

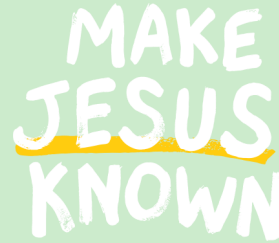


# The Messenger

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

### FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

The theme for this years Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is **Make Jesus Known**. The vision for global missions in Matthew 28:16-20 looks like sharing the gospel in conversation and with our actions. So how do we apply the call for global missions at home? How do seek to make disciples and make God's name known in our hometowns? I wanted to share some ideas I found that may be helpful. This list is only a partial list. To see the complete list, go to the link at the bottom of the article.



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### Some Ideas to Be on Mission at Home Seek faith-based conversations

1. Get to know your neighbors. Invite them out to dinner or plan an outing at a gallery, concert, or park. As you grow in relationship, look for opportunities to incorporate your faith in conversations.
2. Grab coffee (or ice cream!) with your classmates outside of the school year. Spend time investing in friendships with non-believers and believers.
3. Ask God to open doors where you work. Love the people you work with by showing an interest in them.

### Do life together

4. Ask a friend to go to church with you and your family.
5. Plan a picnic at a nearby park or on campus. Invite all your friends.
6. Gather your friends, family, and church to host a fundraiser for a missionary.
7. Celebrating a holiday? Ask guests to bring a non-perishable food item to your party instead of gifts, then give the collection to a local food bank or shelter.

### Show hospitality

8. Invite your friends with different backgrounds, views, and values over to your house for a potluck.
9. Bless the meal you share with your friends. That's right, saying a prayer over the meal allows you to worship God and express his love to others.
10. Plan, host, and invite people to celebrate holidays together, such as Easter and Christmas.

### Support the local church

11. Volunteer at a Vacation Bible School (VBS).
12. Serve as a camp counselor or volunteer at your church's summer camp.
13. Donate food to your church's blessing box.
14. Does your church need help with seasonal work? Ask about any gardening, painting, or cleaning that needs to be done and donate a couple of hours towards it.

### Serve your community

15. Come alongside women at your local pregnancy care center with friendship and help.
16. Offer an extra hand to an elderly couple.

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#### Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday  
March 7 at 9am –12pm.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month  
March 9 at 8 am

#### Home Extension Club

meets every 3rd Wednesday  
March 20 at 10:00 am –12pm

#### Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday  
March 19 at 11:00 am



Dear Members and Friends

Robbie and I are grateful for each one of you, for the many acts of kindness, support, and love you have shown us over the last 27 years. As I write what will be the last newsletter article for the Zion Hill Church newsletter. I am reflecting on the years we have spent together. We have shared so much. We are not going anywhere, we will still live in Cabot, and our phone number will not change. We will see you I am sure from time to time. I will help you in any way that I can. I am confident that you will show Michael and Sheri Luce and their family the same love and support you have shown me.

It is still not quite real to me that I am not only parting with you but retiring. I am as you know grateful to God. I realize that He showed great love to me 18 months ago and allowed the miracle that has extended my time as your pastor. I am also thankful for your understanding as I have lived now for 18 months with a compromised immune system. My doctor's don'ts mean

that I cannot be the pastor I want to be or that you deserve. How can I pastor a Baptist church when I cannot eat a pot luck dinner. I retire with good memories of 48 years serving as a pastor, and the last 27 years spent with you has brought the greatest joy.

As I leave you, I pray that God will bless each one of you, your family, and Zion Hill Baptist Church with His blessings. I look forward to seeing you and please know that I will help you in any way I can. You have called a good pastor. I look forward to hearing great things about God's church at Zion Hill, in the future. As you support Bro Michael, like you supported me, God will continue to bless you. Thank you again from the depths of our Hearts. It has been wonderful to serve our great God with you. You are a wonderful people. We love You!

As we say goodbye, We leave you with this advice "KEEP ON KEEPING ON IN GOD'S WAY."

**Terry & Robbie Fortner**

### Operation Christmas Child



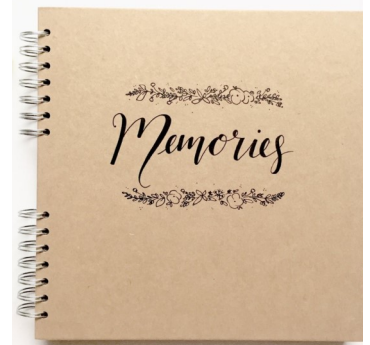
We are beginning to gather items again for OCC. For the month of March, the items needed are, hairbrushes, combs, hair accessories, bucket hats and ball caps. You can also fill a bottle with \$10 worth of quarters to cover shipping of boxes. Please place items in the box in the breezeway.



### Share a Memory

In recognition of Bro. Terry's retirement, the Personnel Committee invites you to write in the memory book that is available in the church office during office hours Monday-Thursday (Just see Karla). We'd like you to share a memory, a funny story, or something that Bro. Terry preached that impacted your life. Maybe you just want to congratulate him and give him good wishes on his retirement, or anything else that you think would touch his heart.

There should be plenty of room for each person to use the front and/or back of page (but a half page or less is okay too)! Be sure to sign your name to what you write! Thank you for your help with this project. Let's help him feel the love of 25+ years at ZHBC!



## Youth, Children & Other Happenings

### Weekly Youth & Young Adult Gatherings

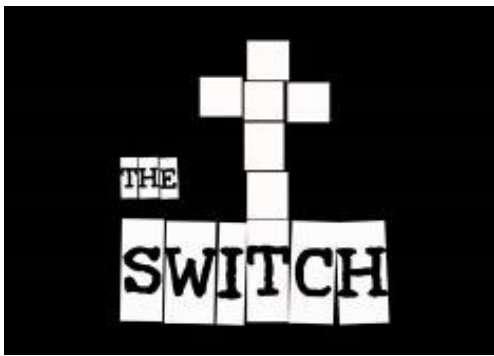
Wednesday Night *Switch* Services

Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm

Sunday Night *Growth Group* at 5:30 pm

Food, fellowship & Bible Study

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



**Children's Resurrection Celebration**  
**March 23**  
**10 am-12 pm**



## Total Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024

**We will have a total solar eclipse at approximately 12:34pm and will only last about 2 minutes. This phenomenon won't happen again in North America for another 20 years. We have solar eclipse glasses in the office compliments of NPBA. First come first serve.**



March 31, 2024

7:00 am

**Easter Sunrise Service**

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

**Sumner Cemetery**

### Schools Out—Spring Break!

- CABOT March 15, 18-25
- PCSSD March 18-22, 29
- JNP March 15-22

### Brother Terry Fortner Retiring from ZHBC



From 1997 to 2024, Brother Terry and Robbie (and family) have been well loved by the congregation of Zion Hill.



With over 26 years in the pulpit at Zion Hill, he has decided it's time to step down and enjoy his retirement years. He has almost 50 years total in the ministry serving as a pastor in various churches in Texas, Missouri and Arkansas. But it seems he found a home here at ZHBC to have served more than half of his ministry life at one church. What an awesome achievement to him and also to Sister Robbie as a pastor's wife and servant of the church. I can only imagine the jewels in heaven they have both accumulated in their years of ministry. But that's not what matters the most to them. What matters is the number of souls they reached through his messages, through her Sunday school classes, through gatherings at their house, and many, many church events where they were able to just share Jesus.

Come help us celebrate them **March 10, 2024** at 4:00 pm. We'll have a Cake and Punch Reception and just spend some time remembering, laughing and being thankful. Brother Terry's last message here at Zion Hill will be on Palm Sunday, **March 24, 2024** during the morning worship.

**Happy Retirement Brother Terry!**

### EASTER BASKET

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because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

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## 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

## March Activities

- 1 6:00 pm What's at Steak? Men's Dinner at SBC Jacksonville
- 3 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
- 3 Sunday Services, Lord's Supper, Church Council Meeting
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 5 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 6 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
- 7 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
- 9 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9 12:00 pm MT's Surprise Retirement & Birthday Party
- 10 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Forward One Hour
- 10 Sunday Services
- 10 4:00 pm Brother Terry's Retirement Reception
- 12 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 13 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
- 13 6:30 pm Wednesday Midweek Services
- 17 Sunday Services (St. Patrick's Day)
- 17 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 18-22 Public Schools Spring Break
- 19 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study - Sr. Saints Fellowship with Milton Lee
- 20 10:00 am Home Extension Club Meeting
- 20 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
- 20 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services—Business Meeting
- 23 10:00 am Children's Resurrection Celebration
- 24 Sunday Services—Palm Sunday—Bro. Terry's last Sunday
- 26 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 27 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
- 27 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 7:00 am Sunrise Service at Sumner Cemetery
- 31 Sunday Services—Easter—No Evening Services



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- 17. Know someone battling an illness? Visit them with a bowl of chicken noodle soup.
- 18. Gather your family, friends, and garbage bags to do a "Community Clean Up."

### Give

- 19. Donate clothes to the Salvation Army or a nearby homeless shelter.
- 20. Bake cookies (*or bread*) for your neighbor.
- 21. Fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox for Samaritan's Purse! *ZHBC has a list of items we're gathering!*

### Pursue the Kingdom Daily

- 22. Share a verse on social media, and write about how it has impacted your life.
- 23. Pray for a mentor, and once you've got one, pray for someone to mentor.
- 24. Write a letter of encouragement to a missionary.
- 25. Text an encouraging verse to your friends and family!
- 26. Introduce yourself to someone at church, get to know them, and pray with them.
- 27. Find ways to help your family, from helping your siblings finish their homework, to washing the dishes.
- 28. Volunteer at your local library! Offer to read stories, organize the shelves, and assist visitors.

As you can see, there are many ways you can maximize your potential of advancing God's kingdom at home. Let's **Make Jesus Known** right here in Cabot!

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