

DECEMBER 2019



# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

*"The Church with a history and a future"*



During the Christmas season, there always seems to be a certain excitement floating through the air. The anticipation of family gatherings, time spent celebrating with friends and co-workers, and the aroma of freshly baked Christmas goodies. This year I am especially excited about the Carolina Christmas lights. Oak Mills park, (the old Challenger 3), has been converting the par 3 golf course to a Christmas Village, complete with a barn, a covered bridge, and over 300,000 Christmas

lights! Each evening I have passed by the park and seen them add more and more lights. Needless to say, I am excited and will be the first in line for the hayride through the Christmas village.

As excited as I may be for Christmas cookies and lights, I am more excited for the opportunity to celebrate Jesus birth. I am more excited to remember all the love God has for me when He entered this world as a baby, and eventually grew to become my Lord and Savior. Our theme for Advent this year will focus on a special Christmas Hymn, Joy to the World. This hymn has been played, sung, and heard for 300 years. Composer Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song" - a powerful performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Joy to the World reminds us that Christmas is truly a joyful season, because our joy comes from Jesus. Our joy goes beyond our time with friends and family, our joy is better than our favorite Christmas cookies, our joy fills our hearts with God's love. Everyone is invited to join us for our upcoming Advent services.

**"Joy to the World, the Lord is come." – Isaac Watts**

"Make a joyful noise to the Beloved all the earth; break forth into grateful song and sing praises! Yes, sing songs of praise extolling Love's way; lift up your hearts with gratitude and joy!" – Psalm 98 (translation, Nan C. Merrill)

December 1- "Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy" 11am Worship

December 1 – "Joy to the World" Service – 6pm

December 8 – "Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy" Children's Christmas Program, 11am Worship

December 15 – "Make the Blessings Known: Unabashed Joy" Adult Choir Cantata, 11am Worship

December 22 – "Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy" 11am

December 24 – "The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy" Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5pm

Peace and Joy,  
**Matt**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST (ALSO 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM; WORSHIP - 11:00 A  
"JOY TO THE WORLD" ADVENT SERVICE - 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH (ALSO 11TH & 18TH)**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES DUE  
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:15 PM  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 5:40 PM; ORANGE - 6:00 PM; YOUTH - 6:00 PM  
ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY IN ADULT ASSEMBLY - 6:00 PM  
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:45 PM; PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE - 7:45 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

TRIP TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE IN BOONE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING - 9AM - NOON

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DURING MORNING WORSHIP  
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
DEACON'S MEETING - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING - 6:00 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH (ALSO 26TH)**

BUSY HANDS - 1:30 PM - SMALL DINING ROOM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

JOY CLUB TRIP TO FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS SHOW. LEAVE CHURCH AT 10:45 AM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA, *HIS NAME IS JESUS*, DURING MORNING WORSHIP  
YOUTH S.N.A.C. - 5:30 & 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**

NO CHILDREN'S ORANGE TONIGHT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**

YOUTH BBQ PICKUP - 7-9 AM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

OFFICE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 5:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

OFFICE CLOSED  
NO SERVICES TONIGHT





**Join us for our “*Joy to the World*” Advent evening service  
Sunday December 1st, 6pm.**

This will be a family friendly service for all ages. Based on our Advent Theme of “Joy to the World,” we will gather to joyfully sing praises to God, to lift up our hearts with gratitude and joy, and to experience the Joy of the season as our children share the Christmas story.

Zion children, youth, and adults will help lead this service through sharing in music, reading scripture, and voicing prayers. (All children will be invited to help share the Christmas Story. Children will be assigned parts and possibly a costume before the service begins, then they will participate in the story as it is read by a narrator.)

After the service, everyone is invited to our FLC for a time of food, fellowship, and a special visitor for the children.

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**"PINTEREST PARTY" CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

**Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Council**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Building**  
**Please RSVP by December 1st**

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## The JOY Club Trip to Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas Show

 On December 14th, we will leave the church at 10:45 am and eat lunch at Cracker Barrel in Hendersonville. There will be some time to shop, browse, or just sit a bit to let your lunch settle. We will then head to the show at 2 pm. We'll return to church around 5 pm.



**Children's Christmas Musical, "Random Acts of Christmas"**  
**Sunday, December 8th during Morning Worship**

The children will have their last practice on Wednesday, December 4th at 5:40 pm in the sanctuary.



## Zion Mission Opportunities



### Operation Christmas Child shoes boxes—Deadline is December 4th

If you are interested in traveling to Boone on Thursday December 5th, to work in the warehouse and carrying our boxes, sign up with Matt or the church office.



**Senior Center Food Collection -- Due by December 1st --** We want to provide meals for 140 seniors during Christmas when the center will be closed. We are collecting two items: canned beef stew in pop-top cans and peanut butter (any size). Please place your items in the boxes placed around the church.



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## Mission Update from Honduras

Zion Baptist,

I had a great trip, albeit a quick one to Honduras this past fall. I visited with Pastor Daniel and Pastor Mario at the chapel in San Pedro Sula. I was able to join in a chapel service and participate in serving a meal afterwards. It is a special ministry at the hospital; so many needs. Both pastors seem to be well. Daniel shared with me that another hospital in the central part of the country had contacted him about becoming their chaplain. He said the money was tempting but he feels he is where God wants him to be. Mario was busy as usual visiting with all those who came for the chapel service. He and Daniel make a good team!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,  
Lynnell





## *December Prayer Requests*

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Kim Blanton  
Ronnie Blanton  
Jessica Brooks  
Tori Brooks  
Hal Cabaniss  
Katie Cabaniss  
Dick Canipe  
Sue Dawson  
Dixon Fletcher  
Lib Gantt  
Clyde Gold  
Gary Gragg  
Jewel Greene  
Tim Hamrick  
Jenny Harrill  
Tommy Harrill  
Dan Hoyle  
Bob Ingle  
Dale Jackson  
Kim Lee  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Terri McSwain  
Mickey Morehead  
Rachel Proctor  
Tap Ramsey  
Barbara Reynolds  
Family of Myrtle Sparks  
Jessica Yarboro  
Barbara Wellmon

A silent request from church family

### **HOMEBOUND**

Dorcas Barbee  
Family of Mary Helen Cabaniss  
Sue Cabaniss  
Gene Cornwell  
Veva C. Gold  
Bob Horn  
Ora Trivett  
Billy Wright

### **MISSIONS**

### **THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

### **OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**



Dear Zion Baptist Church,

Thank you all so much for hosting the VIPs of Cleveland County for lunch last Saturday. This is something they really look forward to each year. The food and music was great! We appreciate you and all you do!

Lucy Plyler  
Cleveland County Dept. of Social Services

Dear Zion,

Thank you for the great luncheon we enjoyed on Saturday for the Visually Impaired. This is always something our blind friends enjoy, and I love bringing Ms. Nancy Fitch. Please share with the church our thank you to all who cooked served and prepared the treat bags. We loved the music! May God bless you.

Vickie Wyatt

Dear Zion Family,

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards and acts of kindness shown during this time. Your support and love have been felt and are much appreciated.

Love,  
Jenny Harrill



1 Anne White  
 Randy Raynor  
 2 Steve Boatwright  
 Amber Canipe  
 3 Linda Alexander  
 Jennifer Gold  
 4 Brandon Bridges  
 Cameron Bridges  
 6 Paige Scism  
 9 Sally Hamrick  
 10 Betty Morehead  
 Orlando Brooks  
 14 Caroline Fitts  
 16 Charles Yarborough  
 17 Josh Graham  
 20 Katie Lail  
 April Wellmon  
 21 Patrick Gammons  
 22 Tom Fitts  
 Kyle Cochran  
 25 Barbara Ward  
 27 Heather Cornwell  
 David Ledbetter  
 Danny Lee  
 Ora Trivett  
 30 Nikki Ledbetter  
 Emily Parker  
 31 Melanie Wallace

8th Alan & Kathe Sparks  
 17th Dan & Vicky Hoyle  
 19th Dickie & Linda Cornwell  
 Leonard & Kathi Fletcher  
 21st Gene & LaDonna Hastings  
 28th Joe & Paige Scism

*If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and we will be glad to add it to our calendar.*



### **December 4th**

Hostess: Iris Spangler

Menu: Beef casserole, crowder peas,  
marinated salad

### **December 11th**

Hosts: Mike Spangler, Dick Canipe

Menu: Taco soup, toasted cheese sandwich

### **December 18th**

Hostess: Jane Cooper

Menu: Pork loin, rice

*Please make supper reservation changes*



## Financial Update

We praise God for your support and gifts to Zion. Our 2019 budget giving is \$319,223.42. We are \$31,504.68 behind budget and \$19,546.33 behind spending. As a reminder, you can mail in your weekly offerings, give online at [zbcshelby.org](http://zbcshelby.org), or use the Easytithes Zion Baptist giving app to support our church ministry budget needs. Thank you for your continued financial commitment to support Zion Baptist Church.

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## Orange Activities



The past semester has been one full of fun, learning about Scripture and Jesus, and community on Wednesday nights; however, the semester is quickly coming to an end. Officially, the last Wednesday night of Orange activities will occur on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to thank the Orange small group leaders who have helped teach the children throughout this past semester about Jesus, Scripture, and community!

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## Youth Christmas Party

It's the most wonderful time of the year (to be with your friends at church)! This year, the youth Christmas party will be held at the church on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Come on out to have fun, eat good food, and be with friends at the youth Christmas party. The youth Christmas party will begin at 5:30 with a team activity. Specifically, the youth will assemble themselves into teams of 3-5 members and head out into the community to do Christmas "missions". Afterward, we will continue with Christmas-themed games, food, and a gift exchange. Be there, or be a scrooge. Please bring a gift of no more than \$10 in value for the gift exchange. (And be sure to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater; you might find that the uglier the sweater, the greater the prize!)

## Youth Christmas BBQ Fundraiser



Orders due by December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Cook on Friday night, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up day - Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 - 9 am

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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### VIDEO MINISTRY -

Cody Dorsey

### NURSERY WORKERS

*Sunday, December 1st*

Thomas & Adrienne Fletcher

*Sunday, December 8th*

Ethan & Laura Martin

*Sunday, December 15th*

Melanie Storie, Marcia Alsobrook

*Sunday, December 22nd*

Terri McSwain, Betty Morehead

*Sunday, December 29th*

Kathe & Elizabeth Sparks

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

*Sunday, December 1st*

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

*Sunday, December 8th*

Linda Cornwell

*Sunday, December 15th*

Vanna Wright

*Sunday, December 22nd*

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

*Sunday, December 29th*

Linda Cornwell

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

*Week of December 1st*

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

*Week of December 8th*

Dean Jenks, Kenneth Wellmon

*Week of December 15th*

Dannie Moore, Steve Boatwright

*Week of December 22nd*

John Carroll, Franklin Barbee

*Week of December 29th*

Matt Cornwell, Clyde Gold

### PRESCHOOL CHURCH

*Sunday, December 1st*

Connie, Katie & Emma Harrill

*Sunday, December 8th*

Jason & Emily Parker

*Sunday, December 15th*

Ben & Jessica Yarboro

*Sunday, December 22nd*

Jerry & Laura Wellmon

*Sunday, December 29th*

Iris & Lisa Spangler

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The bulletin is printed each week on Thursday Morning.  
Please forward any announcements, inserts, or prayer  
requests to the office by 10:00 am on Thursdays for  
publication the following Sunday.

**NEXT CHECK WRITING DATES - DECEMBER 10TH & 23RD**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE JANUARY MESSENGER - DECEMBER 30TH**

**Secretary's Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm**