



November 2022

# The Messenger

## Community Thanksgiving Service

November 22, 2022

6:30 pm

Bayou Meto Baptist Church

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Make plans to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22. This year it will be held at Bayou Meto Baptist Church at 26200 Highway 107, Jacksonville, AR. This is a community gathering of local churches, regardless of denomination that all come together to celebrate Thanksgiving. Various preachers will speak, there will be some awesome worship music and end the night with a finger food potluck fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to come celebrate!

We'll also be gathering items to stock the Bayou Meto Food Pantry. Bring some canned goods and dry goods to help stock up for the upcoming winter season and help be a blessing to those in need.



**Stitching with Love Ministry**  
meets every 1st Thursday  
November 3 at 9am –12pm.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
Every 2nd Saturday of each month.  
November 12 at 8 am

**Extension Homemakers Club**  
meets every 3rd Wednesday  
November 16 at 9:30 am

## From the Pastor's Desk



I Thessalonians 5:18 says "give thanks in all circumstances because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

I am thanking God today for eternal life. Heaven is my final destination, and Jesus is the One who made that possible. He loved me and gave His life for me. My sins are forgiven because of Jesus' blood.

I am also thankful for God's miraculous power to heal. I have experienced God doing that as I had liver transplant surgery in October. I give God the glory for what He has done for me.

I am thankful for a talented, and caring team of Doctors, Nurses, and all who cared for me in the hospital and who continue to care for me now that I am recovering at home.

I am thankful for my wife, Robbie, our children, and grandchildren who encouraged, supported and loved me always, but especially this month.

I am also thankful for my brothers and sisters in Christ. To each one who sent a card, a text, a phone call and posted on social media, thank you!

I am also thankful for the people of other churches that lifted me up in prayer. I have prayers being offered up for me in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Iowa, and Idaho that I know about. Praise the Lord for you and know that for God's glory He hears and answers the prayers of His people in wonderful ways.

I would never have chosen what I have been through this last month. But when I choose to trust my situation to God's perfect will, I am grateful that He blessed me and took me along on this journey and showed me His power.

From my heart I say to you, trust Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life, and hold on as you are going to see amazing things. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

**Terry Fortner**



### Good Deeds Produce Thanksgiving

Jesus died upon the cross to purify for Himself, a group of people zealous for good deeds ([Tit. 2:14](#)). As Jesus' people, we work diligently in our Lord's kingdom, to do the good works God prepared beforehand ([Eph. 2:10](#)). As we do the Lord's work, we affect the lives of others. The result is thanksgiving, directed toward God. People in the world see our good works and glorify God ([Matt. 5:16](#)). Good deeds directed toward our brethren produce thanksgiving to God ([2 Cor. 9:11](#)). As we go through our day-to-day walk, letting our light shine as God's children and doing the good deeds He has ordained, it causes others to glorify God and give thanks.

### Thanksgiving in Prayer

When we pray, expressing our concerns to God, we should take time to express our thankfulness. We tell God our problems, making our requests known to Him with thanksgiving ([Phil. 4:6](#)). We are devoted to prayer, staying alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving ([Col. 4:2](#)). We rejoice, praying without ceasing, giving thanks to God ([1 Th. 5:16-18](#)). A thankful life is a prayerful life. A life void of prayer is an unthankful life.

### Thanksgiving in Heaven

We don't know a lot about heaven, often making us wonder what it will be like. One thing occurring in heaven is thanksgiving. The angels in heaven give thanks to God ([Rev. 11:17](#)). When we get to heaven, we will give thanks to God for salvation, as those who were washed in the blood of the Lamb ([Rev. 7:1-15](#)). If we're not thankful in our prayers upon the earth, it's doubtful we'll live in heaven, where we'll be busy offering thanks to God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Every Day is Thanksgiving, for Christians

As we experience God's goodness in our lives, and offer thanks to Him, we could say that every day is a day of thanksgiving. We don't feast upon turkey every day, in observance of a secular holiday, but we offer our thanks to God in prayer, reflecting our thankfulness in everything we say and do.

- The result of our thankful lives, doing the good works God has ordained, is that it produces thanksgiving to God.
- The effect of things we do upon the earth is far reaching, even reaching the throne of God.

Whatever you do in the bustle of day-to-day life, remember to give thanks. And live in such a way that others, who watch you and experience God's goodness from your hands, can't help but pause and offer up a prayer to express their thanks. In these ways, God will be glorified, and receive the thanks He deserves.



## Youth, Children & Other Happenings

### Weekly Youth Gatherings

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

***Invite your friends and come join us!***

### Update from Brother Rich

Dear Zion Hill family,

November brings Thanksgiving and the end of spooky season. We often get complacent with being thankful as we only list what we are thankful for during Thanksgiving. In reality, we should be thankful every moment of every day that we live because God sent His son Jesus to die for us so we can have eternal life.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Says “give thanks in everything; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Colossians 3:15 States “And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:17 says “And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

We are told to give thanks all the time and in everything. Thanksgiving isn’t the “time of year” to be thankful, it’s when it’s celebrated most. In our everyday lives we should be thankful and give thanks to God. I encourage each of you as you go throughout November to give thanks, but remember it doesn’t stop when Thanksgiving is over. It continues!

I’m thankful for all the support you’ve given me during this time. I’m thankful for the prayers pointed towards Bro. Terry, and the work the Lord is doing during his recovery. I’m thankful to serve a gracious and loving God!

Be thankful my friends, not just now, but always.

-Bro. Rich

### School’s Out

- JNP & CABOT November 21-25
- PCSSD November 3-4, 21-25



Children’s Choir Practice  
meets  
Sundays at 6:00 pm



## Mark Lanier in Concert

Sunday, November 27—6:00 pm



It’s the most wonderful time of the year!  
**CHRISTMAS TOUR 2022**  
Nov 26-Dec 18  
featuring  
singer/songwriter  
**MARK LANIER**  
formerly with Bibletones, Perfect Heart, Poet Voices  
and friends!

Andrew Ishee  
Pianist for  
Shenandoah

The Shawn  
Drewett Family  
great family harmony

Sunday Evening Nov 27 6 pm  
**Zion Hill Baptist  
Cabot AR**  
With Andrew Ishee  
pianist for Shenandoah

**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 (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

**Wednesday**

5:45pm Wednesday Night Meal  
 6:30 pm Mid-Week Services  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)  
 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,  
 Youth *Switch* Service

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**November Activities**

5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal  
 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry  
 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting  
 Sunday Services  
 3:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal  
 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Sunday Services  
 3:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study w/ Sr. Saints Program  
 9:30 am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting  
 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal  
 6:30 pm Midweek Services—Business Meeting  
 Sunday Services  
 3:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
 5:00 pm Caregiver Ministry Meeting  
 6:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Bayou Meto  
 No Midweek Service This Week  
 Happy Thanksgiving—Office Closed Thursday & Friday  
 Help decorate for Christmas (Still TBD)  
 Sunday Services  
 6:00 pm Mark Lanier in Concert  
 5:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
 Midweek Services



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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at [www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons](http://www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons)



*Senior Saints Tuesday Fellowships are Back!  
 Every Third Tuesday at 11:00 am  
 Come for Bible Study at 10 am and stay for fellowship!*

**Wednesday Night Meals are Back!**



5:45—6:15 pm Cost is only \$4.00 per person to help cover food costs. Plan on joining us for this fellowship meal before Bible Study each Wednesday. You'll get fed in body and in spirit!

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](mailto:zionhillbc@gmail.com) to be added to the list.