

FEBRUARY 2021

# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Call  
Card  
Connect

"I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus" (I Corinthians 1:4)

February is here and we are all excited because it is typically known as the month of love. On the 14th we will make sure to tell all those we care about how much we love them. Why do we only celebrate our love just on the 14th? Is it for the free candy and chocolate? Why not take the opportunity to tell others you love them the whole month of February? Let February be the month to **Share the Love**. In the gospel of Matthew Jesus shares the greatest commandments for us to keep, to Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to Love your neighbor as yourself. This can be our chance to put into practice what we all strive to do, **Share the Love**. Each day this month we can make a point to **Share the Love** by loving God in everything we do. We can love God through spending some time each day in prayer. We can **Connect** with God through reading the Bible and meditating on His message to us. Each day this month we can make a point to **Share the Love** with our neighbor. By reaching out to **Connect** with our neighbors we are sharing God's love with them. You may choose to give them a **Call**, send them a **Card**, bake them some cupcakes, or whatever you can do to **Share the Love**.

Here are some scriptures to meditate on as we are all challenged this month to **Share the Love**..

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35 NIV "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 NIV "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:7 -8 NIV*

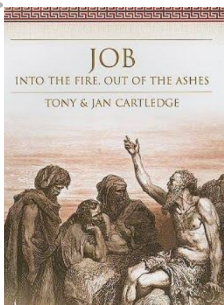
In Christ's love,

*Matt*



**Friday Feed the Homeless**—In partnership with the GCC Baptist Association, we will be providing 75 bagged lunches for the hungry one Friday of each month. We are blessed to have several volunteers and families to prepare and deliver the lunches. If you are interested in helping with the project or making a donation to help cover the costs of the meals, please contact Matt.

**Various Work Projects around the church** - In anticipation of retuning to normal church activities at church sometime this year, there are several work projects we would like to have completed. 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, repairing drywall, etc. The church will provide the supplies and tools if needed.



**Join us for our Wednesday Evening Prayer Time and Bible Study of the book of Job**, online at 6pm via our Facebook page or church website directly following. Tony and Jan Cartledge, the writers of the study guide, “Job—Into the Fire, Out of the Ashes,” share the following about the book of Job: “You have heard of the patience of Job,” said one New Testament writer (James 5:11). But have you heard of his *impatience*? Readers will soon learn that Job’s patience lasted barely a week. Shortly after suffering unspeakable tragedies, Job spoke surprisingly impassive words of acceptance and trust in God in the face of loss. After seven days of suffering in silence, however, Job filled the air with complaints and accusations toward the God who had repaid his righteousness with ravaging. All people who live long enough will experience suffering and unexpected sorrows that lead them to join Job in questioning whether God is playing fair. Questions come easily; answers are hard. Studying the story of Job requires us to enter a dark world that is sometimes painfully like our own. Sometimes, like Job, the lesson we learn may be that there are no clear answers or that we may be asking the wrong questions. The book of Job recounts a dark and dangerous journey toward unseen insights that challenge both human assumptions and traditional theological beliefs. Those who dare to enter Job’s world may discover that their own world--or view of the world--has changed in surprising ways. In the end, however, those who stick with the ancient sufferer may discover spiritual depths that had not previously imagined.”



It is hard to imagine we will soon begin the season of Lent, and in 40 short days (not including Sundays), we will be celebrating Easter. Never did I imagine we would still be dealing with the virus, wearing masks, social distancing, and not be able to gather as a church family as we have in the past. Yet here we are, we have made it this far, and we will continue forward.

The past year we have been looking at God's Unfolding Story each Sunday. We heard stories of creation and crisis, calling and captivity. We looked at the many adventure stories of Jesus. As we begin the season to prepare for the Easter Celebration, we will start a new series—Joining Jesus' Adventure. If you have ever run a race, then you most likely have experienced all the emotions of the starting line. Anticipation and excitement of the race. Anxious nerves and worry if your training has prepared you for this moment. As the race begins, those nerves turn to energy as you set off to do your best. Too often, many view their faith as a finish line, thinking, "I have made it, I believe in Jesus, life is good, nothing more to do." However, when we Join Jesus' Adventure, it is actually a starting line. We partner with Jesus to go about God's mission as we run the race of life. Yes, there may be hills and hard moments, but we are not running alone. We invite you to join us each Sunday during the season of Lent where each week we will look at Jesus' most concentrated teaching, in the Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5-7).

2/21—"A New Identity" - Matthew 5:1-16

2/28—"A New Path" - Matthew 5:17-48

3/7—"Your Secret Life" - Matthew 6:1-18

3/14—"Why we Worry and Judge" - Matthew 6:19-7:12

3/21—"The Choice is Yours" - Matthew 7:13-29

3/28—Palm Sunday "A Different Kind of Parade" - Luke 19:29-46

4/2—Easter Sunday "Everything Must Change" - Luke 22:39-23:56

### **Ash Wednesday Contemplative Service— FLC 2/17**

Join in a self guided, socially distanced, and safe Ash Wednesday Contemplative Service of Stations. Folks will pick up an individual bag of prepackaged items to be used at some of the nine stations located in the FLC. You will simply enter the FLC by the elevator entrance, and proceed to any station of your choosing. If someone is already at one of the stations simply choose another station or wait quietly for them to finish. There is no particular order to take for each station, except for Ashes, let this be your last station. Folks will then exit by the Small Dining Room side of the FLC. Stations: Clay, Water, Offering, Bell, Oil, Salt and Light, Forgiveness, Meditation, and Ashes.

### **Lenten Prayer Service Online**

Join us each week on Wednesdays at 12 noon via Zoom for a brief time of devotion and prayer. We will begin February 23rd and end on March 30th. If interested, contact Matt or the church office and we will send you the Zoom link.

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## **A New Way to Connect**



We have added a conference call feature to our online worship services and Bible studies. Simply dial 551-241-6067 to connect (note: long distance charges may apply). In some cases the call will be muted where you will be able to hear the service only, and in other cases the call will be unmuted where you will be able to join in the discussion. If you have any questions regarding this new feature to connect, contact Matt or the church office.

January 31, 2021

Youth and Children's Parents,

I hope this message finds you doing well. I wanted to write to you to let you know of a bittersweet decision. This Sunday, January 31st, New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale extended a call to me to become their new pastor and I accepted the call.

I have greatly enjoyed getting to know each one of you, your families, and your children over the past three years and consider it to be a blessing that the Lord called me to Zion Baptist Church. Moreover, I consider myself more than lucky--blessed beyond measure--to have done life in Christ with you over the past three years. I thank you so much for the blessing to get to know you, your children, and your families.

I call this a bittersweet decision because it encompasses both the bitter elements of leaving a warm community and the sweetness of following the Lord's call. I value the ministry and community at Zion that I experienced over the past three years, and it will be hard to part with worshipping and doing life with the Zion Baptist community, yet I also have excitement to look toward what the Lord has in store for Laney and I with the New Bethel family.

I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and, regardless of where the Lord leads us all collectively and individually, I am thankful that we all follow the same call and will remain united in one body, and in one person--the person of Jesus.

Blessings,

Carson

**In appreciation of Carson's service and ministry at Zion, we invite folks to send a card, an email, or call Carson to let him know we will be praying for him and his new ministry. Here is his contact information:**

408 Charles Road, Shelby, NC 28152

Cell phone: 704-300-8068

Email: [putnamcarson@gmail.com](mailto:putnamcarson@gmail.com)

## *February Prayer Requests*

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Linda Alexander  
Dorcas Barbee Family  
Kim Blanton  
Ronnie Blanton Family  
Jessica Brooks  
Janice Cabaniss  
Dick Canipe  
Danny Cartee  
Sandra Cartee  
Mike Falls  
Dixon Fletcher  
Blake Goforth  
Clyde Gold  
Gary Gragg  
Amy Cartee Greene  
Jim Hendrick  
Myrna Hollifield  
Dale Jackson  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Jimmy McSwain  
Mickey Morehead  
Buck Proctor  
Rachel Proctor  
Randy Raynor  
Lisa Spangler  
Grady & Barbara Ward  
Barbara Wellmon  
Scott Wellmon

### **OUR HOMEBOUND**

Sue Cabaniss  
Gene Cornwell  
Veva C. Gold  
Ora Trivett  
Billy Wright

### **MISSIONS**

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras  
Larry Hoyle - Larry Hoyle Ministries  
Marc Brice - Haiti people, mission, orphanage  
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala  
Daniele Selena Tercero - hospital chaplain, Honduras

### **OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**



## **Weekly Church Schedule:**

Sunday School - 9:00 am Online  
Morning Worship - 10:00 am in Family Life Center and Online  
Youth S.N.A.C. - Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 6:00 pm Online  
Wednesday Children's Orange - 6:00 pm Online

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2 Leonard Fletcher  
 3 Marcia Alsobrook  
 Steve Edwards  
 4 Daniel Gold  
 5 Leah Barker  
 Lem Hafer  
 6 Andrew Yarboro  
 8 Kirstyn Shelton  
 10 Dick Canipe  
 Brandy Wright  
 12 Veva C. Gold  
 Cole Hord  
 14 Mike Spangler  
 15 Donnis Baynard  
 Levi Cornwell  
 16 John Carroll  
 Brad Lail  
 Oliver McMurry  
 Phyliss Waters  
 17 Franklin Barbee  
 19 Kathe Sparks  
 20 Linda Raynor  
 22 Katie Cabaniss  
 Jim Ramsey  
 23 Woody Fish  
 Bryon Gragg  
 Josh Hollifield  
 Kelly Snellings  
 Tim Tallent  
 24 Dennis White  
 25 Jay Brooks  
 Jeff Carpenter  
 26 Bonnie Gold  
 28 Carolyn Horn

3rd Jeff & Judy Carpenter  
 14th Ron & Linda Alexander  
 Dale & Aimee Jackson  
 19th Kenneth & Brenda Wellmon  
 25th Tom & Lisa Fitts

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

## —STAYING— CONNECTED

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 try to 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:

**January 3rd \$3,412.00**  
**January 10th \$7,380.26**  
**January 31st \$9,082.00**

**January 17th \$4,080.00**  
**January 24th \$4,527.00**

As of January 31st, the 2021 giving is \$2,999.00 above expenses and is \$9,759.00 behind the budget. The weekly 2021 budget is \$7,055.04

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.

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## ORANGE

Although we're not meeting in person for the time being, let's not allow that to stop us from learning more about Jesus and how we can know Him! In fact, let's use this time to grow in Christ, and in love, as individuals and as families. Every Wednesday in February, a video will be posted on the children's ministry Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel, and the church website (zbcshelby.org/children). This month, we're talking about how we can be superfans – not just fans like in sports, but how to cheer each other on. We encourage you to watch the video together and to discuss the story and the lesson each week!



## S.N.A.C.

With the appropriate precautions taken, and while continuing to monitor the situation and COVID-19 guidelines, we will continue to meet for Sunday Night After Church (S.N.A.C.) on Sundays throughout February as able from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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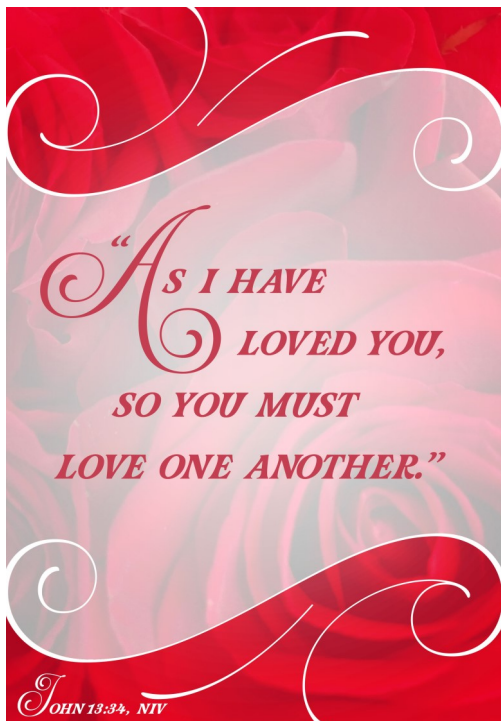
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The bulletin is printed each week on Friday 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 - FEBRUARY 8TH AND 22ND**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 26TH**

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