



October 2023

The Messenger

FALL FESTIVAL

October 29, 2023 4-6 pm

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Come help us celebrate the changing of the seasons with our annual fall festival! Free food, lots of games and candy too! Best decoration contest for your table or game.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV

- Corn Hole**
- Candy**
- Popcorn**
- Decoration Contest**
- plus many more games!**
- Cake Walk**
- Pick a Duck**
- Drinks**



Stitching with Love Ministry
meets every 1st Thursday
October 5 at 9am –12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
October 14 at 8 am

Home Extension Club
meets every 3rd Wednesday
October 25 at 9:30am –12pm

Sr. Saints Fellowship
meets every 3rd Tuesday
October 17 at 11:00 am



What was Jesus like? We have all seen artist ideas of Jesus. Growing up Baptist, I cannot remember the first picture of Jesus I saw. I am sure it was in the Nursery of Arnett Benson Baptist Church. In Lubbock Texas, where I grew up. I have a picture that is supposed to be of Jesus, on the wall in my office across from my desk as I type this article. The problem with most of the representations of Jesus in art and film, is that he really did not look that way at all. Nobody really knows what he looked like. But we do have a good idea from the Bible of what he was like.

The four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, paint a picture of Jesus as a revolutionary, counter-cultural, life-changing Savior. Does that sound like Jesus to you? Or is your version of him more...tame? With the rise of modern conveniences and comforts, we run the risk of domesticating Jesus so he can fit into our busy, disjointed, suburban life-style. But that is NOT the Jesus we meet in the Bible. In many ways, we have molded Jesus to fit our image, upholding the status quo and making sure we do not get too uncomfortable. To read the gospels and know the real Jesus will not only change our lives, it may change the world.

Jesus was not physically weak. He probably looked more like Schwarzenegger, than the skinny sissy with long hair in the portraits. He was after all a carpenter in the days before power tools. He did all the hard physical work by muscle power alone. Neither was he the meek, timid mousey wimp that he is shown to be in films. He had the spiritual strength

to stand up to Pilate, and Herod, each one a representative of Rome, the most powerful nation in the world at that time. He had the strength to resist the attacks, criticism, and endless questions that came from the religious rulers, and leaders of the Day. He never flinched or compromised, to appease the powers that were. He stayed faithful, and strong in His commitment to do what God had sent Him to do.

He was strong enough to call fishermen, a tax collector, and a terrorist, to a lifelong commitment and loyalty to Him, that eventually cost them their lives. They followed him for three years, saw Him killed, and resurrected to life after three days. He was physically able to drive out money changers and thieves from His Father's House. He also called children to His side and blessed them. He broke long standing traditions, and set high standards for Godly behavior.

The most powerful thing about Him is His love. Unconditional love. Love that overcomes every obstacle, and never stops loving. Love that ultimately caused Him to give His life for those He loved. Love that enabled Him to suffer the most painful execution ever created by man. Love so strong that as His death occurred, He prayed for forgiveness of those who were killing Him.

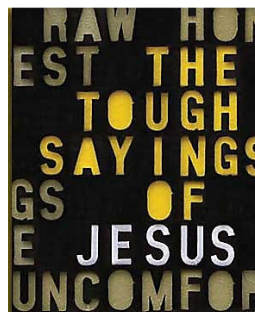
Have you ever seen my Jesus? I mean the real Jesus. If you have, then you have met someone who demands your soul, your life, your all.

Terry Fortner

Operation Christmas Child

The main items needed for our OCC boxes are boys and girls underwear. Or if you would prefer, you can give a monetary donation and we will use that to purchase items to fill the boxes. Our goal is to provide at least 25 boxes to send in November. Thank you so much to those that have given already!

Please place items in the box in the breezeway. 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!



SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Don't miss out as we finish out the tough sayings of Jesus on Sunday night Bible Study. Each Sunday night at 6:00 pm

WOMEN'S Bible Study

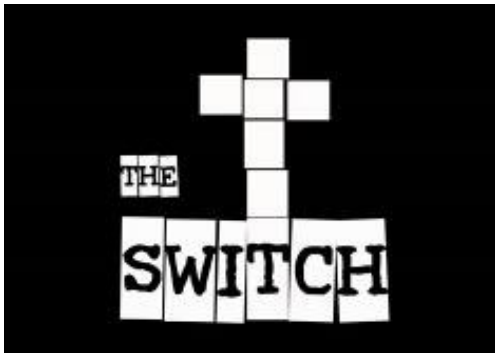
Ladies are invited to join us each month as we dig deeper into the bible study we started in February. "Calm my Anxious Heart: A Woman's Guide to Finding Contentment." The next gathering will be on **October 15 at 2 pm** and will also include a craft time. They will be making picture frames.

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!



ZHBC

Fishing Derby
October 21
8 am to 12 pm

Don't miss out on this! We're going fishing at the North Pulaski Community Pond that was just stocked by the AGFC. We'll have loads of fun watching the kids haul in all their catches! There will be hot dogs, chips and water along with a few door prize drawings! Bring your fishing poles and bait and head on out to the North Pulaski Community Park at 5705 W. Republican, Jacksonville, AR (Must have Arkansas fishing license if 16 or older) Limit of 3 catfish to keep.



Arkansas Home Extension Club

will begin meeting at the church again starting October 25, 2023 at 9:30 am
They plan to meet each 3rd Wednesday

of each month in the fellowship hall. Want to make new friends, learn new skills, and give back to your community? Our mission is to empower individuals and families through informal education in Family and Consumer Sciences, leadership development, and community service. Come join and see how you can serve.

Schools Out

- CABOT October 9, 20
- PCSSD No Days Out
- JNP October 27 & 30

FALLING LEAVES

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
— Psalm 1:3 NIV

Children's Christmas Play

Beginning on **October 8**, each Sunday evening at 6:30 pm, the children will gather to start practicing for a special Christmas presentation. They will practice each Sunday evening through December 10. On Sunday, December 17, they will proudly present their play during the morning worship service.

Young Adult Fellowship—The Jumble Sunday Evenings at 5:30 pm

Come join us for The JUMBLE! Young adults, married and single alike along with their kids of all ages are invited to join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday evening at 5:30 for a time of food, fellowship and Bible study.

October Activities

Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Worship
- 11:30 am Children's Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm The Jumble Gathering (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)
GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,
Youth *Switch* Service
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

1	8:00 am	Deacon's Meeting
1		Sunday Services
1	3:30 pm	Grief Share Support Group
1	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
3	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study
4	5:45 pm	Wednesday Night Meal
5	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Midweek Service
5	9:00 am	Stitching with Love Ministry
8		Sunday Services
8	3:30 pm	Grief Share Support Group
8	6:30 pm	Children's Christmas Play Practice
10	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study
11	5:45 am	Wednesday Night Meal
11	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Midweek Services
14	8:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
15		Sunday Services
15	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
15	3:30 pm	Grief Share Support Group
15	6:30 pm	Children's Christmas Play Practice
17	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study & Senior Saints Fellowship
18	5:45 pm	Wednesday Night Meal
18	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Midweek Services
21	8:00 am	ZHBC Fishing Derby at North Pulaski Community Park
22		Sunday Services
22	3:30 pm	Grief Share Support Group
22	6:30 pm	Children's Christmas Play Practice
24	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study
24 / 25		ABSC Annual Meeting
25	9:30 am	Home Extension Club Meeting
25	5:45 pm	Wednesday Night Meal
25	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Midweek Services
29		Sunday Services
29	4:00 pm	Fall Festival
31	10:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study



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

A Word from Jeremy

Once again, the leaves are beginning to change colors and fall to the ground as summer slips away and fall begins its tenure. Often the seasons change slowly and little by little, while other years, the transition is hardly distinguishable – one season abruptly becomes the next. The same happens in our lives; and, not just in nature. The June wedding or the birth of a bouncing new baby is preceded by months of preparation and an anticipation of the changing season of life. However, there are also seasons of life that are notably sudden and unexpected like the loss of a loved one or being laid off from work. During whatever season of life we find ourselves, it is important for the believer to remember that while change is certain and seasons come and go, God's love for us is unending and unbelievable. The psalmist says it well as he glorifies God in Psalm 36:5, "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds."

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.