



The Messenger

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

I remember back in March when we had a meeting with the Church Council to discuss what to do because of the Corona Virus, Covid 19. I thought then that we would be dealing with an issue that would last only a few weeks, then we would be back to normal. That thought was soon replaced with the reality of knowing that we were looking at a few months. It has now been 6 months; half of the year is over. We are not going back to normal yet. We cannot do that. However, the decision has been made to start having Sunday School on Sunday mornings again, for most classes. That will start on October 4. Time will be 9:45

It's not back to normal because some classes will not be back yet. Check with your teacher to find out if your class is meeting. Some classes will be relocating to a different room than before Covid 19 caused us to close down.

Precautions will continue. Not all doors will be open into the Building. You will be asked to wear a mask. You will be asked to use hand disinfectant. If you use a toilet you will be asked to wash your hands properly and to spray disinfectant on any surface you touched. You will be asked not to shake hands, give hugs, fist bumps, or elbows. No physical contact. Keep observing the six-foot social distance.

No judgment of others should be expressed. No conspiracy theories should be discussed. Leave those things to the politicians, media, social websites. We will be in class to study God's word, the Bible. By this time, we all have opinions about all Covid issues, and expressing them, debating them would just add to our frustration, and division. Let us come together in love and in fellowship, and acknowledge that we are all doing our very best to keep each other safe.

There is always a risk of exposure to the virus, and if you attend one of the classes you are accepting the fact that you have increased your chance of catching something. God understands, and so do we, that some of you need to be careful. You are at risk because of pre-existing medical reasons. And if you have symptoms like temperature, or cough, sore throat, runny nose, please stay home. If you have been exposed to someone who tested positive, please stay home. Online services will continue to be offered.

A big thank you to those who have enabled us to stream the service, who did the children's devotionals, who called and cared for others. Also, to all who have been faithful in tithe and offerings for 6 months, Thank you. I have appreciated those who called to encourage, and not to complain, as these months have gone by. Praise God, who is in control of all things!!!

Terry Fortner

Sunday School Workday

There will be a workday on Saturday, October 3, at 9 am to disinfect and prepare Sunday School classrooms so that classes can resume on Sunday, October 4.

Sunday School Resumes October 4

It was decided at the Sunday School teachers meeting that most Sunday School classes will resume meeting Sunday, October 4, at 9:45am. Some classes are being relocated to help comply with Covid restrictions. Youth will meet in Co-Ed 4 classroom (FH). Children 2 will meet in Co-Ed 3 classroom (FH). Co-Ed 1 and Co-Ed 2 Classes will meet in Dorcas classroom (FH). Co-Ed 4 Class will meet in Esther classroom (Senior Wing). Co-Ed 3 Class will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings for now. Dorcas and Esther classes will not be meeting at this time. Other classes will meet in their regular classrooms. If you have any questions, call the church office.

Special Called Business Meeting

There will be a Special Called Business Meeting following the morning worship service October 4 to consider and vote on a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the church extend a call to Richard Barkhimer as Children, Youth, and Education Director.

NPBA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the North Pulaski Baptist Association will be held at Central BC at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 8. Masks will be required and distancing practiced. If you would like to attend as a messenger, please call the church office. You don't have to be a messenger to attend. There will be no meal before the meeting this year.

McClellan/Lockeby Wedding

Pray for Megan McClellan and Luke Lockeby as they say their wedding vows on Friday, October 9, at 4:00pm and begin their new life together.

Trunk or Treat

We want to continue a tradition of having an event for the kids on Halloween, being careful to observe guidelines for groups meeting during the current pandemic. We are planning a Trunk or Treat type setup, but instead of vehicles we are going to have tables. They will be spaced apart to allow families to enjoy time visiting while allowing acceptable distance. There will be fun sidewalk chalk designs to help direct families to the next table. Workers at tables will be required to wear mask and gloves. Also, workers will place candy in the kids' bags. We are hoping to have several tables set up for this event. We would LOVE and appreciate it if families will volunteer to work a table at the event. The more tables we can have the more smiles made on the kids' faces! Look for sign-up sheets in the Breezeway. There will be a contest for the "BEST TABLE." Decorate your table either for fall or a theme! The winning table will get a door prize! Join us Saturday, October 31, from 4-6 pm in the ZH Parking Lot.

Stitching with Love Ministry Update and Needs

Our "Stitching with Love" group is starting a new project from our homes. We will be supporting "Missions to Guatemala" again for the next few months. Angie and Jason Christman will be going, if all goes as planned, next February. We will make dresses for older girls this time. We also want to support the older boys. Their #1 need is ball caps, so we will collect new or gently used ones through January. We will also make bandanas they can wear like headbands in the fields to work, & shorts, maybe sizes 8-12. We appreciate any support whether it's the item itself or material/sewing notions to make them. God Bless You for your support. If you have any questions, contact Mickie Vann or Juanita Weaver.

All times and locations are subject to change.

October Activities

3	9:00am	Sunday School Workday
4	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
	9:45am	Sunday School
		Worship, 11am, and 6pm Bible Study
6	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study, Mickie Vann's home
	10:00am	Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
7	6:30pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study
		The <i>Switch</i> , Basement
8	7:00pm	NPBA Annual Meeting, Central BC
9	4:00pm	McClellan/Lockeby Wedding, RSVP Required
11	9:45am	Sunday School
		Worship, 11am, and 6pm Bible Study
13	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study, Mickie Vann's home
	10:00am	Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
14	6:30pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study
		The <i>Switch</i> , Basement
18	9:45am	Sunday School
		Worship, 11am, and 6pm Bible Study
	6:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
20	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study, Mickie Vann's home
	10:00am	Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
21	6:30pm	Business Meeting
		The <i>Switch</i> , Basement
25	9:45am	Sunday School
		Worship, 11am, and 6pm Bible Study
27	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study, Mickie Vann's home
	10:00am	Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
28	6:30pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study
		The <i>Switch</i> , Basement
31	4:00pm	Trunk or Treat, ZH Parking Lot
		Daylight Saving Time Ends, Set clocks back one hour before bedtime!

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