



# *The Messenger*

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastor's Desk



One of my favorite songs is *Above All*, which was written by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc. The first time I heard the song, Michael W. Smith sang it in 2001. The chorus especially moves me to tears, even after years of hearing the lines.

**Crucified laid behind a stone**

**You lived to die rejected and alone**

**Like a rose trampled on the ground**

**You took the fall and thought of me**

**Above all!**

It is incredible to me that Christ, the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, sovereign creator of all the universe, the one who is above all, would love me, a rebellious sinner so much that he would suffer, and die on a cross for my sin. That he would want to become my comforter, best friend, and pay for my sin with his own blood. I believe that as he died, he felt rejected, and alone, along with the physical pain and torture of crucifixion.

“Like a rose, trampled on the ground,” gives a vivid image of what He, the “Rose of Sharon,” endured for my salvation. When a rose is crushed it offers up a sweet-smelling fragrance. The apostle Paul says “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

I must confess that when I feel crushed, rejected, and alone, I do not often offer up to God a sweet-smelling fragrance. I am not like a rose when I am trampled. Instead, I offer a smelly, stinking, reeking, stench of griping, and complaining. I pray that I will be more like Jesus. That is my thought and prayer this Easter.

*Terry Fortner*

### Children's Easter Celebration

April 3 from 10am-Noon we will be celebrating Easter! There are eggs in the breezeway that you can fill with candy or goodies! The more the merrier! Let's celebrate Christ the best we can and serve the children! If you have any questions please contact Kelly Welcher, Toni Lynn Erwin, or Bro. Richard.

**Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 April 4 at Sumner Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend, so spread the word.**

### Easter Sunday

Easter is April 4. Please try to invite at least one person to attend Sunday School and Worship with you. Sunday School teachers are preparing lessons for their classes. The choir is preparing a special presentation of Easter music. Bro. Terry is preparing a special message from God's word. Everything will be done to glorify and praise our risen Lord! All these things are true of every Sunday at Zion Hill, but something about Easter just makes the message more meaningful and alive, a day you won't want to miss.

### Wedding Shower

Saturday, March 27, from 2-4:00pm, come and help shower Jessica Erwin and Justin Morgan with blessings, gifts, advice, love, and well-wishes for a long and happy marriage. Come at 2:00pm and stay, or drop in as your schedule allows. They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Walmart. The wedding is Saturday, May 1.

### Block Party Training

There will be Block Party Training at Second BC Jacksonville on Monday, March 29, 6:30pm in the parking lot. If you plan to use the Block Party Trailer and the inflatable, your church needs to have someone who has received training. Anyone in your church can be trained, and there is no limit to how many can be trained. Dinner is at 6 and is FREE! Register with [Martha@northpulaskibaptist.org](mailto:Martha@northpulaskibaptist.org).

### NPBA New Address

NPBA has moved to its new offices at Second Baptist Church Jacksonville, 1117 North James Street, 72076. The phone number is still 501-812-6999. Martha Freeman and Greg Varndell invite you to “feel free to come by and see us sometime!”

### “Better Together” Gatherings

NPBA has scheduled “Better Together” events at North Hills BC on Thursday, April 15, and Levy BC on Thursday, April 29. Time for each is 6-8 pm and is limited to 50 attendees, so pre-register for either of these events. They are open to anyone who would like to attend. A meal is provided. See flyers on bulletin boards for information. The registration deadline is March 31. Call the church office or NPBA office with any questions.

### Mission Trip Opportunities

Sunday, April 18, immediately following morning worship, there will be an interest meeting for church members and families who would like to go on mission to St. Roch Church in New Orleans. You don't have to be a carpenter or electrician to help. Come to the meeting to see how yours skills can be used. Mission Trips are scheduled for May 12-16, June 9-13, and July 28-August 1.

**Preschool/Children  
Committee will meet at  
6:00pm Tuesday, April 7, in  
the Children 1 classroom.**

**Stitching with Love Ministry continues to work from home. If you would like to help call Mickie Vann or Juanita Weaver.**

### VBS Items Needed

Your help is needed for Zion Hill's Vacation Bible School. The theme is *Destination Dig: Unearthing the Truth about Jesus*. Please pray for the VBS leaders and for the children who will attend. A list of items needed are pottery, broken pottery, buckets (metal or plastic), rope, shovels, picks, magnifying glass, old paint brushes, sifters, baskets, compass, straw hats, flashlights, tan/brown drop cloths, tan/brown sheets, tan/brown fabric, burlap bags, binoculars, burlap fabric. Lists of items needed are in the Breezeway.

### Switch Lock-In Scheduled

April 16-17 from 6 pm to 7, 8, or 9 am (morning time hasn't been set) the *Switch* is having a lock-in at the church! We are excited to have this event to do something fun! We will have pizza, basketball, video games, and other games! We will need chaperones, so if you would be willing to be a chaperone, if even for a little while, it would be greatly appreciated! Contact Bro. Rich for more information.

### Erwin/Morgan Wedding

You are invited to the wedding of Jessica Erwin and Justin Morgan. It will be 5:00pm Saturday, May 1, at Zion Hill in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow the wedding and will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall. Jessica and Justin want to invite you to join them on their special day.

### Youth News

- Sunday Nights**-Bible Study at 6:00
- Wednesday Night Switch Services**  
We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!
- April 16-17**-Lock-in scheduled in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends.



March was a fun one! We had our awesome tradition of the derby race that featured racers of all ages! I was honored to be a part of it! I even took 8 pies to the face from the winners! I've been here 6 months now and let me tell you I've enjoyed each day! There have been tough times but with the conditions of the world today that's expected. Really it reminds me of Easter. It reminds me of our Lord and Savior crucified on that cross for our sins so we didn't have to be. It reminds me of the perfect God sacrificing himself in the ultimate act of love so we could spend eternity with him. It reminds me of the risen king overpowering death and the weight of this world. Through Christ we have an escape from the world, from the craziness. He died for a reason. Let's not take that reason away from Him because we can't fill it.

April will be a fun month! We have our Easter Party/Egg Hunt that we hope will have a great turnout, and then we go full-focus on VBS for our Children's Department! I'm looking forward to continuing to celebrate Christ here at Zion Hill!

-Bro. Richard

### 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, cereal
- Individual or whole box Mac & Cheese
- Granola bars, fruit snacks, juice boxes,
- Vienna sausages, tuna
- Cans of soup, chili, 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, but you must call the school counselor, Diana Wiese, and make an appointment to drop the items off because of Covid. 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.

### Job Opening for Zion Hill Administrative Assistant

Zion Hill Baptist Church is hiring an administrative assistant. This part time/full-time position provides management of the church office and administrative support to the pastor and ministry staff. Excellent people and financial skills are essential. Previous church office/secretarial experience is preferred. Familiarity with Microsoft programs, including Word, Excel, and QuickBooks would be helpful. Experience with web site tools and social media is a plus. Prepares weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, and maintains church records in the church database and other day to day responsibilities. The position includes competitive pay, paid time off, and a flexible schedule. Contact Pastor Terry Fortner, broteri@aol, phone (501) 690-3428, or Michelle Wyatt (501) 209-9576.

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Service Times:

Sunday:

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Morning Worship  
11:30am **Children's Worship, Fellowship Hall**  
6:00pm Bible Study, Sanctuary)  
6:00pm Bible Study, Basement

Tuesday:

10:00am Tuesday Bible Study  
7:00pm Co-Ed 4 Sunday School Class

Wednesday:

6:30pm Mid-week Services  
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
(3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
*Switch Service*

Saturday:

10:00am **Children's Facebook Live Sunday**  
School Lesson

## Activities

### March

27 10:00am **Children's Easter Celebration, Fellowship Hall**  
28 Sunday Services/Palm Sunday  
29 6:30pm Block Party Training, Second BC Jacksonville  
31 Midweek Services  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal for Easter

### April

2 Good Friday, Office Closed  
3 10:00am **Children's Easter Celebration, Fellowship Hall**  
4 6:30am Sunrise Service, Sumner Cemetery  
Easter Services, Evening Services Cancelled  
7 Midweek Services  
11 Sunday Services  
14 Midweek Services  
15 6:00pm NPBA Gathering, North Hills BC  
16 6:00pm *Switch* Lock-in, Fellowship Hall  
17 Lock-in Ends (Time TBA)  
18 Sunday Services  
12:00pm Mission Trip Interest Meeting  
6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting  
21 6:30pm Midweek Services/Business Meeting  
25 Sunday Services  
28 Midweek Services  
29 6:00pm NPBA Gathering, Levy BC  
30 6:00pm Erwin/Morgan Wedding Rehearsal

### May

1 5:00pm Erwin/Morgan Wedding  
Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

## Contact Us

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day services can be viewed at  
[www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons](http://www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons).**