ZION HILL 2025



A letter from our Pastor

Becoming a Welcoming Church

Have you ever tried to teach a child to tie their shoes? It's something most of us do so naturally and automatically that breaking down the process into teachable steps is a challenge. Teaching our people to extend Christ's radical hospitality to first time guests is no less a challenge. I want to encourage all of us to be radically hospitable to our guests.

It is important to remember that in this era of front door greeters at every store, people are immune to the person at the front door. Many churches put all their welcome effort into the person at the front door, yet the people in the pews keep to themselves. It takes everyone to have a spirit of welcome, not just the people at the welcome center.

Here are three things that help us become a welcoming church:

- Inviting many churches are not inviting yet they say they are welcoming. We must go beyond hoping that someone will walk through the front door on Sunday; we must ask them to come. Our church needs to encourage people to feel welcome at our church, even before they have come into the parking lot. People should feel welcome at our church because they were invited to an service.
- 2. Welcoming once people invite their friends to church the entire church must be welcoming. It is not up to the welcome team or the greeters or the pastors to do the welcome. People are waiting for someone in their pew to say hello. Sunday is the time for community interaction not just private devotions. Use the "3-minute rule:" spend the three minutes just before and just after the worship service

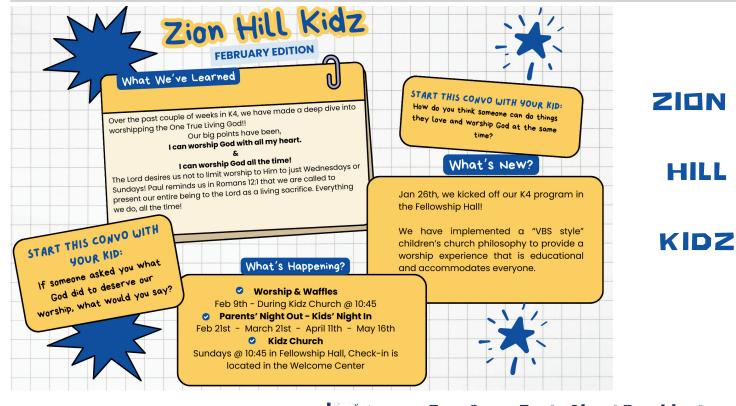
greeting those you do not know. So often people visit with those they know at church and believe that they have a friendly congregation. Yet when visitors come, their experience too often is that other than ushers and greeters, no one speaks to them. So, the "3-minute rule" reminds people to be intentional about greeting and getting to know someone you don't know during these two times. 3. Befriending – if people get invited to come to church, they come along and feel a sense of welcome but nobody ever makes friends with them, then they won't stay very long in our church. As important as welcome is befriending new people is even more important if you want them to stay in our church longer than a couple of weeks. If we want to disciple new people that come to our church, then we have to befriend them and be in relationship with them. The first step is learning names. Write them down as soon as you can, so that if they come again, you can remember!

This is just the tip of the iceberg in creating a welcoming church; it won't happen overnight, and we must keep working on it. In our effort to become a Great Commission Church, it takes all of us to reach new people, connect them into our church, and help them grow, serve, and go. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will bring lots of workers into the fields.

Love,

Pastor Michael

ZION HILL NEWSLETTER







Fun, Crazy Facts About Presidents

1. The teddy bear was named after Theodore Roosevelt. On a camping trip, Roosevelt refused to shoot a small bear cub. The teddy bear was born!

2. . Dwight Eisenhower is the only president to serve in both WWI and WWII.

3. Andrew Jackson had a parrot that was so profane, it had to be removed from Jackson's funeral for swearing.

4. James Garfield survived an assassination attempt, only to die from blood poisoning after doctors attempted to remove a bullet from his back. It is said Garfield could have survived with the bullet in his back. His assassin, Charles Guiteau, claimed that he didn't kill the president, the doctors had. He was hanged anyway.

5. Martin van Buren was the first President to be born a US citizen.

6. John Tyler was born in 1790, and still has two living grandchildren.

7. Woodrow Wilson is the only President to have earned a Ph.D. He didn't learn to read until he was 10 years old.

8. James Madison was the shortest President. He was only 5'4" and never weighed more than 100 pounds.

9. Once, while giving a speech, Teddy Roosevelt was shot. He continued to deliver his speech with the bullet in his chest.

10. William Taft is known as the largest President. Dubbed "Big Bill," Taft weighed 325 pounds, and often got stuck in the White House bathtub.

11. William Henry Harrison gave the longest inauguration speech - 8,578 words in one hour, 40 minutes. Unfortunately, it was cold outside during his speech, he caught pneumonia, and died exactly one month later

12. Franklin D. Roosevelt was in office for four terms, from 1933-1945. He served 12 years, 1 month, and 8 days, until dying right before WWII ended. He is the only President to serve more than two terms.

13. George Washington gave the shortest inauguration speech on record - 133 words and less than two minutes long.

14. John F. Kennedy was the first Roman Catholic to be president, the first Boy Scout to become president, and the first president to be born in the 20th century.

15. Abraham Lincoln created the Secret Service hours before his assassination.

16. Calvin Coolidge had a pet pygmy hippopotamus named Billy.

17. During WWII, ten men survived a plane crash after being shot down by the Japanese. Only one was rescued, and the other nine men died at the hands of the Japanese. The lone survivor was George H. W. Bush.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Our progress and path to becoming a Great Commission Church



MONDAYS STARTING February 3rd

Help us prepare the facilities for the future!

9am-3pm



SINGING GOD'S PRAISES IS A GIFT! JOIN THE CHOIR! CHOIR WILL SERVE AT 1ST SERVICE AT 9:30AM CONTACT ERNIE FOR MORE INFO 501-837-0861

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**



February 8th 8:30am-Noon

OUTREACH & Renovation

(Breakfast Served!)

Saturday Serve Day February 8th!

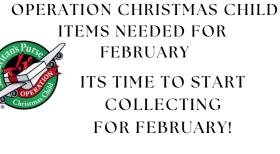
Go Saturdays are an opportunity to Serve our community and church. Click on this QR Code if you haven't already signed up. February 8th at 8 Breakfast



Outreach & Renovation

8:30-noon





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God's Valentine





SCHOOL DAYS

САВОТ **FEBRUARY 17**

PCSD **FEBRUARY 17**

JNPSD **FEBRUARY 17** ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

SUNDAY MORNING

TRADITIONAL SERVICE 9:30AM **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:45** KIDS WORSHIP 10:45AM

GROW GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE 8:15AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE 9:30AM CO-ED - CHILDCARE PROVIDED

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE 10:45AM CO-ED - CHILDCARE PROVIDED

SUNDAY SENIOR ADULT STUDIES AT 10:45AM 2-SENIOR ADULT WOMENS CLASS-10:45AN SENIOR ADULT MENS CLASS- 10:45AM SUNDAY EVENING AT 5PM

TUESDAY MORNING AT 10AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SERVED 6:00PM

GROW GROUPS FOR ALL AGES 6:30-7:30

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