



The Messenger

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

I have always enjoyed Christmas and God's message of hope and love. It is hard to summarize that message in a short statement, but many have tried. As a pastor I have noticed many church signs during past Christmas seasons. I share the feelings and burden of those who have posted the message on the church marquee. How can you get the message out to people who are driving by the church at 60 miles an hour and reading the sign? Here are some examples:

"I'm Also making a list and checking it twice. God" I guess He is like Santa Claus.

"Christmas: Easier to spell than Hannukah." I don't think that's true. But Comparative Religious study is a good idea.

"Merry Christmas! Are you Offended?" Never be ashamed of Christ.

"What does God want for Christmas? Look in a Mirror." So all He wants for Christmas is you.

"Feel the Christmas spirit all year long. Become a Christian." One of the greatest benefits of believing.

"A Hug: the ideal gift. One size fits all." I think the same can be said for cash.

"Arrived safely! Mother & Child doing well." I guess this is about the round yon virgin mother and child.

"Whoever is praying for snow please stop." Not dreaming of a white Christmas at that church.

"Christmas is not your birthday." But remember you're still invited to the party.

"All we want for Christmas is your presence." Is that God's presence or people's presence instead of presents. It works either way.

"Santa Claus never died for anyone." Santa is nice and all, but Jesus died for us all. Amen.

"It's ok to say Merry Xmas! here." Now that one confused me.

"Jesus is the rizzle for the sizzle." Who does your sign, Snoop Dogg? Are you trying to reach rappers?

So, there are a few messages found on church signs, and my first thoughts.

But the best summary of the Christmas message is the one shouted by angels to shepherds the day Jesus was born. "Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!"
Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas!

Terry Fortner

Week of Prayer for International Missions

A Great Multitude and You is the 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 LMCO. 100% goes to help IMB missionaries share the Gospel.

Saturday, December 5, at 9am we will decorate the church grounds for the Nativity Reenactment.

Sunday, December 6

- * Deacons meet at 8:00am
- * Lords Supper will be observed during morning service

You're invited to help the choir work on Christmas music 7pm December 2 and December 9.

Missions for Lottie Moon

Wednesday, December 2, the GAs, RAs, and Mission Friends will decorate Christmas ornaments to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The ornaments will be available in the Breezeway for a donation to the LMCO. Thank you for your support of the LMCO and our Children's mission groups.

Christmas/Nativity Info and Needs

We will have a Kids Drive-thru Christmas Party from 10am to Noon, December 19, open to the public!

There will be a Drive-In Nativity Reenactment December 19, 5-7 pm behind the Fellowship Hall in the grassy area in front of the tractor shed. Narration will be broadcast on 94.5 FM. Narration and songs will be recorded so that the characters don't have to speak. We need your help!! Roles available: 2 Wisemen, 2 shepherds, King, Angel, Greeters. Call the office if you can help.

If you have extra Christmas lights you aren't using we would love to have them to use to decorate the trees and other areas surrounding the church! Come and join the fun!

Bayou Meto Elementary Food for Children

Want to feed children? You can help at least 65 children at Bayou Meto Elementary School with food for the weekend. Items needed are:

- Individual packets of oatmeal or cereal
- Individual or whole box Mac & Cheese
- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Vienna sausages or tuna
- Juice boxes
- Cans of soup, chili, or pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, etc)

Information sheets and collection box are in the Breezeway. Large donations can be taken directly to Bayou Meto Elementary. For more information please contact Susie Dodson or Renee Hand. If you can help by taking the weekly donations to the school, please call Susie, Renee, or the church office.

Zion Hill Tractor for Sale

At November's Business Meeting the Parking and Grounds committee recommended selling the church's John Deere tractor and implements. They want to give Zion Hill church members the opportunity to bid on the tractor. The opening bid will be no lower than \$3500. Bids (un-sealed) will be accepted at the church office, and no bids will be accepted after 5:00pm December 9, 2020. The recommendation was approved.

This 1999 John Deere tractor was purchased by Zion Hill BC from NPBA in June, 2003, for \$10,000. It is a Model 4200 Series 2WD with a 26.3 HP Diesel Engine. There are 563 hours on the engine. Tractor comes with a Farm King 60" mower.

Call or email the church office if you have any questions or to submit a bid. The tractor will be available to view Sunday, November 29, on the church grounds. Check your emails daily for updated bid.

December Activities

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| 1 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 2 | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Study, The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 5 | 9:00am | Decorate Church Grounds for Nativity Reenactment—Help! |
| 6 | 8:00am | Deacon Meeting/Week of Prayer Ends |
| | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship/Lord's Supper Observed |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 8 | 10:00am | Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 9 | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Study, The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 11 | 2:00pm | Searchers Class Party, Fellowship Hall |
| 13 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| | 6:30pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 15 | 7:00pm | Co-Ed 3 Class Bible Study, Fellowship Hall |
| 16 | 6:30pm | Business Meeting |
| | | The Switch, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends |
| 19 | 10-noon | Kids Drive-thru Christmas Party |
| | 5-7pm | Nativity Scene Reenactment |
| 20 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship/Christmas Program |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 23 | 6:00pm | Christmas Candlelight Service, Sanctuary |
| 24 | | Christmas Eve/Office Closed |
| 25 | | Merry Christmas!/Office Closed |
| 27 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Bible Study—Adults in Sanctuary, Youth in Basement |
| 29 | | Youth Leave for Xtreme Winter, Branson MO |
| 30 | | Services Cancelled |
| 31 | | New Year's Eve/Youth return from Branson |
| Jan 1 | | Happy New Year!/Office Closed |

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