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*He Is Risen!*



**"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."  
Luke 24: 5b-6a**

**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.  
Evening Worship Service

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study (FMC 101)  
Young Adult Bible Study  
(Ages 18-30) FMC 207  
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
Adult Teachers' Meeting (FMC 213)  
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"  
April 2025



**FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN**

*Welcome*

- August  
Josiah Lee  
Ian Perry  
Brooke Pilgrim  
Micah Pilgrim  
Colt Pilgrim  
Hayden Blakey  
Chaz Rebaradi  
Vanessa Atkinson
- September  
Braeden Townsend  
Samuel Tosso  
Sadie Tosso  
Elijah Vanderhoff  
Charlotte Cooper
- October  
Brian O'Conner  
Jason Edelstein  
Travis Landry  
Mary Landry  
Reilly Gibson  
Molly Artus  
Dolores Sanchez  
Vonda Murphy
- November  
Kaelan Krause  
John Cline
- December  
Virginia Sharp
- January  
Oscar "Joey" Sharp  
JoAnna Sharp  
Michael Beavers
- February  
Remy Nelson  
Charles "Eddie" Jenkins  
Micah Myers  
Howard Gibson  
Debbie Gibson  
Pierre Guillory

My prayer is that revival will continue in our hearts and lives. God is so good. Thank you for your prayers, attendance and your effort to get people to our revival services.

The month of April affords us many opportunities for outreach and spiritual growth. Our Easter Drama is Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 a.m. This drama is a powerful depiction of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It presents the gospel in a way that will touch lives. Please commit yourself NOW to invite people to this gospel presentation. Thank you Bro. Toby, choir, cast members, lighting crew, and tech team.

Easter Sunday is April 20th. What an event to celebrate - the Resurrection of our Lord! We will have an early 7:30 a.m. service outside (weather permitting) and it is always a powerful service. We will provide breakfast after the 7:30 a.m. service, then have Life Groups/Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and another worship service at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate His Resurrection. What a time to invite others to church.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God's Work: your financial support, prayers, attendance to Bible Study and worship, and your openness to God's Word.

We are blessed that God has chosen to work among us at this time. When we honor His Word and lovingly obey Him, He will work among us.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pam and me through our journey with chemotherapy. You have truly been a blessing to us. The meals you have prepared, the cards you have sent, the encouragement you have given, and the prayers you have prayed. We greatly appreciate each one of you. Thank You!

You are loved,  
Bro. Clark



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**FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/MINISTER OF MUSIC/CELEBRATE RECOVERY LIAISON** Dear Church Family, God is really blessing at New Zion with new Christians and growing attendance. We are seeing new faces and returning faces! We love it! And, we are REALLY looking forward to our revival services that start Sunday, March 30th, thru Wednesday, April 2nd. Bro. Tim Lee will be preaching and Bro. Kyle Smith will be leading worship. We hope you join us in diligently praying for this to be the best revival/biggest move of God in New Zion's history! And, in our own individual lives. And, our family members. And, our friends. And, our neighbors.

Be sure to mark your calendar and pray daily for our Easter Drama on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 a.m. "Calvary's Love Story" will be told and sung in a NEW musical and new drama features that will help us give a fresh, new look at an "old, old story of Jesus and His love." Thanks, in advance, to all of the choir, tech team, cast, and especially those who invite and attend. It's a powerful story worth retelling because we "serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today." He wants to and will change every heart and life who will attend and "let Him have His way."

Our Celebrate Recovery (CR) Leaders are excited to see a growing number of faithful, regular attenders, AND, a steady growth of new folks walking through the door for the first time. Those who want to let God lead them to recover from "hurts, habits and hang-ups" of the past and move on to a life of praise, obedience and service to Him. Why not take the first step and join us for worship, Bible teaching, and testimonies that will help you be the person God designed, created, and has sustained and blessed you to be? Can God count on you to attend the next Monday night CR meeting? Everyone that attends has been glad they did. It's FREE. Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center.

Sharing His love thru music and more,  
Bro. Toby

**FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR** In our March 2025 newsletter article I wrote about how should you organize a Sunday School. Much of the article was written by Bruce Raley, director of Church Partnerships with Lifeway Christian Resources. In this month's article, I am going to share the structure of an individual Life Group Class. My prayer is that every adult Life Group teacher in our church will begin working toward organizing their class according to the following. By doing so this will enhance the opportunities for our Life Group classes to increase in attendance and thereby helping more members become stronger disciples of Christ through the study of God's Word.

**The first position in a class is that of Teacher.** A few responsibilities of the teacher are too:

- \* Lead the group to study the Bible.
- \* Engages group members in each study through a variety of methods.
- \* Builds relationships with group members and guests.
- \* Leads group members to serve in class leadership positions.
- \* Leads group members to serve in the preschool, children or student ministries.
- \* Attends training events.
- \* Enlists an apprentice teacher for the purpose of teaching a new group.
- \* Leads the group to replicate and start a new class.

**The second position in a class is that of Apprentice Teacher.** They are responsible for:

- \* Teaches regularly, not just when the teacher is absent.
- \* Prepares to lead a group of his own.

**The third position is a Director.** They are responsible for:

- \* Enlists all other positions besides the teacher role (the teachers here at New Zion are nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved by the church)
- \* Organizes the group to carry out its ministry, allowing the teacher to focus on the primary function of studying and leading effective and engaging Bible studies, weekly.

**The fourth position is that of Prayer Leader.** Note the following responsibilities.

- \* Enlisted by the director.
- \* Leads a time of prayer during the Bible study.
- \* Keeps accurate records of prayer requests.
- \* Informs group members of new prayer requests and updates to existing ones.
- \* Maintains a vibrant personal prayer life.

**The fifth position is an Outreach Leader.** This involves doing the following:

- \* Enlisted by the director.
- \* Responsible for keeping the group's attention on reaching new members.
- \* Encourages prospects and guests to enroll in the group.
- \* Enlists class greeters.
- \* Helps group members develop their testimony by asking them to write their testimony and practice sharing it with the group, or in smaller groups.
- \* Coordinates with the fellowship leader to invite prospects to class events, outings and fellowships.
- \* Follows up with guests.
- \* Leads the group to wear name tags.
- \* Leads the group to be welcoming to guests.

**The sixth position is Fellowship Leader.** This involves:

- \* Enlisted by the director.
- \* Plans a fellowship/social event at least once a quarter.
- \* Secures church facilities if needed.
- \* Includes all absentee and prospective members in communication about events and extends invitations for them to attend.
- \* Includes fellow group members in the planning and implementation of fellowship/socials each quarter.
- \* Evaluates the response to each fellowship and the effectiveness of those events.

**The seventh position is that of Care Group Leaders.** This includes:

- \* Responsible for shepherding a subset of the group (6-8 people).
- \* Prays with care group members who have requests or experience crisis.
- \* Contacts the members of their care group weekly.
- \* Organizes the care group to meet the needs of its members; when needs exceed the group's capacity, the care group leader will seek help from other care group leaders and/or the teacher.

There are three other positions, which are Greeter, Secretary/Record Keeper and Community Ministry Leader. Space will not allow me to share their responsibilities in this article. However, they are very important. If we want to grow our Life Groups we must get our individual classes organized. What is the definition of insanity? **One is: Do the same thing today as you did yesterday and expect different results.**

It is a proven "FACT," if Life Group Classes are organized with the above positions there will be an increase in attendance. Not just for **numbers sake** but for helping class members develop into greater disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God get the glory for your life and mine!

In His Service,  
Bro. David

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

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH 2025  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
SIGN UP AT WWW.NEWZION.NET

FREE FOOD GAMES FOR ALL CHILDREN UP TO 6TH GRADE  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP

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**TOUCH-A-TRUCK FREE FAMILY EVENT**  
MAY 10TH 10AM - 1PM

- Over 25 Trucks and Other Vehicles
- Food Trucks
- Coast Guard
- First Responders
- And More!!

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**CONTEND**  
Last Day to Sign Up Sunday, April 6th

**A One-Day Apologetics Event for High School Students**  
Saturday, April 12th  
8:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.  
Cost \$15 Per Person  
Leave New Zion at 6:45 a.m.  
We will eat dinner & return to church at 7:45 p.m.  
Some mature Jr. High students can attend.

This event will address hard topics such as: Doubt & Deconstruction, Science & Faith, Gender & Sexuality, Evil & Suffering, Old Testament Difficulties, Jesus, World Religions, Apologetics in Youth Ministry.

**2025 YOUTH BEACH CAMP**  
JUNE 23-27 COST \$450  
LAST DAY TO SIGN UP SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH  
SIGNUP AT WWW.NEWZION.NET/YOUTH

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2025 GRADUATE RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY MAY 4TH 10:30 AM  
SUBMIT GRADUATE INFORMATION AND PICTURES AT  
WWW.NEWZION.NET/YOUTH

**Vacation Bible School**  
New Zion Baptist Church  
July 7-11  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Age 3 - 5th grade

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DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF GOD IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

**VBS KICK OFF PARTY**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 5:00 pm

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**REVIVAL SERVICES WITH BRO. TIM LEE**  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST & 2ND @ 7:00 P.M.

**Men's Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 6th @ 7:00 a.m.**  
Men & Boys of ALL AGES invited! (FMC Gym)

**Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH)**  
Wednesday, April 9th @ 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
NO 8:00 A.M. SERVICE ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.  
EASTER DRAMA 10:30 A.M. ~ WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

**Church Office Closed Good Friday, April 18th**

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE—APRIL 20TH**  
Sunrise Service @ 7:30 (Outdoors, weather permitting)  
Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. FMC ~ Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m. ~ NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

**D.R. Mission Trip Plant Sale Fundraiser**  
Saturday, April 19th ~ 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Ellen's on Lee Road

**Women on Mission Sewing for Missions (SFH)**  
Saturday, April 26th @ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**APRIL MEETINGS**

**Adult Teachers' Meeting**  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. FMC 213

**Long Range Planning Committee**  
Wednesday, April 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

**Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH)**  
Wednesday, April 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

**REAL Moms Meeting**  
Thursday, April 10th @ 6pm-8pm

**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, April 13th @ 3:00 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, April 13th @ 4:00 p.m.

**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

**Deacons' Meeting**  
Sunday, April 27th @ 7:15 p.m.

**Women on Mission Garden Party & Secret Sister**  
Sunday, April 27th  
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (SFH)  
Bring a friend, bring a dish, bring your mission money, & bring a plant to exchange.

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

**REFIT®** Ladies' ONLY FREE exercise class Mondays & Thursdays @ 6-7 pm (SFH)