



The Messenger

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 100 is one of the most beautiful Psalms. With all my heart I believe that we are a people, a nation, and a church that has been truly blessed by God, and we have many things to be thankful for. Of all those who “give thanks to Him and praise his name,” we should be at the top of the list. It is common to have a Christmas wish list, and a New Years Resolution list. But there is another list we often overlook, a Thanksgiving Day list of all for which we are thankful.

Roland Allen tells of a veteran missionary who came to him one day after he had delivered his message. The missionary introduced himself and said, “I was a medical missionary for many years in India. I served in a region where many people became blind. The blindness was progressive. People were born with healthy vision, but there was something in that area that caused people to lose their sight as they matured.”

The missionary and his team developed a process which would stop the progressive blindness. So people came to the hospital where he worked, and with surgery and medication he was able to stop them from becoming blind and in some cases restore their lost vision. They would leave realizing that they would now be able to see for the rest of their lives.

He said that they never said “Thank you,” because in their dialect there was no phrase for that idea. Instead, they spoke a word that meant “I will tell your name.” Wherever they went they would tell the name of the American missionaries who had cured their blindness. They had received something wonderful, and they eagerly and widely proclaimed it.

That is exactly how Psalm 100 begins. “Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.” Do you realize that God has been good to you? Then you should not keep that a secret or silently hold it on the inside. From the depths of your soul you should shout your joy out loud to the Lord!!!! THANK GOD for Thanksgiving. “Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name!”

Terry Fortner

Dear Church Family,

As I start my position here at Zion Hill, I first want to express my gratitude toward all of you for being so welcoming. I have never felt so welcome in a church, or anywhere else, as I have at Zion Hill.

I want to address the Bible study the youth will be having at 6pm on Sunday evenings. We are going to be studying the book of Galatians, in-depth. Young adults are welcome to come as well. My goal for Sunday night is to broaden the students' knowledge on the books we study and help them understand the Bible better.

My goal for the next few months is to build a strong foundation in the students that are currently coming to church. As things open up and more people come, without a strong foundation things will dwindle down. The students that have been faithful in coming to The Switch will serve as a strong foundation and base in order to build. I am focused currently on the quality of students instead of quantity.

Thank you all so much for the support you have given me thus far! I am looking forward to serving with you!!

Richard Barkhimer
Children, Youth, and Education Director

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31, from 4-6pm in the ZH Parking Lot. Please wear masks and observe physical distancing.

Youth News

November 1 The Switch will begin an in-depth Bible study on the New Testament book, Galatians, in the Youth classroom in the Basement on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. Please help us spread the word to anyone you might know in grades 7-12.

Sunday School Changes and Update

Some classes have been relocated to help comply with Covid restrictions. Youth, Children 2, Dorcas, Co-Ed 1, and Co-Ed 2 classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall Building. Co-Ed 4, Faithful Followers, Searchers, Jubilee, and Men 60+ classes meet in the Senior Wing. Salt and Light class meets in the Basement. Co-Ed 3 Class will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings for now. Esther Class isn't meeting at this time.

**Preschool/Children Committee will meet at 6:00 pm
Monday, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall.**

GA, RA, Mission Friends News

GAs, RAs, and Mission Friends will begin meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings on November 4 in the Fellowship Hall. They will observe distancing, wear masks, and leaders will use disinfectant cleaner to have a safe environment for the children.

Storage Wars

Saturday, November 7, we will have a clean-up day at Zion Hill. Beginning at 9:00 am we will try to do away with the clutter that has accumulated over the past few years (decades?), especially in our storage closets. If you can't be here that Saturday you are welcome to come during the week and work on a closet or classroom, and/or to pick up any personal items that may have been left here. The more people we have, the more we can get done. Come and help us make more efficient use of our space.

November Activities

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| 1 | 8:00am | Deacon Meeting |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 2 | 6:00pm | Preschool/Children Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall |
| 3 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 4 | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Study, The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| 7 | 9:00am | Storage Wars |
| 8 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 10 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 11 | | Veterans Day |
| | 6:30pm | Gospel Concert, Steve Harbour & Friends, Sanctuary |
| | | The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| 15 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| | 6:30pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 17 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 18 | 6:30pm | Business Meeting, The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| 22 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 24 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30pm | Zion Hill Thanksgiving Service |
| 25 | | Services Cancelled |
| 26 | | Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed |
| 27 | | Office Closed |
| 29 | | Week of Prayer for International Missions Begins |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |

Budget Requests Due November 8

The Finance Committee is working on a budget for the 2021 church year. If you are a department director, please make plans for 2021 as soon as possible. Committees should meet and make their plans, also. Forms can be found in the Breezeway. The deadline for submitting a budget request is November 8. It is hoped that the proposed budget can be voted on December 16. On behalf of Dennis Wilkins and the Finance Committee, thank you for your work on this and God bless and guide your plans for the next year.

Gospel Concert Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, Steve Harbour and Friends will present a Gospel Concert in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:30.

Zion Hill Thanksgiving Service

We will not have a Community Thanksgiving Service this year due to Covid, but we will have a Zion Hill Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 Tuesday, November 24. Masks and physical distancing will be required, and there will be no fellowship meal.

Stitching with Love Ministry Update and Needs

We are sewing from our homes for "Missions to Guatemala." If you want to help or have questions, contact Mickie Vann or Juanita Weaver. Thank you for your support.

Week of Prayer

A Great Multitude and You is this year's theme for the Week of Prayer for International Missions, November 29-December 6. Our church goal is \$10,000. Pray about your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. 100% of this offering goes to help IMB missionaries share the love of God. One of those missionaries, Kelly Sagar, will be at Zion Hill on Sunday, November 22, at 11:00am to share about God's work in Tanzania.

**Sunday, November 1 Daylight Saving Time ends.
Set clocks back one hour Saturday night.**

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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday am services can be viewed at www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons.