

SEPTEMBER 2019

# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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



## Figs for breakfast, *Kairos*, and *Pistos*.

Mark in his gospel tells us a story of Jesus one morning heading into Jerusalem with His disciples, and He was hungry. We don't know if Jesus slept in and the disciples ate all the eggs and grits, or if He ate breakfast but just needed one more bite to eat before a busy day in Jerusalem. There in the distance, Jesus sees a fig tree. I like to imagine Jesus running over to the tree, (excited with the possibility of a delicious fig awaiting), but when he arrives there are no figs on the tree. He then says to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." It may just be my sense of humor, but I find this story funny. Jesus is hungry, sees a fig tree, goes to get a fig, in finding no figs on the tree, he curses the tree. How many of us have blamed our refrigerators for not having any milk, eggs, bacon, or worse no liver mush when we were hungry for breakfast? Mark adds his explanation for Jesus finding an empty tree, 'because it was not the season for figs.' (Mark 11:13). He uses the Greek word, *kairos*, for season. In fact, he uses this word several times throughout his gospel to communicate 'time', 'age', and 'season.' *Kairos* is more than our chronological view of time where we count the minutes, hours, and days. *Kairos* communicates a significant period, an important time for all to take note.

An interesting part of the fig tree story is right in the middle of it, Mark tells us the story of Jesus going to Jerusalem to clear out the temple. If looking at the fig and temple story together, we are able to see the symbolism of both. Jesus arrives at the temple and immediately begins driving out the people who were buying and selling offering items. He turns over the tables of the moneychangers and knocks over the benches of the sellers of doves. Jesus in teaching them quotes Isaiah and Jeremiah, "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of robbers." Jesus was upset with the people who were making a profit in God's name, using religion to increase their bank account. He was upset with the priests, scribes, and religious authority for allowing the corruption to happen. Jesus was upset with certain people who came to the temple with empty hearts for worship of God who refused to repent of their wrong ways.

The next morning the disciples saw the fig tree was withered from the roots, all dried up. The tree was cursed, no longer to bear fruit, even though it was not the season, *kairos*, for figs. From the disciple's perspective, it was unexpected for Jesus to look for figs on a fig tree out of season. From many people's perspective, it was unexpected for Jesus to show up at the temple and run folks out. If anything, they expected Jesus to arrive in Jerusalem, come to the temple and declare his kingship over the land. They expected Jesus to overthrow the Roman government, and establish his earthly rule. Just as it was not the season, *kairos*, for figs, it was not the season, *kairos*, for Jesus to rule in such a way as the

people expected. The cursed fig tree that was withered at the roots was symbolic of the temple to soon be withered at its roots. In Mark 13:1-2 as the disciples and Jesus were leaving the temple, they say to Him “look teacher, what massive stones, what magnificent buildings! Jesus replied, ‘do you see all the great buildings, not one stone will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.’” The *Kairos* was coming when Jesus would take his throne in God’s kingdom through the cross, and people would not be limited to only worshiping God through the temple, but they would know and worship God through their relationship with Jesus.

These stories remind us that sometimes our expectations for life, how life should happen, or how fast or slow life passes, is not our *kairos*, but God’s *Kairos*. Life can be difficult, dealing with death of loved ones, crisis with our health, and other unexpected problems. This reminds us that somethings are out of our control. We need to trust in God’s *Kairos*. When the disciples noticed the fig tree Jesus had cursed was now withered and dried up, Jesus simply told them ,” Have faith in God.” The Greek word for faith is *pistos*. Jesus wants us to have the type of faith, *pistos*, where we trust and believe God has the power to move mountains. Jesus encourages the disciples to pray as a way of exercising their faith. He adds, “as you stand praying, forgive.” If you find yourself struggling to trust in God’s *Kairos*, may we have the kind of faith, *pistos*, where we believe God has the power to move mountains. The *pistos* that reminds us of God’s love for us so much that He sent His son to die on the cross for our mistakes. May we have the *pistos* to forgive others and ourselves. May we exercise our faith through prayer.

In Christ,  
Matt

-As a challenge for us all this month, may we remember these two Greek words, *kairos* and *pistos*, and recite them during our daily prayers as a reminder to have faith in God’s timing

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Sessions with Psalms



Prayers for All Seasons

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we begin a new Bible study series on the book of Psalms, beginning September 4th. We will meet at 6pm in the Adult Assembly.

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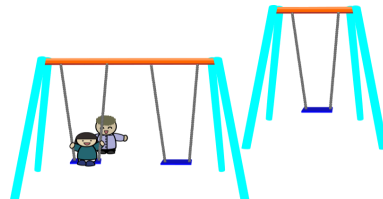
## What Disciples ~~Believe~~ Do

### ZBC Fall Sermon Series

Although Christians are often identified by what they believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers did. Join us on Sundays as we will be challenged to live out the exciting call of Jesus, "Follow Me".

**Out Newly Elected Deacons, Servant Leaders:** Ronnie Blanton, Terry Clark, Thomas Fletcher, Dean Jenks, and Eddie Harrill.

Thank you to everyone who prayerfully considered who to nominate and elect as our deacons for the upcoming church year. Each person nominated would have done an excellent job as deacon, as each are uniquely gifted and blessed. Thank you to all those who agreed to serve as deacons. Please continue to pray for our deacons as they serve God through serving our church.



## **FUNDRAISER LUNCH**

Sunday, October 20th

Following Worship Service in the FLC

All proceeds will be used to support the costs of  
adding swings to the Playground area behind the Church

*Donations Only*

Sponsored by the Lyda Poston Circle



## **Wedding Shower**

Sunday, October 13th - 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Building  
Wedding Shower for Chip Benton & Annaleigh Powell

## **HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Tuesday, November 12th

Fellowship Building

All ladies of the church invited to participate

Hosted by the Lyda Poston Circle - More Details to Follow



## September Prayer Requests

### CHURCH FAMILY

Family of Barbara Bridges

Hal Cabaniss

Dick Canipe

Sue Dawson

Dixon Fletcher

Lib Gantt

Gary Gragg

Jewel Greene

Tim Hamrick

Jennie Harrill

Tommy Harrill

Dan Hoyle

Bob Ingle

Dale Jackson

Kim Lee

Dale Mayes

Marshall Mayes

Mickey Morehead

Rachel Proctor

Myrtle Sparks

Barbara Wellmon

Jessica Wellmon

### HOMEBOUND

Dorcas Barbee

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



**United for Christ Community Revival, POLKVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH** - Sunday September 15th through Thursday 19th. Everyone is invited to join together with many other churches in our community for a time of praise, worship, and evangelism. Sunday night will be a special emphasis for the youth. Zion Baptist youth will be helping to prepare and serve a meal for the revival volunteers on Sunday at 5:30. If you are interested in helping cook, serve, or provide a desert contact Carson or Matt.

Choir practice at 6:30 pm at Polkville Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 2, September 9, and Thursday, September 12. - Come join us!



Dear Zion Baptist Friends:

"I thank God upon every remembrance of you" as you continue to supply my needs in this ministry. You make this ministry possible and I am grateful. Thank you for your continued prayers as you are in mine.

God bless you!  
Cecelia Beck



1 Nicholas Hastings  
 2 Tonya Payne  
 4 Ronnie Humphries  
 5 Chris Hendrick  
 9 Aaron Cabaniss  
 Austin Edwards  
 10 Marie Horne  
 Nancy Queen  
 11 Blake Goforth  
 Barbara Reynolds  
 Melanie Storie  
 13 Barbara Wellmon  
 16 Brad Cornwell  
 Ronnie Blanton  
 Myrtle Sparks  
 17 Linda Moore  
 18 Terry Clark  
 Easton Gragg  
 Sonya Ivester  
 20 Kris Howard  
 23 Iris Spangler  
 24 Jess Bankhead  
 Betsy Bankhead  
 25 Mike Bankhead  
 26 Colton Fletcher  
 27 Cecilia Ward  
 28 Debi Metcalfe  
 Natalie Humphries  
 Aubrey Bumgardner  
 30 Candace Gold  
 Leslie Wellmon

3rd Scott & Barbara Wellmon  
 Jeff & Melanie Wallace  
 4th Blake & Pam Goforth  
 10th Zach & Madelyn Parker  
 14th Kendall & Joan Sharpe  
 18th Keith & Tonya Payne  
 20th Terry & Sherrie Clark  
 Dennis & Vanna Wright  
 30th Ben & Jessica Yarboro



### September 4th

Hostess: Iris Spangler  
 Menu: Crispy chicken Sandwich  
 With Lettuce and Tomato  
 Baked Beans

### September 11th

Hostess: Libby Senter SS Class  
 Menu: Fundraiser for Cecelia Beck  
 Hotdogs with all the Trimmings

### September 18th

Hostess: Jane Cooper  
 Menu: Pork Loin, Field Peas

### September 25th

Hostess: Dee Basnett  
 Menu: Meatloaf, Green Beans,  
 Mashed Potatoes

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



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM; WORSHIP - 11:00 AM  
CLEVELAND COUNTY RESCUE MISSION MEAL - 6:00 PM  
(PROVIDED BY MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES )

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH (ALSO 11TH, 18TH, 25TH)**

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS BEGIN - 5:15 PM  
ORANGE - 6:00 PM; YOUTH - 6:00 PM  
ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY IN ADULT ASSEMBLY - 6:00 PM (ALSO 11TH, 18TH, 25TH)  
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:45 PM; PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE - 7:45 PM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING - 8:30 - SMALL DINING ROOM  
YOUTH KICK-OFF -- 5:30 PM  
DEACONS MEETING AT 6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE MEETING - 7:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

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

BUSY HANDS - 1:30 PM - SMALL DINING ROOM

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH**

FEED BURNS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 3PM - CONFERENCE ROOM

**BIBLE STUDY**

Gardner Webb University  
Pittman Center for Congregational  
Lay Institute Class

**Thursday Nights Only** - September 5 - 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**Dr. Danny West**

**Topic - "Meeting Ourselves in the Stories of the Men and Women Of the Bible"**

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**Joy Club Fellowship Dinner and Planning - 6pm in the Small Dining Room**

Bring your favorite covered dish meal or dessert for a good time of food, fun, and fellowship. We welcome our new JOY Club leaders, Tim and June Lail. We will also be planning out some of our activities for the rest of the church year.





### Financial Update

We praise God for your support and gifts to Zion. We have had many good weeks of offering totals during the past several months. Each Sunday our budget goal is about \$7,500, and our average weekly gifts have been \$5,500 and \$6,000. As always, staff and church leaders are working to keep expenses low and working to be good stewards of our church resources. As a reminder, during our upcoming summer months when many in our church family will be away, 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.



### CHILDREN PROMOTION SUNDAY

We're moving on up! On the morning of **Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, children that are advancing out of their Sunday School class will move up to the next class. There will be signs and volunteers present to help children know to which Sunday School classroom they should go. We hope to see you for this special week of Sunday School!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We're excited that it's that time of year again! Starting on the evening of **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will resume **usual Wednesday evening activities for children**. Following the fellowship meal, the schedule will begin with **children's choir at 5:45-6:00** and follow with **children's Orange activities from 6:00-6:45 p.m.** Pre-K will meet in the pre-K Sunday School room whereas K-6 children will meet in the Orange room and then split into small groups according to age. Come on out for Wednesday nights filled with fun, friends, and growth in faith! We hope to see you there on Wednesday!



### YOUTH S.N.A.C.

It's that time. Summer may be over, and school may have started, but we can all forget about school and pretend that summer never ended on Sunday nights. **On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will resume **S.N.A.C. (Sunday Nights at Church) for youth**. As usual, we will begin with a **snack supper at 5:30 p.m.** and then hold **Bible study from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We hope to see everyone there! You won't want to miss what we have planned for Sunday nights this year!

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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Shelby, North Carolina 28150

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Do not be  
anxious  
about  
anything.  
Philippians 4:6

## Church Staff

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### VIDEO MINISTRY ~ September

Tim and Lune Lail

### PRESCHOOL CHURCH

*Sunday, September 1st*

Lindsay Mays, Caroline Martin

*Sunday, September 8th*

Brian & Joy Hord

*Sunday, September 15th*

Miranda & Aubrey Bumgardner

*Sunday, September 22nd*

Jeff & Mary Cornwell

*Sunday, September 29th*

Connie & Katie Harrill

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

*Sunday, September 1st*

Vanna Wright

*Sunday, September 8th*

June Lail

*Sunday, September 15th*

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

*Sunday, September 22nd*

Linda Cornwell

*Sunday, September 29th*

Vanna Wright

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

*Week of September 1st*

Steve Boatwright, Bruce Martin

*Week of September 8th*

Tommy Harrill, Matt Cornwell

*Week of September 15th*

Dick Cabaniss, Franklin Barbee

*Week of September 22nd*

Leonard Fletcher, Kenneth Wellmon

*Week of September 29th*

Clyde Gold, Todd McMurry

### NURSERY WORKERS

*Sunday, September 1st*

Thomas & Adrienne Fletcher

*Sunday, September 8th*

Dana & Jessica Bradshaw

*Sunday, September 15th*

Melanie Storie, Marcia Alsobrook

*Sunday, September 22nd*

Teri McSwain, Betty Morehead

*Sunday, September 29th*

Kathe & Elizabeth Sparks

### 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 - SEPTEMBER 10TH & 24TH**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE OCTOBER MESSENGER - SEPTEMBER 26TH**

**Secretary's Office Hours:**

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