



# THE MESSENGER

***You're Invited  
To Join Us for a  
Celebration***

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## ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Independence Day community picnic and celebration at...

**7PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.**

It's going to be an evening of food, fun and fireworks, so invite your neighbors and let's make this an event to show our love for God and celebrate our country's independence.

**THERE WILL BE FOOD, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, COTTON CANDY AND ICE CREAM ALONG WITH ENDING THE EVENING WITH FIREWORKS.**

Guests should bring chairs, blanket, etc.

The church is at 11923 Zion Hill Road near Hwys 107 and 89 in north Pulaski County.

For more information, call 501-988-4989

### **Stitching with Love Ministry**

meets every 1st Thursday  
July 11 at 9am –12pm.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Every 2nd Saturday of each month  
July 13 at 8 am

### **Sr. Saints Fellowship**

meets every 3rd Tuesday  
July 16 at 11:00 am



## Why Christian Citizenship is Important

I heard about a church where members thought it was against God's will to vote. Concerned that a corrupt politician would win a local election, they gathered for an all-night prayer vigil. But they refused to vote and the good candidate lost - by fewer than the votes represented by those at the prayer meeting! While I absolutely believe in the power of prayer, I think their failure to vote was tragic.

Some might say that politics are dirty and that Christians are citizens of heaven, and not of earth. But as followers of Jesus, we need to grapple with our role in guiding our nation and how we are supposed to make a difference in our community and our nation. We don't want to be lazy, ignorant, or passive. It is often said that for evil to prevail, good just needs to be silent. The question should always be one of being faithful to God in every area of life.

There are at least four good reasons why Christians should seek to be good citizens:

### 1. God has granted us authority

All authority belongs to Jesus, but He has put human beings on the earth as caretakers. What is our task? According to Jesus in Matthew 28, we are to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey Jesus in every area of life. It is hard to imagine that Jesus would have wanted the political realm to be excluded. We must disciple people to make godly decisions through government as well.

### 2. Christians are needed to stand against evil.

Christians should be able to contribute more positively than anyone else to the political process. The alternative to Christian involvement is unthinkable. In the 20th Century, atheistic and secular humanistic leaders gained control of nations all across Europe, Asia and Africa. What was the result? According to historian R. J. Rummel, "Almost 170 million men, women and children have been shot, beaten, tortured, knifed, burned, starved, frozen, crushed or worked to death; buried alive, drowned, hung, bombed, or killed in any other of the myriad ways governments have inflicted death on unarmed, helpless citizens and foreigners."

### 3. Christian values contribute positively to society

The Bible's solutions make sense. It is Christian involvement in government through the ages that gave us hospitals, civil liberties, abolition of slavery, modern science, the elevation of women, regard for human life, great works of art and literature, a workable system of justice, education for common people, the free-enterprise system, and much, much more. Our nation was built on the principles and theology of the Bible. Without biblical morality, our system will fail.

### 4. Obedience to authority demands good citizenship

The Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 13 clearly states that we must obey governmental leaders because all authority comes from God. Here's the catch: in America, the people are the leaders! Here, at least, we express our obedience to God by exercising our rights and privileges as citizens. We need to be informed and active in leading our nation.

For the next few Sundays, I will be talking about how Christians can help America move towards revival. I also hope to equip us to have reasonable conversations with our family and friends about issues that are troubling our nation. Our goal is to help people see King Jesus as the only hope for America. Hope to see you on Sundays!

In Jesus Name,  
Michael



Our offering to date is \$535.37 but we still have about 14 bottles that haven't been turned in. Please bring your bottles back so we can give them our donation!

Already this year, 139 mothers have chosen life for their babies! The number of babies saved in 2023 was 265 and your donations had a part in saving those babies. If writing a check, please make check out to OPC and they will send you a donation receipt.



# UPCOMING AT ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FAMILY FUN & CHRIST CENTERED ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

June 17th through July 29th



## Kid's Day Out

Experience fun, fellowship, and faith with Zion Hill Baptist Church's Weekly Kid's Day Out! Every Monday, we gather for a delightful event filled with activities and a chance to grow closer with each other and with God. Children of all ages are welcome with or without their parents/guardians.



## BLAST OFF

WEEKLY FAMILY EVENT:

You have officially been invited to Mission Blast Off! Each Wednesday beginning on June 19th and ending on July 31st from 6 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

You will have an EXTREME amount of fun

Your meals are provided at NO COST

YOU are greatly wanted to attend

Use the QR code to sign up for any activities you are interested in!

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING YOU SEE?

Call 501-988-4989

BREAKING NEWS!

*This heat wave is brutal! Not only is it hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, but you can use your mailbox as a toaster oven.*



## KIDS DAY OUT SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 1

Daytime Lock-in—10 am to 3pm

July 8

Cabot Aquatic Park—3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

July 15

All Fam Bowling & Lunch—10:30 am to 1:30 pm

July 22

Get Fired Up Pottery & Lunch 10 am to 1:30 pm

\*August 1

Vortex Arcade & Lunch—8:30 am to 2:00 pm

\*Note the date change for this event

# July Activities

## ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Morning Worship
- 11:00 am Children's Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 pm Choir Practice / Team Meetings

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study  
(Senior Saints every 3rd Tuesday)

### Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Family Night



- 1 10:00 am KDO Daytime Lock-in
- 2 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 3 7:00 pm Community Picnic & Fireworks Celebration
- 4 Independence Day—Office will be Closed
- 7 Sunday Services
- 7 4:00 pm Deacon Meeting
- 7 5:00 pm Business Meeting
- 8 3:30 pm KDO Cabot Aquatic Park
- 9 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 10 5:00 pm Choir/ Worship Team
- 10 6:00 pm Wednesday Family Night
- 11 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
- 13 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 14 Sunday Services
- 15 10:30 am KDO All Fam Bowling
- 16 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study—Senior Saints Fellowship
- 17 5:00 pm Choir/ Worship Team
- 21 Sunday Services
- 22 10:00 am KDO Get Fired Up Pottery
- 23 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 24 5:00 pm Choir / Worship Team
- 24 6:00 pm Family Night
- 27 5:00 pm Senior Saints outing to Faith Miss. Baptist (Cabot)
- 28 Sunday Services
- 30 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
- 31 5:00 pm Choir / Worship Team
- 31 6:00 pm Family Night—Celebration Night



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



## HOW ARE YOU GIFTED TO SERVE?

The church is not a cruise ship where everyone relaxes, it is a battleship, where it is all hands-on deck, and everyone serves on mission. Everyone in our church needs to fill out a Ministry Team form. Use this QR Code to let us know that you are reporting for duty. Let's fulfill the mission of Jesus our King!



Open the camera app on your phone  
Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code  
Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action and fill out the form.



Join us at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for 10 minutes of prayer each Sunday. All leadership should attend, along with anyone who wants God to move mightily in our church. "We have not, because we ask not." God wants us to be a house of prayer, and it starts with us coming together for the purpose of interceding for our church. Everyone and any age is welcome. Let's begin Sunday morning in prayer.



## Operation Christmas Child

We are continuing to gather items for OCC. For the month of July, the items needed are, sewing kits, 7" scissors, and 1 yard pieces of fabric (light weight cotton blend). 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.