the lives of people at Zion Hill. Between serving together on missions, digging deep into the truths of God, and just living life together as we walk with Him, I am seeing God at work among us. I don't know about you, but this really excites me! As we continue to grow in our walk with Christ, I believe it is very important for us to know when and how God wants to use us in leadership roles. We have an awesome opportunity in front of us for the men at ZHBC. Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16, a men's retreat will be held at Camp Paron. The focus of this retreat will be to understand the leadership roles we have been called to as men. We will be looking at the leadership qualities of the Christian man in the home, in the church, and in the community. I can't wait to be a part of this, and I am asking all men of ZHBC to join me for this weekend. It will start at supper time on Friday and conclude following lunch on Saturday. A schedule like this still leaves a good portion of your weekend available for family while allowing us to learn together and grow together as men. Please contact myself or the church office to discuss signing up and prices for this event. As much fun as 2018 has been for ZHBC, I truly believe God has some awesome things in store for us in 2019, and I think this will be a great start!

*Bro. Matt*

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!!**  
**1st NPBA Men's Retreat, Camp Paron**  
**February 15 and 16**  
**All men are encouraged to attend!**

### Hiz Kids T-Shirt Order

**Make sure to get your t-shirt order in by January 6. These are for any kids, and also for adults who plan to be involved in any of our Hiz Kidz ministries.**



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**11923 ZION HILL RD**  
**CABOT AR 72023**

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 (begins January 9)  
(3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)  
*Switch Service*  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## January Activities

1 **New Year's Day/Office Closed/Schools Closed**  
2 Schools Closed  
Midweek Services  
3 JNP Schools Closed  
9:00am *Stitching with Love* Ministry  
4 JNP Schools Closed  
5 12:00pm Deacon Party for Widows/Widowers  
6 8:00am Deacon Meeting  
Sunday Services  
4:00pm Church Council Meeting  
9 Midweek Services, January Bible Study Begins  
12 8:00am **Men's Breakfast**  
10:00am Take Down Christmas Decorations  
13 Sunday Services  
4:00pm History Committee Meeting  
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
15 11:00am Senior Saints Fellowship  
16 9:30am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting  
Midweek Services/Business Meeting  
19 9:00am WOM Prayer Breakfast  
20 Sunday Services/Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
March For Life  
21 Martin Luther King Holiday/Schools Closed  
23 Midweek Services  
24 6:00pm FREE NPBA Kickoff Dinner, North Hills BC  
27 Sunday Services  
2:00pm Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service  
28 State Evangelism Conference, Geyer Springs FBC  
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30 Wednesday Services

## Contact Us

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