



June 2023

The Messenger

Zion Hill Baptist Church
VBS
2023

June 11-15 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm
Dinner will be served!

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DON'T BE SORRY!

and miss out on the time of your **LIFE**

This year will be more fun than a **Barrel of Monkeys**. So play your **5** right and don't get into **TROUBLE** !!!

Make plans to join us before it's ...

GAME OVER

START

SCAN ME

Scan with your camera app to get pre-registered now!

Stitching with Love Ministry
 meets every 1st Thursday
 June 1 at 9am -12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
 June 10 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship
 meets every 3rd Tuesday
 June 20 at 11:00 am



What a Wonderful Change

When it comes to the idea of changing our lives, we usually feel the same about that as we feel about heaven. We are all for it, but we are a little concerned about what we will have to go through to get there! The thought of change might sound good, especially if the change means our lives will be better. Our second thought usually is, “You mean I actually have to live differently? No way!”

The Christian life is at its basic level a changed life. If you claim to believe in Christ, but are living just as you did before you believed in Him, then you need to examine whether you truly believe in Him. “Jesus changes everything.” Is more than a bumper sticker cliché, it is absolute truth. Accepting Christ means that you must turn from your old life, and accept the new life He gives. As the Bible says, “Repent, and be converted, so that your sins may be blotted out. Believing in Christ means a new lifestyle. Again, the Bible says “If you are

in Christ, you are a new creation, old things have passed away, all things have become new.”

Jesus calls us to believe in Him, so we can escape the consequences and the hopelessness of the unbelieving life. While unbelievers might not be as bad as they could possibly be, they are still living as Paul says, “in the futility of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts” (Ephesians 4:17-18)”

The Christian life changes all that. We have in Christ, forgiveness, peace, love, and hope of eternal life, but we also have a new way of life in this world as we follow Him. We are His disciples; He is our Master. With that understanding, we are changed, and we will live differently. Thank God for the new life We now live, because of faith in Christ.

As the old hymn declares, *“What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my life! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my life!!”* **Terry Fortner**

Father's Day

One morning a few years back I was dropping Liya, my then-4-year-old daughter, off at her preschool. The director gently scolded me by telling my daughter to “remind her father to give her a jacket on such a cold day.” I humbly nodded to show that her parenting coaching had been well-received. Liya spoke up: “I actually have two fathers! My daddy here who forgot my jacket... and my Father in heaven.” As I hugged her goodbye and drove away that day, I felt such a sense of gratitude — and freedom — that my little girl already got it. She already lived in the life-changing truth that she has two dads: an imperfect, temporary human one and a perfect, everlasting one.

“Our Father” — the familiar but crucial opening phrase of the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, and the way Jesus usually addressed God Himself (except when He was temporarily separated by our sin on the cross). I think these words begin this model prayer because they help to put us into alignment with the truth. Uttering them reminds us we are God's children and tells the world that we are not just religious nuts who believe in some distant deity. Without “our Father,” He remains a distant, fearsome God who must be either placated, run from, or ignored. Our prayers to Him can become fear-filled, superstitious, cold and begging. Without “our Father,” we cannot live in the fullness and freedom reserved for the sons and daughters of the living God.

No matter how long we've been Christians, God can't fully be Father to us until we fully grab on to what it is to be His sons and daughters — children who are intimate and trusting and obedient and bursting with honoring affection for their Daddy. You see, I don't think God's forgiveness is meant to be the goal of our faith. It is just the crucial entry point for us into a powerfully restored relationship with Him. As it was in the Beginning. But we need to believe in, have faith in and live in the reality of that relationship! He died so that we can be co-heirs and learn to live in sonship. And the beautiful verse below reminds us how; it is by His Spirit that we are able to cry “Abba! Father.” Daddy.

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” Romans 8:15 (ESVUK)

Liya is now 9 years old. I can hear her singing joyfully outside as I write this. She and my twin boys continue to teach me every day what it is to be a dad — as my Father continues to teach me, by His Spirit, what it is to be a son. “I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God.” May this be your declaration and your absolute reality as you read this now— wherever you are, however old you are, and whatever is going on in your life.

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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!

Upcoming Events & Outings

Independence Day Celebration & Community Picnic July 2 at 7 pm

We'll have hamburgers, hotdogs and chips. We need volunteers to bring grills and help cook. We're also asking members to bring cookies to share. There will be a bounce house and obstacle course for the kids. We will also have popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream and loads of fun. We'll end the evening with a spectacular fireworks show.

Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to join us.



KDO & Family Summer Outings

- Wednesday, June 21 Painting at Fired Up!
Rescheduled— Blanchard Springs Caverns, Mtn. View.
Date TBD
- Monday, July 10 Cabot Aquatic Park— Cabot.
Dinner at David's Burgers
- Wednesday, July 19 **TENTATIVE:** Vortex Arcade Sherwood
Lunch at The Purple Cow in NLR.
- Saturday, July 29 **FAMILY EVENT!** Museum of Discovery,
Lunch at All Aboard in LR



I TWEETED YOU "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY,"
POSTED IT ON FACEBOOK, SNAPPED
A PIC FOR INSTAGRAM, AND SENT
YOU A SNAPCHAT ... AND YOU **STILL**
JUST WANT A HUG?

HEY, I'M **RETRO**
LIKE THAT!



Operation Christmas Child

Let's continue to bring items to fill the boxes. Here's the list of items requested so far:

February—hair brush, comb & toothbrush

March—small toys, cars, coloring books & puzzles

April—same as March items

May—soap and washcloths

June— Kids size sandals

Please place items in the box in the breezeway. Each month, there will be different items we'll be asking for to fill the boxes. It's more than just the box of gifts the children receive. 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!



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

- 6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)
 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,
 Youth *Switch* Service
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

June Activities

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| 1 | 9:00 am | Stitching with Love Ministry |
| 4 | 8:00 am | Deacon's Meeting |
| 4 | | Sunday Services—Lord's Supper |
| 5 | 6:00 pm | Nomination Committee Meeting |
| 6 | 10:00 am | Tuesday Bible Study |
| 7 | 6:30 pm | Wednesday Night Midweek Services |
| 9 | | Sr. Saints to Rock City Church, Sherwood |
| 10 | | Sr. Saints to Concord |
| 10 | 8:00 am | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 11 | | Sunday Services |
| 11 | 12:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 11-15 | 5:45 pm | VBS Week |
| 13 | 10:00 am | Tuesday Bible Study |
| 18 | | Sunday Services - Father's Day—No Evening Services |
| 20 | 10:00 am | Tuesday Bible Study & Sr. Saints Fellowship |
| 21 | 9:45 am | KDO Outing—Painting at Fired Up! & Lunch at US Pizza |
| 21 | 6:30 pm | Wednesday Night Midweek Services / Business Meeting |
| 23 | | Sr. Saints to Oak Bowery |
| 24 | | Sr. Saints to McRae |
| 25 | | Sunday Services |
| 27 | 10:00 am | Tuesday Bible Study |
| 28 | 6:30 pm | Wednesday Night Midweek Services |

A Word from Jeremy

I'm so excited to start my place of service with my new Zion Hill church family! While we've met formally, I wanted to give you a less formal snapshot of me. I think life is a gift - and one to be enjoyed, especially for those who are in Christ. This is why you will often hear me laughing and joking or catch me smiling. "I just like to smile. Smiling's my favorite." Life can be difficult and times can be tough; but, I try to take things light-heartedly as often as is possible and as long as it is wise to do so. Nehemiah 8:10 reminds us that the joy of the Lord is actually our source for strength. I do my best to walk through this world with this in mind.

As far as the atmosphere at my home and some of the things I enjoy there, the place is literally like a zoo. Literally... We have four horses, one goat, three pigs, two dogs, three cats, a bearded dragon, dozens of rabbits, twenty chickens (give or take a few), three ducks, one turkey, and a partridge in a pear tree. Okay, to be honest, that's all true except for the part about the partridge. A good bit of time is spent tending to our critters and I really have been enjoying working in the garden this year. I also love to cook and enjoy working with my hands, in general. I can't wait to jump in alongside you all as we serve God together as a united local body!

In Christ, Jeremy Jones



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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.