

ZION HILL GIVING THE ULTIMATE GIFT

December 2024- Newsletter



GENERATION TO GENERATION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

– Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20

There is a lot of excitement going on at Zion Hill Baptist Church. In the November business meeting, I presented a vision and plan to become a Great Commission Church that focuses on raising up new generations of disciples that will disciple generations to come. We are naming it “Generation to Generation”, It is a bold and aggressive plan to revitalize our church and prepare it for an exciting future.

Imagine a church where every man, woman, and child in our area has the repeated opportunity to hear, see, and respond to the gospel message of Jesus Christ. A Church that restores faith in Jesus, love for family, and hope for America. A church that recognizes the treasure of the older people while investing heavily in the younger generations for the sake of the future of our church.

Throughout scripture God calls one generation to pass on the faith to the next. Moses commanded the Israelites to teach their children of God’s deliverance and love. The Psalmist insists that the Israelites record their faith for a people yet unborn. Jesus was intentional about ministering to children and making young disciples. Part of Paul’s focus was mentoring young leaders and telling the churches to raise up new disciples.

We aim to faithfully connect with and care for all people of the church and community, from the oldest to the youngest. Thus, ensuring our ability to pass on the faith from generation to generation. Throughout this vision and plan there are proposed changes to our structure, facilities, and staffing aimed at helping us meet the needs of people across the generations. We want to strengthen and expand our ministries to prepare our church for a vibrant future.

The main emphasis of the plan is to prioritize kids ages 4 to 14. Most active Christians were saved during this part of their life. Studies show that most parents pick a church because of the children’s ministry. This group also represents the majority of our local community and the ones who come to our big events like the July 4th Fireworks and Fall Fest. This age group and their parents are the “fields ripe for harvest”.

We desperately need a compelling vision and plan to accomplish the Great Commission at Zion Hill Baptist Church. A clear and communicated vision and plan will clarify our purpose, attract leaders, unite the congregation, inspire action, guide decision-making, help us overcome obstacles, encourage generosity, and facilitate growth. It will also require changes to our facilities, programming, budget, and staff.

Change usually requires sacrifice. But sacrificing for the sake of the gospel is being like Jesus. He sacrificed for us, and it is our privilege to sacrifice for Him. The vision and plan will be sent to all members that have an available email address. I would like to invite any questions, concerns, and suggestions. Please contact me or come to the scheduled discussion meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, December 3rd. The Generation to Generation Vision and Plan will be voted on in a special called business meeting after the December 8th service without discussion.

Looking Forward,

Pastor Michael

Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Saturday December 14
at 8:00 am

Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
Every Tuesday at
10:00 am

Grow Groups
Wednesday’s at 6:15pm
Trail Life/Heritage Girls
Betterman/Women/Griefshare

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER DECEMBER 1-8

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

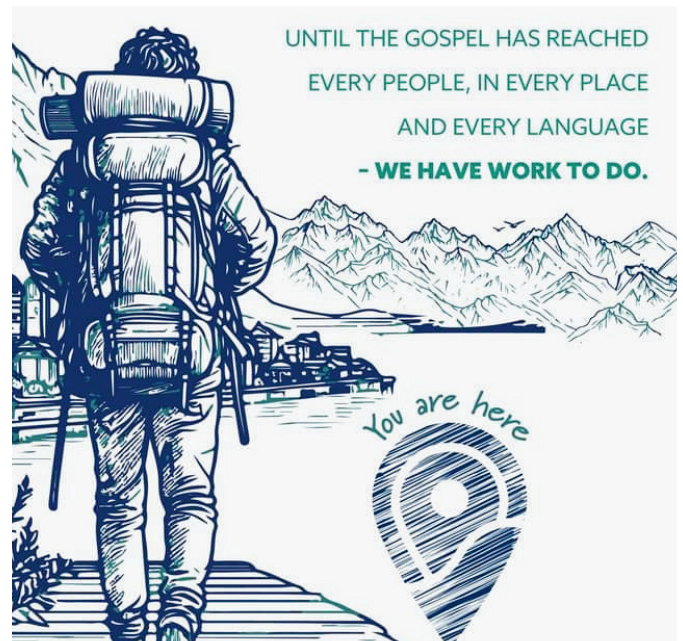
Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Zion Hill Goal
\$10,000

What is our goal as a church?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual collection by Southern Baptists to support international missions. This year, the National Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal is \$205 million and out of that, our goal at Zion Hill is \$10,000.

Did you know The International Mission Board of the SBC reports over 2.8 billion people have little or no access to the Gospel. Your prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are a tremendous support and blessing in getting His Message out to the nations.



100% of your gifts directly supports missionary presence around the world so lives can be transformed through the gospel

NEW SERMON SERIES

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love. Worship
Expectation.



ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Over the past year, as a church, we have collected hundreds of items to be placed in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Through these generous donations, we were able to send over 30 boxes filled with toys, hygiene items, t-shirts, sewing kits, toolkits, hairbrushes, dolls, soccer balls and more. Through these gifts, we communicated to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10, ESV).

Our leader over the Operation Christmas Child at Zion Hill, Maggie Smith, got together with our children's grow groups to get the children at Zion Hill involved. The boys of Trails for Life and the Heritage Girls group served on two different occasions in helping pack each of the boxes. The Children were also able to pray a blessing over the boxes before they were mailed off to different areas around the world. (Pictured below)

It is such a a blessing to give this time of year and what an honor to be a part of serving in this ministry. Since 1993, more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

You can follow where our boxes go at www.samaritanspurse.org, Follow your box. zionhillbc@gmail.com.

"The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations."




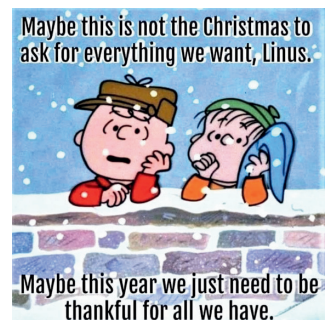
**Family Event
Wednesday Night
December 18th
5:45 pm**

Happy birthday Jesus.

Celebrate Jesus' Birthday
Wednesday
December 18 at 5:45 pm

Eat together.
Celebrate together.
Praise together.

Games & Birthday Cake!
In the Fellowship hall

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 6
4:00 pm
SEARCY
CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS
AND DINNER

December 14 & 15

Christmas
Cantata
12/14 at 6pm
ZION HILL
with potluck

12/15 at 6pm
BAYOU METO
BAPTIST

December 18
5:45 pm
Jesus' Birthday Party
GAMES
Finger-foods
Singing Carols

December 24
5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
& Lord's Supper

Month of December Lottie Moon Offering

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Lottie Moon WEEK OF PRAYER						
9:15 am Grow Groups 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Deacon Meeting 5:00 pm The Point <i>Advent Sunday</i>	6:00 Betterman	10:00 am Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Business Discussion Meeting	5:00 pm Choir/Worship Team 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls/BetterMan/Women Grief Share	11:30 am Senior Adult Christmas Party	4:00pm Searcy Christmas Lights & Huckleberry's Catfish Buffet	
8 9:15 am Groups 10:30 am Worship 11:45am Business meeting 4:00 pm Church Council 5:00 pm The Point	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study/Fellowship Hall	11 5:00 pm Choir/Worship Team 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:15 pm Trail Life/Heritage Girls/BetterMan/Women Grief Share	12	13	14 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 pm Christmas [Zion Hill Baptist Church] Fingerfoods
15 9:15 am Groups 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Christmas Cantata Bayou Meto Baptist	16	17 10:00 am Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 11:00 am Sr. Saints Fellowship	18 5:45 Jesus' Birthday Party (Games/FingerFood/Singing)	19	20	21
22 No Children's Church Nursery is Available 9:15 am Groups 10:30 am Family Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (with Lord's Supper) OFFICE CLOSED	25 Christmas Day  OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29 No Children's Church Nursery is Available 10:30 am Family Worship	30	31 New Years Eve OFFICE CLOSED	1 New Years Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4

School Days Out:

PCSD
12-23 through 1-3

JNPSD
12-23 through 1-6

Cabot
12-23 through 1-3