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**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)

*"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*  
Romans 5:6-8



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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  
March  
Tammy Long  
Bry'Anna Morgan  
April  
Juanita Bossier  
Ezekiel Cunningham  
Brianna Cunningham  
Liam Aucoin

**New Zion News**

New Zion Baptist Church  
17387 New Zion Church Road  
"The Place to Begin Again"  
May 2025



**FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN**

The month of April was a busy month, but a great time of evangelism and worship.

Thank you to Bro. Toby, the church choir, all the ones who had a part in the Easter Drama and for the prayers that we prayed. God moved and blessed us.

Our Easter services were great! Great attendance, great spirit, and a great move from the Lord with two people being baptized.

As we move into the month of May, we will celebrate those who have paid the price to graduate from their respective schools. What a great accomplishment. New Zion Baptist Church congratulates you for this great milestone. Our encouragement to each graduate is "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" daily in your life.

We will also honor our mothers as we celebrate "Mothers' Day." Godly mothers should be appreciated and celebrated daily. Proverbs 31:28 says this about Godly mothers: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also and he praiseth her." During both morning services on May 11th, we will have Baby Dedication. Please contact the church office if you would like to have your baby dedicated.

Our Long Range Planning Committee will present the "Vision" that God has placed on their hearts for the future of New Zion on Sunday evening, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. This committee has met often, prayed much, and have this Godly vision to bring to us. Thank you to each member of the LRPC.

Let's each keep our focus on Jesus, keep on sharing the Gospel and praying. God will continue to honor our efforts.

You are loved,  
Bro. Clark





FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/MINISTER OF MUSIC/CELEBRATE RECOVERY LIAISON

THANK YOU to all who participated in our Easter drama. A fresh, new look at an "old, old story of Jesus and His love" was presented well. I'm so thankful for all of our willing participants. I believe the Lord was pleased and all in attendance were blessed! Thanks! AND, our choir is starting some new music and would love to have you join us. See me or one of the choir members to find out how you can be a part of this VITAL ministry to our church.

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2025! Woohoo! You made it! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments, and we are praying that you continue to follow the Lord's will for your next step into the future!

We are looking forward to honoring our great moms and our "first Mothers' Day" moms, and our new babies that will be dedicated to the Lord on Mothers' Day, May 11th, in both morning services. Please send me up to five pictures of the baby and family, preferably by email. Include the baby's full name & date of birth and parents' names. Deadline is May 4th. For us as a church, it's another year to pledge our love and support for all of these wonderful NZBC family members. What a joy to be a part of the family of God at New Zion.

It's been a great year for me as Celebrate Recovery staff liaison. I want to say a huge THANK YOU to our Celebrate Recovery leadership team. You have done a fantastic job, serving almost every Monday night, plus all of the other hours for prep work. Many lives have been impacted for Christ through this ministry. And, we encourage EVERY ONE to join us Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. It's a great time of "normal people with normal problems" helping each other reach the potential for which God designed each and every one of us to be: just like Jesus! Hey, come and join us on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. It really is "The Monday night place to be!"

I LOVE to share His love through music and more, ALL to His glory alone, Bro. Toby

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

My, how time flies. Here we are at the end of April 2025, having celebrated one of the most attended Christian holidays of the year, **EASTER SUNDAY**. Christ rising from the grave is what separates we Christians from any other faith system in the world. **We serve a risen savior!** Speaking of serving, I want to thank each one of our Life Group teachers for their time, energy and faithfulness week after week as they prepare and teach their perspective classes. Studying God's Word together is one way we make disciples, Matthew 28:18-20. Without each of you we could not offer Bible study in small groups for our membership. Again, thank each of you!

In our May newsletter I wrote my article about how to organize a Sunday School. We call them Life Groups because they are made up with small groups of people going through life together. In April, I wrote about how to organize a Life Group class for growth, which had ten positions within each class to be filled. Ten positions within a class involves a lot of class members and that's great, but we at New Zion aren't quite there yet. In this newsletter, I want to break those ten positions down to a simple class organization that will meet our needs for growth at this time here at New Zion. However, it is imperative that our teachers buy into this class organization and our teachers will need the help of several of their class members. This is necessary if we expect our Life Groups to grow in attendance.

**The first position is that of a Teacher.** All a teacher should be expected to do is to study God's Word and prepare to present a lesson each Sunday.

**The second position is that of an Apprentice Teacher.** To grow our Life Groups teacher's need to be preparing individuals to teach. Starting new Life Groups is the KEY to growth!

**The third position is that of Prayer Leader.** Praying together for physical and more importantly spiritual needs within our church family is vital to uniting a group of people together.

**The fourth position is that of Outreach Leader.** Someone who has a heart for reaching out to others in our church family and community. An encouraging and compassionate person.

**The fifth position involves several class members; it is that of Care Group Leaders.** The class is divided up, according to members, and these individuals keep up with those assigned to them.

**The sixth position is Fellowship Leader.** This individual, in conjunction with the teacher and with the help of other class members, plans an annual calendar of fellowship times.

If our teachers and class members will fill these six positions in each adult class, God will bless and our Life Groups will grow in attendance. Not just for numbers sake but for growing in Christ likeness and hiding His Word in our hearts that we might not sin against HIM.

In His Service,  
Bro. David

FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

**MAY 10TH 10AM - 1PM**  
**TOUCH-A-TRUCK FREE FAMILY EVENT**  
• Over 25 Trucks and Other Vehicles  
• Food Trucks  
• Coast Guard  
• First Responders  
• And More!!  
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**ONE Girls Retreat**  
Cost \$15  
Friday May, 16th - Sunday May, 18th  
Location: Bardy's Bay St. Louis Camp  
We will spend time in prayer, growing friendships, learning new things and having fun. Beach Time More info to come.  
Girls will return for Life Groups on Sunday Morning

**Family Lake Day**  
SATURDAY MAY 31 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
New Zion's Youth & Children's Ministry  
Free Event  
Location: Hunt Branch Retreat  
51539 Louisiana Industries Rd Franklinton, LA 70438  
Parents must attend with children 6th grade and below.  
• Pulled Pork Sandwiches provided.  
• Bring side dishes and desserts to share.  
• Activities: Swimming, Kayaking, Volleyball, Water Slide  
• Bring your own life jacket, beach toys and beach chairs  
Sign up at www.newzion.net

**2025 YOUTH BEACH CAMP**  
JUNE 23-27 COST \$450  
sign up at www.newzion.net

**IGNITE Youth VBS**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Vacation Bible School**  
New Zion Baptist Church  
July 7-11  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Age 3 - 5th grade  
VBS KICK OFF PARTY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 5:00 pm  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**WORK DAY FOR CEMETERY**  
Saturday, May 3rd ~ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 4th**

**TOUCH - A - TRUCK**  
Saturday, May 10th ~ 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Mothers' Day Sunday, May 11th**

**DR Mission Trip Dessert Fundraiser**  
Sunday, May 11th ~ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH)**  
Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Blood Drive** Sunday, May 18th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**River Baptisms @ Bogue Falaya Park**  
Sunday, May 18th @ 3:00 p.m.  
See Bro. Clark or Bro. Matt

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP (FMC)**  
Monday, May 19th @ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Women on Mission Sewing for Missions (FMC 101)**  
Saturday, May 24th @ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**MAY MEETINGS**  
**Adult Teachers' Meeting**  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. FMC 213  
**LRPC Presentation to Church**  
(New Building Presentation)  
Sunday, May 4th @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Long Range Planning Committee**  
Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH)**  
Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:30 p.m.  
**REAL Moms Meeting**  
Thursday, May 15th @ 6pm-8pm  
**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, May 18th @ 3:00 p.m.  
**Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, May 18th @ 4:00 p.m.  
**Deacons' Meeting**  
Sunday, May 18th @ 7:15 p.m.

**NO EVENING ACTIVITIES AT NEW ZION ON SUNDAY, MAY 25TH**

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 26th  
Church Office Closed

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

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