

"How to Grow in Christ"
II Peter 1:5-11

I. The P_____ of growth v5

- A. A Process of D_____ v5 "giving all diligence"
Diligence means - carefulness, seriousness, zeal, earnestness; something of vital importance.
- B. A Process of D_____ v5
We are to develop these characteristics in us.
 - 1. We are to A_____ - "add to your faith virtue"
Continually add these qualities to our lives; we should never stop growing.
 - 2. We are to A_____ - "and beside this, giving all diligence"
We are to grow in all these areas simultaneously.
 - 3. We A_____ in the Word. John 15:7-8
We add these qualities by abiding consistently in His Word.

II. The P_____ in which we are to grow vs5-7
He gives us seven areas in which we are to grow.

- A. Growth in S_____ - "virtue" - moral purity; moral excellence
- B. Growth in S_____ v5 "knowledge" - discernment
Growth in spiritual knowledge
- C. Growth in S_____ v6 "temperance" Proverbs 16:32
- D. Growth in S_____ v6 "patience"
Faithfulness, endurance through testing; suffering long I Corinthians 13:4
- E. Growth in S_____ v6 "Godliness" - be devout
Reverence and submission to God
- F. Growth in S_____ v7 "brotherly kindness" - care for others
Philadelphia - brotherly love Romans 12:9-10, Philippians 2:2-3
- G. Growth in S_____ v7 "charity" - agape love
God's kind of love. Revealed in I Corinthians 13

III. The P_____ of our growth vs8-11

- A. The W_____ vs8, 10-11
 - 1. P_____ - faithful fruit-bearing, abound - overflow
Much fruit John 15:8 product of knowing Christ
 - 2. P_____ v10
 - a. W_____ - brethren
 - b. W_____ - give diligence - to make your calling and election sure
Assurance of your salvation - tested by Scripture not by experience or feelings.
 - 3. P_____ vs10b-11
 - a. Not F_____ - not stumble v10
 - b. Our F_____ v11
- B. The W_____ v9
 - 1. Lost sight of his C_____ - blind - myopic - short-sighted
 - 2. Lost sight of his C_____ - forgotten

Morning Worship

February 8, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary & Livestream)

Prelude		Pianist
Call to Worship	"Friend of God"	
Welcome & Ministry Opportunities		Bro. Matt
Ordinance of Baptism (8:00 a.m.)		
Invocation		Bro. Matt
Fellowship Time		
Fellowship Song No. 217	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	
	"As the Deer"	
Offertory Hymn No. 290	"I Am Thine, O Lord"	
Worship through giving of His tithes and our offerings		
Offertory Praise	"Your Love Defends Me"	Adult Choir
Dismiss Children to Children's Church (ages 4-2nd grade)		
Message from God's Word	"How to Grow in Christ" II Peter 1:5-11	Bro. Clark
Hymn of Response No. 283	"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"	
Benediction		
Postlude		Pianist

Love Offering at the door for Joleen Hickman

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Message from God's Word	"Peter's Purpose Before His Death" II Peter 1:12-15	Bro. Clark
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BLOOD DRIVE ~TODAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. ~ SEE MARY BYRD

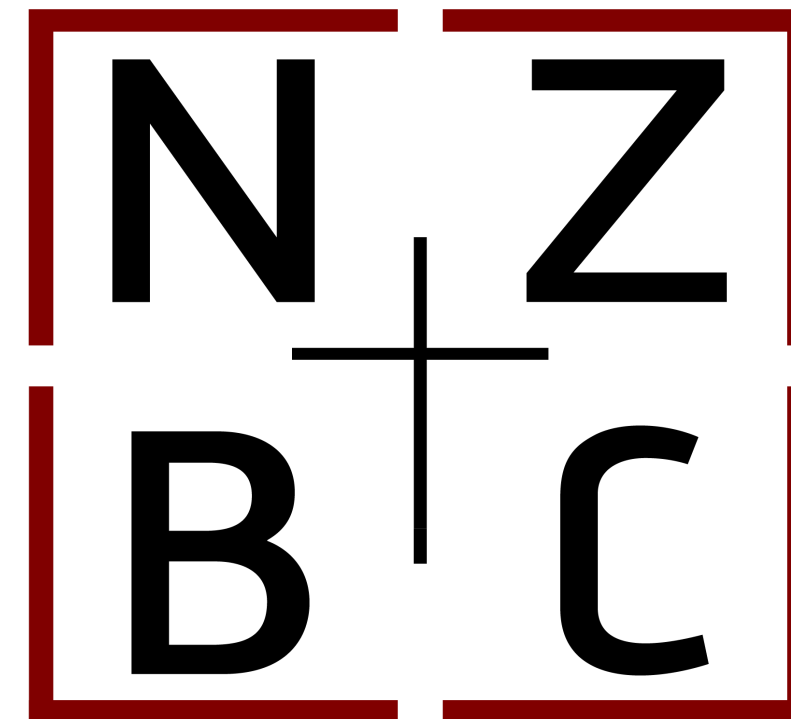


Please pray for our upcoming Revival!
March 15 - March 18 ~ Invite the lost & unchurched!
II Chronicles 7:14



Celebrate Recovery needs folks willing to serve in a life-changing, hands-on, Christ-centered ministry. If you have "hurts, habits or hang-ups" that need healing, Celebrate Recovery is looking for you! See Kathy Godail or Bro. Toby for information.

To listen to the Worship Services on the radio, tune to FM 87.9.



NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH

February 8, 2026

Who We Are

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WELCOME GUESTS!

We're glad you're here! We have nursery for infants through age 3 in the Family Ministry Center. You will receive a pager so you can be notified if needed. Please be sure to return the pager when you pick up your child. Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray God speaks to your heart. Let us know how we can better serve you.

Sunday February 8th

8:00 a.m. Babies Cade Dawsey
Sarah Dawsey
8:00 a.m. Toddlers Leslie Amedeo
Kallie Owens
10:30 a.m. Babies Mary Guidry
10:30 a.m. Toddlers Josh Fauntleroy
Abbey Fauntleroy
5:00 p.m. Brooke Stampley
6:00 p.m. Josh Stampley
Brooke Stampley

Children's Church February 8th

Zeb & Sara Overmier (8:00 a.m.)
Bro. Matt & Bridget Smith (10:30 a.m.)

Wednesday February 11th

Brooke Stampley

Sunday February 15th

8:00 a.m. Babies Paula Dufrene
8:00 a.m. Toddlers Paul & Katie Tosso
10:30 a.m. Babies Dana Moore
10:30 a.m. Toddlers Mary Byrd
Tammie Byrd
5:00 p.m. Mary Byrd
6:00 p.m. John & Mary Byrd

Children's Church February 15th

Cade & Sarah Dawsey (8:00 a.m.)
Josh & Brooke Stampley (10:30 a.m.)

Wednesday February 18th

Jeannie Janke

Deacons to Count February 8th & 15th

Randy Hickman
Noel Maestri
Mark Dufrene

Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 8th
Men's Breakfast (Men of ALL Ages invited!) 7:00 a.m. (FMC)
Worship Service 8:00 a.m.
Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Life Groups (All ages) (Drive-Up offered on radio) 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Adventure 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Youth Super Bowl Party (Youth Room) 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Monday February 9th
Celebrate Recovery (FMC) 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday February 11th
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Service; Adult Choir Practice;
Youth Bible Study;
RA's, GA's & Mission Friends 6:30 p.m.
Adult Class SS Teachers' Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday February 12th
Lunch Ministry 8:00 a.m.
Safety Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Refit Ladies' Exercise Class (FMC) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday February 14th
DR Mission Trip Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser 6:00 p.m.

Sunday February 15th
Worship Service 8:00 a.m.
Life Groups (All ages) (Drive-Up offered on radio) 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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Life Groups Attendance February 1st: 258



Tithes & Offerings

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Sunday, February 1st		
Weekly Offering Required for Budget	\$ 16,603.78	\$ 83,018.90
Total Offering Given 2/1	\$ 23,992.40	\$ 85,360.72

Annie Armstrong	
Missions Offering Goal	\$ 8,000.00
Missions given to date	\$ 176.00
Long Range Planning including	
Building Fund on hand	\$154,480.82
Playground Fund on hand	\$ 5,494.81

The weekly bulletin & past sermons are available on-line at www.newzion.net. If you would like a FREE copy of a sermon, please see a sound technician or Bro. Toby. If you have information to be included in the church bulletin, please submit to the office or e-mail to newzion@newzion.net by Wednesday afternoon.

Upcoming Meetings & Opportunities

Adult Class S.S. Teachers' Meetings, Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. (FMC 213)
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting, TODAY, February 8th @ 4:30 p.m. (Conference Room)
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 11th @ 5:30
Women's Prayer Ministry, Wednesday, February 11th @ 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (SFH)
Safety Meeting, Thursday, February 12th @ 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting, Sunday, February 15th @ 3:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting, Sunday, February 15th @ 4:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting, Sunday, February 15th @ 7:15 p.m.
REAL Moms Meeting, Thursday, February 19th @ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Children's Church Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedure

- Children's Church is for children 4 years old – 2nd grade.
- Register your child during fellowship time in the sanctuary foyer.
- At registration, you will receive two name tags:
 - Place one name tag on your child's shirt
 - The person picking up the child will need the second name tag at the time of pickup.
- The children will be dismissed to go to Children's Church at the beginning of the sermon. The children will walk to the FMC with the Children's Church leader.
- Please pick up your child from FMC room # 112 immediately following the service. Your child will only be dismissed to the person who has the pick-up name tag.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH (FMC)

6:00 P.M. (\$25/PERSON)

CHOICE OF BRISKET OR CRAWFISH PASTA



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (SFH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST ~ 9:00 A.M.-NOON



KAYLEE PEYTON FROEBA BABY SHOWER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

1:30 P.M. (SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL)

REGISTERED AT AMAZON ~ SHE'S A GIRL!



LORD'S SUPPER & BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND ~ 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.



WOMEN ON MISSION SEWING FOR MISSIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. (FMC)



Senior Adult "Silver Sonshiners" Luncheon @ Don's Tuesday, March 10th – Meet at Don's Restaurant @ 11:00 a.m.



Make your reservation with Milton or Robyn Fricke. Pay at the restaurant.



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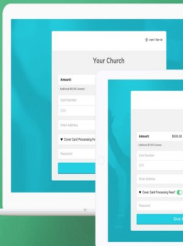
Ladies' ONLY
FREE exercise class.
Thursdays
6 pm-7 pm (SFH)



Mondays
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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