

**WELCOME TO MT. ZION!**

We rejoice in having you here today. If you're a guest, please complete the guest information on your worship guide and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like to request prayer or visit with someone about spiritual decisions or the opportunities here, please mark the space provided and either put the card in the offering plate or hand it to a staff member upon leaving. *Have a great day with us at Mt. Zion!*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 17**

- Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
- Church Christmas Fellowship.....after a.m. service
- Evening Worship .....Dismissed

**Wednesday, December 20**

- "Happy Birthday Jesus" Pajama Party in Awana..... 6:25 p.m.
- ~~2-4:5~~ Christmas Party @ Boys & Girls Club..... 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study .....Dismissed

**Sunday, December 24**

- Sunday School .....Dismissed
- Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
- Evening Worship .....Dismissed

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. If you would like to **host a S.N.A.C.** for the Youth Ministry in 2018, please sign the list in the foyer. It is recommended that multiple families get together to do this to cut down on expense. Also, please remember it is a snack / fellowship time, not a feast or even a full course meal.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**December**

- 17 -- Church Christmas Fellowship; after a.m. service.
- 20 -- Awana & Teens Christmas Parties
- 24 -- Sunday School; Dismissed
- Morning Worship; 10:00 a.m.
- Evening Worship; Dismissed
- 25-29 -- Church Offices Closed
- 27 -- Midweek Services; Dismissed
- 31 -- Candlelight Service; 6:00 p.m.

**January**

- 1-2 -- Church Offices Closed

**THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP**

- Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir  
*"Let Earth Receive Her King"*
- Fellowship Hymn..... Congregation  
*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*
- Welcome and Prayer.....Mike Clayton
- Offertory.....Suzy Draper  
*(During this song, the ushers will receive our tithes and offerings.)*
- Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir  
*"What Kind Of Throne"*
- Hymn..... Congregation  
*"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"*
- Hymn..... Congregation  
*"Away In A Manger"*
- Special Music.....Cindy Prince  
*"Breath Of Heaven"*
- Worship Chorus..... Congregation  
*"Lamb Of God"*
- Message from God's Word.....Bro. Trey Emory
- Time of Reflection and Response..... Congregation  
*"Come To Jesus"*
- Dismissal Prayer..... Fellowship

*Church Christmas Fellowship*



*Today, After The Morning  
Worship Service*



There will be a **drop-in Baby Shower** for Katie & Caleb Parish on Sunday, January 7 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's a Boy!! They are registered at Wal-Mart and Target.

If you would like to help with the shower contact Nita Wingo, Pat Hodges or Paulette Hathcock.



**YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Youth Ministry will have their **Christmas Party** Wednesday, December 20 at the Malvern Boys and Girls Club. Students will need to be dropped off at the Boys and Girls Club at 6:30 and picked up at 8:30. A van will leave the church at 6:15, if that would be more convenient, and will



**GUEST INFORMATION—DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Mr./ Mrs./ Miss (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Married ( ) Single

Age (circle)      0-21                      22-40                      41-60                      61-up

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle)      Work      Home      Cell

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What church? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of our church? \_\_\_\_\_

I am a guest of \_\_\_\_\_

Name & ages of children at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER ADDITIONS**

Prayer was requested for David Hohrine; Martha Waite; Pat Hodges; Adam Overton; Nelson Bailey; Erin Blankenship and family; Carla Fox and family; Carol Roberson; Wink Kratz; Bonnie Wheatley; Robert Shaddock; Carroll Neeper; Nancy Norton; Ronnie & Sandra Smead.

**YOU WILL BE MISSED**

*"Then Jonathan said to David: Tomorrow is the new moon and thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18).* These are words of remorse and protest spoken by Jonathan to David when he learned that his friend planned to be absent at the time of one of their solemn feasts. It brings to our minds the problem of empty seats in the church house.

Each time you are absent from a church service in which God is worshipped in truth and in which His Word is taught, you are missed. Since God commanded us to assemble, He misses us when we are absent. How it must grieve God for us to trample His commands under our feet! Take up your Bible and read again *Hebrews 10:25*. And, too, Christ misses us when we are absent. He has promised to be present when we meet in His name (*Matt. 18:20*). When we miss the assembly we miss an appointment with Jesus! He sees and knows.

The world and the enemies of the church miss you when your seat is empty. They take particular note of it and make capital of it. They make jesting remarks about how little your faith means to you. Your influence is greatly diminished by irregular attendance. You cannot convince a person that the church can be something of great importance to him unless you show him by your actions that it is of great importance to you. How Satan must "laugh up his sleeve" when a member of the body of Christ willfully absents himself from the services of the church!

Your fellow Christians miss you when your seat is empty. They enjoy the services, but their enjoyment would be increased if you were there worshipping with them. Jonathan's enjoyment of the feast of the new moon would have been greater if David had been present. But the greatest tragedy is not that you are missed but that you MISS something of great importance ... something you badly need . . . something you must have if you are to grow. Don't stay away!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*We will be glad to join with you in praying for your specific needs. Please write your request here and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.*

Please pray for:

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( ) Private Prayer Request      ( ) Public Prayer Request

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISIONS**

- ( ) I'd like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.
- ( ) I'd like to speak with someone about my relationship with God.
- ( ) I'd like to speak with someone about getting more involved with this church.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

- Dec. 20 -- "Happy Birthday Jesus" party in Awana
- 24 -- Angel Choir sings; 10:00 a.m.
- January 10 -- "Silly Hat" night in Awana; 6:25 p.m.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

- Dec. 20 -- Christmas Party; 6:30 p.m.
- January 10 -- ~~2-4:5~~ Resumes; 6:30 p.m.

**OTHER MT. ZION ACTIVITIES**

- Dec. 17 -- Church Christmas Fellowship; after a.m. service
- 24 -- Sunday School; Dismissed
  - Morning Worship; 10:00 a.m.
  - Evening Service; Dismissed
- 25 -- Happy Birthday Jesus!
- 31 -- Candlelight Service; 6:00 p.m.
- January 7 -- Nursing Home Service; 2:00 p.m.
  - Parish Baby Shower; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 9 -- Men's Fellowship Breakfast; 7:00 a.m.
- 10 -- Adult Bible Study Resumes; 7:00 p.m.
- 14 -- Deacons Meeting; 4:00 p.m.
- 18 -- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.

**NURSERY WORKERS**

<u><b>This Week</b></u>	<u><b>Next Week</b></u>
<b>SS</b> Sara W.; Amy M.	<b>SS</b> Service Dismissed
<b>MW (Infant)</b> Sara W.; Anita C.	<b>MW (Infant)</b> Sara W.; Connie A.
<b>MW (Toddler)</b> Chris A.; Jeanie T	<b>MW (Toddler)</b> DeAnn W.; Cheryl F.
<b>EW</b> Casey O.; Dorothy D.	<b>EW</b> Service Dismissed

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL WORKERS**

<u><b>December</b></u>	<u><b>January</b></u>
Sara Wheatley	Paulette Hathcock
Jaime Brown	Teresa Gregory
Landon Jackson	Mikayla Long

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

<u><b>December 24</b></u>	<u><b>December 31</b></u>
<b>a.m.</b> Mary Penny	<b>a.m.</b> Lisa Kuykendall
<b>a.m.</b> Angel Choir	<b>p.m.</b> Candlelight Service
<b>p.m.</b> Service Dismissed	

**LAST WEEK'S RECORD**

Sunday School—121; Morning Worship—145  
 We had 139 children, teens, and adults here Wednesday night!  
 Actual Year-to-Date Offerings: \$315,334.03  
 Budgeted Year-to-Date Offerings: \$321,064.00



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