

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 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

Wednesday, December 28

AwanaDismissed
2-4:5 (teens).....Dismissed
Adult Bible Study.....Dismissed

Sunday, January 1

Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
Baptismal Serviceafter a.m. service
Nursing Home Service..... 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PARENTS OF TEENS**, if you would be willing to provide a small snack for the teens on Wednesday nights, see the list on the bulletin board. If you have questions, see Bro. Paul.
- Now would be a great time to **JOIN THE CHOIR!** January 15 at 5:00 p.m. we'll begin working on Easter and Summer Tour. No audition required. See you there!
- 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.

THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

Special Music.....Angel Choir
Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"Carol Of The Kings"
Fellowship Hymn.....Congregation
"Joy To The World"
Welcome and Prayer.....Mike Clayton
Offertory.....Suzy Draper
During this song, the ushers will receive our tithes and offerings
Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"O Holy Night"
Hymn.....Congregation
"Away In The Manger"
Special Music.....Sanctuary Choir
"Mary's Hope"
Hymn.....Congregation
"Silent Night"
Worship Chorus.....Congregation
"A Christmas Alleluia"
Video....."Christmas According To Kids"
Message from God's Word.....Bro. Donis Smead
"The Miracle Of The Manger"
Luke 2:16-20
Time of Reflection and Response.....Congregation
"Come To Jesus"
Dismissal Prayer.....Fellowship



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December

26 -- Church Offices Closed
28 -- Midweek Services Dismissed
30 -- Church Offices Closed

January

2 -- Church Offices Closed

TRAVELING AT CHRISTMAS TIME!



*You two quit it or I'm turning
this caravan right around!*

GUEST INFORMATION—DECEMBER 25, 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 Susan Womack; Alexis Snow; Margie Fell; Shirley Gray; Wayne Erwin.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. —Isaiah 9:7

As we look at our world today, we realize that part of the promise of [Isaiah 9:6-7](#) has not yet been fulfilled. The Son has been given. The Child has been born. But He has not yet taken the government upon His shoulders. We do not yet have peace with judgment and justice. But the good news is that there will come a day when Christ will return. He will establish His kingdom on this earth. And it will be the righteous rule of God himself.

Before Jesus could take the government upon His shoulder, He had to take the cross upon His shoulder. Before He could wear the crown of glory as King of Kings, He had to wear the shameful crown of thorns and give His life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. The first time, a star marked His arrival. But the next time He comes, the heavens will roll back like a scroll, all of the stars will fall from the sky, and He himself will light it.

Christ came to this earth. God came near to you so you can come near to Him—to give your life purpose and meaning, to forgive you of your sins, and to give you the hope of heaven beyond the grave. Christmas is not about tinsel or shopping or presents. Christmas is not about the gifts under the tree. Rather, Christmas is about the gift that was given on the tree when Christ died there for our sins and gave us the gift of eternal life.

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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

- 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

- 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. 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

This Week

SS Dismissed

MW (Infant) Sara W.; Darby W.

MW (Toddler) Paulette H.; Marietta B.

EW Service Dismissed

Next Week

SS Sara W.; Dorothy D.

MW (Infant) Sara W.; Lisa K.

MW (Toddler) Mindy Mc.; Nita W.

EW Casey O.; Mikayla B.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL WORKERS

December

No Children's Chapel
Today

January

Paulette Hathcock
Teresa Gregory
Mikayla Long

SPECIAL MUSIC

January 1

a.m. Missy Smead
p.m. Marsha Clayton

January 8

a.m. Alex Reed
a.m. Awana-Sparks
p.m. Bro. Donis Smead

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday School—119; Morning Worship—153
Actual Year-to-Date Offerings: \$340,006.93
Budgeted Year-to-Date Offerings: \$300,900.00



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