



The Messenger



New Years Prayers for the New Year

As 2022 draws to a close and we enter a new year, you may feel a swirl of both excitement and anxiety about what comes next. The days between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve is the perfect time to introduce New Year's prayers into your daily prayer rotation so you may reflect on the months gone by and ponder what you want in 2023. New Year's scripture, from Bible verses about gratitude to prayers about trust in God's plan, will help you release the past and focus on the next chapter in your life. The following New Year's prayers will manifest protection, health, and love for the year ahead.

Regardless of your New Year's Eve plans this year, you can share these meaningful prayers with a friend or family member to welcome a safe space where you can both focus on goals and resolutions for 2023. Maybe you are marrying your partner and want a blessing from God about this new phase in your life. Or maybe you have a sick family member and are looking to give them strength as they continue their treatment plan in January.

These New Year's prayers speak to a variety of feelings that surface at the end of a year, but they also remind you that God is by your side every day no matter the year.

1. A Prayer for Happiness

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one... Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes. Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships. Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows. Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where men and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help... God, make my year a happy one. Guideposts Magazine

2. For a Strong Relationship with God

Lord Jesus, I thank You that You are with me, that You are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Open my ears this year, so that I can hear You and enjoy You at every junction, when You tell me to turn right or left. Amen
Pete Briscoe

3. A Prayer for New Beginnings

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow. Pope John XXIII

4. For A Peaceful New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this New Year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead. Vinita Hampton Wright

For more prayers and blessings, go to <http://www.womansday.com/life/g30243133/new-years-prayers/>

Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
January 5 at 9am -12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
January 14 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday
January 17 at 11:00 am



New Year 2023

I have gone through a year like no other. I started the year thinking I needed to lose weight but otherwise I felt I was healthy. Then in June after a routine doctor visit, I was referred to the UAMS transplant clinic. The result was a liver transplant. I have experienced a miracle of God's blessing and am very grateful to say I look forward to 2023. I am also grateful to our four retired ministers, Brother Dean, Brother Dennis, Brother John, and Brother Bill, for leading the services and Bible studies while I recovered. Also, I am grateful for all the love and support given to me by the members of Zion Hill.

Zion Hill Baptist Church started out normally in 2022, and then in November we saw our CYO Children, Youth and Outreach leader Richard Barkhimer get called to Geyer Springs Baptist Church. We continue to pray for God's blessing on him as he ministers to the students at Geyer Springs. But we miss him and Haley. I am also grateful for the members of the church who have continued to work in the Children and Youth Departments of the church, so that that vital part of our church continues. In 2022 we also joined together in grief and joy over the home going of some very special members of our church family. We all continue to pray for God's peace for their loved ones.

There were also many occasions for celebration in 2022. Thank you for the celebration of 25 years of ministry as

your pastor in March. Welcome to those who joined the church in 2022. We appreciate those who taught Bible Studies, Sang in the choir, Served on Committees, and drove the Vans throughout the year.

It is overwhelming when you think about how things have changed since January 1, 2022. In spite of all that has changed this past year, I rejoice because the truth of the gospel has not changed. God loves sinners, like me and you. He sent His only Son to take our place and die on a cross to pay our debt. Jesus arose from the grave, and one day, maybe very soon He will come again.

A New Year now stretches out before us. We know that God has perfect plans for our good in 2023. We plan to keep on keeping on, as we serve the Lord and minister to the community. We will keep on Preaching, Teaching, and worshipping the Lord together. We will continue to pray for the salvation of those who do not yet trust in Jesus. We will continue to cooperate with the North Pulaski Baptist Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention as we share together in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and World. May God's plan be fulfilled and His grace be with us all in 2023.

Thank you all for the Christmas cards, and gifts you shared with me last month. I love you all and continue to be thankful for the joy of being the pastor of such wonderful folks.

Terry Fortner



Lottie Moon Offering

Every dollar you give to the Lottie Moon Offering enables gospel transformation around the world in places where Jesus is not known or named. Your gifts help missionaries stay on the field, providing things like housing needs to helping cover unexpected medical costs.

To think that the first year Lottie started with \$2,000 to send two missionaries, now look at what Lottie's legacy has become! Lottie Moon surrendered her life to God's will, and her legacy lives on today. We get to come together each year to champion the work that God is doing among people and places with little to no access to the gospel, and sacrificially give as Lottie encouraged the church many years ago.

This year we celebrate the first known believer baptized among a people group! Sarah comes from the Embera people in the rural villages of Colombia. This indigenous people group has experienced hardship recently due to political violence, causing them to flee their homes into cities like Medellin, Colombia. Missionaries in the city have been able to gain access and pour into the Embera people and to see Sarah be among the first to proclaim Jesus as her Savior. How many more people will be able to hear the gospel and come to faith through your generosity? Learn more about the work God is doing among the Embera people and make an impact on people like Sarah by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at: imb.org/lottie. Our church offering for 2022 totaled \$4,713.78 Thank you church family for your sacrificial giving to reach more people like Sarah.

Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Beginning in January, we'll start gathering items for the 2023 Operation Christmas Child. For this month, we're asking for donations of **hats, scarves, and mittens**. We'll have a box in the breezeway for you to put your donations. Each month, there will be different items we'll be asking for to fill the boxes. In November of 2023, we'll have a packing party and assemble all of the items into boxes for each child. Let's use this opportunity to bless so many children across the globe. It's more than just the box of gifts the children receive. Since 2009, more than 30.9 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in The Greatest Journey—a 12 lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family. Let's share Jesus with them!



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!

Youth Update from Kaitlin

2022 is going out with a bang. From hanging out with Santa Clause, making crafts, and eating pizza and cupcakes at our Children's Christmas party, to the teens going to Dave and Busters for a holiday fun spree. This year has been filled with fun memories of summer camp, Zoomerang VBS, Kids Day Out, and Lock-In's. It was such a blessing to see how God influenced our youth this past year.

2023 is looking merry and bright! We already have plans in the works for an amazing fun time sharing the love of Christ and spending time together. Events include Radiant Retreat in February, WinterJam in March, Twists and Turns VBS, and all sorts of fun things yet to be shared *wink wink*.

Our VBS theme this year is Twists and Turns by Lifeway Kids. "- a fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Kids will have fun with games while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. In the end, they'll find that even when they mess up it is never "game over."" As always, we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer their time to help make this the best VBS Zion Hill has ever seen. (Yes, I do realize that VBS is 7 months away, but I can't help but to be super duper excited!!!! It's going to be so much fun!)

Richard and Haley will always hold a special place in our hearts for the ministry they shared with us here at Zion Hill. We wish them all the best in their new adventure at Geyer Springs. Please be in prayer as they follow the path God has in store for them.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN.



Children's Choir Practice meets
 Sundays at 6:00 pm!

The Personnel Committee is in the process of updating the vacant position for an Associate Pastor to support the Senior Pastor with primary duties with Youth and Young Adults. Once the job description has been finalized, the position will be advertised within Arkansas State Associations and the State Convention, as well as with Baptist seminaries.

School's Out

- CABOT January 2, 16
- PCSSD January 2-3, 16
- JNP January 2-4, 16



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

January Activities

January

1 Sunday Services—New Years Day
2 Office Closed Today
3 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
4 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
4 6:30 pm Midweek Services
5 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
8 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
8 Sunday Services
10 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
10 6:00 pm Children's Ministry & VBS Meeting
11 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
11 6:30 pm Midweek Services
14 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
15 Sunday Services
15 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
15 5:00 pm Caregiver Ministry Meeting
17 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study w/ Sr. Saints Program
18 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
18 6:30 pm Midweek Services—Business Meeting
22 Sunday Services
22 2:00 pm 45th Annual March for Life
24 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
25 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
25 6:30 pm Midweek Services
29 Sunday Services
29 6:00 pm Celebrate & Praise Service




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Roe is No More!
In 2023 we're back marching down Capitol Avenue!
Join us!
January 22, 2023
2 p.m. Sunday in Little Rock
Featured Speaker
GIANNA JESSEN
Abortion Survivor

Please use the following contact info when the church office is closed on weekends and holidays.

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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at 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 to be added to the list.