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God's Work Our Hands

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
1 Corinthians 15:58

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

HadleyCasadaban

March

Joni Andrews

Milagros Calix

Christina Calix

Mark Morris

Joey Deidrich

Angie Deidrich

Troy W. Welch, Sr.

Tammy McMahon

Carlos Hurd

April

Shrea' 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

Jerrett "Buster" Casadaban

Kye Casadaban



New Zion News

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



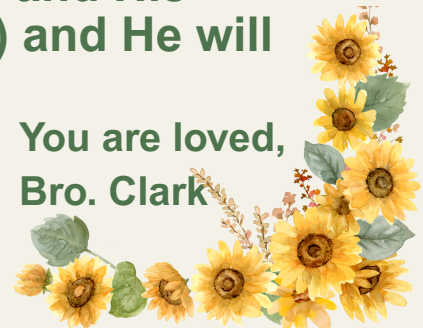
FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

God tells us in Psalm 100:2, "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." It is one thing to serve the Lord, but it is yet another to serve Him with gladness. It is a drudgery for a Christian who serves God by the power of the flesh (self). That is why many stop serving Him. That is why the Bible says, "and let us not be weary in well doing." The way to serve Him with gladness and it not become weariness is to serve in His power. This means daily and moment by moment surrendering every area of our lives to Him. It means knowing Him intimately so we can love Him dearly. When we truly love Him, we will consistently obey Him and serve Him while He produces His joy in our service.

We have a GREAT opportunity of service coming up on Thursday, September 17th. The Blessing of the Hunt can be a great outreach event. If every member would commit to bring at least one unsaved person to the BOTH, we could see God work in marvelous ways. Through this event, every member can serve Him with gladness by praying daily, inviting the unsaved, and finding a place to serve. I am looking forward to what God is going to do.

Thank you, church, for your faithfulness. God honors our faithful service to Him. May we all "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," (Matthew 6:33) and He will add all things we need.

You are loved,
Bro. Clark



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

Dear Church Family,

Why join the choir? Or run sound and projection equipment? Several reasons I've heard lately: I get to use my God-given talent for the glory of the Lord. I get to explore it and develop it. I get to meet new people. I get to fellowship and minister to and with these new brothers and sisters in Christ. We have common issues that we can pray for each other about. We get to worship and LEAD OTHERS to worship. Those are just a few. There are no auditions. Training is available. We need each other. And we need more in our Music Ministry Family. Pray, then come and join us! You'll be thankful that you did.

NOW is a great time to join the choir We are just starting our Christmas musical "Hallelujah Noel", and it is multigenerational and very uplifting. See me for a demo that you can practice with at home or in your car. We would love to have you celebrate Christmas with us in the choir loft!

It's also time to crank up some more solos and ensembles. Please encourage those in your circle of influence to sing a solo or with a group soon.

Our Celebrate Recovery ministry, aka our "CR Forever Family", continues to see new people join almost every week here lately. And, we are seeing men and women from all walks of life, mainly Christians who are trying to celebrate life and victory over everyday challenges. We still meet almost every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC. Open to the community, we have people who have driven from several different parishes. It all starts by stepping through the door for the first time. If you have questions, please see me, Bro. Clark or Bro. David. Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the FMC.

Finally, please pray as we try to restore electronics, etc. from a recent lightning strike. Thanks for your patience and pray we can get everything back up and running soon.

Sharing His love thru music and more,
Bro. Toby

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR / ADMINISTRATOR

Each week we offer age appropriate Life Groups/Sunday School Classes here at New Zion. Attending weekly Life Groups is "ONE" of the best ways to learn God's Word and therefore, gain the knowledge necessary to become more like Jesus. In researching this topic, I found ten Biblical actions we all can take to become more like Jesus. I want to encourage you to read them and see if there are any adjustments you may need to implement in your life, to grow in Christ likeness.

Best Practices to Grow in Christ

Growing in Christ is a lifelong journey of becoming more like Jesus in thought, word, and deed. It's rooted in God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and lived out in obedience and love.

1. **Renew Your Mind in Christ**
Start with daily Bible reading and meditation. Romans 12:2 calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, aligning our thinking with God's truth. Focus on what is noble, right, and pure (Philippians 4:8).
2. **Walk in the Light**
Live as children of light, avoiding the darkness of sin. This means turning away from past patterns and embracing Christ's light and truth (1 John 1:7).
3. **Build Faith Through Scripture**
Scripture is "God-breathed" and equips us for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Make it a habit to study, apply, and reflect on God's Word daily.
4. **Walk by the Spirit**
Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your decisions and actions. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—should be evident in your life (Galatians 5:22-23).
5. **Practice Spiritual Disciplines**
Prayer, fasting, meditation on Scripture, and moments of solitude strengthen your relationship with God and sustain your growth (1 Timothy 4:7-8).
6. **Obey God Moment by Moment**
Obedience is an act of love and faith. When you understand God's will, follow it. John 14:21 says, "Whoever loves me will keep my word."
7. **Serve Others**
Reflect Christ's love through acts of service. Serving others deepens your faith and bears fruit for His kingdom (Mark 10:43).
8. **Share the Gospel**
Be a witness for Christ through your life and words. Evangelism is part of living out your faith (Mark 16:15).
9. **Seek Strength in Christ**
Remember that your strength comes from Him, not yourself. Abide in Him and walk in His triumphal procession (2 Corinthians 2:14).
10. **Fellowship with Other Believers**
Regularly meet with other Christians to encourage, support, and grow together (Hebrews 10:25).
- Practical Tip:
Create a consistent spiritual routine—morning prayer, Scripture reading, midday reflection, evening prayer, and weekly fellowship. This structure keeps you rooted in Christ and moving forward in His grace. By integrating these practices into your daily life, you'll grow in Christ, become more like Him, and live a life that honors God and impacts others for His glory.
God desires for each one of us to daily become more like Jesus Christ. This is for our good and His glory.
In His Service,
Bro. David

FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

New Interactive App Coming Soon

Church Family,

Throughout September, New Zion will transition to a new church management software called Pushpay. Pushpay is an all-inclusive church management platform that includes church member information, children's ministry check-in, the church calendar, group management, and giving. By using Pushpay, we can eliminate the other software programs the church currently uses.

As a result, New Zion will launch a new app. Through the new app, you can check your children in for events, sign up for events, livestream services, give, and communicate with your groups and committees. If you currently give through the Tithley app, you will receive emails from New Zion and Pushpay with instructions on how to switch to the new app.

These changes will take place in the next couple of weeks. As soon as dates are set, we will notify you through worship services, emails, and newsletters.

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GUYS RETREAT

GRADES 7TH-12TH

CONNECT

GROW

LEAD

OCTOBER 9TH-10TH

COST: \$20
+ MEAL MONEY

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
WWW.NEWZION.NET/YOUTH

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP:
SEPTEMBER 27TH

STRONGER TOGETHER.

GET AWAY, GROW DEEPER.

BIG BAY LAKE

LOCATION

Thousands of teens gathering from around Louisiana to for Concerts, Worship, and Christ-Centered Preaching

SIGN UP AT
WWW.NEWZION/YOUTH

Cost \$150

YEC

November 22-24

Alexandria, La

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

No Evening Activities Sunday, September 6th

Happy Labor Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH ~ 7:00 A.M.

FMC Gym ~ Men of ALL AGES Invited!

Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering

Sunday, September 13th

Both Morning Serevices

NO LUNCH MINISTRY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

BLESSING of the HUNT

Thursday, September 17th ~ 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gevan Spinney

YouTube "The Way it was Outdoors"

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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.

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.

GEORGIA BARNETTE

WEEK OF PRAYER

PRAYING TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER

September 13 - September 20

LOUISIANA MISSIONS OFFERING

Refit® Ladies' ONLY

FREE exercise class

Thursdays @ 6 pm-7 pm (SFH)

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!