

Living Sent

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Dear Church,

For several months now, I have been in the practice of starting each day with 5 things I am thankful for. This simple practice has a way of helping me look at my life through the lens of gratitude. As we head into the summer, there is so much for us to be thankful for here at Mount Zion!

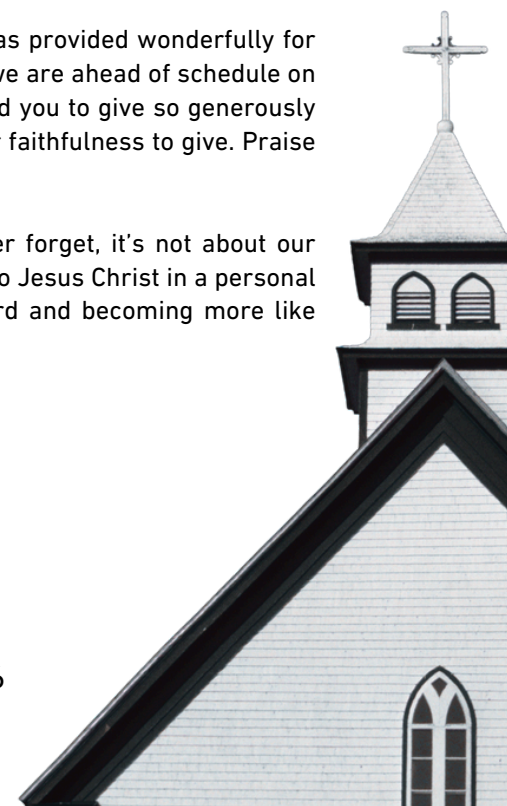
1. I give thanks to God that this Easter we had an historic number of children and preschool students. We had 285 children and preschoolers present this past Easter. This is the largest recorded number of children and preschoolers that we have ever had on an Easter Sunday morning. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of David and Beth and the team of volunteers that run our children's and preschool ministry. These young people are not just our future; they are our present. Praise the Lord!
2. I give thanks to God that the Lord showed up during our time of Revival and led many people to make spiritual decisions. As of last Sunday, we have started baptizing people who made decisions for Jesus during our revival. God is building His Church! At our Quarterly Business Meeting on April 12, we received 41 people into our membership who came forward to join over the last quarter. Praise the Lord!
3. I give thanks to God for the successful completion of Project 18|28! Every Sunday and Wednesday, our church enjoys and utilizes the new classrooms and worship space. It is a beautiful gift from the Lord that has positioned our church to reach new people. Because of our new parking lot, we were able to accommodate the vast majority of cars on Easter Sunday morning. We did utilize remote parking, but not to the same degree as in previous years. Praise the Lord!
4. I give thanks to God to pastor a church that is so passionate about missions. I have never been part of a church more on fire for missions. Our church is giving at historic levels toward missions around the world. Even more exciting is the level of enthusiasm that our members have to go on Impact Mission trips around the world. I believe that the Lord shines on churches that are passionate about reaching the ends of the earth. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of Jonathan Moore and our Missions Committee! Praise the Lord!
5. I give thanks to God that the Lord has blessed our church financially! God has provided wonderfully for our general budget and our capital campaign for the new building. Actually, we are ahead of schedule on our Project 18|28 funds. I am thankful for the ways in which God has allowed you to give so generously to the ministry of Mount Zion Baptist Church. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to give. Praise the Lord!

Join me in giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness to our church! But never forget, it's not about our church achieving positive metrics. More than anything, it's about growing closer to Jesus Christ in a personal relationship with Him. It's about our church experiencing intimacy with the Lord and becoming more like Jesus Christ. It's about reaching others with the Gospel.

I am so honored to be your pastor as we strive to know and love the Lord!

With Love,

Pastor Kevin



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

May 6

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert OR
Salad Box* | Kid's Menu: Pizza

May 13

Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Beans & Dessert
Kid's Menu: Hotdog

*Gluten-Free

Reservations are required and can be made
online at mzbc.net or in the MZBC App. The
deadline to register is on Mondays at midnight.

CELEBRATE

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10
No Evening Activities



CMC CLOSED
for Primary Election
Tuesday, May 19

GET THE MZBC APP?



Available in the Apple and Google
Play stores. Search for Mount Zion
Baptist Church-Hsv

MINISTER ON CALL

May 1-3 | Greg Stringfield | 256-631-0132

May 8-10 | Joey Collins | 601-287-2662

May 15-17 | Braxton Blankenship | 662-416-3124

May 22-24 | Terry Slay | 205-283-3243

May 29-31 | Jonathan Moore | 251-465-6639

DEACON ON CALL

May 3 | Matthew Deloney | 256-694-9277

May 10 | Tim Garner | 256-755-1063

May 17 | George Foust | 256-527-6223

May 24 | Scott Harmening | 256-658-6781

May 31 | Jeremy Jess | 256-225-0265

MZBC GIVING

Given to Date: \$1,609,128

North American Mission Offering

MZBC Goal: \$80,000

Given to Date: \$89,116

May Schedule Changes

WEDNESDAYS

May 13 | Last Regular Wednesday Night

May 20 | No Evening Activities

May 27 | No Evening Activities

SUNDAYS

May 10 | No Evening Activities [Mother's Day]

May 24 | No Evening Activities [Memorial Day]

May 31 | VBS Meeting & Set-Up Only

MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office will be closed on May 25.

MZBC ADULTS

MZBC Men

Man Up will not meet on May 25.

MZBC Women Summer Studies

Worthy: Embracing Your Identity in Christ
June 17 & 24 and July 15 & 22 | 6pm | S203

Led by Anica Williams and Mattie Faville

Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1443/responses/new>

Igniting Hope: Developing a Godly Perspective in an Uncertain World

Zoom Study | Thursdays | 10am

Contact Candy Craig at ccraig.mip@gmail.com for more information.

Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1451/responses/new>

MZBC STUDENTS

Graduate RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17

9:45am | Graduate Breakfast

[for graduate and immediate family]

11:00am | Recognition During Worship

Contact Rachel by email at rachel.arney@mzbc.net or by calling the Church Office at 256.837.2665 for more details.

GREENHOUSE

May 13 | Senior Night

[Last Greenhouse before Summer]

MZBC SENIOR ADULTS

"April showers bring May flowers"... this old phrase has been so true through the years. And at MZBC, we sure have had God's showers of blessing upon our church and its ministries in April! Our Easter Sunday celebrations saw some of the largest attendances in the history of our church worship services. Our folks enjoyed chapel services, our monthly luncheon and weekly prayer meetings. We had a senior adult team travel to New Orleans and participate in our annual Mission Lab involving evangelistic projects across the city.... God has been so good!

Now May is upon us with its many blooms of prayer meetings, monthly luncheon, Mother's Day celebrations, graduate recognition and more. We will begin the month on May 3 with our own Senior Adult Recognition Day and luncheon. Our friends, Endless Highway, will be our special musical luncheon guests. You need to be sure to register for this annual luncheon provided by the church! And our musical guests will be such a blessing to each one who hears them.

God's hand is still upon our church and ministry efforts! Therefore, it is vitally important that you and I continue in prayer each day for this kingdom work. There are still precious souls to reach and disciple... there are lost folks who need a gospel witness... there are church members who need to be taught and encouraged weekly. Let's pray for more laborers, for more seekers, and for more souls.

Jackie and I thank you for praying for us as we count it our privilege to serve with you and for Christ. Let's keep praying and keep witnessing and keep faithful to Jesus daily... we love you!

Pastor Mike Nolen

SonShine Lunch

May 28 | 10:30am | Gym | Senior Adults 60+
Potluck lunch with special guest, Josh Jacobs

SERVE DAY 2026

June 6 | 8am to 12pm

SERVE SITES

305 8th Street
 Baptist Children's Home
 Childcare Worker @ MZBC
 Habitat for Humanity
 Dorough Family
 Harvest House
 Harvest Youth Club
 Heals Clinic @ MZBC
 Legacy Elementary School
 Love Packages
 Manna House
 Monrovia Elementary [Youth Project]
 Monrovia Middle School
 Murrey Family [Harmening SS Class]
 Next Step Farms
 Nichols Family [Walker SS Class]
 Phillips Park
 Prayer Team @ MZBC
 Sparkman High School

- Childcare is available for kids 5 & under at Mount Zion.
- Each family is responsible for their own transportation, supplies, and water.

SIGN UP TODAY!

<https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1440/responses/new>

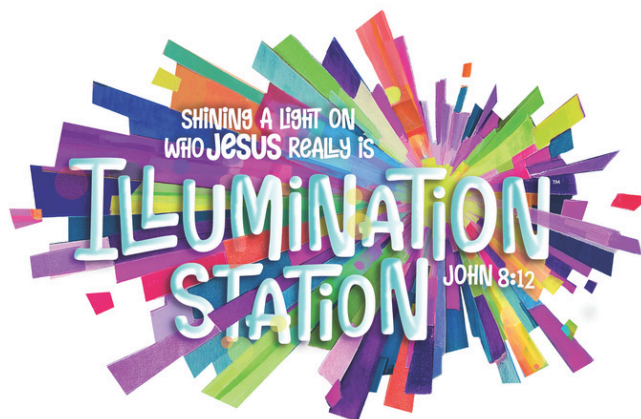
Love Packages

May 1 | Love Packages is a ministry that collects and ships Bibles and Christian literature around the world. MZBC is looking for volunteers to work in their warehouse to help pack literature to be shipped.

Click to Volunteer | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1384/responses/new>

Children's Recognition

May 17 | 5pm | Sanctuary



JUNE 1-5 | 8:30am to 12:00pm

For children who have completed K-6th grades.

Shine Bright in a dark world at VBS 2026!

Join us for Illumination Station, the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

Click to Sign Up

<https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1435/responses/new>

VBS NEWS

May 31

1pm to 5pm | VBS Room Set Up

3pm | VBS Volunteers Meeting | Chapel

DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

The following men have been elected to serve as deacons beginning in August.

Josh Gulledge, Jeff Chandler, Keith Shields, Tracy Cunningham, and Josh Ballinger