



The Messenger

Congratulations to Pastor Terry Fortner for serving 25 Years at Zion Hill Baptist Church

Do you remember what was going on in 1997? Most of us don't. Just to refresh our memories, think about these events. In 1997:

- * The first supersonic land-speed record was set when the Thrust SSC traveled at 766 mph, breaking the speed of sound.
- * The Lion King Musical debuted on Broadway.
- * The Pathfinder lander and rover landed on Mars.
- * Hale-Bopp, the comet, had its closest approach to Earth.
- * Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to win the Masters.
- * Gasoline sold for \$1.22 per gallon in the USA.

In 1997, Pastor Terry Fortner brought his family to Zion Hill Baptist Church. Twenty-five years (that's 9,131 days; that's 13,148,640 minutes) have passed since that first day Bro. Terry started serving the Lord at ZHBC. What fills all that time? If you're Pastor Terry, you fill that time with service to the Lord and with family.

When I was going through old pictures and talking to people about Bro. Terry's 25 years at Zion Hill, a theme emerged. "Do you know who the Lord is? Let me tell you about Jesus." Bro. Terry's heart is to reach the lost for Christ. That heart to reach the lost has taken Bro. Terry on mission trips where he could tell people who Jesus is. The mission to reach the lost has taken Bro. Terry on disaster relief trips, where he could be the hands and feet of Jesus to reach those who were suffering because of the disaster. Telling people about Jesus and salvation has taken Bro. Terry into the baptismal, where he has immersed believers into the water and raised them into new life in Christ. Bro. Terry has performed marriages, after counseling the couple to build their marriage on the Solid Rock of Jesus. Bro. Terry has had the privilege of reminding hurting people at funerals that Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and the resurrection – that all who believe in Jesus will spend eternity praising Him. Bro. Terry has told members and non-members, with every sermon that he gives, that Jesus is the Son of God who was sent into the world to search for and save the lost. He encourages all of us to be a disciple of Jesus and tell the lost and dying world about our Savior. He also demonstrates the love of Jesus with his actions to his wife Robbie, his children, and his grandchildren as well as to his wider church family. And he'd definitely be demonstrating that love to the world -- if you would happen to see Bro. Terry in a grocery store, chances are he'd be telling someone about Jesus.

Do you need to know more about who Jesus is? See Bro. Terry so he can tell you more. Do you need to accept Jesus as your Savior? See Bro. Terry so he can help you with that decision because "...now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2). Let Bro. Terry share his heart for Jesus with you so you too can join God's family today.

Michelle Wyatt, Personnel Committee



Stitching with Love Ministry
meets every 1st Thursday
April 7 at 9am –12pm.



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



Extension Homemakers Club
meets every 3rd Wednesday
April 20 at 9:30 am



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Upcoming Events

- April 9 Children's Easter Celebration
- April 17 Easter / Sunrise Service
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 15 Senior Graduate's Recognition Day



From the Pastor's Desk



When it comes to Easter, what is your most favored tradition? Do you send Easter greeting cards? Do you call your family? Is it a family Easter Meal, is it attending an Easter Sunrise Service, is it the bunny who hides eggs? Or is it reading the Easter story from one of the Gospels?

Whatever else you do on Easter, be sure that you remember that Jesus was crucified upon a cross of wood for your sins. Then on the first Easter morning he rose again to offer you eternal life. You should be especially thankful on Easter Sunday because it is an occasion to celebrate His sacrifice and the new life He brings to all who trust in Him.

So, make every effort to keep the focus on faith in Him, praise Him, serve Him and thank Him for all that He has done for you. The most important thing to remember about Easter is that if it weren't for Him, it

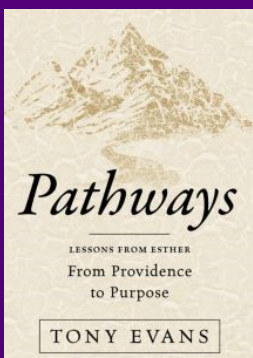
would not be a Happy Day, and none of the other traditions would be possible. For none of us would have anything to celebrate without His shedding of blood, and resurrection from the tomb. The wooden cross is a place to lay down our burdens and leave them there to stay.

We do not need to hold on to our guilt or our grief, or our fear of death. Because they have been crucified with Jesus our savior. Now we will hold a sunrise service at 7:00 at Sumner Cemetery, we will enter the auditorium at 11:00 to worship and receive His message, we will greet each other with the words, "Happy Easter!" on Resurrection Day, April 17. You are invited to celebrate that day with us. God bless you and Happy Easter.

Terry Fortner

Kids & Youth Summer Camps

It's nearing that time again. Richard is hard at work making plans for the kids to go to CentriKids camp at Williams Baptist on June 13-17 and then the following week, June 20-24, he'll be taking the youth to Dallas for Super Summer Texas. It's going to be a busy month for Richard! See him now about getting your kids registered for one of these camps. Deadline to register is April 16. If you'd like to be a sponsor, just make a note on your offering envelope which camp it's for.



SUNDAY NIGHT GROWTH GROUP

Begins
April 10 at
6:00 in the
Fellowship
Hall

The story of Esther appears to be a series of coincidences that deliver the Jews from certain death. However, God selected Esther for a particular purpose at a particular time in the history of His chosen people. This six week study will help you discover the power of God's providence in the midst of your personal pain, fear, gain, loss, and love. You'll see that God has a purpose for your life, and He uses every action and event that occurs in it to make that purpose a reality.



You're Invited!
Mark Lanier
Singer/Songwriter in Concert
April 3 at 6:00 pm

Join us at 6:30 am on Easter morning at Sumner Cemetery



to celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord.

Youth, Children & Other Happenings



Weekly Youth Gatherings

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services**
Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm.

School's Out

- JNP—April 15
- PCSSD—April 15
- Cabot—

Update from Brother Rich

Hi Zion Hill Family!

We have marched our way out of winter and into April! Our youth have been going through a series called "The Cards you Were Dealt" and we have had a few guest speakers come in and talk about some of their cards and how they played them. And let me tell you! It has been very impactful! Seeing how our students have connected to these speakers and been moved by their words has been very encouraging. As we close this series in April be praying for our students that God will help them play their cards right. We have each been dealt a tough hand, but how we play that hand will either help us or hurt us in our relationship with the Lord!

We also are celebrating Easter and the empty tomb! In a time where hope seems lost, we know it isn't because the tomb is still empty, Jesus is still Risen, and He is still King! Praise be to Him for as we celebrate the man who died on that rugged cross and rose again to give us life eternal! In celebration of this we will have an Easter Egg Hunt April 9th from 10am-12pm!

Also, the deadline for camp registration is April 16th! Please get signed up before then so your student doesn't miss an opportunity to go to camp!

I hop each of you have a great April, and it brings many blessings! (see what I did there, hop)

Invite your friends and come join us!

~Your brother in Christ, Rich

There will be a VBS & Children's Committee Planning Meeting April 11 at 6pm!



CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 10 AM-12 PM

Come join the fun! There will be a fun craft to make, snacks, easter egg hunt AND get your picture made with the Easter Bunny! Don't miss it!

EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 KJV

Children's Choir will continue practice Sundays at 6:00 pm. They will bring special music for Easter and also for Mother's Day. See Gary



Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday

- 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 11:30 am Children's Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Growth Group (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)

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| 3 | 8:00 am | Deacon's Meeting |
| 3 | | Sunday Services |
| 3 | 2:00 pm | Grief Share Support Group |
| 3 | 6:00 pm | Guest: Mark Lanier Singer/Songwriter Concert |
| 6 | | Midweek Services |
| 7 | 9:00 am | Stitching with Love Ministry |
| 9 | 8:00 am | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 9 | 10:00 am | Children's Easter Celebration |
| 10 | | Sunday Services |
| 10 | 12:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 11 | 6:00 pm | VBS & Children's Committee Planning Meeting |
| 13 | | Midweek Services |
| 17 | 6:30 am | Easter Sunrise Service at Sumner Cemetery |
| 17 | | Easter Sunday Services—No Evening Services |
| 20 | 9:30 am | Extension Homemakers Club Meeting |
| 20 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Services-Business Meeting |
| 24 | | Sunday Services—No Evening Services |
| 24 | | 25th Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon Fellowship |
| 24 | | No Evening Services |
| 25-27 | | Sr. Saints to Branson Conference |
| 27 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Services |

April Activities



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

MAN UP 2022



A day of fun, food, fellowship and disciple making for men of all ages. Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with Christian men from around the state. Bring your lost friends and enjoy the beautiful outdoors, eat a good meal and hear an uplifting evangelistic message from Dr. Sam Roberts, Missions team leader at the Arkansas Baptist state convention

When: Saturday, May 14, 2022

Time: 2:00pm-7:00pm (Registration begins at 1:30pm)

Where: Spring Lake Camp and Retreat Center | 145 Strauss Street | Lonsdale, AR 72087 (off of Hwy 70 between Benton and Hot Springs)

Cost: \$10 per person Visit <https://www.absc.org/events/man-up-2022/> to register. (You can pay online during registration or at the event.)

What to Bring: Fishing gear, Lawn chairs, all other supplies will be provided.

All participants are also encouraged to invite a lost friend (or two).

Questions? -- Call Travis McCormick at 1.800.838.2272 x5249 or email him at tmccormick@absc.org

If you're not currently receiving email prayer requests and information updates and you would like to be added to the list, please let Karla know. You can email me at zionhillbc@gmail.com to be added to the list.