

ZION HILL 2025



A letter from our Pastor

Compassion For Sheep

Jesus felt compassion as he looked out over the crowds. Why? They were “harassed and helpless.” But what does this really mean? Matthew paints a vivid picture with a few simple words. They were “like sheep without a shepherd.” This should get our attention. We usually picture a cohesive herd of sheep in peaceful green pastures. But sheep are completely reliant on their shepherd. Remove the shepherd and the sheep are defenseless and vulnerable to attack. Sheep are also not good foragers and often get lost. The shepherd leads them to green grass and calm waters. Without a shepherd the sheep are scattered, confused, hungry, and vulnerable.

This is the spiritual picture of the crowds Jesus saw. They were sheep who needed a shepherd to lead them to the source of life and protect them from spiritual devastation. Jesus saw an entire nation of starving and thirsting people. They are alone, wanting, and do not know the way to God. They have been looking to fill their soul’s hunger in all the wrong places. They sought to fill their hunger with things that ultimately leave them empty and broken. They have no knowledge or sight.

Considering this reality, Christ’s heart aches and so should ours. Notice verse 36: “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them...” This gives us a beautiful view into the motivation of our Messiah. Our Savior looks at sin-plagued people without a shepherd and feels compassion for them. Christ does not ignore or look away, instead he has compassion and takes action.

Is this the way you feel when you look at the world? Does compassion motivate you to spread the gospel? Or would you rather ignore the problem? Do you want to know how to get excited about telling others the gospel?

The answer is to “see things like Jesus”. If we are not excited to share the gospel, the problem is that we don’t see others the same way that Jesus does. If we did, we would be moved to pray, sacrifice, and get involved.

People are definitely responsible for their sin. But Jesus saw the crowds as helpless sheep without a shepherd. Adopting this perspective will help us have the correct motivation of compassion and engagement. We need to see that many have not had a loving and patient shepherd. They need to be introduced to Christ’s love and then to His ways. We must pursue the heart Christ and let it guide us.

Our vision is to be 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. We want to be a Church that restores faith in Jesus, love for family, and hope for America. We want to be 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. We want to rescue and disciple sheep!

To accomplish this, we need a heavy dose of compassion and motivation for reaching the lost. Join with us as we pray, sacrifice, and work to become a Great Commission church reaching our community for Jesus. May the heart of Jesus be what moves us.

Because of Jesus,

Pastor Michael

ZION HILL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Worship
Series:
THE HEART OF
WORSHIP
Sundays @
10:30 am
STARTING
JANUARY 12

Children’s Series
Sunday School
JANUARY 26

NEW!
January 26th
2 Services!
New Beginnings!
9:15 am &
10:30 am

2025

'Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord 's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!' (Psalms 117)

We have a lot of reasons to praise the Lord! Our family, our friends, our church and community! Not only should we praise Him because of what He has done for all of us, but more so for who He is.

In January, Zion Hill Kids (K-4th), we will be diving into praising and worshipping the Lord. We are looking forward to learning about how we can worship the Lord EVERYDAY. We've got a lot of exciting things happening here at Zion Hill!

This January, we will be kicking off our Generation to Generation (G2G) vision. As part of that, on the 26th, we will be shifting to two worship services (9:15am & 10:30am).

Zion Hill Kid's will have a separate worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 starting the 26th as well. As we enter this new season, please be in prayer that we will walk in step with the Spirit and be sensitive to His direction!

In His Name,

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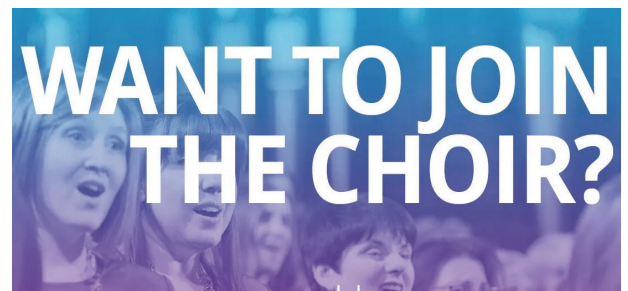
WORSHIP TEAM/MUSICIANS

WEDNESDAY'S AT 5 PM

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to join our Worship Team?

Worship Team will meet on Wednesday's at 5 pm for practice

Please contact Daren at darenleeb@me.com or Ernie at ehesterly@att.net



SUNDAY'S AT 5 PM

Love to Sing praises to the Lord? Then... join our Choir Team!

Choir Team will meet on Sunday's at 5 pm for practice.

Choir will be singing at the first service (9:15am) and perform two specials a month.

Please contact Ernie for more information or email at ehesterly@att.net



GENERATION TO GENERATION

Our progress and path to becoming a Great Commission Church

**MONDAYS STARTING
JANUARY 6TH**

Help us prepare the facilities for the future!
9am-3pm

January 8th

- 6-8pm
- Fellowship Hall
- Everyone Invited!

Movie Night

GO SATURDAY SERVE

January 11th 8am-Noon
(Breakfast Served)

New Year! New opportunities!

Go Saturdays are an opportunity to Serve our community and church. Click on this QR Code if you haven't already signed up.



Starting Jan. 11th @ 8 am-noon



**Sunday
January
12**

- Past volunteers
- Current volunteers
- Future volunteers

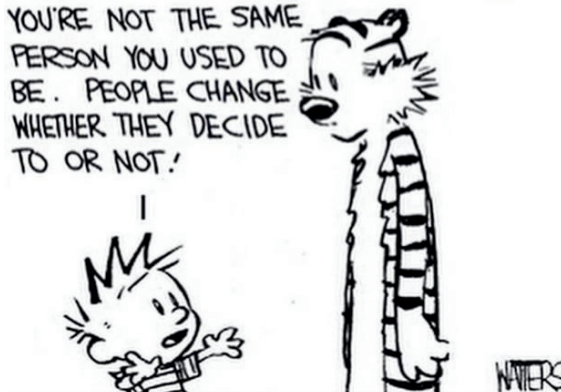
Right after Church
RSVP by January 5th

18 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV



KNOW WHAT'S WEIRD? DAY BY DAY NOTHING SEEMS TO CHANGE, BUT PRETTY SOON, EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT. YOU JUST GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND ONE DAY YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU USED TO BE. PEOPLE CHANGE WHETHER THEY DECIDE TO OR NOT!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
ITEMS NEEDED FOR
JANUARY

ITS TIME TO START
COLLECTING AGAIN!
COLLECTION BOX IN BREEZWAY

*COLORING BOOKS,
BRUSHES/COMBS, HAIR ITEMS

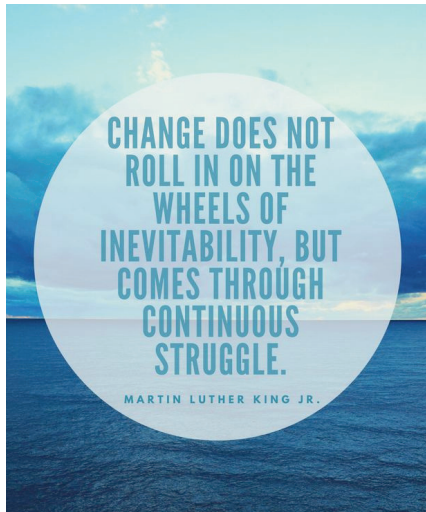
January 2025

Zion Hill Baptist Church

December '24							February '25						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 		31 Church Office Closed Today	1 New Years Day Church Office Closed Today	2 Church Office Closed Today	3	4
5 9:15am Groups 10:30am Worship 5pm Choir 5pm The Point	6 9am-3pm G2G Work Day	7 10am Bible Study 6pm Deacon's Meeting	8 5pm Worship Team 6-7:30pm Family Fun Kick-Off Wednesday	9 9am Stitching with Love	10	11 8am Breakfast GO Saturday 8am-Noon
12 9:15am Groups 10:30am Worship 11:45am Worker Appreciation 5pm Choir 5pm The Point	13 Martin Luther King Day 9am-3pm G2G Work Day 6pm Church Council Meeting	14 10am Bible Study	15 5pm Worship Team 6-7:30pm Dinner & Grow Groups	16	17	18 DEACONS WIDOW'S LUNCHEON 11-2pm
19 9:15am Groups 10:30am Worship (LS) 5pm Choir 5pm The Point	20 9am-3pm G2G Work Day 6pm BetterMan	21 10am Bible Study 11am Senior Saints 6pm Business Meeting	22 5pm Worship Team 6-7:30pm Dinner & Grow Groups	23	24	25
26 9:15am Worship 10:30am Worship/Kidz 5pm Choir 5pm The Point <small>Start 2 Services</small>	27 9am-3pm G2G Work Day 6pm BetterMan	28 10am Bible Study	29 5pm Worship Team 6-7:30pm Dinner & Grow Groups	30	31	

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY JANUARY 13TH



SCHOOL DAYS OUT

JNPSD
JANUARY 1-6
& 20

CABOT
JANUARY 1-6
& 20

PCSD
JANUARY 1-7
& 20



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