

MAY 2021

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"

Join us at **Zion Baptist Church** for our Memorial 205th Anniversary Celebration, **Sunday May 2th**. Connect online via our church Facebook page for Sunday School at 9:00am. Our Celebration Worship will be out back of the church and streaming online at 10am. During worship we will have a special time to remember those folks who have been a part of the Zion Baptist Church family that have passed on during this past year. Following our outside worship service, everyone is invited to stay for a time of fellowship. Although we will not be having a covered dish lunch, folks are encouraged to bring their own lunches and enjoy a picnic style meal under the trees out back of the church. The church will provide some canned sodas and bottled waters.



We will be having a **Parent-Child Dedication** on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 9th** during morning Worship at 10:00 am. Please contact Matt if you would like to be part of this dedication service.

Come celebrate our **Graduates** for a special recognition service, **Sunday, May 23rd** at 10:00am. We will have a time of scholarship presentations, some words from our graduates, and a special celebration video. There will be a special breakfast for the Graduates and their families.



Zion Missions for May

Meals of Hope is a food packing ministry organized by Operation Inasmuch that will prepare 100,000 dry packs of oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice and beans, and spaghetti. 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.

Volunteers are needed to help pack food bags for the 2nd and 3rd shifts, 12:30-2:30, & 3:00-5:00. There are still about 50 open spots for each shift. To sign up you can contact Matt and we can have a group from the church participate, or contact Katie at the GCCBA office 704-482-3472 or katie@gccba.org

Cleveland County Children's Home Projects: Zion will be working with CCCH to help with some of their improvement and maintenance projects over the next several months. There are projects that need to be completed that match the skill level of many, if not all of our Zion folks. From mulching, staining picnic tables, building shelves in the attic, painting, calking, trimming trees and shrubs, repairing a broken sidewalk, installing a fire pit, washing windows, cleaning and organizing a storage building, to installing light switches, there are many potential projects to accomplish. Please contact Matt if you are interested in serving.

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.

**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.



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:

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| April 4th | \$8,611.00 | April 18th | \$7,804.00 |
| April 11th | \$7,100.00 | April 25th | \$4,285.00 |

As of April 29th, the 2021 giving is \$27,418.00 above expenses and is \$1,994.00 below 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.

Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand. Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside. And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now we will replace the pencil with *you*. Always remember these things and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess. Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside. And Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

Allow this parable on the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfill the purpose to which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.



May Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Kim Blanton
Jessica Brooks
Janice Cabaniss
Jenny Cabaniss
Dick Canipe
Danny Cartee
Mike Falls
Dixon Fletcher
Blake Goforth
Family of Veva C. Gold
Gary Gragg
Amy Cartee Greene
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Natalie Humphries
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Jim Ramsey
Randy Raynor
Lisa Spangler
Kathe Sparks
Family of Ora Trivett
Grady & Barbara Ward
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



Thursday, May 6th



**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



MAY Birthdays

5 Cindy Hoyle
 6 Matthew Ange
 7 Tim Hamrick
 8 Kathi Fletcher
 9 Janice Cabaniss
 Linda Cornwell
 10 Jay Gragg
 11 Caroline Martin
 15 Gary Alsobrook
 Ryan Parker
 16 Thomas McSwain
 17 Emma Harrill
 20 Jerry Harris
 Beth Cochran
 22 Jan Jenks
 Elizabeth Sparks
 23 Pam Spurling Patterson
 Morgan Payne
 25 Sue Cabaniss
 Vicky Hoyle
 27 Jessica Brooks
 Tevin Brooks
 28 Kay Cabaniss
 31 Brenda Dixon
 Allison Greene



MAY Anniversaries

1st Patrick & Laura Gammons
 5th Dave & Teresa Worster
 13th Gary & Jane Gragg
 18th Danny & Kim Lee
 19th Ronnie & Mindy Humphries
 22nd Mickey & Betty Morehead
 23rd Clyde & Karen Gold
 27th Matt & Lindsay Cornwell
 29th Charlie & Rhonda Yarborough



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.



Beginning in June, we will be having Wednesday Summer Outings for our children and their families. We look forward to a summer of fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information about the dates and times.



Our Youth will meet on Sunday evenings, May 2nd and May 23rd at 5:30 for S.N.A.C.

Graduation Sunday is on May 23rd. We are going to have a breakfast that morning to honor them and their families. The time will be announced soon.

Garden City Beach Camp is coming up--it will be June 16th through June 21st. The cost per student will be \$75.00. Parents may email Caroline Lattimore for more information: clattimore@tgsengineers.com

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB



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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 - 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**



He is the Maker of
heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them –
he remains
faithful forever.

Psalms 146:6, NIV