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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunddays @ 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)

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"
Thessalonians 5:16-18

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November
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Christian Hickman
Timothy Marcotte
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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

September
Noah Fritscher

October
Rhonda Myers



New Zion News



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November 2026



FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PEN

With November comes (hopefully) cooler weather and family events. I like this time of the year. A time to spend with church family and our own family. As I think on this matter and all the blessings I have, I am reminded of how thankful I should be. Thankful for Jesus and the salvation He offers everyone. The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable" gift. This "unspeakable" gift is eternal life. Romans 6:23b says ""but the gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ our Lord". What a precious gift; it is eternal, it is free to us, it is avaiable to all and it begins at the moment of our salvation.

I am thankful for Pam and the great helpmate she is to me. She loves God, loves me, loves our family and loves our church family. She is one of the greatest gifts God has given me.

I am thankful for our sons, their wives and our granddaughter. What a blessing they are.

I am thankful for you, my church family. So many bless us by encouraging us, praying for us and supporting us. Thank You!

We all have so much for which to be thankful. Let's take time each day and tell God how thankful we are for all of his blessings to us.

Remember our church-wide Thanksgiving meal on November 15th at 5:00 p.m. The church furnishes the ham and turkeys. You bring a covered dish and come celebrate with us.

Remember to vote Tuesday, November 3rd.

You are loved,
Bro. Clark



Christmas Ponsettias

Orders are now being accepted for poinsettias which will be placed in the church throughout the Christmas season. They can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. The cost is $13 per plant. The order forms are on the table in the church foyer. If you have any questions see Beth Price.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of Jesus Christ. Be a part of this wonderful ministry and pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and bring it to New Zion. There is information and shoebox labels in the foyer or you can speak with Paula Dufrene. We will be collecting until Sunday, November 15th.

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

Dear Church Family,

November reminds us to count our blessings and be thankful to God, the Source of every good thing. We also need to do this all year long and all day long. His love, grace, mercy, His provision for our every need, and many of our wants. Our faith, family and friends certainly should top the list. Our talents, gifts and abilities should be inventoried, evaluated and all always pointing others to our Savior. How's your inventory going? Does it include a place of service at New Zion? In the choir or A-V technical area? I'm especially thankful for the many who IMMEDIATELY said yes when asked to sing a solo. An even greater blessing were those who came to me with a song on their heart and ready to sing it. Please pray that this continues. What a blessing!

"I'm (truly) so glad to be a part of the family of God" that meets week by week at New Zion, glorifying God and reaching out to anyone and everyone within our circle of influence in Jesus' mighty and precious name. Thank you, Mrs. Jessica Cox, for 16 years of faithful service. We are also praying for Mrs. Iris, who has already started in that position. Another blessing for which to be thankful.

Please pray for our Christmas musical "Hallelujah Noel". It is multigenerational and very uplifting. It's not too late to jump in and sing with us. See me for a demo that you can practice with at home or in your car or online. We would love to have you celebrate Christmas with us in the choir loft on December 13th at 10:30.

I'm grateful for our Celebrate Recovery team leaders, our attendees, and our church Safety Team too! Our "CR Forever Family" continues to bless 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 p.m. in the FMC. It is open to the community. We have people who have driven from several different parishes. It all starts by stepping thru the door for the first time. If you have questions, please see me, Bro. Clark or Bro. David.

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 as soon as the funds are available.

Sharing His Love thru music and more,
Bro. Toby

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR / ADMINISTRATOR

Over the years of my ministry I have been asked this question, "How can I know this or that is God's Will for my life? That is a legitimate question for one to ask and not the easiest for one to answer. However, I found the following article on God's Will. For any of you struggling with the above question, I pray it will shed some insight for you concerning how we can know God's will on any particular issue.
Knowing God's will involves cultivating a relationship with Him, studying Scripture, praying for guidance, and aligning your life with His principles.

Begin with a Relationship with God
The foundation of understanding God's will is a personal relationship with Him. Christianity emphasizes relationship over religion, meaning you should seek to know God personally through prayer, Bible study, and active participation in church or small groups. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages believers to trust in the Lord and acknowledge Him in all ways, promising that He will direct your paths Bible Study Tools+1.

Surrender Your Will
Before God can reveal His plan, you must surrender your own desires and be willing to follow His guidance, even if it differs from your personal plans. Romans 12:1-2 teaches that offering yourself as a living sacrifice and allowing your mind to be renewed enables you to discern God's good, pleasing, and perfect will Bible Study Tools+1.

Study Scripture
God's will is revealed in the Bible. Key instructions include living a holy life, avoiding sin, doing good works, and growing spiritually (1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Peter 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18). By studying Scripture, you gain clarity on what God desires and can test whether your decisions align with His Word GotQuestions.org+2.

Pray for Wisdom and Guidance
Prayer is essential for hearing God's voice and aligning your heart with His purposes. James 1:5 encourages believers to ask God for wisdom, which He gives generously. Prayer also helps shape your motives and desires according to His will.

Follow the Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding God's will. Romans 8:14 states that those led by the Spirit are God's children. By seeking the Spirit's peace and direction, you can discern choices that align with God's plan gracetogospel.com

Live Obediently and Practically
God's will is not hidden; it is often revealed through obedience to His commands and practical steps in daily life. Psalms 119:105 describes God's Word as a lamp guiding your path. Obedience to Scripture and ethical living opens the way for further revelation faiththeevidence.com.

Additional Principles
- Evaluate your motives: Ensure your decisions are not driven by personal gain but by God's purposes.
- Seek counsel: Wise, spiritually mature mentors can provide insight and confirmation.
- Be patient: God's timing may differ from your expectations; discernment often unfolds gradually.
- Look for peace: God often confirms His will through a sense of inner peace when decisions align with His plan Bible Study Tools+2.

By combining relationship, surrender, Scripture, prayer, and Spirit-led guidance, you can progressively understand and follow God's will, leading to a fulfilling and purposeful life.

In his service,

Bro. David

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

Celebrate Recovery® A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

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.

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FROM YOUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Upcoming Youth Fusion and Children's Bible Adventure Schedule
Sunday, November 1st, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm
Sunday, November 8th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm will be the last Sunday night for youth, and children will meet for Bible Adventure and Fusion on Sunday night.
Youth and Children Jambalaya Fundraiser
Be sure to get your Jambalaya Dinner tickets. Youth or children who sell tickets and work at the event will receive credit toward camp or YEC.

November 22nd -24th YEC Youth Retreat (Youth Evangelism Conference). Talk to Brother Matt to sign up for the wait list.
Friday, December 11th: Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at New Zion, 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm
Friday – Sunday, January 15th - 17th: DNOW (Sign-up is open now)

Visit www.newzion.new/youth to sign up for youth events and to learn more details.

Children Upcoming Dates:
Saturday, November 14th: Pinewood Derby. All Children can participate.
1. See Matt to get a car and to sign up. The cost of the car is $5. Cars will be available starting on Sunday, October 11.
2. When you get your car, you will receive a packet with rules and tips on how to make your car go fast.
3. The car cannot weigh over 5oz. Bake your car in the oven to remove moisture. The car will be lighter.
4. You can add weights
5. Draw an outline of your car on the block. Make sure you do not cut out the axles.
6. If you need your car cut out, please give it to Bro. Matt. The last day to turn in cars to be cut out is Wednesday, November 4. You can turn the car in before November 4.
7.. Paint your car, sand it, add the wheels, and fine-tune it.
8. We will meet on Saturday, November 14th, at 5:00 pm for the Pine Wood Derby. Hot Dogs will be served for supper.
9. Tentative Schedule: 5:00 -5:30 pm. Register, eat, inspection, and test and tune: 6:30 pm. Heat races, then the following main event.

Prizes will be given for the Best in Show (Best looking car) and the race winners.

Sunday, December 13th - Children's Christmas Party 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2027 YOUTH CAMP - PIGEON MOUNTAIN CROSSING in LaFAYETTE, GA
JUNE 28th -JULY 2nd ~ SIGN-UP COMING SOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, November 8th @ 7:00 A.M.
FMC Gym ~ Men of ALL AGES Invited!

NZ "Silver Sonshiners" Thanksgiving Celebration ($10/person) (+ A Love Offering for Mike Vaughn.)
Saturday, November 14th @ 10 a.m.
Mike Vaughn in concert @ 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Thanksgiving meal to follow in the FMC.
Please purchase tickets from Milton or Robyn Fricke no later than Sunday, November 1st.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Adult Class SS Teachers' Meetings
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. FMC 213

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday,, November 4th @ 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sunday, November 8th @ 3:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, November 8th @ 4:00 p.m.

Women's Prayer Ministry
Wednesday, October 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, November 22nd @ 7:15 p.m.

NEW ZION THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal ~ Sunday, November 15th @ 5:00 p.m.
Church Office Closes at NOON on Wednesday, November 25th
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Refit®
Ladies' ONLY FREE exercise class
Thursdays @ 6 pm-7 pm (SFH)