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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. Norship 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)

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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Alicia Blackwell **David Hickman Dallas Erwin** John Gilley

<u>August</u> Cami Bourque Riley Bistes

I am constantly amazed at the way God is moving at New Zion. People are being saved on a regular basis, and people are being added to His Church. With such a move of God, we have the privilege of sharing with others what He is doing and inviting them to come and join us. I believe one reason God is blessing is because He

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FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

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blesses His Word. As long as we preach and teach His Word uncompromisingly, God will bless. But as a warning: there will be those who want to hear "smooth" words, as the people complained to the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 30 verses 9 and 10 say, "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:" When the Word of God deals with personal sin and personal stubbornness, some reject the message and the messenger. But praise be unto God; most of New Zion desire the uncompromising truth of God's Word.

Another reason God is blessing is because New Zion is a church that is concerned about the unsaved. Many are unashamed witnesses for Christ. Two great evangelistic events are taking place this month. The Blessing of the Hunt is Thursday, September 18th. Pray for a harvest of souls. Pray for Bro. Johnny Morgan, our speaker. Prayer and loving obedience is always blessed by God.

The Women on Mission are hosting an event called "Mercy's Mountain Melody" on Saturday, September 27th. Pray for Shellie Tomlinson as she speaks and pray for ladies to come to know Christ and the believers to be refreshed, renewed, and revived.

God is at work; let's join Him by receiving His Word gladly, being positive and excited about what He is doing and inviting others to join.

> You are loved, **Bro. Clark**



Michael Beavers

Bry'Anna Morgan

Juanita Bossier

Liam Aucoin

June Gregory Blackwell

Jayden Burnham Jackson Landry

Christopher Ishee

Juliet LeBlanc **Natalie Huffman Ashlynn Luper** Missouri Varnado **Gracie Simer**

Dave Belmar Candace Belmar Kaydence Hurst

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/MINISTER OF MUSIC/CELEBRATE RECOVERY LIAISON | Wow! God continues to save the lost and gather the unchurched at New Zion. It's such a joy to be a part of a healthy family of God. We have many visitors, baptisms, and new members joining. God is alive and well and working in all of our hearts. All glory to Him alone! Get in a Sunday School class, get in on the fall discipleship classes and Bible studies.

We are starting our Christmas Musical, "MAJESTY: A Multi-generational Worship Experience for Christmas."

That's right! Our children, youth and adults will be making up the worship leaders on stage for this one. I have CDs, USB sticks, song sheets and binders - everything you need to enjoy getting ready for **December 14th at 10:30 a.m.**Let me know when you're ready to get started in the choir. We also need some solos and ensembles on Sunday.
We've had an increase in people who took me seriously when I said, "When God puts that song on your heart, let me know and I'll schedule you to sing!" Please let me know if you need help choosing a song or finding the music. And, I love song requests, too. It's YOUR worship service, too.

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Our Celebrate Recovery ministry continues to meet almost every Monday night (except for weather, church events, severe weather or pandemics). Almost every meeting lately has included returning and new faces. And, the FIRST MONDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH, we have our free monthly meal night, followed by small groups. The meal night gives us an opportunity to better get to know our CR Forever Family. Every week, normal people with normal problems, MOST of whom profess Christ as their Savior, meet to worship God, study God's Word, hear a testimony about how to overcome and recover from life's issues, whether great or small, and then have the opportunity to share with one another. It's great to see such an impact that this CHRIST-centered, Bible-centered ministry is having on a weekly basis! Thanks for your continued prayers. CR is FREE! It's for ALL adults in the area. Pass the word! We would love to have **you** join us on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. It really is "The Monday"

I LOVE to share His love through music, media, Celebrate Recovery and more, ALL to HIS glory alone. Come be a part!

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR With school starting and individuals and families getting back in their routine, it's time to begin some new discipleship classes at New Zion. Listed below are five that are about to begin and one ongoing study. Prayerfully, you will find a subject that interests you, and together we can grow in

1. A study of the book of Esther, ladies class, will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. This class will be led by Kathy Felps and will meet at 7:00 pm in FMC 205. The class will consist of six (6) lessons and will cover the entire book. Due to our church calendar and Kathy's schedule, the class will meet on the following dates:

Lesson 1 September 3 **Lesson 4** October 15

Lesson 2 September 17 **Lesson 5** October 22

Lesson 3 September 24 Lesson 6 October 29

All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend this class.

Overview: The book of Esther, whose writer we do not know, skillfully tells the story of Esther an orphaned Jewish eenager. The writer's effort is to help the Israelites, living under Persian rule, by providing them a model for faith and life and a way to rejoice in God's work in their day.

2. CHRISTIANITY 101, open class, led by James Gibson and will begin Sunday, September 7th. This study will

meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in FMC 207.

Overview: This study will include the foundations of our faith, the theology (thinking) behind what and why we believe the Bible, and why it is imperative that we share the Gospel. This class is "open" to everyone. James will present the three above areas of study in a very systematic and easily understood way. All new Christians should make every attempt possible to attend this basic study.

This study is for everyone, however, if you are a new believer in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are

especially encouraged to attend this class.

3. Comparative Religions, open class, led by Charles and Melissa Patrick will begin Sunday, September 7, 2025. The study will meet at 5 pm in room 115 in the FMC. A six session book study with a DVD, titled: Christianity Cults & Religions by Paul Carden. **Session one:** Definitions, Discernment, and Defending the Faith; **Two:** Essential Christian Doctrine; **Three:** Jehovah's Witnesses: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society; **Four:** Mormonism: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; **Five**: Eastern Spirituality: Hinduism, Buddhism, and the New Age; **Six**: Islam **4. MAKING THE MOST OF MARRIAGE**, by Dr. Kevin Leman, open class, led by David Maxwell. It will begin on

Sunday September 7th. It will meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in FMC 213.

This study was previously taught several years ago and was received very well and is relevant to a sound biblical marriage. It is a six (6) session study with a DVD and workbook, which includes the following topics:

1. Designed to be Different 2. Where have all the Flowers Gone 4. Looking for Love in Two Special Faces 5. Don't Rock the Jukebox! 3. Striking the Perfect Match 6. Sex Begins in the Kitchen! Everyone is invited to attend this class whether you are single, engaged or married. Dr. Leman mixes humor along with sound biblical marriage principles and makes each session a learning experience.

5. WATCHMAN NEE, The Normal Christian Life, open class, led by Wayne Ivey. This is an ongoing study,

which meets at 5:00 pm on Sundays in FMC 205.

This is a book study with the above name. The author Nee To-Sheng became a believer as a college student and over the years became widely known in China as a gifted preacher of the Gospel and an original expositor of the Word of God. The book is not meant to be an intellectual exercise but as a message to the heart. Everyone is invited

to become a part of this study. If you are seeking a closer walk with God this study will help you on your journey.

6. **FFA - Faith, Food & Apologetics**, open class, led by Hunter King, and will begin on Sunday, September 7th at 5:00 pm, in FMC 209. The purpose of this class is to grow our Faith in Christ while learning what the Bible has to say about food, its production and discovering creative ways to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The Units are:

Unit 1 - How to grow good soil (Matthew 13) **Unit 2 -** Observing Nature, even the "invisible" (Romans 1) Unit 3 - Stewardship vs Dominion (Genesis 1) Unit 4 - Rest (Exodus 23) Unit 5 - Abundance (Matthew 25) Out of these five studies, your staff here at New Zion prays you will find a place of study that will help you grow in Christ likeness. May God lead and direct all of our paths.

FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM LOCATION: LEE RD RECREATION FIELDS 83462 LA-1129, COVINGTON, LA 70435

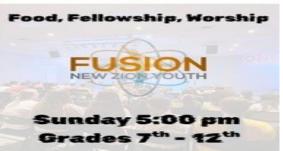
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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

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

Long Range Planning Committee

Wednesday, September 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

Women's Prayer Ministry

Wednesday, September 10th @ 6:30 pm-8 pm

Safety Meeting (Youth Room)

Thursday, September 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meetings

Sundays, September 14th, 21st & 28th @ 3:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, September 21st @ 4:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia Barnette State Missions Month of Prayer

Church Office Closed on Monday, September 1st ~ Happy Labor Day!

FAMILY FIELD DAY @ LEE ROAD RECREATION PARK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. ALL AGES! (Hot Dogs, Chili, Drinks, Fun, Games)



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WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY (SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.



Men's Breakfast - Sunday, September 14th @ 7:00 a.m. FMC Gym - Men of ALL AGES invited!

Ordination Service ~ Sunday, September 14th @ 6:00 p.m. (Bro. Mike Landry Ordination)



Thursday, September 18th 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Free Event Door Prizes! Food! Guest Speaker: Johnny Morgan of "Obedience 2 Death" Using Duck Dogs to share the Gospel!





Blood Drive ~ Sunday, September 21st 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ~ See Mrs. Mary Byrd. To benefit two little boys with leukemia.



PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' WIVES APPRECIATION DAY **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**



MONDAYS 7:00 P.M.



Ladies' ONLY FREE exercise class **Mondays & Thursdays** 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (SFH)

Sunday, September 21st @ 7:15 p.m. Women on Mission, "Mercy's Mountain Melody" Saturday, September 27th 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

(Sign up online or call the office, 985-892-4711) FREE EVENT! CHILDCARE PROVIDED!

Featuring: Shellie Rushing Tomlinson

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23