

APRIL 2022



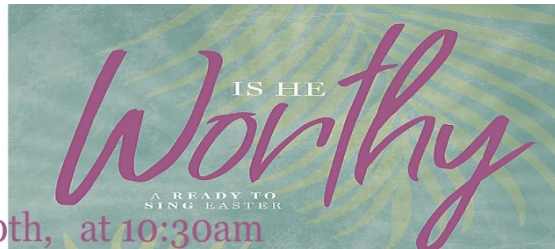
The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

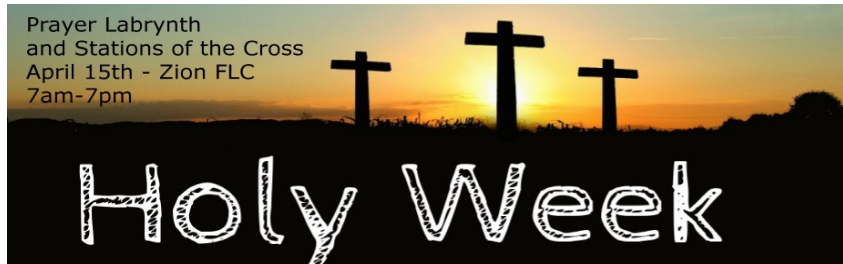
"The Church with a history and a future"



Join us for
our Easter
Choir Cantata -
Sunday April 10th, at 10:30am



Prayer Labrynth
and Stations of the Cross
April 15th - Zion FLC
7am-7pm





REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 AM, WORSHIP—10:30 AM IN SANCTUARY AND ONLINE
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
(FIRST SUNDAY) DEACONS MEETING—6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

WEDNESDAYS

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:15- 6:00 PM
CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 5:40-6:00 PM
ADULT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY IN ROOM 134, FLC - 5:50—6:30 PM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30-7:30 PM



As we gather for the Easter Sunrise Service this year, please bring flowers to adorn the cross and share in the message that Jesus is alive!

Monthly Missions

With the war in Ukraine continuing, many people have been affected. The United Nations reports that more than 3.5 million refugees, mostly women and children, have fled Ukraine seeking shelter in neighboring countries. In addition, millions more are displaced within Ukraine. Zion is encouraging folks to pray for peace and help support some of the ministry efforts being led by our Baptist partners. You can go online to get more information from the NC Baptists, <https://baptistsonmission.org/ukraine-crisis> or the CBF missions, <https://cbf.net/ukraine-response>.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

UKRAINE CRISIS RELIEF

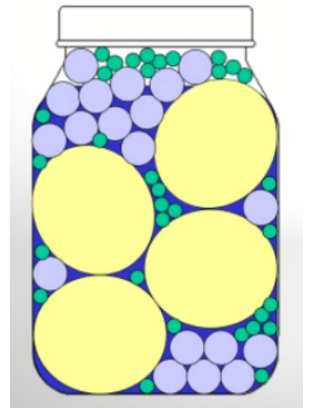
Baptists on Mission is partnering with House of Hope, a trusted Christian partner based in Germany, to provide ready to eat meals to thousands a day who are displaced within Ukraine. Your financial contributions will help provide:

- The purchase of wheat, yeast, salt, and other needed ingredients within Ukraine for the production of bread at local bakeries.
- A loaf of freshly baked bread, a jar of sausage spread, a small cake, and cabbage, which will feed a person for an entire day for approximately \$2.
- Transport of these meals to local churches, who are caring for displaced families and individuals.
- An opportunity for the Gospel to be shared with thousands who are hurting and seeking peace.



Connect Cleveland County– Serving on Mission

Years ago Stephen Covey gave a parable about priorities that is known far and wide. A professor set a wide-mouth quart jar on his desk along with several fist-sized rocks. He carefully put as many of the rocks into the jar as he could. He asked his class “Is the jar full?” They all said “Yes.” Then he pulled from his desk a container of gravel and poured some of it into the jar shaking it a time or two so the pieces of gravel would work their way between and under the larger rocks. He asked again, “Is the jar full?” Again, the group said, “Yes.” He pulled a bucket of sand out and began pouring it into the jar allowing it to settle into the open spaces in the jar. He asked one more time “Is the jar full?” This time the group was on to his scheme and answered “No!” So he pulled a jar of water from under his desk and slowly poured much of it into the jar with rocks, gravel and sand. He said, “Now, the jar is full!” The professor asked if anyone could identify the point of his experiment. One student exclaimed, “No matter how full our schedule seems to be, there is always room for other things!” The professor said, *“No, that’s not it. The point is if you don’t put the rocks in first, you will never get all the rest into the jar.”* In other words, first things first.



Is serving on mission a big rock for you? Often we fail to serve others because our jars get full of gravel and sand because of life events and our busy schedules. Would you consider making it a priority in your life to serve others?

Typically in the spring, Zion folks will gather with other believers for Community Mission Day, a one day mission effort. Projects would already be assigned and planned, participants would meet for breakfast, divide up into teams, and then go serve for one day. Connect Cleveland County has the same goal of serving others, but the mission projects and service dates are to be decided by the individual teams. Our goal for Connect Cleveland County is to share the love of God by being the hands and feet of Christ through various mission projects of serving others. Zion folks are encouraged to form small groups in order to complete a service project, which could be a one day event or an ongoing mission project. Groups will come up with their own mission projects, based on how they feel called to serve others. Zion Baptist will provide some or all of the funds needed to help with the costs of each project. Contact Matt or someone on the mission committee for more info or if you want some ideas about potential mission projects. Each Sunday in worship, we will hear stories on how Zion folks are serving on mission.

What? Connect Cleveland County—Serving God by serving others through various mission projects in our community.

Who? Zion small groups and others in our community. Small groups can be Sunday School classes, committees, youth, or even several individuals and families.

When? Groups are encouraged to begin their projects in May or another date that works best form them.

Why? In addition to sharing the gospel through our service to others, these projects will help Zion folks connect with a small group for fellowship and also provide and opportunity to invite others in the community to serve.



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:

March 6th **\$9,190.00**

March 13th **\$9,118.99**

March 20th

\$6,587.70

March 27th

\$6,613.70

As of March 31st, giving is \$473.00 above expenses and is \$13,626.00 below the budget. The weekly 2022 budget is \$7,541.58.

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 Missions Fundraiser Meal

Zion is blessed to have a missions committee that loves Jesus and desires the gospel message to be shared throughout the world. We thank each team member who gave time and energy to plan, cook, work the drive-thru and clean up. The total amount raised from the meal was \$5,863.51. Please continue to pray for the Port-Au-Prince church as they plan for the building of a new place to worship in Haiti. To donate money, write your check to Zion Baptist Church or donate directly online at caribbeanchristianclub.org



Love Offering for the Gaines Family

Robbie and Brittney Gaines and family will be moving to NC soon. Baby Ivy will be transferred to the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. We are very thankful for the improvement he has made. This offering is to help the Gaines family with medical expenses. Please make your check payable to Zion Baptist Church and we will send the funds to the family.



On Thursday, April 28th, the JOY Club will leave from the church at 10:00 to go to Strawberry Hill in Chesnee, SC. We'll have lunch there and visit the farm, then stop by Hamrick's for an hour of shopping. Please join us!



1 Teresa Tallent
 5 Dakota Dyer
 7 Sherrie Clark
 Jane Cooper
 Phillip Proctor
 8 Mattie McMurry
 10 Teresa Worster
 12 Pat Eaker
 14 Billy Fortenberry
 16 Kevin Brooks
 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



T. MILLS AND EARCIE D. CORNWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for this college scholarship are available in the church office and on the hall table across from the 2nd floor elevator. Any interested applicant must complete the application and return it to the church office on or before Friday, May 6th. No applications will be considered if received after May 6th. *Students need to complete an application each year if attending a university or community college.*



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.



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

April 6th

Hostess: Iris Spangler

Menu: Pepperoni pizza bake, corn, broccoli-cauliflower bake, cheese toast, dessert

April 13th

Hostess:

Menu: To be announced

April 20th

Hostess:

Menu: To be announced

April 27th

Hostess:

Menu: To be announced

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

April Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Jessica Brooks
Danny Cartee
Sue Dawson
Brittney Gaines family, *moving to NC soon*
Beth Hafer
Tim Hamrick
Jim Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Bob Ingle
Dale Jackson
Ethan & Laura Martin, *new baby*
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Linda Raynor
Randy Raynor
Lisa Spangler
Scott Wellmon

OUR HOMEBOUND

Janice Cabaniss - *White Oak, Shelby*
Sue Cabaniss - *cancer*
Gary Gragg—*White Oak, Shelby*
Billy Wright

MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - Honduras
Mark Brice - *sciatica pain; Haiti people, mission, orphanage, new church location*
Fuente de Salvacion - Guatemala
Daniele Selena Tercero - hospital chaplain, Honduras

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS
HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FIRST
RESPONDERS
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
UKRAINIAN PEOPLE & CHURCHES

Wednesday Bible Study—Sessions with John—*The Vocabulary of Grace*

Can you remember the last time you climbed a spiral staircase? Often these staircases can direct your eye to what is above, perhaps a window where you can see the light shine from the sun. When you climb a spiral staircase, with each circle you gain a different view and perspective. Robert Setzer, the author of our Bible Study says we can think of the Gospel of John as a spiral staircase. In John's story of Jesus, there are certain words, images, and themes that appear again and again. As we read the gospel, we will circle around and see the same image appear again, but from a different context. With each spiral of truth, we will gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' words. Each week beginning March 2nd, we will look at different themes that appear in John such as, Word and Flesh, Light, Signs, Born Again, Believe, Truth, Eternal Life, Love, Paraclete/Abide, Glorified/Lamb of God, Blessed, Bread and Fish, and the Beloved Disciple. The story of Jesus shared in John's gospel is more than simply gaining a better knowledge of Jesus, but to be transformed by Jesus and becoming a new person who fully trusts and follows Him.



Prayer Time and Bible Study are each Wednesday from 5:50-6:30 in Room 134 in the FLC. You can also connect with our Bible Study online via our Facebook page and church website, zbcshelby.org. Also, if anyone is interested in meeting for this study on Wednesday mornings or lunch time please contact Matt for more info.



Sunday, April 10th

Following the morning Worship service, children and families are invited to search for Easter eggs and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship!



There will be no orange on Sunday, April 10th, on Easter Sunday, the 17th or on Sunday, the 24th on account of spring break.



There will be no Youth on Easter Sunday, the 17th or on Sunday, the 24th on account of spring break.



What are you giving up for Lent? Chocolate, caffeine, or maybe even social media? Believers often give up certain things during the season of Lent, so when they are missed it serves as a reminder to pray and reflect on our spiritual lives. Our Lenten Sermon series, 'Character and Calling', will encourage us to not focus so much on what you *give*

up, but instead what you *take up* that prepares us for the cross. Each week we will look at different parts of our Christian character. Hopefully, we will all be challenged to allow the Spirit to renew our character and commitment to God's call.

4/3— Humility—Philippians 2:5-11

4/10—Palm Sunday

4/17—Victory—1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the New Testament that you gave us for Larkin. We are so excited to see her grow up in such a loving church. We appreciate the love and support you have shown us during this special time in our lives.

Love,
Megan, Lan & Larkin Allen



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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of April 3rd

Thomas Fletcher, Eddie Harrill

Week of April 10th

Leonard Fletcher, Gene Fortenberry

Week of April 17th

Bruce Martin, Todd McMurry

Week of April 24th

Frank Horn, Jeff Cornwell

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 11TH AND 25TH

**Deadline for submitting information for
publication in the May newsletter, April 28th**

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM