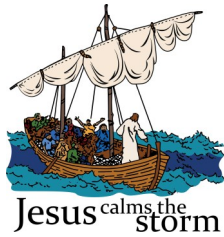


MARCH 2023



The Messenger

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church with a history and a future"

God WILL Use This

God is good at all times and in every way! You know it's true, but right now you're just not feeling it. Right now—a storm is raging in your life, and you're wondering if He's even noticed. Right now—waves are crashing over your head and you feel like you're drowning. Right now—the winds of adversity are threatening to capsize your boat and send it to the depths.

In the Bible, we read about a storm on the Sea of Galilee. At the end of a long day, Jesus suggested that He and His disciples go across to the other side, probably to escape the crowds and get some much-needed rest (see [Mark 4:35–41](#)). As soon as the boat left shore, Jesus settled down in the stern and fell asleep. Soon after, and without warning, the Sea of Galilee (notorious for sudden storms) began to rage around them. Waves crashed over the boat threatening to sink it, and still Jesus slept peacefully. Finally, fearing for their lives, the men awakened Jesus and asked, "Don't you care if we drown?" Jesus stood and spoke to the storm, "Peace, be still!" Immediately, the winds ceased and the sea became as smooth as glass. "Where is your faith?" He asked His disciples.

Jesus used this storm on the Sea of Galilee to strengthen His disciples' faith. He knew the times ahead would be difficult. In a dramatic demonstration of His power, He hoped to teach His disciples that He would always be with them, ready to answer whenever they called on Him. Jesus was there to rescue His disciples, He's here with you as well, right in the middle of the storm in your life. God always uses the struggles in our lives. He doesn't allow us to suffer in vain. Ask yourself what lessons He might be teaching you.

1. He may be drawing you closer to Him. God is much more than the far-away Creator of the Universe. He wants to be right there with you as you encounter the struggles of this life. [Hebrews 4:16 \(ESV\)](#) says, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Open your heart to Him, go to your place of prayer, and reach out to Him.

2. He may be strengthening you. The stronger you are spiritually, the better you will fare when the storms come. [Psalm 138:3 \(HCSB\)](#) says, "On the day I called, You answered me; You increased strength within me." God wants to make us soldiers, ready to fight the good fight of faith. Pray boldly and stand strong in your faith.

3. He may be teaching you compassion for others. Jesus understands how we feel because He became one of us and experienced our suffering. In the same way, the storms in your life will increase your compassion for others. You can understand how another person feels because you've been there yourself. In [1 Peter 3:8 \(HCSB\)](#), we read, "All of you should be like-minded and sympathetic, should love believers, and be compassionate and humble." Reach out to those you know who are suffering and point them to Jesus, your storm chaser.

4. He may be increasing your patience. An infant cries bitterly over every discomfort, expecting immediate attention to his or her needs. We often do the same. We want God to deal with our discomfort and meet our needs—right now! But God asks us to wait, to develop patience. Waiting often produces valuable insight into ourselves and our situation. [Psalm 40:1 \(NIV\)](#) says, "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry." Ask God to give you peace as you wait on Him.

No matter how fierce the storm, how strong the waves, how deep the water, God is there with you, ready to use the storm for His purposes in your life. You are not alone in your suffering. He sees your struggle, and just as He did with Jesus' disciples on the Sea of Galilee, He will carry you safely to the other side.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST (ALSO 8TH, 15TH, 22ND)

FELLOWSHIP MEAL—5:00-6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR— 5:40-6:00 PM, CHILDREN'S ORANGE—6:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH BRUCE MARTIN—5:30-6:15 PM IN ROOM #134

CHOIR PRACTICE—6:30-7:30 PM

FRIDAY— SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD & 4TH

YOUTH UNITE CONFERENCE AT PLEASANT CITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM, WORSHIP 10:30 AM (ALSO 12TH, 19TH, 26TH)

SPECIAL SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP (ALSO 12TH, 19TH)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING—5:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM

YOUTH MEETING & SNACK SUPPER—5-7 PM

DEACONS MEETING—6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

CHILDREN'S BIG E TRIP, LEAVE CHURCH AT 6 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS—SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

LYDA POSTON CIRCLE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—7 PM, FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

JOY CLUB TRIP TO THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY—LEAVE ZION AT 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY, COVERED DISH LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

March Schedule of Speakers for Sunday Worship

March 5th and 12th Robbie Gaines



Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead**
One hour on Saturday evening, March 11th.
Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday,
March 12th.

Women's Ministry

Team Meeting—Sunday, March 5th at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room



The Women's Ministry Team would like to invite all ladies (18+ years) to attend **Women's Camp**. The camp will be held at the West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen, where Lea used to work and attended camp through her college years with her mom. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Lea plans to attend and would love for a group of ladies from Zion to join her.

Camp dates are April 14-16, 2023. The cost is \$50 per person (includes housing, food and t-shirt). To learn more about the camp facilities, visit their website: camp.cowen.org/womens-camp/ To see information about past camps, visit their Instagram page: [@womenscampwv](https://www.instagram.com/womenscampwv)

To sign up or for questions/more information, contact Lea at lea@zbcshelby.org or call her at 304-917-5613. The deadline to sign up and get a t-shirt is March 12th. The hard deadline is April 9th.

Lyda Poston Circle Meeting

The Lyda Poston Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm at the Fellowship Building for a reorganizational meeting. All ladies of the church are invited. Please bring your favorite pickup food to share.



JOY Club News

On Thursday, March 23rd, we will be going to the Billy Graham Library, leaving Zion at 9:30 am.

The JOY Club will be going to Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte on Sunday afternoon, May 7, to see the Raleigh Ringers perform. (Check them out on their webpage!) The group rate cost will be \$15.00 per ticket. The concert begins at 4:00, and we will leave Zion at 2:00 pm. We'll stop for dinner after the concert. Please let June know by March 26 if you plan to attend so she can purchase tickets.



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:

February 5th **\$8,976.19**
February 12th **\$5,638.00**

February 19th **\$4,961.00**
February 26th **\$7,371.00**

As of February 28th, giving is \$5,990.00 below expenses and is \$15,628.00 below the budget. The weekly 2023 budget is \$7,780.44.

You may mail in your offering, give online via our webpage or mobile phone app, or drop off your 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.

Cleveland County Rescue Mission Needs

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals on weekends, volunteers to assist the staff cook with meals during the week, volunteers to help with clothing and food box distribution on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, and volunteers to paint the men's shelter room.

Haiti Missions

Marc Brice, with Haiti Mission and orphanage, would appreciate any help. To donate money, write your check to Zion Baptist Church or donate directly online at caribbeanchristianclub.org

To Support the Ukraine Crisis

Visit the NC Baptist website: Baptists on Mission Ukraine Crisis
or visit the website for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship:
CBF Ukraine Relief effort



- 1 Anita Horn
- 3 Gene Hastings
Luke Scism
- 4 Jeff Cornwell
- 6 Claire Cabaniss
Jenny Cabaniss
Lisa Spangler
Laura Wellmon
- 9 Brett Hamrick
John Hamrick
Jason Parker
- 10 Ron Alexander
- 12 Pat Phillips
- 14 Sandra Cartee
- 15 Susan Beaver
Blake Dyer
- 16 Shane Bostic
Eloise Stallings
- 17 Barbara Hilton
- 18 Ginny Davis
- 19 Steve Curtis
- 20 Hazel Wilson
- 22 Ned Gold
Rachel Proctor
- 23 Brandon Johnson
- 24 Kenneth Bostic
- 25 Kiley Gold
Michael Wright
- 27 Chuck Benton
Carol Martin
- 28 Jessalyn Jenks Marcela
Jessica Yarboro
- 30 Jenny Harrill
- 31 Betsy Boatwright
Dennis Wright



- 3rd Ned & Lorah Gold
- 10th Todd & Julie McMurry
- 15th Rusty & Lindsay Albrecht
Lem & Beth Hafer
- 21st Randy & Linda Raynor
Scott & Kelly Snellings



5:00-6:00 pm in Family Life Center

March 1st

Hostess: Iris Spangler
Menu: Crispy chicken sandwiches with lettuce
And tomato, baked beans, plus more

March 8th

Hostess: Dee Basnett
Menu: Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes

March 15th

Hostess: Jane Cooper
Menu: Fried chicken, potato salad

March 22nd

Hosts: Libby Senter S.S. Class
Menu: Lasagna, salad

March 29th

Hosts: Todd & Julie McMurry
Menu: Hamburgers with all the trimmings

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

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

March Prayer Requests

CHURCH FAMILY

Donnis Baynard
Mike Boatwright
Jessica Brooks
Katie Cabaniss
Danny Cartee
Sue Dawson
Family of Harold Eaker
Elaine Falls
Mike Falls
Pam Fish
Robbie & Brittney Gaines Family
Karen Gold
Jane Gragg
Beth Hafer
Jim & Betty Hendrick
Myrna Hollifield
Bob Ingle
Sonya Ivester
Dale Mayes
Marshall Mayes
Todd McMurry
Buck Proctor
Rachel Proctor
Linda Raynor
Randy Raynor
Caleb Scism
Jean Silver
Scott Snellings
Lisa Spangler
Eloise Stallings
Betty Wellmon
Scott Wellmon

OUR HOMEBOUND

Gary Gragg—*Hospice care*
Billy Wright

MISSIONS

Will & Lucia Meeks - *Honduras*
Mark Brice— *Haiti, the ministry and many needs*
Fuente de Salvacion - *Guatemala*
Daniele Selena Tercero - *hospital chaplain, Honduras*

OUR NATIONAL & STATE LEADERS

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS

UKRAINIAN PEOPLE & CHURCHES

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



Dear Friends,

I have been so blessed by your prayers, your calls, the cards and well-wishes, your caring and friendship. I am doing well. Thank you especially for your continued prayers for my son and my family.

Much love to all,
Jean Silver

Dear Zion Baptist Church,

I wanted to give an honorarium to the wheelchair ramp fund in honor of Leonard Fletcher, Terry Clark, Tim Tallent, Luke and Gray. This work team built a ramp at our house with only two days notice in under two hours. We are so grateful to have a safe way to transport our loved one.

Sincerely,
The Houston Family

Special Session for Children and Parents

Following Worship on March 5, 12, and 19, sessions titled, **“Growing in What it Means to Be a Christian”** will be held in the small dining room. This special time will be for any child who has recently accepted Christ as their Savior or someone who is thinking about making this life-changing decision. Parents are invited, as they need to be involved in the process of growing their child for Jesus.

A simple lunch will be served before the session. Each Sunday will be different topics that interrelate and will be hands-on object lessons and Scripture to help with more understanding of the Gospel message and building the spiritual foundations of faith. Each session will last an hour.

Please contact Kathi Fletcher (704-477-8427) if you have any questions.

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March 3-4, Unite Conference at Pleasant City Church

Friday—leave Zion at 6 pm, return at 10:30 pm

Saturday—leave Zion at 8:30 am, return at 9:00 pm

Cost is \$25 per student

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Friday, March 10th—"Big E" Trip

Leave Zion at 6pm, return by 9 pm

Bowling, laser tag and arcade



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Office Hours for Lea:

Mondays 2-5 pm

Wednesdays 2-7 pm

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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Week of March 5th

Terry Clark, Gene Fortenberry

Week of March 12th

Thomas Fletcher, Frank Horn

Week of March 19th

Eddie Harrill, Cody Dorsey

Week of March 26th

Dean Jenks, Joy Fortenberry

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—MARCH 13TH & 27TH

Deadline for submitting information for publication in the April Messenger is March 29th

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Zion Baptist Church is a community of believers, receiving and responding more fully to God's love, by abiding in Jesus Christ, connecting with one another, and sharing the love of Jesus with the world.