October 2021



# The Messenger

# Fall Festival Celebration



# Saturday, October 30, 2021 4-6 pm

Invite your friends § neighbors and join us for a fun, fall celebration. We'll have games, food and lots of good fellowship. We'd love for you to volunteer to set up a table and plan a game or fun activity, along with treats for the youngsters. See the sign up sheet in the breezeway to let us know you can help. We'll be handing out Bibles and there will also be a photo area for the kids. We'll also be serving corn dogs, juice boxes and popcorn. Let's celebrate!

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#### **Upcoming Events**

- October 2 Kids Outing to Fired Up
- October 30 Annual Fall Festival

Stitching with Love Ministry meets every 1st Thursday October 7 9am –12pm. Extension Homemakers Club meets every 3rd Wednesday October 20 9:30—11:30

Men's Prayer Breakfast Every 2nd Saturday of each month. October 9 at 8 am

### From the Pastor's Desk



Her name is Lenya Lusko. Her parents, Levi and Jennie called her Lenya the Lion. She had a ferocious personality and hair that had been wild and mane-like since birth. Five days before Christmas she had an asthma attack. The Luskos never expected when they went to the hospital emergency room with their five-year-old daughter Lenya, that she would leave them suddenly and go to heaven, and they would go home without her. How do you deal with that kind of grief and endure that pain?

In this study, Through the Eyes of a Lion, Pastor Levi Lusko shares the eye-opening truth of the power of hope in a world that is often filled with pain, suffering, and loss. Starting on October 10, the 6:00 Growth Group will meet in the auditorium and will use his book as we study the pain, lose, and grief that is part of life for all of us. This is a very difficult topic, and yet right now with all that is happening in the world, there has never been a more urgent time for us to deal with the unpleasant issues this study will cover.

If you participate you will learn that preparing for death is the key to living a fuller life. You will discover that Heaven is nearer that it seems. You will learn that viewing life and death through the eyes of faith, will turn your worst fears into your greatest hope. More than a grief study this will be a study of how



to live a life blessed by God, and turn tragic life into victorious life by trusting in Christ. You will find out how to grieve with hope. How to embrace life's painful circumstances with the promise of God.

Levi Lusko says, "This book isn't a manual for grieving, but a manifesto for high-octane living, and through it I want you to see that God made you for a purpose. There is a wild and wonderful calling on your life, a microphone in your hands. Jesus wants you to look at the adventure of your life through His eyes, the eyes of a Lion."

#### **Terry Fortner**

Facing Impossible Pain Finding Incredible Power



# **GROWTH GROUP**

Join us on Sunday Nights for a new study. Discover the power of hope in a world that is often filled with pain, suffering, and loss.

Study begins October 10

### **ABSC Happenings**

### **Pastors' Conference & ABSC Annual Meeting:**

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Pastors' Conference and Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting, October 25–27, at First Baptist Church in Cabot! More information will be available soon.

### **Disaster Relief Regional Training:**

Be a part of the Yellow Shirt Family! Join Arkansas Baptist Disaster Relief for a regional training at Central Baptist Church in North Little Rock on October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To volunteer with Disaster Relief you must attend training, so don't wait!



## Ladies' Annual Tea Party Postponed Date TBD

Through much thought and prayer, we've decided to postpone the tea party again. Due to the lack of air conditioning and the rise in Covid cases, we just feel like it would be better to wait until we can have a better turnout. We will let you know once a new date has been decided upon.



## Update from Brother Rich

Dear Zion Hill family,

September has come and gone, and October is here! That means cooler weather and falling leaves, plus some extra sugary treats at the end of the month!

On October 2nd, our kiddos will be going to Fired-Up pottery class from 10am-around Noon to paint pottery! Then, on October 30th we will have our church wide Fall festival from 4-6pm! We will need individual volunteers to host tables and pass out bibles, candy, and other goodies! There will be a sign-up sheet in the breezeway! Don't be shy! Let's remember to spread the Gospel during the spooky season!

October also marks my one year of being at Zion Hill. Over the past year I have been blessed with my ministry here. You all have made me feel part of a family while I am away from my biological family. I appreciate each of you and am so glad to be here. Thank you for your prayers and your acceptance of a young outsider into your family. Thank you for trusting me with ministering to your kids and grandkids. I will continue to do my best to guide them towards Jesus. Thank you for showing God's love to me and Haley. We love Zion Hill and can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

#### ~Your brother in Christ, Rich THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



"The Bible tells us to study math. It says, 'Go forth and multiply.'"

# Youth, Children & Other Happenings

### Weekly Youth Gatherings

- Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00
- Wednesday Night *Switch* Services Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm.

### Come join us!

### School's Out

- JNP—October 15
- PCSSD—October 18
- Cabot—October 22

# Just a little humor...

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or students....here is a little something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After created heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing He said was "DON'T!" "Don't what?" Adam replied "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve, we have forbidden fruit!" "No Way!" said Eve.

"Yes way!" "Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants.

A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked. "Uh huh." Adam replied. "Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know." said Eve. "She started it!" Adam said. "Did not!" "Did too!" "DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you? THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

- 1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
- 2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
- 3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
- 4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- 5. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle. "Take two aspirin and keep away from children!"

### **October Activities**

Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times		-	<u>October</u>		
		2		Children's Outing to Fired Up	
	Sunday		3	8:00 am	Deacon's Meeting
	0·/15 am	Sunday School	3		Sunday Services
			6	6:30 pm	Midweek Services
	11:00 am	Morning Worship	7	9:00 am	Stitching with Love Ministry
	11:30 am	Children's Worship (in the	9	8:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		Fellowship Hall)	10		Sunday Services
	6:00 pm	Growth Group (Sanctuary)	13	6:30 pm	Midweek Services
	6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study (Basement)	17		Sunday Services
		17	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	
	Tuesday		20	9:30 am	Extension Homemakers Club Meeting
	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study	20		Midweek Services / Business Meeting
Wednesday		24		Sunday Services	
		day	24	6:30 pm	Caregiver Meeting
			27	6:30 pm	Midweek Services
	6:30 pm	Mid-Week Services	30	4:00 pm	Annual Fall Festival
		Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	31		Sunday Services
		(3rd Wed. Business Meeting)			

#### OCTOBER

**SBC Dates to Note** 

**Cooperative Program Emphasis Month** 

3 Personal Evangelism Commitment Sunday
10 Global Hunger Sunday
17–24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations



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