

SUMMER 2020

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"



Plans ?

We all have been using the following words and phrases recently, “We don’t know, I am not sure, we will have to wait and see.” It has been difficult to make plans, whether with church, work, school, or family when so much uncertainty is present. Many of us were hopeful the virus would be long gone, or at least not affecting as many folks in our community now. However, the virus has been spreading and we are having to wait to make plans. Our Zion deacons have discussed our church plans and have decided to follow the phases for NC. Church leadership will continue to monitor the situation, and our deacons will be meeting Sunday at 7:00 pm to discuss how and when to safely resume church activities on campus. For those who function best with scheduled plans and to-do lists, it can be a stressful time. I have learned it is best to take each day as it comes. To focus on my plans for the day, instead of worrying about “what-if” plans for the future days.

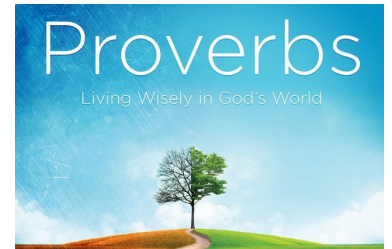
As part of our church daily Proverb challenge, I was reading Proverbs 16, and verse 3 stood out, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. The following is the devotion for Proverbs 16—Commit to the Lord.

When I read Proverbs 16:3, with instructions to commit what I do to the Lord, my response was, “Ok, well, I was planning to go grocery shopping today, so I’ll commit this journey to God and look forward to a successful trip.” Nowadays, many of us are praying for our trips to the grocery store. We pray for a quick trip to pick up the items we need without bumping into the Covid. These are important prayers; we all want to remain healthy and safe. I do think this example of praying to God for a successful grocery shopping trip speaks to an important truth. We are to trust God with everything we do; we are to commit all our plans and works to God. If we do this, then our plans will be a success. Proverbs tell us that our plans and wisdom is limited, but God’s wisdom is perfect. To find true success we need to follow God. One of my favorite Bible verses is 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” In our meals, in our work, in our school, even in our grocery shopping trips, may we commit them to God so in everything we do God will be glorified.

In Christ,

Matt

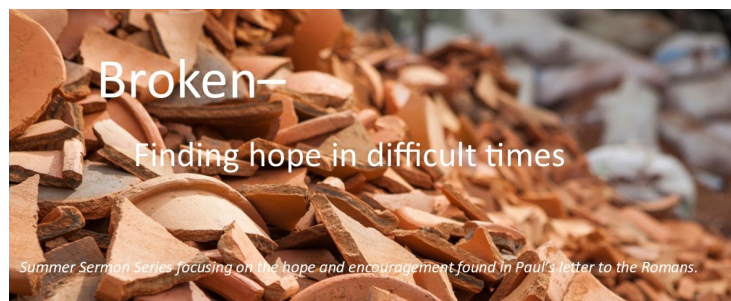
Proverbs - Wisdom for Everyday Life



Within our current situation, our ‘normal’ way of life has been pushed aside. We have had to change, adapt, learn a ‘new normal’ way to live. There have been many days I have found myself searching for direction, needless to say, searching for wisdom. The book of Proverbs is based on the understanding that our human wisdom is limited, but the wisdom of God is limitless. Some of the early Church fathers, medieval monks, spoke of “chewing” the words of Scripture, “like grains of spice until they yield their full savor.” These wise monks would concentrate on one “bite” of Scripture at a time, reading, listening, meditating, praying, and pondering it over and over throughout the day. There is so much wisdom to gain from Proverbs; too many bites for one sitting. We need to take our time with these nuggets of wisdom to pray, ponder, and meditate on them and in turn apply them to our faith lives. Our challenge for the month of July is to read one chapter of Proverbs a day (31 chapters) for the 31 days in July. As you read the daily chapter, take time to look for one verse or several words or phrases that speak to you. Take those words and “chew” on them throughout the day. Search for ways you can apply those words of wisdom to your life.

If you have yet to join the challenge, you could begin reading the Proverb for today and then go back to Proverb 1 when August 1st arrives. To read the daily Proverb devotion you can go to Zion Baptist’s Blog Page. <http://zbcshelby.org/zion-blog/>

We will also have these Proverbs devotions in a printed booklet in the church office if you would like to have one.



We are broken people living in a broken world. Especially now, during these uncertain times, we are reminded of the brokenness all around us: a global pandemic, disease, division, relational pain. Our world is broken. There is an old saying that “Tough times never last, but tough people do.” How can we not just survive these tough times, but also grow through these experiences?

Join us for our Broken sermon series where we will focus on the hope and encouragement found in Paul’s letter to the Romans. We’ll examine how God can take our brokenness and mend us together until we become the people God is calling us to be.

July 12 – “Broken Spirits, Broken Bodies” Romans 8:1-11

July 19 – “Labor Pains”, Romans 8:12-25

July 26 – “Inseparable”, Romans 8:26-39

August 2 – “All-Inclusive Grace”, Romans 9:1-5

August 9 – “The End of the Law”, Romans 10:5-15



*All ladies of Zion Baptist Church
Are invited to a wedding shower
To honor Katie Lail
On Sunday, August 2nd, 2020
Drop-In from 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Zion Fellowship Building
Registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target*



*All Ladies of the church
Are invited to a drive-through baby shower
For Ethan and Laura Martin
On Sunday, August 9th
From 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Under the church breezeway behind the church
It's a girl!
Registered at Walmart and Babylist.com
Colors: Pink and gray Theme: Woodland creatures -- deer, foxes, rabbits, etc.*



Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Mills & Earcie Cornwell Scholarship and the Lee Cornwell Scholarship. These generous gifts will help me reach my goals at UNC Asheville. Also, thank you for the devotion book and Starbucks gift card. I appreciate your gifts, support and prayers as I begin my new journey.

Love,
Sophie Aderholdt

Dear ZBC Scholarship Committee,

I hope this card finds you all well. I just wanted to thank the scholarship committee and ZBC for allowing me to get the T. Mills and Earcie Dellinger Cornwell Scholarship these past four years. I am so blessed that this is one of the ways Zion has supported me. I'm thankful to have such a loving and supportive church family.

Thank you again,
Candace Gold

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the graduation recognition service, daily devotional book and gift card. It was nice that we were able to march in and have our families present. I appreciate my ears in the youth group and playing basketball. Please keep me in your prayers as I start Cleveland Community College this fall.

Thank you also to the Lee Cornwell Family for the scholarship. I will use this as I prepare to continue my education at Cleveland Community College this fall.

Dillon Scism

Thank you, Zion Baptist Church, for the Mills and Earcie Cornwell and the Lee Cornwell Scholarships. Not only have these supported me with my tuition, but the support and prayer over the years of me being a member of Zion Baptist Church have truly made an impact on me. Thank you once again.

Aidan Storie

Mission Opportunities

Our main opportunity to help lessen the spread of the corona virus is to continue to stay at home, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. With that said, if you are looking for a way to get the family out of the house, (or just yourself for the introverts) consider helping with one of the numerous mission and service projects here at church and in the community.

Various Work Projects around the church - Please contact Kenneth Wellmon or Franklin Barbee if you are interested in helping with a variety of church work projects such as pressure washing, painting, cleaning, trimming limbs and shrubs, pulling weeds, etc. The church will provide the supplies and tools if needed.

Potential Playground and Picnic Table building project -- This is for Aaron's House Children's Home. Contact Matt or Carson if you are interested in helping with this project.

Please continue helping our church folks stay connected by calling, emailing or texting to let them know you care and are concerned. If you know of someone who needs some meals or needs someone to run errands, please help them or call Matt or the church office and we will try to meet that need.



Thank you for your continued support of Zion Baptist Church during this difficult time. Each week we share a Call to Give; it is a charge to recognize our blessings from God and then give back a portion of those blessings for Kingdom work. We acknowledge the blessings of time; we seem to have an abundance of free time now. How can we give back our time this month? We can call, give cards or texts, and do some individual and family mission projects at church. We are gifted with talents, those unique skills we are able to use to help others and glorify God--mowing a neighbor's yard, helping with a work project at church. We are blessed with treasures--our financial resources. I am thankful for the ways Zion Baptist Church has continued to share their treasures, even when we are not able to gather in person. Here is our giving report, weekly, YTD with budget and expenses:

Offerings

May 3rd	\$9,093.00	June 7th	\$7,564.00	July 5th	\$8,097.00
May 10th	\$6,534.00	June 14th	\$7,915.00	July 12th	\$8,050.00
May 17th	\$6,606.00	June 21st	\$7,320.00	July 19th	\$4,520.00
May 24th	\$6,007.00	June 28th	\$3,563.00		
May 31st	\$8,030.00				

Year to date giving: \$199,025.24

As of July 22nd, the giving is \$13,857 above expenses and \$19,680 behind budget.

Many folks are mailing in their offerings, some are giving online via our webpage or mobile phone app, and some are folks are dropping off their offerings at church. We are limiting our work time in the office. Wanda will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:30am -1:30pm. We do also have a church mailbox attached to the office that remains locked, if you choose to drop off your offering here. The church mailbox and office locked box are checked daily each evening.

Summer Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Linda Alexander
Kim Blanton
Ronnie Blanton
Jessica Brooks
Dick Canipe
Danny Cartee
Dixon Fletcher
Lib Gantt
Blake Goforth
Alan Gold
Clyde Gold
Gary Gragg
Family of Jewel Greene
Tim Hamrick
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Dale Jackson
Kim Lee
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Barbara Reynolds
Barbara Wellmon
Betty Wellmon
Scott Wellmon
Silent request from church family

OUR HOMEBOUND

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

MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras
Larry Hoyle - Larry Hoyle Ministries
Marc Brice - Haiti people, mission and Orphanage
Cecelia Beck - Buffalo St. Ministry
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala
Haiti Pastor Raynald's wife - cancer

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Lincoln Cornwell was recently baptized at the "blue hole" on the Cornwell Family Farm. We rejoice with Lincoln and welcome him as a new member of Zion Baptist Church. He is the son of Matt and Lindsay Cornwell.

JULY Birthdays

4 Tim Lail
6 Ava Aderholdt
Harvey Horn
Shawntay Mayes
10 Brian Hord
Courtney Morehead
Ted McSwain
Sarah Proctor
11 Janice Barbee
12 Dale Jackson
Kim Lee
13 Jarred Morehead
Sue Dawson
15 Steve Ware
Myra Wilson
17 Bob Ingle
18 Amy Greene
Scott Wellmon
19 Adam Snellings
20 Gene Metcalf
22 Gene Cornwell
Lily Cornwell
23 Lincoln Cornwell
Matt Storie
24 Kim Blanton
28 Frank Horn
29 Jimmy McSwain
Michael McSwain
30 Cathy Ledbetter
31 Cinda Cabaniss
Brandon Sharpe

AUGUST Birthdays

1 Keith Payne
Amanda Hoyle
2 Lindsay Albrecht
3 Jeanine Rhymes
5 June Lail
Mallory Humphries
Julie McMurry
6 Marshall Mayes
7 Larry Aderholdt
Cory Metcalfe
9 Lynn McSwain
10 Pam Goforth
11 Beth Hafer
12 Rhonda Yarborough
16 Kim Aderholdt
Kenneth Wellmon
18 Laura Gold
Bruce Martin
Casey Metcalfe
Mickey Morehead
19 Maggie Payne
20 Joy Hord
Lainey Yarboro
21 Patrick Fish
25 Larry Proctor
26 Seth Jackson
28 London Cornwell
30 Katelyn Tallent
Matthew Tallent
31 Haley Cumm
Vanna Wright

JULY Anniversaries

16th Brian & Joy Hord
17th Philip & Rachel Proctor
21st Woody & Pam Fish
25th Franklin & Janice Barbee

AUGUST Anniversaries

1st Matt & Melanie Storie
5th John & Sally Barker
11th Jim & Tap Ramsey
Steve & Betsy Boatwright
18th Frank & Lynn Ledford
21st Jerry & Laura Wellmon
27th Tim & June Lail



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



In the meantime . . .

We hope you've been enjoying your time at home! It can be fun for a while, but we certainly miss seeing everyone here at church. In the meantime, we encourage parents and children to both read a Bible story a day, talk about it together, and pray. Let's look around at the gifts that God has given during this season in life. For example, God has given many of us some spare time. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us struggled so often to find spare minutes in our days to spend time with the Lord, and we often wished that we just had a break so that we could get ahead. For the past several months, many of us have been granted some spare time, or at least some more time at home for our young people! Before we start school and things might start slowly returning to normal, let's set some good habits and reset our lives. Let's make it a point to show what's most important to us by how we spend our time and how we live our lives. Let's make it a point to know and follow Jesus.

Speaking of our relationship with Jesus, He is still working even though we can't meet physically right now! Last Sunday, Lincoln Cornwell was baptized by Pastor Matt at the Blue Hole (on Cornwell family land) in the presence of his family. We are so proud of Lincoln and excited for his journey with Jesus and to see him grow in his faith! God is certainly good.

Orange

Although we're not meeting in person for the time being, let's not allow that to stop us from learning about Jesus and growing closer to Him! In fact, let's use this time to grow in Christ, and in love, as individuals and as families. Every Wednesday that we do not have evening church events, a video will be posted on the children's ministry Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel, and the church website. We encourage you to watch the video together and to discuss the story and the lesson each week.



The In-between . . .

This Sunday, July 26th, we will have our second youth Zoom session at 6:00 p.m.! The invitation to the Zoom session, including the information regarding the meeting code and link, were sent out via email to parents and youth on Friday, July 17th. We will have an opportunity to catch up, have some fun, and a quick lesson. We hope you can join the meeting!

As the situation with COVID-19 allows, we will begin to meet again, with appropriate precautions taken. Until then, let's use this time to take stock of what our lives say about our faith. This time out of school and spent social distancing has in many ways felt like a time in-between two seasons of our lives instead of a season in itself - in many ways, it has seemed like a season of waiting for things to get back to normal. But life itself, including this time in our lives, is also a given by God to us. Let's suggest that this season could be a gift in some ways, and that we still have the opportunity to use it well for the Lord.

How do we use our time throughout each day? Throughout each week? Have we been taking advantage of all the spare minutes and hours during quarantine to spend time in the Word and prayer? As we look toward the future when things slowly return to normal, what do we want to say about it, and how do we want to say we used it? Let's be able to look back and say we used our time to 1) love God and 2) love people. It's a simple task, and there is no time like the present. It's what Jesus asks of us, even in the in-between. Let's love. Simply.

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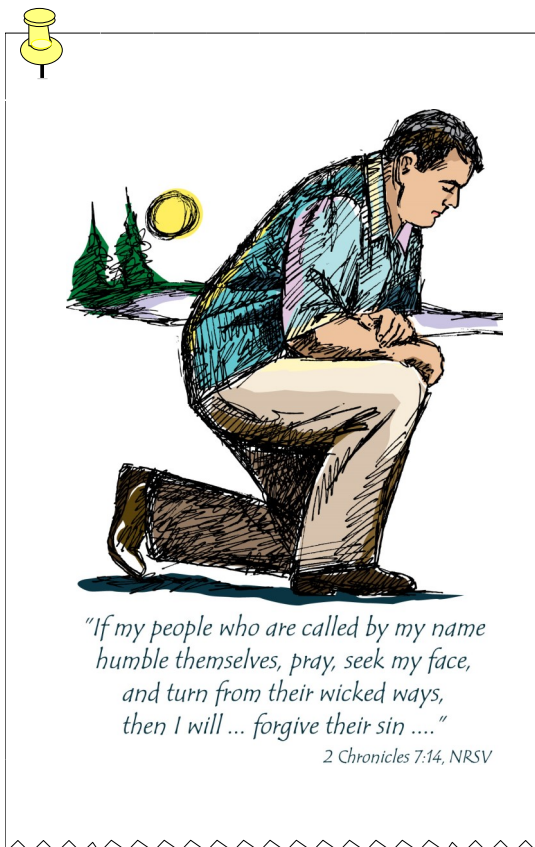
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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Tap Ramsey/Sally Barker

VIDEO MINISTRY ~ August

Dean & Jan Jenks

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of August 2nd

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

Week of August 9th

Dean Jenks, Kenneth Wellmon

Week of August 16th

Dannie Moore, Steve Boatwright

Week of August 23rd

John Carroll, Franklin Barbee

Week of August 30th

Matt Cornwell, Clyde Gold

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 - AUGUST 10 & 24TH

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR
PUBLICATION IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 28TH**

**SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**