

Who We Are

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Refit® Ladies’ ONLY
FREE exercise class
Thursdays @ 6 pm-7 pm
(Small Fellowship Hall)



Celebrate
Recovery®

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Mondays
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Celebrate Recovery
needs folks willing to
serve in a life-hanging,
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.*

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE
Go to our church website
or app and click on
the Give link.
www.newzion.net



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.*

NURSERY SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday August 23rd</u>	
8:00 a.m. Babies	Brandon Voth Jamie Voth
8:00 a.m. Toddlers	David Dawsey Jill Dawsey
10:30 a.m. Babies	Mary Guidry
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 August 23rd
Josh & Abbey Fauntleroy (8:00 a.m.)
Cody Talley & Jan Perry (10:30 a.m.)

Wednesday August 26th
Elyssa Byrd

<u>Sunday August 30th</u>	
8:00 a.m. Babies	Kalinda Fauntleroy
8:00 a.m. Toddlers	Paul & Katie Tosso
10:30 a.m. Babies	Brooke Stampley
10:30 a.m. Toddlers	Jeannie Janke
5:00 p.m.	Kalinda Fauntleroy
6:00 p.m.	Brent Fauntleroy Kalinda Fauntleroy

Children’s Church August 30th
(8:00 a.m.)
Denise King & Gaylen Guillory (10:30 a.m.)

Wednesday September 2nd
Denise King & Bettie Fauntleroy

Deacons to Count
August 23rd
Howard Gibson
Jeff Magee
Paul Tosso

Deacons to Count
August 30th, September 6th & 13th
Clayton Fauntleroy
Lee Barringer
Chris Galloway

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sunday August 23rd</u>	
Worship Service	8:00 a.m.
Life Groups (all ages)	9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Discipleship	5:00 p.m.
Youth Fusion & Children’s Bible Adventure	5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Deacons’ Meeting	7:15 p.m.
<u>Monday August 24th</u>	
Celebrate Recovery	7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday August 25th - Ladies’ Exercise Class (FMC)</u>	
9:00 a.m.	
<u>Wednesday August 26th</u>	
<u>Special Called Business Meeting (vote on Nominating Committee Recommendations);</u>	
Prayer Service; Adult Choir Practice; Youth Bible Study; RA’s, GA’s & Mission Friends	6:30 p.m.
<u>Thursday August 27th</u>	
Lunch Ministry	8:00 a.m.
REFIT Ladies’ Exercise Class (SFH)	6:00 p.m–7:00 p.m.
<u>Friday August 28th - Ladies’ Exercise Class (FMC)</u>	
9:00 a.m.	
<u>Sunday August 30th</u>	
Worship Service	8:00 a.m.
Life Groups (all ages)	9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Discipleship	5:00 p.m.
Youth Fusion & Children’s Bible Adventure	5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

LOUISIANA CHILDREN’S HOME - Fall Food Round-Up
New Zion is collecting food & cleaning items for the Louisiana Children’s Home through Sunday, September 13th. Boxes will be provided in the Sanctuary foyer and in the FMC welcome area.

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

Life Groups Attendance August 16th: 280



	<u>Tithes & Offerings</u>	
Sunday, August 16th	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering Required for budget	\$ 16,934.65	\$558,843.45
Total Offering Given 8/16	\$ 11,859.26	\$550,465.85
Georgia Barnette		
Missions Offering Goal	\$ 8,000.00	
Missions given to date	\$ 5,994.46	
Long Range Planning including		
Building Fund on hand	\$163,004.77	
Playground Fund on hand	\$ -15,494.79	

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 SS Teachers’ Meetings, Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. (FMC 213)
Building Fundraising Committee Meeting, TODAY, August 23rd @ 4:30 p.m.
Deacons’ Meeting, TODAY, August 23rd @ 7:15 p.m.
Special Called Business Meeting, Wednesday, August 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE HUNT
Our annual Blessing of the Hunt will take place on Thursday, September 17th, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center. Over the past several years, many individuals have received Jesus Chris as Lord and Savior through this evangelistic effort. God has blessed all the hard work that it takes to plan, coordinate and see this event to completion. Each year, we give away The Sportsman’s Bible, which includes within its pages several different topics that appeal to hunters. But more important than these hunting helps, is the complete life changing Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. Each year our church family has supported BOTH in many different ways. As we begin making the final preparations if you would like to financially support the Blessing of the Hunt, please make your check out to New Zion Baptist Church and put BOTH in the memo line or on the outside of an offering envelope if cash is given. May God get the glory for all that we do in His name.

Special Called Business Meeting
There will be a brief special called business meeting on Wednesday August 26, 2026 at 6:30 P. M. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary for the purpose of seeking church approval for the recommendations our Nominating Committee will submit for our upcoming new church year, which begins on September 1, 2026. No other business will take place. Prayer Service & choir to follow.

Discipleship Classes – Fall 2026
There are four discipleship classes listed below, in order of start dates. “Why I Believe” Led by: James Gibson – (This is an apologetic look at why we believe what we believe as Christians) Sundays @ 5:00 p.m. 5:00 P. M. – FMC Room 207.

“The Crazy Cycle” Led by: David Maxwell – (Taken from the Love and Respect Marriage Conference, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs) In Ephesians 5:33 we learn that a wife needs love and a husband needs respect. Understanding this helps couples get off the Crazy Cycle.) Sundays, 5:00 P. M. – FMC Room 213.

“GOD WON’T LEAVE YOU THERE” (For Women) Led by Pam Stewart – (You will discover the unshakable presence of God in every season of life.) Wednesdays, 6:30 P. M. – Small Fellowship Hall

“The Adversary” The Christian Versus Demon Activity by Mark I. Bubeck, led by Wayne Ivey – (A book review, This book explains the basics of spiritual warfare and also serves as a practical guide.) Begins Sunday August 30th, 5:00 P. M. – FMC Room 205.

Retirement Fellowship / Love Offering
As most of you know by now, our church Ministry Assistant, Jessica Cox, is retiring in October of this year. On October 18th, Jessica will have faithfully served for sixteen (16) years here at New Zion in the above position. In appreciation for her ministry here at New Zion, we are going to honor her with a retirement fellowship on Sunday evening, October 11, 2026. From this Sunday until October 11th, we will be receiving a love offering as a token of our Christian love for her and her dedication to serving her Lord here at our church. If you would like to give a monetary gift to Jessica, please place your cash in an envelope and write LOVE OFFERING for JESSICA on the outside. If you give by check, please write the same information in the memo line on your check. May we all join together and bless her as she has blessed our church over these past years.



LADIES’ EXERCISE CLASS
Tuesdays & Fridays @ 9:0 a.m. (FMC)
Weights, Bands, Balls
(Water Bottles / Soup Cans ! Bring what you have.)
Work all your own pace and strength level. ALL Ages Welcome!



**“What About the Rapture”
I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

I. His P_____ in writing vs13-14

A. To E_____ about the dead in Christ vs13-14

1. The M_____ of the word sleep – a euphemism for death or dead; Not soul sleep vs13-14. II Corinthians 5:8; Luke 23:42 43

2. The M_____ He gives v14 Those who are dead in Christ are with Christ. God will bring them with Him. Revelation 6:9

B. To E_____ those whose loved ones have died in Christ

II. The P_____ to believers v15

A. W_____ the promise is from v15a

B. W_____ the promise is v15b

III. The P_____ vs16-18

A. The S_____ descends from heaven v16a

B. The S_____ we will hear v16
shout; voice of the archangel; trumpet of God. I Corinthians 15:51-52

C. The S_____ removed. vs16-17
The dead rise first. Those alive in Christ rise. v17; I Corinthians 15:51-52

1. It is a R_____. I Corinthians 15:49-54
I John 3:2-3; Revelation 20:6. Our bodies will be changed.
I Corinthians 15:35

2. It is a R_____ - “together with them in the air”

a. The P_____

b. Its P_____

3. It produces R_____. v18
Brings comfort to those who understand and believe

APPLICATION
What did God say to me through this message?

How does my life measure up to this Word?

What action(s) will I take to bring my life in line with this Word?

What truth do I need to further study?

Morning Worship

**August 23, 2026
Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m**

Prelude Pianist

Call to Worship “Days of Elijah”

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities Bro. David

Ordinance of Baptism (8:00 a.m.)

Invocation Bro. David

Fellowship Song “Step by Step”

Praise Hymn No. 410 “It Is Well with My Soul”

Offertory Hymn “In Christ Alone”

Worship through giving of His tithes and our offerings of love

Offertory Praise “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) Adult Choir

Dismiss Children to Children’s Church (ages 4-2nd grade)

Message from God’s Word “What About the Rapture” Bro. Clark
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Hymn of Response No. 448 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Benediction

Postlude Pianist

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Message from God’s Word Psalm 118:22-24 Bro. Frank Palmisano
“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”
This is the Lord’s Doing

I. Day of S_____ D_____

II. Day that was A_____

III. Day J_____ was R_____

IV. Day of S_____ D_____

V. Day of S_____ D_____

VI. Day of S_____ D_____



August 23, 2026