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### WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS @ 8:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY &  
DRIVE-UP (TUNE INTO FM 87.9)

SUNDAYS @ 9:15 A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY (ALL AGES)  
(DRIVE-UP AVAILABLE)

SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY & DRIVE-UP  
(LIVE-STREAMED & AVAILABLE ON  
CHURCH APP SUNDAY AFTERNOON)

SUNDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.  
WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY & DRIVE-UP

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 P.M.  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN  
(SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL)  
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE  
(SANCTUARY)  
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (YOUTH ROOM)  
& RA's, GA's & MISSION FRIENDS (FMC)

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## New Zion News

New Zion Baptist Church  
17387 New Zion Church Road  
"The Place to Begin Again"  
February 2023



FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

# Welcome

November  
Patrick Thompson  
Angela Thompson  
Bill Jackson  
Conner Jones

December  
Anna Grace Rogers

January  
Elissa Byrd  
February  
Joe Gaudin  
Iva Gaudin  
James "Cateye" Clark

March  
Blake Moore  
Bailey Moore  
Ethan Sharp

April  
Thaddeus Andriessen  
Ava Reid  
Kylee Boudreaux  
William Austin Dawsey  
Louise Dawsey

July  
Terry Sharp  
Sandra Sharp  
Katelin McKnight  
Reiss Saurage  
Dre' Barrentine  
Morgan Jiles

August  
Averie Galloway

September  
Wayne Ivey  
Dianne Ivey

October  
Bradley Peck  
Molly Peck

November  
Sherry Lomasney  
Maurice Loyd  
Delos Williams  
JoAnn Williams



What a great month January has been! You have been faithful in attendance to Small Group Bible Study and Worship. It is exciting to see our church building filled at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. It is exciting to see so many hungry for God's Word in Life Groups. You have been faithful in giving to the Lord and His Work. It looks like January 2023 will be the greatest month of general fund giving ever. Thank you!

As we look forward to the month of February, I hope we build on what is happening. If you are not in a Small Group Bible Study class (Life Group/Sunday School), I challenge you to get involved now. It's time to continue to mature in Christ.

Sunday night, February 5th, for our evening service, we will be honored to have Bro. Ronnie and Mary Lou Warren lead our service. They will play musical instruments and sing, and Bro. Ronnie will share his ministry with us. You do not want to miss this service.

February is the month we think about love. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:37 & 39) As the apostle Paul wrote "that we would abound in love." Let us remember that loving God should be the priority of our lives, and loving others is a natural product from loving God. It's great to be loved by God. He loves us with an eternal love, Praise His Name! Remember, You are loved!

Hope to see you in worship every Lord's Day.  
Bro. Clark

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."  
John 13:34-35



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**FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/MINISTER OF MUSIC**

February always makes us think of Valentine's Day. It's a reminder to do what we as Christians should be doing all year long - sharing the love of Christ with those closest to us, then spreading it in the concentric circles around us. Christ died for all to show His love for all. Can we do any less?

SAVE THE DATE AND PRAY for our Easter Drama, Saturday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. (tentative time) and Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 10:30 a.m.

We are excited about having our Easter Drama again! We will need soldiers, disciples, characters, tech members, set-builders and more. We will especially need MORE ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS. This is a powerful presentation and we need all of the voices we can get. Please pray about YOUR participation and encourage others as well. There is a place for everyone.

Sharing his Love through music and more, ALL to HIS glory alone,  
Bro. Toby

**FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

By now, the new year has settled in for most people and we have had ample time to recover from all the holiday activities of last year. As some would say, "It's time to put our shoulders to the grind stone and push forward." One of my goals for the beginning of this new year, when I consider two of my responsibilities, Education and Outreach, is to help our adult teachers organize their Life Groups classes for growth. I'll be honest with you, I have tried in the past and failed. From what I understand, when it comes to class organization, those who have had this responsibility before I came on board also were not able to accomplish this task. However, this is a new year with a new beginning. I am going to pull out all the stops and "strive" to help this come to pass in each of our Life Groups. Short side note: By the way, for clarification, your church staff is now referring to Sunday School Classes as Life Group Classes.

The reason we are now referring to them as "Life Groups" is because we are living life together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We choose to come together each week and study God's Word with those who are in the same stage of life as we are at this time. We all experience different seasons/stages of life as we live here on earth. We join together with those in our class that are experiencing "life" like we are, thus age graded classes. In all honesty, for me, when we say we are attending a "Life Group class" it sounds better than saying we are attending a "Sunday School Class." Call it what you may, living life together, in Life Groups, is more pleasing to the ear than saying attending Sunday School. Now, getting back to my above goals.

If our Life Groups are organized correctly, according to "all those professionals" who make their livings doing nothing but church growth, our Life Groups serve as the Outreach organization of our church. There is no need for any other out-reach program. If our classes are inviting/contacting, enlisting/enrolling, and sharing the Gospel every week with the guests and members in their classes, God will bless our efforts and as a result growth takes place throughout our church family. Both spiritual growth and numerical growth. However, if we continue doing the same thing today as we did yesterday, then we will reap the same result tomorrow. The only reason numbers are important is because each person has a soul that will spend eternity either in heaven or hell. I desire to do my part in helping as many people as possible receive the knowledge as to how they can become a member of God's forever family and grow in Christ's likeness. Join with me, for our good and God's glory.

In His Service,  
Bro. David

**FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

Thank you for supporting the youth and children camps through the Pull Pork Dinner fundraiser. Because of your support, the children made over \$4,000 in profit.

The signup for youth and children camps has ended. However, we do have a waitlist for each camp. You can sign up for the wait list at [www.newzion.net](http://www.newzion.net).

The children and youth are currently selling chocolate and meat sticks. See Matt for more details.

Our Sunday nights are going fantastic. We are having anywhere between 65 - 90 youth and children each night. I am amazed at how our year is starting. Please be praying for the families of the youth and children. We have many that attend on Sunday night who do not attend church on Sunday mornings. Please pray that we will see many salvations and disciples made during 2023.

I would also like to thank all those who work with the children and youth. There are many who teach, volunteer for events, teach classes, prepare food, and chaperon overnight trips. If you know someone who works with the youth or children, please thank them for their time and service. The youth and children ministries would not exist without them.

In Christ,  
Bro. Matt

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, February 5th @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Worship Service with Ronnie Warren Ministries**

**Men's Breakfast (All Ages Invited)**  
**Sunday, February 12th @ 7:00 a.m. ~ FMC Gym**

**Children's Family Night ~ FMC Gym**  
**Saturday, February 18th @ 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Attention All Adults: March - Prophecy Conference**  
Every Sunday night in March, in the sanctuary, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Bro. Walter Pierce will be leading us in a Prophecy Conference. Join us as we find out Biblical answers to questions like: *Are we in the last days? Could the rapture happen in our lifetime?* These and other questions will be examined from a Biblical perspective. You will not want to miss any Sunday night in March.

**FEBRUARY MEETINGS**  
**Long Range Planning Meetings**  
Wednesdays, February 1st & 8th @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, February 12th @ 3:00 p.m.  
**Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, February 12th @ 4:00 p.m.  
**REAL Moms Meeting**  
Thursday, February 16th @ 6 p.m.-8 p.m.  
**Deacons' Meeting**  
Sunday, February 26th @ 7:15 p.m.

**Celebrate MONDAYS**  
**Recovery 7:00 P.M.**  
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

**REFIT® Ladies ONLY**  
**FREE exercise class**  
**Thursdays @ 6 pm-7 pm**