

OCTOBER 2021

The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH



Gospel Partnership

In the book of Acts we discover the story of the early church, a story that began with Jesus' disciples sharing the good news first to people in Jerusalem and then to other cities, towns, and areas. After the persecution of Stephen, many of Jesus followers fled Jerusalem to other towns and there continued to share the gospel. When news of these gospel seeds being planted reached the church in Jerusalem, they sent Barnabas to the town of Antioch. Barnabas joined the other believers, he encouraged them to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. He also went to Tarsus to find Saul, where he brought him back to Antioch and for a whole year they ministered to the people. It was there in the Antioch church, the disciples were first called Christians. Acts 11 also tells us a prophet came and predicted through the Spirit of a severe famine in the area. The church decided to help, so each according to their own abilities sent an offering to Jerusalem through Barnabas and Saul.

God calls each of us to minister in different ways to different communities. We plant gospel seeds in our families, at school, at work, and in our neighborhoods. God also calls us as a community of faith to gather, to share our resources, and minister in a variety of ways. Zion Baptist also partners with other churches, missionaries, and organizations to worship, to minister, and to share the Good News of Jesus. One of our partnerships is with our sister churches of Palmer Grover, Eskridge Grove, and Dover Baptist. Unfortunately, we will not gather with them for a community thanksgiving worship service this month, but hope to join together for a community mission day next spring. Another of our Gospel partnerships is with the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. This is a collection of Baptist churches in our community who have joined together to minister in our community. Through the ministry of our GCCBA we send monies to help folks in need. If someone is need of crisis assistance for a utility bill, or a food or clothing need, they are able to request aid from the association. We also prepare each month 75 lunch bags as part of the GCCBA feed the hungry and homeless ministry. Zion has donated toys to help with the Christmas Toy Store ministry to needy children in our community.

This past week, several in our church were able to attend the 171st Fall Bi-Annual Meeting of our Baptist Association. We heard numerous reports of all the different ministries that are going on through our association, including the search for a new director of missions. Interim Director of Missions, Rev. Leland Kerr shared a story about a local hardware store that had posted a 'Beware of Dog' sign on its front door. A man walking in to the store noticed the sign and then found himself having to step over the sleeping dog as he walked into the store. He asked the store clerk, "why was the 'Beware of Dog' sign even posted for this sleeping dog?" The store clerk replied, "before we had the sign posted, three people tripped over the dog." Leland shared that sometimes churches have a tendency to "trip over the future" out of our fear of the unknown or what the future may hold. Churches can trip. Sometimes to avoid tripping over the future, we choose to remain in the past. Leland challenged all to not fear the future, but to faithfully trust the plans God has us. He shared the passage from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This requires us to call on God and be fully committed in our faith so we can know God's plans for us and faithfully trust God will lead us into the future. If you want to know more about the missions and ministries of the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, you can go to their website, <http://gccba.org>. You can also click on their newsletter link and sign up for the monthly Beacon email newsletter. I thank God for all our Gospel Partnerships and look forward to many more opportunities to join together to plant some gospel seeds.

Blessings,

Matt



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD (ALSO 10TH, 17, 24TH)

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:15-6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S SONSHINE CHOIR - 5:30-5:50 PM

ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY - 5:55-6:30 PM, ADULT ASSEMBLY

CHILDREN/YOUTH HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT 6:00-6:45 PM (1ST WED. OF THE MONTH)

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30-7:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

HANDS ON MISSIONS BANQUET - 5:00-7:30 PM, FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH(ALSO 14TH, 21ST, 28TH)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS -- SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM, WORSHIP - 10:30 AM IN SANCTUARY & ONLINE

CHILDREN'S ORANGE - 4:30-5:30 PM

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SNACK SUPPER - 5:30-6:00 PM, SMALL DINING ROOM

YOUTH - 6:00-7:00 PM

DEACONS MEETING - 6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING - 8:00 AM, SMALL DINING ROOM

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

INGATHERING OFFERING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7th.
Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night
so you will be on time for church on Sunday morning.*



During this global pandemic brought on by the virus, some of our favorite and trusted items were hard to find. Do you remember driving around town looking for gas pumps that didn't have plastic bags over the handles? What did you feed your family when you went to pick up a bag of frozen chicken wings and they were no where to be found? Let's not even discuss the TP shortage, right? These experiences have taught us what it is like to live with a sense of scarcity. Looking at the big picture, we have done okay here in the US compared to some third world countries that daily struggle with having enough water, power, and food. Our current sermon series will help us to shift our focus to what it means to live with a sense of abundance, not scarcity. When we trust God we will discover there is More than Enough.

10/31—Enough to Love— Mark 12:28-34

11/7—Enough to Give— Mark 12:38-44

11/14—Enough to Know— Mark 13:1-8

11/21—Enough to Live— John 18:33-37

Monthly Mission—November



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes will be available in the church office and at the back of the church sanctuary beginning in November. Individuals and families are encouraged to pack one or more boxes full of suggested items. OCC encourages folks to also make a donation for shipping. You may also print your own box label and be able to track the location of where your shoe box is being sent. Our youth and children will be packing boxes as a group on Wednesday, December 1st for their hands-on-mission project. For more information about the shoeboxes or to build a box online, go to the following web address, <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

The deadline to return your shoebox is December 5th. If you have any questions about this mission project, contact the church office or Matt.



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:

October 3rd	\$18,747.00	October 17th	\$3,800.00
October 10th	\$ 5,125.00	October 24th	\$4,764.00

As of October 29th, giving is \$63,466.00 above expenses and is \$835.00 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. Wanda, our church secretary, will be available Monday through Friday 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.

Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief

For more information go to caribbeanchristianclub.org.

Love Offering for the Gaines Family

This offering is to help Robbie and Brittney Gaines with expenses while they are in Philadelphia with baby Ivy in the NICU. Please make your check payable to Zion Baptist Church and we will send the funds to the family. Their current address is:
220 S. 47th St., Box #445, Philadelphia, PA 19139



It's time to order poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to order one in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office, call Betsy Boatwright at 704-300-2351, or fill out an order form that will be in the church bulletins during November. The poinsettias are \$14.00 each, wrapped with foil and a handmade bow. **Please turn in your orders to Betsy or to the church office no later than Sunday, November 21st.**



1 Dixon Fletcher
 3 Wendy Benton
 Madelyn Parker
 Jacob Wallace
 4 Blake Goforth, Jr.
 5 Savannah Ward
 Dave Worster
 6 Carla Hastings
 10 Aidan Storie
 11 Cody Dorsey
 Eddie Harrill
 12 Amanda Mae Petty
 Andrew Petty
 Billy Petty
 18 Thomas Fitts
 Crystal Ware
 19 Deanna Basnett
 Beth Carroll
 20 Anzie Horn
 21 Irma Metcalfe
 Joe Scism
 23 Ronnie Ledbetter
 Ally Snellings
 24 Ansel Hartley
 Jeff Wallace
 27 Brittany McMurry Buchanan
 29 Connie Harrill
 30 Dottie Haynes



We welcome these folks who recently joined our church:


By baptism: Julia Cornwell, Josie Cornwell, Troy Cornwell, John Logan Harrill and Julia Wellmon

By transfer of church letters:
Steve and Brenda Curtis



5th Harvey & Anzie Horn
 Jason & Emily Parker
 8th Mike & Betsy Bankhead
 19th John & Beth Carroll

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



5:15--6:00 pm, Family Life Center

November 3rd
Hostess: Becky Dorsey / Libby Senter S.S. Class
Menu: Hotdogs, baked beans, ice cream dessert

November 10th
 To be announced

November 17th
 To be announced

Please make reservation changes by noon on Mondays, so we can have an accurate meal count. Thank you.

November Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Donnis Baynard
Chuck Benton
Jessica Brooks
Danny Cartee
Sue Dawson
Elaine Falls
Brittney Gaines family, *baby Ivy in NICU*
Gary Gragg
Jim Hendrick
Bob Ingle
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Mickey Morehead
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Jim Ramsey
Linda Raynor
Randy Raynor
Lisa Spangler
Grady & Barbara Ward
Scott Wellmon

OUR HOMEBOUND

Janice Cabaniss - *White Oak*
Sue Cabaniss - *cancer*
Gene Cornwell - *Cardinal Health, Lincolnnton*
Billy Wright

MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras
Mark Brice - *sciatica pain; Haiti people in aftermath of earthquake, mission, orphanage*
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala
Daniele Selena Tercero - hospital chaplain, Honduras

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS HEALTHCARE WORKERS & ICU STAFF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS COLLEGE STUDENTS



To Zion kids and youth groups,

From all of us here in ICU at Atrium-Cleveland, THANK YOU so very much for the goodie/care packages you sent. Receiving gifts like this lets us know people care. It keeps us going in such an extremely difficult situation. All of the fantastic group I work with wanted me to send a special thank you to you. You and your leaders are greatly appreciated and loved. Thank you once again and God bless you all.

Aimee Jackson, RN and the Great
Healthcare Heroes I work with

Zion Baptist Church,

Danny and I wanted to tell you just how much we appreciate the ramp and the wheelchair.

Danny and Sandra Cartee



The JOY Club will be having an outing on Thursday, December 2nd. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am, take a trip to Cherry Mountain General Store, then go on to Washburn's General Store. Lunch will be at Big Dave's in Forest City. We should return to the church by 3:00 pm. Please make plans to join us.



November's theme for Sunday evening orange is *Upcycle: roll with what you've got*, we're exploring the connection between contentment and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

Monthly Memory Verse: "Then He said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.'"

Luke 12:15, NIRV



Youth Barbecue Fundraiser is on for November! Volunteers will be needed, and more information will be on the way soon!



Zion is in need of a few more folks willing to get a CDL to drive our church bus. If you are interested, please contact Matt or the church office for more information.

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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of November 7th

Matt Cornwell, Clyde Gold

Week of November 14th

Tommy Harrill, Tim Tallent

Week of November 21st

Terry Clark, Houston Lattimore

Week of November 28th

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

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 - NOVEMBER 8TH & 22ND

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR
PUBLICATION IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 29TH**

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM