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ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING[®]

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer is March 3—10

Zion Hill's Goal is \$5,000

Annie Armstrong Soup Lunch & Dessert Auction **Sunday, March 3, following the AM service**

We will serve soup and individual desserts for a donation. Whole desserts will be auctioned. All donations will go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Mission groups are asked to provide crackers, bread, cornbread, and individual desserts. If you would like to provide soup or a dessert for auction, please see Diana Jones, Kasey Hill, or Renee Hand.

RA/GA Race Night

Zion Hill's Race Night is Sunday, March 10, at 6:00pm. RAs and GAs will paint their cars in class on February 27 and March 6. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come and help their child.

From the Pastor's Desk



Easter is April 21 this year. Unlike most important days, the day on which Easter is celebrated changes from year to year. There is a long, complicated reason for that. The short explanation is that the Moon is in the same phase as it was the day Jesus was resurrected in Jerusalem in 30 AD. The latest day Easter can ever be is April 25. That will happen in 2038. The earliest date that Easter can fall on is March 22. To experience that you'll have to wait until 2285. The fact that the day changes every year does not change the truth that it is the most important day of the year. Next month we will celebrate that day with a Resurrection Party for children on April 13, Good Friday Community Celebration at the North Pulaski Community Park on April 19, and a Sunrise Service at Sumner Cemetery at 6:15 and Children and Adult Choir program at 10:55 on April 21. We have big plans to celebrate Easter in April.

I read about a church that had big plans for Easter, until the pastor ruined them. Someone in the church came up with the idea of making Easter special by featuring the World's Largest Cross Cake. At least that is how they advertised it (although such a fabulous claim could never be verified). People got together on Saturday morning at the church to assemble the cake. Sheet cakes were laid end to end in two intersecting lines, forming a gigantic cross. A white icing was placed over the cake. Then the name of the church was stenciled in glittering sugar crystals. The cake was truly beautiful. The cooks congratulated each other, and anticipated how the rest of the church would respond, how the media would report the event, and the word would spread, making their church famous. They would forever be known as the church that made the record-breaking cruciform confection, when they revealed their creation the next day on Easter Sunday. All agreed that it was too beautiful to eat, but that was the plan, to slice it up into squares and serve it on small plates to everyone, and to all eat it together to conclude the special Easter celebration. It would be a splendid Sunday!!!

Then the pastor came to look at the cake. The congregation stood back proudly, and expected his approval. They were surprised to hear him say, "It's missing something," as he disappeared into the kitchen. He returned with the Reynolds Wrap and a bowl of ruby red food dye. Without saying a word, he started shaping the aluminum foil into three long, ugly spikes. He then jabbed the spikes into the cross cake at the approximate point where Jesus' outstretched arms would have been and then where his feet would have been. He then took the red food dye and sprinkled and smeared it over the white frosting. Those watching gasped. Some became so angry they left. No longer was the cake too beautiful to eat, now it was not even appetizing.

When Easter happens this year on April 21, many people will observe a splendid Sunday. That day will be sweetened with the excitement of children hunting for brightly colored candy eggs. Fewer will take the time to attend church or a religious service, but even at church we would prefer a bloodless, empty tomb. That's why it is important that we take a long look at Calvary, and the cross on which Christ died, before we are ready to celebrate Easter. Before we can comprehend the meaning of His resurrection, we must accept what He did on the cross as He was wounded for our sins, suffered, bled, and died. That is the reason we celebrate. It is His death and resurrection that give us hope. The ugliness of the cross is too important, and it comes before the glory of the resurrection.

Terry Fortner

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

Spring Forward for DST

Daylight Saving Time begins early on Sunday, March 3, so don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday, March 2, before going to bed. You don't want to be late for Sunday School!

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!

Sunday, March 3

- ◆ **8am-Deacon Meeting**
- ◆ **10:55am-Lord's Supper**
- ◆ **Noon-Soup/Dessert Fundraiser**
- ◆ **6:00pm-North American Mission Study**

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

March 7, from 9:00 until noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will continue the sewing project from February. Some examples of the different projects are on the bulletin board outside Bro. Matt's office. 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.

Senior Saints Outing

Senior adults will leave at 10am Thursday, March 7, to go to Jacksonville Business Expo. They will eat lunch at Barnhill's and should be back by 2pm.

March Men's Breakfast canceled.

WOM Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 16, at 9am all ladies are invited to breakfast in the FH.

Senior Saints Fellowship

Tuesday, March 19, join our Senior Adults at 11am. Dr. Eric Fraser will share the biblical history and a demonstration of the hammered dulcimer. Bring a dish for the potluck lunch following the program.

Extension Homemakers Club

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

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

New Orleans Mission Trip

If you are interested in going to New Orleans to do construction work, please call Bro. Matt. They will leave at 5pm Thursday, March 28, and head home after lunch Sunday, March 31.

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 a gospel concert 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 attending and also 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!
- **March 15**—Cabot schools closed.
- **March 18-22**—Spring Break.



Message from Matt

We have another great opportunity to serve in New Orleans March 28-31. We will continue the work we have been doing since last summer on the church in the St. Roch community. Our focus that weekend will be putting a new roof on and replacing fascia boards and soffits. The more we can get done, the sooner they can get this church building opened up in this community that is in great need of ministry, especially to the kids in the area. Cost for the trip will be \$25 per day, and that includes meals and lodging. We will have a meeting at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 17, to get payment turned in and to discuss all of the details. As much of a blessing as it is to serve those in need, it is also a time where we are blessed at Zion Hill. As we work together and serve together, we build relationships even within our group that strengthen the bond here at Zion Hill. This leads to unity as we come home to serve together. The community we are going to serve is very different than ours. It is a group of people that we at Zion Hill would have a hard time reaching just because of the cultural differences. With this in mind, we have an awesome opportunity to be able to work with the people in New Orleans to set them up in such a way that lives can be changed for the glory of God. God has unique ways for us to be a part of reaching this lost world for His Kingdom, and this is just one of those ways.

As you pray about being a part of this mission effort, keep this scripture in mind:

“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:40

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.

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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
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
(3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)
Switch Service
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Power of Prayer

2019 Prayer Gathering

Experience the power of prayer as church members of the North Pulaski Baptist Association join together for two hours of prayer focused on the people, churches, and mission work of the association.

Thursday, March 28, 2019

FBC Sherwood

5:00-5:45pm Fellowship and Snacks

6:00-8:00pm Prayer Gathering

March Activities

3 8:00am Deacon Meeting
Sunday Services/Week of Prayer for N A Missions begins
10:55am **Lord's Supper Observed**
12:00pm Soup/Dessert Fundraiser for Annie Armstrong Offering
6:00pm North American Mission Study
6 Midweek Services/January Bible Study
6:30pm RA/GA Racer Paint Night
7 9:00am *Stitching with Love* Ministry
9 11:00am Block Party Training, FBC Beebe
10 Sunday Services
6:00pm RA/GA Race
11 PCSSD Schools Closed
13 Midweek Services/January Bible Study
15 Cabot Schools Closed
16 9:00am WOM Prayer Breakfast
10:00am Block Party Training, NPBA Office
17 Sunday Services
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
18-22 Spring Break
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
28 5:00pm Mission Team leaves for New Orleans
6:00pm Prayer Gathering, FBC Sherwood, Fellowship and Snacks 5-5:45pm
31 Sunday Services/Mission Team Returns
6:00pm Celebration and Praise Service
7:00pm Churchwide Fellowship, FH

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