

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 18

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

Wednesday, December 21

AwanaDismissed
2-4:5 (teens) Christmas Party.....6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....Dismissed

Sunday, December 25 *Happy Birthday Jesus!*

Sunday School.....Dismissed
Instrumentalist Rehearsal.....9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....Dismissed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you would like to **host a S.N.A.C.** for the Youth Ministry in 2017, 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

- 18 -- Church Christmas Fellowship; after a.m. service.
21 -- Midweek Services Dismissed
22-23 -- Church Offices Closed
26 -- Church Offices Closed
28 -- Midweek Services Dismissed
30 -- Church Offices Closed

January

- 2 -- Church Offices Closed

THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

Awana Presentation.....T&T
Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"Soli Deo Gloria"
Fellowship Hymn.....Congregation
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
Welcome and Prayer.....Mike Clayton
Offertory.....Suzy Draper
During this song, the ushers will receive our tithes and offerings
Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"Christ Is Born"
Hymn.....Congregation
"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"
Hymn.....Congregation
"What Child Is This?"
Special Music.....Wink Kratz
"From The Manger To The Cross"
Worship Chorus.....Congregation
"A Christmas Alleluia"
Message from God's Word.....Bro. Donis Smead
"The Miracle Of The Method"
Luke 2:13-15
Time of Reflection and Response.....Congregation
"Come To Jesus"
Dismissal Prayer.....Fellowship

Church Christmas Fellowship



Today, After The Morning
Worship Service



YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Youth Ministry will have their **Christmas Party** Wednesday, December 21 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 return around 8:45.



GUEST INFORMATION—DECEMBER 18, 2016

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: _____

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER ADDITIONS

Prayer was requested for The family of Lavonne Thomason; Pete Tally; Marla Gregory’s dad; Ronnie & Sandra Smead; Elaine Gilmore; Joyce Overton; Reid Jackson; Lane Grigsby; Jerry Davis; Elizabeth & Bobby Williams; Melba Peters; Shane & Joy Pierce; Marissa Rhemo; Shirley Gray; Gayle Hall.

AND THE LORD ADDED...

.....Lilly Brown on her profession of faith and upcoming baptism (January 1). Her address is 6756 Ridge Rd., Malvern.
May the Lord bless her as we serve Him together!

DON’T LET THE LIGHTS GO OUT!

One of my favorite things about this time of the year is experiencing the beauty of Christmas lights. Ordinarily only dimly lit by dull street lamps, towns are now awash in brilliant displays of holiday cheer. So much more joyful than the rest of the year!

Eventually, however, those lights will be taken down, packed up, and put away again until next December. One of my least favorite times of the year is when those lights—and the accompanying joyful attitudes—are hidden for 11 months. Too bad! Wouldn’t it be great if they stuck around all year long!

Even more sadly, some Christians only let their lights shine during special occasions. Currently there is a surging wave of good will toward our fellowman as we all seek to do something good for those in need. But what if we didn’t just drag our Christian lights out only for holidays?

Jesus told His disciples that they were the light of the world (*Matt. 5:14*). Accordingly, He told them, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”* (*Matt. 5:16*).

Certainly we should do all the good we can during the holiday season, but let’s refrain from packing up our Christian lights and putting them away for the rest of the year. The world needs the light of the church and God’s word shining in the darkness! Will you be a light for Christ 365 days in the coming year?

(Credit: Matt Clifton/Bulletin Digest/McCrory, AR)

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:

() Private Prayer Request () Public Prayer Request

() Add to Monthly Prayer Guide.

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. 18 -- Awana Presentation-T&T; a.m. service
-- Caroling
- Jan. 4 -- Awana Resumes; 6:25 p.m.
- 8 -- Awana Presentation-Sparks; a.m. service
- 11 -- “Tropical Island” night in Awana
- Feb. 8 -- “Black Out” night in Awana
- 25 -- Awana Grand Prix

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Dec. 21 -- Christmas Party
- Jan. 11 -- ~~2-4:5~~ Resumes; 6:30 p.m.
- 14 -- Escape Room
- 27 -- Guys Night Out (Big Buck Classic)
- Feb. 11 -- “True Love Worships” Conference
- 19 -- Youth J.A.M.
-- S.N.A.C.; after p.m. service

OTHER MT. ZION ACTIVITIES

- Dec. 18 -- Church Christmas Fellowship
- 31 -- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 1 -- Nursing Home Service; 2:00 p.m.
- 2 -- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
- 10 -- Men’s Fellowship Breakfast; 7:00 a.m.
- 19 -- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.
- 29 -- Joyfest!!; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 5 -- Nursing Home Service; 2:00 p.m.
- 6 -- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
- 14 -- Men’s Fellowship Breakfast; 7:00 a.m.
- 16 -- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS

<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
SS Sara W.; Wanda B.	SS Dismissed
MW (Infant) Sara W.; Jean L.	MW (Infant) Sara W.; Darby W.
MW (Toddler) Christy S.; Gina J.	MW (Toddler) Paulette H.; Marietta B.
EW Service Dismissed	EW Service Dismissed

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL WORKERS

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Sara Wheatley	Paulette Hathcock
Amy Maranto	Teresa Gregory
Landon Jackson	Mikayla Long

SPECIAL MUSIC

<u>December 25</u>	<u>January 1</u>
a.m. Angel Choir	a.m. Missy Smead
p.m. Service Dismissed	p.m. Marsha Clayton

LAST WEEK’S RECORD

Sunday School—114; Morning Worship—151
 We had 146 children, teens, and adults Wednesday night!
 Actual Year-to-Date Offerings: \$330,133.93
 Budgeted Year-to-Date Offerings: \$295,000.00



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