

JANUARY 2022

# The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## Giving God Space

*"God said to Moses, "Climb higher up the mountain and wait there for me; I'll give you tablets of stone, the teachings and commandments that I've written to instruct them." (Exodus 24:12 MSG)*

Moses is an important person for the Hebrew people. He spoke to the Pharaoh on their behalf, he led them out of Egypt, was there when the bread fell from the sky, and now is climbing Mount Sinai to get some instructions God has for the Hebrews. You could say Moses is a key person for the Hebrews and their relationship with God. Moses is their leader and spokesmen for God. We can only imagine what this story would be without the important character of Moses. You could even say there would not be a story of the Hebrew people without Moses' leadership and guidance.

As important as Moses was to the Hebrews, he is portrayed to us in this story as only necessary and not indispensable. If Moses hadn't picked up the mantle of leadership, God would have prepared another person. What is key in this story is not what Moses did, but what God did. When Moses returned from the mountain, he did not talk about his exciting getaway for 40 days; he was silent about himself so he could talk to the people about God.

How many of us are silent about ourselves and only concerned about God? Too often we get in the way of God's work in our lives. It is easy to be consumed with the worries and anxieties of life. With a new year beginning, we can become stressed about the uncertain future. One simple command of Jesus we often fail to obey, *"do not worry about tomorrow."* (Matthew 6:34 NIV) As we make our lists for the New Year filled with promises and hopes, may we remember God is the center of our story and may we step aside and give God room in our life to work.

Peace and Joy,

*Matt*



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND**

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 AM, WORSHIP—10:30 AM IN SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:00-7:00 PM  
(No other activities.)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH (ALSO 16TH, 23RD, 30TH)**

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING—8:30 AM, SMALL DINING ROOM

CHILDREN'S ORANGE—4:30-5:30 PM

YOUTH AND 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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH (ALSO 19TH, 26TH)**

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:15– 6:00 PM

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30 PM

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

JOY CLUB AT 6:30 PM IN SMALL DINING ROOM, GAME NIGHT (BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOODS.)

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## **Upcoming Sermon Series: Living with Joy**

What does it look and feel like to live with joy? We will be hearing several stories from Jesus' early life and ministry to explore what it means to live a joyful life. As we begin a New Year, we all would love to have a joyful life listed in the top of our hopes and promises for the new year. This series will help us find the joy already present in our lives and reflect on God's continuous presence and inspiration for our daily living.



January 2- "A Joyful Journey" Isaiah 60:1-6

January 9- "Baptized in Love" Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16- "Called to Delight" John 2:1-11

January 23- "Blessed for Good" Luke 4:14-21

## So Help Me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people *by ourselves*. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid.

H.P. Nichols, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century poet, wrote:

If I resolve, with the new year, a better child to be,  
'Twill do no good at all, I fear, but rather harm to me,  
Unless I try, with every day, no angry word to speak;  
Unless, each morn, to God I pray to keep me mild and meek.  
Then let me try with all my might, and may God help me too,  
Always to choose the way that's right, whatever act I do.

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## Biblical resolutions

**H**old firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
**P**ray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
**P**etition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**otice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**earn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
**E**xercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**A**im for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
**R**edeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)



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>December 5th</b>	<b>\$8,733.00</b>	<b>December 19th</b>	<b>\$13,123.00</b>
<b>December 12th</b>	<b>\$3,080.00</b>	<b>December 26th</b>	<b>\$13,335.00</b>

As of December 31st, giving is \$74,055.00 above expenses and is \$2,115.00 above 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.

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### **Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief**

For more information go to [caribbeanchristianclub.org](http://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.

# JANUARY

## Birthdays

- 1 Brittney Horn Gaines
- 3 Miranda Bumgardner
- 4 Jim Hendrick
- 6 Megan Hoyle Allen  
Rachel Harris
- 7 Hayley Hoyle Halsey
- 10 Dan Hoyle  
Kendall Sharpe
- 13 Chelsea Hamrick Enterline
- 14 Thomas Fletcher
- 15 Sally Barker  
Beau Harrill
- 16 Terri McSwain  
Alan Sparks
- 17 John Barker
- 19 Dennis Dorsey
- 22 Jim Cabaniss  
Myrna Hollifield
- 23 Angela Brooks  
LaDonna Hastings
- 25 Gary Gragg
- 26 Matt Cornwell
- 29 Emerson Bumgardner
- 30 Mindy Humphries
- 31 Martha Cabaniss

# JANUARY

## Anniversaries

*January 25th Tommy & Connie Harrill*

*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**

### **January 12th**

Host: Todd McMurry

Menu: Grilled chicken, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert

### **January 19th**

Hostess: Jane Cooper

Menu to be announced

### **January 26th**

Hostess: Emily Parker

Menu to be announced

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

## *January Prayer Requests*

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Chuck Benton  
Jessica Brooks  
Danny Cartee  
Gene Cornwell Family  
Sue Dawson  
Elaine Falls  
Brittney Gaines family, *baby Ivy in NICU*  
Gary Gragg  
LaDonna Hastings  
Jim Hendrick  
Myrna Hollifield  
Bob Ingle  
Houston Lattimore  
Dale Mayes  
Marshall Mayes  
Mickey Morehead  
Buck Proctor  
Rachel Proctor  
Linda Raynor  
Randy Raynor  
Lisa Spangler  
Scott Wellmon

### **OUR HOMEBOUND**

Janice Cabaniss - *White Oak*  
Sue Cabaniss - *cancer*  
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**





The JOY Club will meet Friday night, January 21st at 6:30 pm in the Small Dining Room for GAME NIGHT. Please bring your favorite foods and join in the fun!

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Children's Choir begins for the new year on Wednesday, January 12th at 5:30 pm. Children's Orange meetings will resume on Sunday, January 9th at 4:30 pm, with Snack Supper afterwards at 5:30 pm.

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Youth Snack Supper will resume on Sunday, January 9th at 5:30 pm, with Youth Bible Study afterwards from 6—7 pm.

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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 January 2nd*

Tommy Harrill, Tim Tallent

#### *Week of January 9th*

Terry Clark, Houston Lattimore

#### *Week of January 16th*

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

#### *Week of January 23rd*

Leonard Fletcher, Gene Fortenberry

#### *Week of January 30th*

Bruce Martin, Todd McMurry

### 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 - JANUARY 10TH AND 24TH**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR  
PUBLICATION IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 27TH**

**SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*