

APRIL 2021



The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"



Wednesday Online Prayer Time and Bible Study - 6pm

Maundy Thursday Service Online, "A Table. A Basin. Some Friends." - 6pm

Good Friday— Stations of the Cross outside around the memorial garden (in case of rain, it will be located in the sanctuary).

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:30am, online and outside at the memorial garden.

Church-wide Sunday School, 9am, online and in the Family Life Center

Easter Celebration Worship Service, 10am, online and in the FLC

Easter Egg Hunt for all the children following the service.

Taking Time to Slow Down

It seems the busier we are, the more we rush around. I imagine we all are in a hurry to be done with the virus, wearing masks, and for some, getting the vaccine. At first

We want you to send us a video of you and your family sharing an Easter greeting to be included in our Easter Sunday Celebration Service. Simply say "He is risen!", and any other Easter greetings you want to share. Email or text to pastor@zbcshelby.org

as clergy, I was listed in the last of the groups to be able to get the shot. However, they moved the ministers up into Group 3, deeming us as essential workers. It was nice to be noted as essential. The week prior, I sat in the car and watched my wife Melanie get her first shot of the vaccine as one of the teachers in Cleveland County. I admit I was jealous. On the next Monday, I learned there was going to be a mass vaccine clinic at the Shelby High School that following Saturday and they were going to open up Group 3, Essential Workers, on Wednesday. I was determined to get signed up, so I stayed up late on Tuesday night. As soon as it was midnight, I was able to sign up for my shot through the Atrium app. My first shot went well with no side effects except a sore arm. This past Saturday I got my second shot and experienced the same side effects of a sore arm. However, on Sunday morning I started to feel tired and achy. After lunch, I had a fever, chills, and spent the rest of the day on the couch resting. I was forced to slow down. In my efforts to be done with the virus and in a sense rush through life, it was the effects of the vaccine that forced me to slow down.

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The first account of Jesus' life is found in the gospel of Mark, the shortest of all four gospels. Mark doesn't give an account of Jesus' birth, and seems to rush through his life until he arrives at Holy Week. Mark writes ten chapters on the life of Jesus, some thirty-three years, and then takes an additional six chapters to describe the events of just one week. Why so much detail for one week? As Christians we know the importance of this week as it leads up to Easter. Easter is my favorite Sunday to be at church. It is one of the worship services I look forward to the most. However, if we hurry and rush to the celebration of Easter, we will miss out on all the events that took place during Holy Week. As we continue our journey to the cross during this season of Lent, may we be quick to slow down in order to experience the presence of God during the days ahead. Here are some readings for Holy Week, Jesus' last few days, "Slowing down to walk with Jesus."

Sunday – The Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) Scripture Reference: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19. On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zechariah 9:9.) The crowd welcomed him with the words of Psalm 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming King of Israel.

Walk with Jesus today by grabbing a green leaf, coloring green a palm printout, or getting your coat out of the closet and waving it, laying it on the floor, and shouting Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Monday – The clearing of the Temple Scripture Reference: Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48 Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit off the faithful. Jesus drove them out and overturned their benches and tables.

Walk with Jesus today by taking time to pray for those in need. "The blind and the lame came to Jesus at the temple and he healed them." Matt 21:14 Take time to pray for all those who are sick with COVID-19, with cancer, with whatever illness they have. Pray for the health care workers. Pray for God's peace, presence, and love to be felt.

Tuesday – A day of Teaching and Controversy Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23 – 24:51; Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:36. Jesus taught in parables and warned the people to watch out for the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of the temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

Walk with Jesus today by remembering one of the lessons he taught today, The Greatest Commandment Mark 12:29-31. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are to love our neighbor. We are to love ourselves.

Wednesday – The Gospels do not mention what occurred on this day.

Walk with Jesus today through intentional times of silence. Take time to ponder, meditate, to be still before God. An early church father, Brother Lawrence shared his thoughts of being silent before God as "an actual presence of God, an habitual silent, and secret conversation of the soul with God."

Thursday – Passover/ Last Supper Scripture Reference: Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23 In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the traditional Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead of him.

Walk with Jesus today through worship. Join us at 6pm online for our Maundy Thursday Service.

Friday – Crucifixion (Good Friday) Scripture Reference: Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37 Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trails, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to The Place of the Skull, where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

Walk with Jesus today through our Stations of the Cross. A video walk through will be posted online and folks are also invited to drive through our stations– they will start behind the church and go through the church cemetery, ending near the memorial garden and cross.

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Saturday – In the Tomb Jesus' body was placed in the tomb before 6:00pm Friday night, when the Sabbath began and all work stopped, and it lay in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

Walk with Jesus today by remembering where his body lay today, in the tomb. Some churches have different color fabric draped over their cross during Easter. On Good Friday night and through Saturday, the color of fabric is black. Anytime you see the color of black today, remember Jesus and his sacrifice for us.

Sunday – Resurrection (Easter Sunday) Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-49; John 20

Early in the morning, women went to the tomb and found that the stone closing the tomb's entrance had been rolled back. An angel told them Jesus was alive and gave them a message. Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all the disciples but Thomas.

In Christ,

Matt



You are invited to bring flowers to the Sunrise Service to decorate the cross near the prayer garden.



**Join us for our Wednesday Evening Prayer Time and Bible Study
on the book of Ephesians**

Online at 6:00 pm via our Facebook page
or the church website directly following



Zion Monthly Mission:

This month we are partnering with the Cleveland County Children's Homes to help them with a variety of projects. Because of the pandemic, there have not been a lot of volunteer groups to help the Children's Home this past year. Later this month and also in May, we will be planning several mission work days to help. Folks can help in several ways, through making a financial donation that will be used to cover the expenses of the projects, volunteer to serve on one of our work days, and pray for the children and staff of the Cleveland County Children's Homes. If you are interested in helping, contact Matt.

Meals of Hope Date: May 7th & 8th at the Shelby Mission Camp

What is it? Meals of Hope is a food packing ministry organized by Operation Inasmuch

What type of meals will we prepare? We will prepare dry packs of oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice and beans, and spaghetti

How many will we make? 100,000 meals

Who gets the food? All the food will stay in Cleveland County. It will be distributed to church food pantries, church backpack programs, and other organized food distribution sites

How you can be involved: Volunteer for the following shift: May 7th set up 5:30 - 7:30 pm We need 10-12 volunteers (3-4 will need to be able to lift the bags of dry goods) May 8th Pack food bags in three 2hr shifts, 120 people needed at each shift (Shifts are 9:30-11:30, 12:30-2:30, & 3:00-5:00) Provide Food & Snacks for the volunteers. To sign up call Katie or Nicole: 704-482-3472 or katie@gccba.org **You can sign up for more than one time slot, but if you plan to stay please sign up on the link. It's very important that we have the correct number of volunteers. **Those who are preparing the packages will wear hair nets and gloves. All volunteers are asked to wear masks so we can keep everyone safe and healthy!

Zion Church Work Day: We will be planning another church work day to finish up a few outdoor and indoor projects, such as painting, pressure washing, drywall repair, and other various projects. Contact Franklin, Kenneth, or Matt if you are interested in helping.

Right Now Media has a new Easter video series with JD Gear, complete with individual and family session guides. There are also a number of other Easter video resources available led by Max Lucado, and other Christian ministers. Contact our church office if you want to be added to our church account to access these videos online.

April Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Linda Alexander
Kim Blanton
Jessica Brooks
Janice Cabaniss
Jenny Cabaniss
Dick Canipe
Danny Cartee
Jane Cooper
Mike Falls
Dixon Fletcher
Blake Goforth
Clyde Gold
Family of Veva C. Gold
Gary Gragg
Amy Cartee Greene
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Jimmy McSwain
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Jim Ramsey
Randy Raynor
Lisa Spangler
Family of Ora Trivett
Grady & Barbara Ward
Barbara Wellmon
Scott Wellmon

OUR HOMEBOUND

Sue Cabaniss
Gene Cornwell - *Lincolnton Rehab Center*
Billy Wright

MISSIONS

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

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

*God
Answers
Prayers*



Dear Zion Family,

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the outpouring of love and support shown to us. The gift from the Ingathering offering was so appreciated. In difficult times it helped ease the stress financially. "Thank you" does not seem enough.

Love,
Kim Blanton and family

Dear Zion Family,

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have shown to me over the past few months. Through your prayers and the grace of God, I am recovering well. I appreciate all the calls, texts and cards.

With much love,
Kim Blanton

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- 1 Teresa Tallent
- 5 Mary Elizabeth Johnson
- 7 Sherrie Clark
Jane Cooper
Phillip Proctor
- 8 Mattie McMurry
- 10 Teresa Worster
- 14 Billy Fortenberry
- 16 Kevin Brooks
Brandon Hastings
Ansley Tallent
- 17 Emily Jackson Hinkle
- 18 Dickie Cornwell
Tommy Harrill
- 19 Heather Cumm Horton
- 22 Micah Albrecht
- 24 Clay Bankhead
- 26 Mary Cabaniss
Mike Cabaniss
- 28 Bryan Greene
John Logan Harrill
- 29 Larry Cornwell
- 30 Ben Cabaniss
Mary Cornwell
Caleb Scism
Betty Wellmon

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- 1st Billy & Christie Fortenberry
- 3rd Gary & Marcia Alsobrook
- 5th Ron & Cathy Ledbetter
- 20th Tim & Teresa Tallent
- 23rd Steve & Crystal Ware



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

T. Mills and Earcie Dellinger Cornwell College Scholarship Applications

Any interested applicant must complete an application and return it to the church office on or before May 6th. No applications will be considered if received after May 6th. Scholarship applications are available on a table in the first floor hallway and in the church office.

—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:

March 7th	\$9,890.00	March 21st	\$6,097.00
March 14th	\$10,985.00	March 28th	\$9,395.00

As of March 29th the 2021 giving is \$26,587.00 above expenses and is \$169.00 above 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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Easter Sunday, April 4th: Be sure to come to the Easter egg hunt which will begin right after the Easter Morning Worship.



Youth S.N.A.C. - The youth will be meeting on Sunday evenings, April 11th and 25th.

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Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



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 - APRIL 12TH & 26TH

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR
PUBLICATION IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER, APRIL 29TH**

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

