



# *The Messenger*

*of ZHBC*

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Community Thanksgiving Service

7:00 Tuesday, November 26

Zion Hill Baptist Church

Bring non-perishable food items

Bring Finger Foods for Fellowship

Bring a heart full of Praise!



## From the Pastor's Desk



November 28 is the day on the calendar this year for Thanksgiving. The Bible instructs us to "Give thanks in everything for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:18) For a follower of Jesus, thanksgiving should not be a holiday, but a regular part of our life. When we count our blessings, we also realize just how wonderful God has been to us. This realization just naturally leads us to joy and praise. To have joy in life we must give thanks. I think that there are many things to be thankful for, but most of our thanks will fall into three categories.

1. The Spiritual. the Bible says that the Lord, "has given us everything required for life and godliness." I thank God for His mercy, love, and forgiveness. When I consider how patient He has been to me, despite my stubbornness, selfishness and sinfulness, I give praise. I thank Him for the comfort of His Holy Spirit, for the victory over sin and the forgiveness that come as I trust Christ as my Savior. I thank Him for the blessing of sharing the gospel with others.

2. Relational. I thank God for the relationships in my life. The apostle Paul states it very well. He said, "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying for all of you in my every prayer." For most of us there are many with whom we share our life, and for whom we should thank God. I thank God for my wife, and the wonderful qualities which she possesses, that I do not. I thank God for the four children, now all grown, of whom I am very proud. I thank God for the six grandchildren, who are each one a blessing to their Grandad. I thank God for the extended family, the aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and the in-laws. I thank God for the fellow believers and my friends in the ministry. For those who listen and encourage me, for those who challenge me. I thank God for the members of His church at Zion Hill Baptist, for their love, patience, and support. I have been blessed by the spirit of grace extended to me by you all.

3. Material. I thank God for his provision. Jesus in the model prayer says, "Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6) The Lord has done much more for me than that. While he promises to give us what is needed to get through each day, I have been blessed beyond measure in the material things in my life, the house where I live, the cars I own, the health I enjoy, the food I have.

God, help us to truly be thankful for all His blessings this month during Thanksgiving, as well as every day as we live in continuous joy and praise of Him and His blessings. Have a grateful Thanksgiving!!!

*Terry Fortner*

## Congratulations!

Andy Kew has a new granddaughter, Hazel Janis Kew, born October 7. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Toney and Carolyn Abbott have a new granddaughter, Emilee Fay, born October 11, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

E. L. and Lanell Jones have a new great-grandson, Emmett Dale Skipper, born October 14, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Corey, Courtney, and James Ruff welcomed Wade Michael on October 18. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Tyler, Monica, and Barrett Griffin's new baby boy, Owen Charles, was born October 24. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 20 inches long.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2, before going to bed so you will be on time for Sunday School and Worship.

**Deacons meet Sunday,  
November 3, at 8:00am**

## Auditorium Open For Prayer

The auditorium is open for prayer each Sunday morning from 9:15 – 9:45.

## Sunday Night Schedule

Growth Groups and Children's Choir meet from 5:30-6:30 on Sunday evenings. We will have a fellowship meal from 5:00-5:30. If you want to participate, please bring a dish for the meal. The themes for November meals are: 11/3 Finger Foods; 11/10 Soup/Sandwich; 11/17 Italian; 11/24 Chili.

## Budget Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00pm Monday, November 4, to begin working on the 2020 church budget. If your committee or organization has not turned in a budget request for next year, please turn it in ASAP.

## Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are served from 5:45-6:15. Donations are accepted, and the fellowship is priceless.

## Operation Christmas Child

GAs will pack shoeboxes Wednesday, November 6. If you have items or postage to donate for OCC, please turn in by 6:30 on November 6. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

## Stitching with Love Ministry

This ministry will meet from 9am to noon on Thursday, November 7. They could use your help, even if you don't sew. If you have any questions, call Mickie Vann at 988-2790.

### **Men's Breakfast and Workday**

Saturday, November 9, at 8:00, all men are invited to Men's Breakfast. Come, and bring a friend with you. Andy always has plenty of food to eat. Following breakfast, if the weather allows, there will be a workday to repaint the front railing. If you can help, bring sanders, grinders, and painting supplies, if you have them.

### **Baby Shower**

You're invited to welcome Tyler and Monica Griffin's new baby boy, Owen Charles, at a Diaper and Wipe Drop-in Shower from 2:00-3:30pm Sunday, November 10, in the Basement.

### **WOM Prayer Breakfast**

Ladies, you are invited to Women on Mission Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 16, at 9:00am. Come, and bring a friend with you.

### **Senior Saints Fellowship**

Dottie Martin will present the program for Senior Saints Fellowship on November 19 at 11am. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fellowship and the potluck lunch following the program.

### **NP Extension Homemakers**

The North Pulaski Extension Homemakers Club will meet November 20 at 9:30am at Zion Hill. The club collects pull-tabs and travel-sized toiletries in support of Ronald McDonald House. Collection box is in the Breezeway.

### **Thanksgiving Week at Zion Hill**

The Community Thanksgiving Service is 7:00pm Tuesday, November 26 at Zion Hill. Wednesday services will be cancelled on November 27. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29.

### **Youth News**

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services**  
We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- **Friday, November 1- PCSSD**  
Schools closed.
- **Monday-Friday, November 25-29-**  
Schools closed.



## *Message from Matt*

Growing up in a small town and in a small school had its advantages. It also had some disadvantages. Small schools usually pay the minimum salaries required by law. My school was no different. Because of this, we had a lot of turnover in our school's faculty, unless someone was from the community and saw it as their call to take less money, and invest in the local students. Band was one of those areas that had the highest turnover rate. Most of our band teachers were fresh out of college and would only last a year or two, and then would move on to a better paying school district. As a result, our band program was...well...not even what I would call a program. It was borderline embarrassing. Very few even attempted to join the band and learn an instrument in the small school.

Fast forward 22 years and I have a son in a very successful school band. I know little about band for the reasons already explained. Grant plays the French horn, and is in his second year of playing. From time to time I hear him practicing his horn in his bedroom. You can tell he is playing a song and he seems to do a great job with it, but a French horn on its own doesn't quite bring a song to life for me. To be quite honest, if it wasn't my son, and he wasn't practicing to get better, I would be tuning the music it makes out very quickly. It is just not appealing to me.

About a month ago, I got to attend his Fall concert. It was early in the year so the band only did a few songs. Grant was up there with his French horn. In the band with him was percussion, flutes, saxophones, trumpets, trombone, etc. The music they made was beautiful!! Each instrument had a certain job or role within the band. Each student played their specific parts. Those parts on their own would not have been anything to really catch your ear, but when they all played their parts together, it was literally music to my ear!!

As I thought about how those students worked together with a full understanding of their role, and a desire to fulfill their role, it reminded me of 1 Corinthians chapter 12. As beautiful as that music sounded to my ear, just think of how beautiful it must be to God when we recognize the variety of gifts within the church body, and we use them accordingly for one goal; to reach more people for the Kingdom of God! Let us never forget the importance of knowing that although we are individuals with individual gifts, when we put those gifts together under the calling of God that we are now the body of Christ! May we all continue forward, working together, with the gift(s) God has given us so we may make Him known!

*Bro. Matt*

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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**  
2:30pm GriefShare Support Group  
5:00pm Fellowship Meal (Potluck)  
5:30pm **Children's Choir**  
Growth Groups

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.)  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
*Switch Service*  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## November Activities

1		PCSSD Schools Closed
2		Daylight Saving Time Ends. Set clocks back one hour.
3	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		Sunday Services
4	6:00pm	Budget Meeting
5	6:00pm	History Committee Meeting
6		Midweek Services
7	9:00am	<i>Stitching with Love</i> Ministry
9	8:00am	<b>Men's Breakfast and Workday</b>
10		Sunday Services
	2:00pm	Diaper and Wipe Drop-In Shower for the Griffins
11		<b>Veterans' Day</b>
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts Thanksgiving, Fellowship Hall
13		Midweek Services
16	9:00am	WOM Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
17		Sunday Services
	6:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
19	11:00am	Senior Saints Fellowship
20	9:30am	Home Extension Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall
		Midweek Services/Business Meeting
24		Sunday Services
	2:00pm	Cabot Nursing and Rehab Center Service
25-29		Schools Closed
26	7:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service, ZHBC
27		Wednesday Services Cancelled
28		Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed
29		Office Closed

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