

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 21

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

Wednesday, December 23

All Mid-Week Services.....Dismissed

Thursday, December 25

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Sunday, December 28

Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
 Missions Committee Meeting.....5:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Children's Ministry needs your help!** There are two teaching positions and helper positions in Children's Chapel for 2015 year. Please prayerfully consider serving—it is such an important ministry on Sunday mornings.
- The **Missions Committee** will meet next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
- The **Prime Timers** will meet Wednesday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- If you would like to **host a S.N.A.C.** for the Youth Ministry in 2015, 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.
- Pat Hodges will be hosting the **Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting** at her house on Monday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. She will also be providing the refreshments. If you plan to attend and want to ride in the church van, be at the church by 5:45 p.m.

THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"Go Tell"
 Hymn.....Congregation
"Go Tell It On the Mountain"
 Welcome and Prayer.....Bro. Mike Clayton
 Offertory.....Suzy Draper
 Video....."It's Still the Greatest Story Ever Told"
 Special Music.....Southern Cross Quartet
"It's Still The Greatest Story Ever Told"
 Hymn.....Congregation
"Joy To The World"
 Hymn.....Congregation
"Silent Night"
 Special Music.....Wink Kratz
 Worship Chorus.....Congregation
"Isn't He"
 Message from God's Word.....Bro. Donis Smead
"Walk This Way"
 Ephesians 5:1
 Time of Reflection and Response.....Congregation
"Come To Jesus"
 Dismissal Prayer.....Fellowship

Church Christmas Fellowship



*Today, After The Morning
 Worship Service*

"CHRISTMAS - ON THE AIR" DVD

DVD's of the Sanctuary Choir's Christmas Program are available for a \$5.00 donation to the Mt. Zion Audio & Video Ministry. Please call the church office or sign the list in the foyer by Sunday, January 4 to reserve a copy. You will be notified when your DVD is ready to pick-up.



THREE WISE WOMEN WOULD HAVE....

- ◆ Asked for directions
- ◆ Arrived on time
- ◆ Helped deliver the baby
- ◆ Cleaned the stable
- ◆ Made a casserole
- ◆ And there would be...
- ◆ PEACE on EARTH!!



GUEST INFORMATION—DECEMBER 21, 2014

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 Houston Hathcock; Jo Rood; Neal Bates; Helen Corder; Mike Cazort; Spud Beason; Monroe Wheat; Emily Coston.

THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.' "

Matthew 1:23

At this time of the year, we say, "Merry Christmas." Some prefer that to "Happy Holidays," but please don't get confrontational about it. Instead, be gracious. After all, Christmas isn't always a happy time for everyone. For someone who has lost their job, this is not the most wonderful time of the year, because so much emphasis is placed on a merry Christmas being a materialistic one.

There are also those who have lost loved ones. You know many of those people, and things that once made them happy at this time of year now makes them sad. Those things that once brought happiness are now things that bring sadness, because they evoke memories of times spent together. Therefore, Christmas becomes a difficult time for some.

There are many who are in need of encouragement at this time of year. They don't need a Christmas present; they need His Christmas presence. They need to be reminded of what this season is all about. It is not about things. It is not about presents.

These things have their place, but we need to remember the essential message of Christmas, which is **Immanuel—God is with us**. And for the hurting person, the lonely person, the sorrowing person, this is the time of year to bring the gift of encouragement to them and say, "The message of Christmas is: God will be with you. God will help you. God will strengthen you."

So look for opportunities to share the love of God during this season, because it is a time when we seem to be more open to engaging in conversation with others. Now is a great opportunity for you to bring encouragement to someone who is struggling. Who needs your encouragement today?

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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. 24 -- Christmas Break; Awana Dismissed
31 -- Christmas Break; Awana Dismissed
Jan. 7 -- Awana Resumes; 6:25 p.m.
14 -- Snowman Night in Awana
Feb. 11 -- Western Night in Awana

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Dec. 24 -- Christmas Break; ~~2-4:5~~ Dismissed
31 -- Christmas Break; ~~2-4:5~~ Dismissed
Jan. 4 -- Youth J.A.M.; 6:00 p.m.
-- S.N.A.C.; after p.m. Service
7 -- ~~2-4:5~~ Resumes; 6:30 p.m.
18 -- A.C.T.S.; after p.m. service
30 -- 5th Quarter
Feb. 1 -- Youth J.A.M.; 6:00 p.m.
-- S.N.A.C.
18 -- Small Group Outing; 6:30 p.m.

OTHER MT. ZION ACTIVITIES

- Dec. 21 -- Church-wide Christmas Fellowship; after a.m. service
24 -- Adult Bible Study; Dismissed
31 -- Adult Bible Study; Dismissed
-- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 4 -- Nursing Home Service; 2:00 p.m.
5 -- Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
11 -- Business Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
-- Church Fellowship; after p.m. service
13 -- Men's Fellowship Breakfast; 7:00 a.m.
15 -- Prime Timers Game Night; 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 1 -- Nursing Home Service; 2:00 p.m.
8 -- Business Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
-- Church Fellowship; after p.m. service
10 -- Men's Fellowship Breakfast; 7:00 a.m.

NURSERY WORKERS

This Week

MW (Infant) Sara W.; Jean L.

MW (Toddler) Mindy W.

EW Services Dismissed

Next Week

MW (Infant) Sara W.; Teresa G.

MW (Toddler) Danny G.

EW Casey O.; Kelsey R.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL WORKERS

December

Debbie Jackson

Mikayla Buck

Gaby Resendiz

January

Dorothy Daniel

Pat Hodges

Lauren Waller

SPECIAL MUSIC

December 28

a.m. Lisa Gilmore

a.m. Angel Choir

p.m. Mikayla Buck

January 4

a.m. Gail Kenney

p.m. Bro. Donis Smead

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday School Attendance—121; Morning Worship Attendance—165

Budgeted Offerings for 2014: \$310,200.00

Actual Offerings for 2014: \$278,956.15



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