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*"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,
and whose hope the Lord is"
Jeremiah 17:7*

"It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."
Proverbs 20:3-7

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 @ 6:30 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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Linda Sanchez
Tammy Ramp
- October
Ricky Lester
Cindy Lester
Hailey Finch
Allisen Borgstede
- November
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Christian Hickman
Timothy Marcotte
Joleen Hickman
Frank Palmisano
Kim Palmisano
- January
Charene O'Hara
Margaret "Susan" Freyder
- February
Lynn LeBlanc
Hadley Casadaban
- March
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Christina Calix
Mark Morris
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Angie Deidrich
Troy W. Welch, Sr.
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Carlos Hurd
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New Zion News

New Zion Baptist Church
17387 New Zion Church Road
"The Place to Begin Again"
June 2026



FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

Psalm 103 verses 1-3 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." The word "bless" here means an act of adoration, to kneel down before Him, to praise or salute, to thank. This reminds us of some of the reasons we have to bless Him. For all of his benefits. God has blessed us spiritually, physically, financially, and in so many ways. We should always remember if anything good is being done at New Zion Baptist Church, it is always God that does it. May we bless Him for all of His great benefits to us.

Thank you for your faithfulness. One of the ways we "bless the Lord" is by being faithful. God reminds us of the importance of faithfulness in I Corinthians 4:2. He says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Faithfulness in the little things is very important to God; it is required. By little things I mean, faithful to attend His church, to study the Bible together in Sunday School (Life Groups), in our prayer life, and in giving financially. May all of us, with God's empowering, be faithful.

Saying all of that means do not allow summer activities to keep us from being faithful in the little things. God will never use us for the BIG things if we are not faithful in the little things. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33) When we seek Him and His kingdom first it will be reflected in our lives by: obedience to Him, our love for others, and our praise to Him.

Let us individually be faithful in all areas of our lives so that we, as a church, will be faithful to Him and praise His Name. He will bless us like we have never been blessed before. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

May the month of June be the month we bless Him by our faithfulness.

You Are Loved,
Bro. Clark



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

Dear Church Family, Happy Father's Day! Well, it's summertime and the weather is hot, ya'll! It's still a great time to know, love, and serve the Lord! Pray for all of the upcoming events. Our choir is working hard on our Patriotic music on June 28th. Please pray, join the choir and/or help us recruit. Come and join us Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, IF you love patriotic music. ALSO, we STILL have a DESPARATE NEED for an 8:00 a.m. sound tech. If you're feeling called to serve in this area, we will train you and greatly appreciate you! Just see me or Bro. Johnny Kern. Our Celebrate Recovery ministry meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. We are looking for a few good volunteers to train to be leaders. I cannot tell you just HOW rewarding this ministry is! If you're interested, see me ASAP. We need men and women to lead. For EVERYONE, from a recent CR lesson: 1. Stop denying the pain. 2. Stop playing God. 3. Start admitting our powerlessness. 4. Start admitting (one area or every area of) our lives have become unmanageable. Then, God can go to work! If these fit you or someone you know, CR on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. is for you. We can guide you through God's Word to find help and encouragement. You are not alone! Our CR family leadership and attendees stand faithfully ready to help! Sharing His love through music and more, Bro Toby

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

In the book of Hebrews, the tenth chapter, verse twenty-five, we find these words. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (New International Version, 1988)

This verse was an effort to encourage believers to be faithful in gathering together and worshipping God. Communal worship is one way we gain strength and motivation from other disciples. Having said this, I have often wondered why some individuals attend worship but never attend small group Bible study. After doing some research the following is what I found.

- Why Some People in the U. S. Don't Attend Bible Study on Sundays
Several factors explain why many Americans skip Sunday Bible study, even if they attend worship services.
1. Bible study is seen as different from worship
Some people assume Sunday worship is enough, and that personal Bible reading is sufficient. They may not realize that group study offers deeper learning, peer perspectives, and teaching from leaders, which can enhance their understanding of Scripture CPH Blog.
2. Declining overall church attendance
National data shows that only about 20% of U.S. adults attend church weekly, down from 30% two decades ago, and 57% now say they "seldom or never" attend services Join It+1. This broader trend means fewer people are present for any Sunday activity, including Bible study.
3. Generational and cultural shifts
Younger Americans are less likely to be raised in a religious tradition, so they may not feel a strong pull to attend regular Bible study Religion News Service. Additionally, many are less religious overall, leading to lower participation in church life.
4. Time and scheduling conflicts
Sunday mornings are often packed with other commitments. People may skip Bible study to meet friends, enjoy outdoor activities, watch sports, or simply to avoid being cooped up Equipping Godly Women.
5. Personal or health issues
Lack of sleep, bad weather, or health concerns can make attending difficult. Some choose to attend Saturday afternoon services instead Equipping Godly Women.
6. Perception of Bible study as "academic" or unnecessary
Some believe they already know the Bible well or that study is too complex for them. Others may think they don't need it if they're already committed Christians CPH Blog.
7. Online alternatives and convenience
With many churches livestreaming services, some prefer the flexibility of online participation, which can make in-person Bible study seem less essential Join It.
8. Feeling disconnected or anonymous
In some congregations, people may feel they don't belong or that the teaching isn't relevant, leading them to skip Bible study Join It.

Bottom line: While Sunday Bible study is encouraged for deeper spiritual growth, attendance gaps are driven by a mix of personal preferences, declining church participation, generational trends, and practical scheduling issues. Many who skip it still value worship, but may not see Bible study as a priority or may find it hard to fit into their Sunday routine. Food for thought: If you are not attending Life Groups/Bible Study/Sunday School, call it what you will, on Sunday mornings you are missing a golden opportunity to grow in Christ's likeness; which is the most important thing you and I can do while here on this earth. However, you are also missing out on developing life-long friendships with fellow believers. Nothing can take the place of devoted Christian friends as we experience life together. Let me encourage you to make a special effort to visit a Bible study class here at New Zion. We have classes for all members of your family. I will be happy to guide you in the right direction. Find one that fits you and lets all grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ together! In His Service, Bro. David

FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

ONE BELONG BELIEVE BECOME @onewzionyouth
ONE NEW ZION YOUTH
PAISE Be Still & Know I Am God PSALM 46:10
YOUTH CAMP 2026 JUNE 22ND-JUNE 26TH ORANGE BEACH, AL
Learn more and sign up at www.newzion.net/youth

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS
ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12
NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
VBS KICK-OFF PARTY
JUNE 28TH 5PM-7PM
Register online @ newzion.net

Worship Bible Study Games Free Meal at 6:00 pm
ONE BELONG BELIEVE BECOME @onewzionyouth
IGNITE Youth VBS
RISING 7TH - 12TH GRADE
Sunday July 19th - Wednesday July 22nd 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
17387 New Zion Church Rd Covington, La 70435

We are seeking VBS volunteers for the week of July 6th-July 10th, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our Lord by serving our children. We had an amazing VBS last year, with 359 children attending and 181 adults volunteering. VBS is one of the largest and most impactful ministries at New Zion. The Lord blessed last year, and we saw children baptized and new families join the church. We have also seen the impact of VBS continue years later in the lives of the children and families who attend.

The two primary areas that need volunteers are Group Leaders and Assistant Group Leaders. Group Leaders: Group leaders are responsible for escorting children to their track times including Bible study, crafts, recreation, missions, and refreshments. Group leaders are not required to teach. Assistant Group Leaders: Assist group leaders in escorting children to their track times. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and recreation as well. If you plan to volunteer in any area of VBS, please register online. All volunteers must complete a background check. If you completed a background check last year, you do not need to complete another this year. If you have a special request, please note it when you register online. https://newzion.net/vbs/ Thank you for your service to the Lord, Bro. Matt (Email: matthew@newzion.net)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Adult "Silver Sonshiners" GOD & COUNTRY CELEBRATION
Shrimp & Fish Fry Dinner (\$10/person) ~ Saturday, June 6th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (FMC Gym)
U.S.A. 250 Year Celebration Gospel Music, Western Swing, & Retro Music
Come join us for some down home fun!! Wear a western costume! We'll be singing Gospel music mixed with praise music, western swing music, and a few "oldies" thrown in. Performed by the Deacon Brothers & "Tink."

Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida Monday, June 8th-Wednesday, June 10th

Father's Day Sunday, June 21st NO EVENING ACTIVITIES AT NEW ZION

Youth Beach Camp Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th

Women on Mission Sewing for Missions Saturday, June 27th ~ 9 a.m.-12 p.m. ~ FMC

- JUNE MEETINGS
Adult Class SS Teachers' Meeting Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. FMC 213
Cemetery Committee Meeting Sunday, June 7th @ 4:00 p.m.
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 10th @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH) Wednesday, June 10th @ 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Safety Meeting (Youth Room) Thursday, June 11th @ 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting Sunday, June 14th @ 3:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting Sunday, June 14th @ 4:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting Sunday, June 14th @ 7:15 p.m.
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting Sunday, June 28th @ 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

VBS Kick-Off Party Sunday, June 28th 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. FOOD, FUN, GAMES! Invite Your Friends! Register online @ newzion.net

CR Celebrate Recovery MONDAYS 7:00 PM

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

LADIES' EXERCISE CLASS ~ ALL AGES WELCOME! Tuesdays & Fridays @ 9:00 a.m. (Small Fellowship Hall) Weights, Bands, Balls (Water Bottles/Soup Cans-Bring what you have.) ~ Work at your own pace and strength level.