

JULY 2021

# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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On Sunday July 4th, we will gather for worship and celebrate our freedom. If you think about it, we have a lot of freedoms to celebrate. As Americans, we are thankful to live in a country where we have the freedom to pursue our dreams, choose our professions, worship freely, and elect our own government.

Another freedom I will be celebrating this coming holiday is the freedom from face masks! Now I am thankful we were able to wear our masks to protect those in our community most vulnerable to the virus, but I am also glad to be free from wearing a mask. There was a level of fear that seemed to be floating around with the threat of the virus. Anytime I would go into the grocery store, I would wear my mask and sanitize my hands hoping to avoid infection.

Another freedom I would love to celebrate this 4th of July, is the freedom from fireworks! Now I know this is a big ask, and I am a fan of fireworks, but as the owner of two very skittish dogs who are very much afraid of the loud booms of the fireworks, I would love to be free from the booms this 4th of July. There is a connection between freedom and fear. If there were no booming fireworks on the 4th, my dogs would not spend the night shaking and afraid.

When we reached the point as a community where we were free to go out in public without wearing a mask, there was no fear of the virus. Fear is a powerful force. Too often, we live our lives in fear; fear of the future, fear of disease, fear of job insecurity, fear of family relationship problems, fear of life, fear of death, or fear of whatever keeps us up at night with worry. However, too often we forget about our freedom from fear that we have in Christ. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "for God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love." Simply put, our faith in Christ helps us overcome all the fears of life we face. Again, fear is a powerful force and sometimes it gets the best of us, but with faith, patience, and trust we can get through any fears we face. So this 4th of July, may we celebrate all our freedoms, especially the freedom we have in Christ.

Peace and Joy,  
*Matt*

## God's Unfolding Story: Moving Forward in Faith

A Year Through the Bible. God is not finished with us. We are still being made and created. We still are able to learn, mature, think, change, and grow. We have the freedom to choose our paths, we can move forward, grow, adapt, change, or we can stay put, regress, lose our way. Which path will we take, which road will we choose for our continuing faith journey? Our faith was never intended to be a destination, a status, or a even a Tupperware container for all our spiritual stuff. We open up the container when we need something spiritual, then close it and put in back in the fridge until we may need it again. Faith is not the destination, but the journey. Faith is the road we take. Faith is our path from the old broken ways into the new creative life God has gifted. The road we take as part of our faith journey leads us into the future. As we have experienced this year, sometimes our future is unknown, we can't count on the past ways or normal life to comfort us; things change, and we must adapt, change, and move ahead the best way possible. We invite you to join us on a special journey where we walk towards an unknown future trusting God to move us forward in faith. Each week we will look at a story of God's presence, protection, and providence of God's people as they strive to move forward in faith. The road of faith is not finished, there is still much for us to learn. Many we all keep walking the path God has placed before us, may we be encouraged by past stories of faith, may we trust God to lead us into our future stories, and may we allow God to create in us what is needed for us to move forward in faith.

Our final sermon series a part of God's Unfolding Story is, "Living in the Spirit of God." We will be considering the question, "How can we connect and partner with God's Spirit?" If the wind is blowing, but our boat's sail isn't raised, we don't go far. We may be surrounded by oxygen, but if we don't breathe, the air will do us no good. God's Spirit is on the move, and in order for us to connect we too need to move. Join us each Sunday as we learn how to be filled and on the move with God's Spirit.



## Living in the Spirit of God

July 4—"Spirit of Freedom"

July 11—"Spirit of Life" - Luke 20:27-38

July 18—"Spirit of Hope" - Revelation 21:1-8

July 25—"God is our Destination" - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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## Zion Youth and Children's Minister Search Committee Update

Our search committee has been interviewing in-person and online potential candidates for our Youth and Children's Minister position. We are continuing to schedule interviews for potential candidates. The Search Committee covets your prayers as they seek to discover the right person God is calling. Search team members include Lily Cornwell, Cody Dorsey, Jenny Harrill, Joy Hord, Caroline Lattimore, Julie McMurry (chair), Emily Parker, and Matt Storie. Thank you for your prayers and support for the committee during the search process.



**Please join us on Monday, July 12th  
at Toscano's at 11:30 am  
for \$6.00 Burger Monday  
Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!**



*All ladies of the church are invited  
To a drive-through wedding shower  
To honor Courtney Morehead  
On Sunday, August 1st, 2:00 through 3:00 pm  
Under the breezeway outside the back entrance of the church  
Amazon gift cards only, please*



Thank you for your continued support of Zion Baptist Church during this past year. Here is our giving report, weekly, YTD with budget and expenses:

**Offerings:**

<b>June 6th</b>	<b>\$7,401.00</b>	<b>June 20th</b>	<b>\$5,225.00</b>
<b>June 13th</b>	<b>\$3,357.21</b>	<b>June 27th</b>	<b>\$9,317.00</b>

As of June 30th, the 2021 giving is \$51,409.00 above expenses and is \$ 1,202.00 below the budget. The weekly 2021 budget is \$7,455.04.

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.



## Zion Missions for July

**Upcoming Mission Project**— We are planning another mission project for Saturday morning, July 17th at the Cleveland County Children's Home. There are numerous projects to complete for all skill levels, from spreading mulch, trimming bushes, cleaning out storage buildings, to rebuilding concrete side walks. Contact Matt if you are interested in serving.

## ***July Prayer Requests***

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Donnis Baynard  
Kim Blanton  
Jessica Brooks  
Janice Cabaniss  
Jenny Cabaniss  
Dick Canipe  
Danny Cartee  
Mike Falls  
Dixon Fletcher  
Brittney Gaines  
Lib Gantt  
Blake Goforth  
Gary Gragg  
Amy Cartee Greene  
Jim Hendrick  
Myrna Hollifield  
Natalie Humphries  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Harold Metcalfe  
Mickey Morehead  
Buck Proctor  
Rachel Proctor  
Jim Ramsey  
Randy Raynor  
Lisa Spangler  
Kathe Sparks  
Grady & Barbara Ward  
Lily 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**



**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



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 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

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

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



Dear Zion Baptist,

Thank you so much for the Bible, scholarship and the breakfast. I can't thank Zion  
 enough for all the church has done for me. I appreciate the support and hope to make the  
 church proud as I begin a new journey.

Love,  
 Katelyn Tallent

Hey Guys!

Thank you so much for all that you have done! I appreciate the gifts you have given  
 to me. Much love and respect from me!

Sincerely,  
 Matthew Tallent

Dear Pastor Matt and ZBC,

Thank you once again for pouring yourselves, time, talent, and treasure as a love offering benefitting abused  
 and neglected children. Truly you have demonstrated your love for "the least of these" and brought a smile to the  
 Master's face. Thank you for the labor of love bestowed on Children's Homes this past weekend.

Yours in Kingdom Service,  
 Rev. Peter Bagley



**CentriKid Camp June 28– July 2nd.** Please Pray for these children and chaperones: Matt Storie, Todd McMurry, Alex Payne, Mary Cornwell, Lindsay Mays, Julie Cornwell, Josie Cornwell, Lainey Yarboro, Cora Mays, Ella Hord, Troy Cornwell, London Cornwell, Beau Harrill, John Logan Harrill, Cooper Earl, Parker Earl, Gage Hord, Cole Hord, Ryan Parker, Evan Parker, Andrew Yarboro, Colton Fletcher and Dixon Fletcher.



**The Next Kids' Outing -- Cool Park on July 14th.** We will meet at the church at 9:00 am and return at 4:00 pm. Pack a lunch, or they have some items you may purchase there. The church will provide the drinks.



**Mark your calendars for Zion's Vacation Bible School "Rocky Mountain Railway August 15th --18th.** It's going to be great! We need volunteers! VBS will be in the evening, and a child-friendly supper will be provided each night. More information will follow in the next few weeks. Pray as to how God can use YOU to help our kids grow in their faith. Sign-ups are in the sanctuary.



**July 4th** - Youth around the fire pit from 5:30-7:00 pm

**July 11th** - Youth kayaking and tubing trip--eat lunch after church and leave to kayak or tube. (Let Caroline or Houston know if you need a kayak or tube.)

**July 18th** - Youth S.N.A.C. 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**July 25th** - Youth lake day at June and Tim Lail's from 3:00 - 7:00 pm

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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 - JULY 12TH & 26TH**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER, JULY 29TH**

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

If you, LORD,  
kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

But with you  
there is

*Forgiveness*

so that  
we can,  
with reverence,  
serve you.

PSALM 130:3-4, NIV