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*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally,
and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.
For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."*
James 1:5-6

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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October

Ricky Lester
Cindy Lester
Hailey Finch
Allisen Borgstede
November
Shane Hickman
Christian Hickman
Timothy Marcotte
Joleen Hickman
Frank Palmisano
Kim Palmisano

January

Charene O'Hara
Margaret "Susan" Freyder

February

Lynn LeBlanc
Hadley Casadaban

March

Joni Andrews
Milagros Calix
Christina Calix
Mark Morris
Joey Deidrich
Angie Deidrich
Troy W. Welch, Sr.
Tammy McMahon
Carlos Hurd

April

Shea Tongate

May

Jonathan Campbell
Logan Huffman
Eric Penton
Kristen Hardy
Briley Hardy

June

Philip Morgan
Mildred "Rose" Mask
Gerald Mask
Robert Magee
Jimmy Adams
Audry Adams
Johnny Martens
Susan Martens
Buddy Gallman

July

Linda Wolford

AUGUST



New Zion News

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



FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Our God has been so faithful. Thank you, church, for all you did to make Vacation Bible School such a success. With our youth and children's camps, VBS and Youth VBS, and DR mission trip all behind us, let us look to the month of August to get back in a spiritual routine of faithfulness to small group Bible study (Life Groups), to worship, to giving financially, and to telling others about Christ.

The function of the church is for reaching the lost, teaching the Word of God, and ministering to our members and our community. These functions are best accomplished through Sunday School/Life Groups. As members of each class invite the unsaved to their class, they will hear the Gospel presented, and many will come to Christ. Through small group Bible study classes, each student learns from the teacher and class members how to apply God's Word to their lives. Because a Sunday School class is small and is like a family, when one has a need, the class ministers to them. The functions of the church are best done by Life Groups. Are you faithfully attending a small group Bible study class (Sunday School/Life Group)? If not, let me encourage you to get in one this next Sunday. Through that class, you can be a part of people coming to know the Lord and learning and applying God's Word and ministering to others.

Remember our Baby Dedication services in both morning services on August 16th. Thank the Lord for the precious babies He has given us. As parents, this will be your time to dedicate yourselves to raising your child/children in a Godly home.

Hope to see you in Bible study and worship every Sunday in August!

You Are Loved,
Bro. Clark

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*"Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your father which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16*



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

Dear Church Family,

July was a SUPER busy month at New Zion. Lots of great things going on and God has surely blessed! Souls saved, lives changed, ALL for the glory of God!! And, thank you, church for the hundreds who volunteered to make all of those events happen.

It's "back to school" time. Please pray for all of our school employees and students as they gear up for what we pray is their best year ever. It's ALSO "Back to Choir" time. Our Adult Choir will be starting our Christmas musical very soon. We will have many others involved with it as well. So please see Bro. Toby about where you can use your talents, gifts and abilities as part of the Music Ministry of our church. Whether singing, playing an instrument or learning to operate sound and projection equipment, there are needs in all areas. Why not step up and use what the good Lord has given you?! Soloists? We got plenty in our own church family. Please pray for and encourage them to sing their praise to the Lord and we can get in on it.

Our Celebrate Recovery ministry is about to celebrate 7 years of ministry, meeting almost every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. Helping all adults who are willing to give it a try. Church membership is not required. We are also looking for a few good volunteers to train to be leaders. The job: Mainly good listeners and guides. I cannot tell you just HOW rewarding this ministry is! If you're interested see me, Bro. Clark or Bro. David ASAP. I'm so thankful and blessed by the super faithful leaders we already have. Is God calling YOU to join the faithful?

Sharing His love through music and more,
Bro Toby

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

A personal note:

To all those who ministered to Wanda and I during her recent fall, shoulder replacement and ongoing recovery, we want to say thank you for your loving generosity, caring spirit and your acts of kindness that has been shown in so many different ways. You have been a blessing to us as a couple and certainly a testimony to your walk with Christ as a child of God. Words are so inadequate but from the two of us to "all" of you, **THANK YOU!** Your actions during this time have proven as the apostle Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, 1988, NIV). You might ask, "how does one's life change to reflect Christ's love rather than that "old" nature we humans are all born with?

Well, in the book of Romans, most agree another one of Paul's writings, we find these words.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1, 2, 1988, NIV)

One of the best examples of how this "change" takes place in our lives is the example found in the insect world of **Metamorphosis**. Our word transformation is grounded in our understanding of metamorphosis. Metamorphosis carries with it a sense of external and internal change. This transformation signifies a revolutionary process that leaves the subject of the metamorphosis different and unable to return to its previous state. The butterfly is perhaps our best example of this change in the insect world. They experience a complete metamorphosis, in which case they have three stages of development: larval stage, the pupa stage, and finally the adult stage. Metamorphosis occurs during the pupa stage when the animal is enclosed within a hard covering. The larval stage is called a caterpillar and whose pupa stage is the cocoon; the adult is the butterfly. I know this is somewhat of a lengthy illustration but it demonstrates exactly what the apostle Paul is addressing in Romans 12:1, 2.

We humans, being created in the very image of God, have through God's mercy and grace the ability to transform our lives. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, we can die to self and live for others. Christ can be glorified in our everyday lives and should be as we strive to be His obedient children. For those of you who bless others by sharing the blessings God has blessed you with, again, thank you for following in our Lord's footsteps. May we "ALL" seek His will for our lives **by continually being transformed into HIS image.**

In His Service,
Bro. David

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

FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

**Youth & Children's
Life Groups
Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.**

**"Fusion" Youth Worship
Sundays 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Resumes Sunday, August 9th**

**BIBLE
ADVENTURE**
SUNDAYS
5:00-7:00 PM
BIBLE STUDY, FOOD,
GAMES, AND WORSHIP
CHILDREN K- 6TH GRADE
Resumes Sunday
August 9th

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH
SWIMMING, KAYAKING, FISHING, AND MORE
HUNT BRANCH RETREAT LAKE HOUSE
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
51539 Louisiana Industries Road
Franklinton, LA
SIGN UP AT WWW.NEWZION.NET/YOUTH

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WATERSLIDE AND PIZZA
CHILDREN THROUGH 6TH GRADE
ACTIVITIES FOR 4 YRS AND BELOW
SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH
5:00 PM-7:00PM

Sign up at www.newzion.net

Youth Bible Study & Children's RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
(Resumes Wednesday, August 5th)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Adult "Silver Sonshiners" Dinner & A Movie (\$10)
Saturday, August 1st @ 10:00 a.m.
Movie "Flywheel" ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Youth Room
Italian dinner after in the FMC Gym

Kathrine Robin Blakey Baby Shower
Sunday, August 2nd ~ 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Small Fellowship Hall
Registered at www.babylist.com

Sunday School Promotion Day ~ August 9th

Sunday, August 9th ~ 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Movie "The Great Awakening"
Youth Room

Women's Prayer Ministry Small Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 12th ~ 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Baby Dedication Services
Sunday, August 16th ~ 8 am & 10:30 am
Please contact church office if you want to dedicate your baby & email up to 5 pictures to Bro. Toby @ tobhug622@aol.com no later than Sunday, August 9th.

**Women on Mission
Sewing for Missions**
Saturday, August 22nd
9 a.m.-12 p.m. ~ FMC

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

AUGUST MEETINGS
Adult Class SS Teachers' Meeting
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. FMC 213
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 12th @ 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Ministry (SFH)
Wednesday, August 12th @ 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Safety Meeting (Youth Room)
Thursday, August 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 16th @ 3:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting
Sunday, August 16th @ 4:00 p.m.
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 23rd @ 4:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, August 23rd @ 7:15 p.m.

WOM Homesteading 101.3
Saturday, August 15th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (FMC)

Give Blood for Life! BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, August 16th
9:00 am-1:00 pm
If anybody has donated whole blood before June 14th, you can donate again on August 16th.

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