



ZION HAPPENINGS

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OUR VISION

To be a church that follows Jesus so closely and makes disciples so well, that our community and town cannot help but be transformed.

Pastor Note

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:9-18

One of the things that I enjoyed from the book of Romans is how Paul divides this book into sections. In one section he does a systematic presentation of our Christian doctrine. He talks about the sin of humanity, how we all have been condemned by our rebellions against God, how none of us has found righteousness before God, however, God in his grace has offered to all human beings salvation by faith through the sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, we all received redemption, salvation, justification, and by his blood shed on the cross, we have been freed from evil and damnation.



In the other section, Paul tells us that after we are saved is our duty as followers of Jesus Christ to work out our salvation, to grow in grace and sanctification. The work of salvation didn’t stop with Jesus mighty intervention, but the empower by the Holy Spirit we need to do our part, this is why Paul says “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation*” Rom 1:16

Chapter 12 tells us about those duties that we cannot neglect. It is easy to do that when are living in unprecedented times, beginning with the worldwide health crisis, economic crisis, political crisis, moral crisis, cultural crisis, and many other challenges of life that brings our spirit down and leads our soul and mind to live in anxiety and fear. However during these uncertain times we continue working out our salvation and giving thanks to God for his presence among us.

To accomplish this, Paul encourages us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices because of the mercy we have received in Christ Jesus, to renew our minds through the meditation of God’s word, to serve and bless the body of Christ through our gifts and above all to love and to devote ourselves to one another. In a few words, Paul in chapter 12 is calling us to live our lives in peace, and in all things to overcome the evil of the world by faith.



We are entering the season of thanksgiving; so what about if we enter with a renewed mind in Christ instead of looking at the world and the circumstances? Or what if we give thanks in all circumstances, and rejoice with one another, and don’t repay evil for evil but love our enemies; or what if we don’t live in contention with the world but give thanks for the beauty of God’s creation.

There is too much for what we are thankful for. For instance, the fact that we are alive, for every sunrise, for every sunset, for the color of the leaves, the flavors of the season, the food on our tables, or for God’s protection in this uncertain times. Yes, we don’t take it for granted, we are thankful people!. The Psalmist says: “*I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*” Psalm 9:1

As we give thanks this season, amid civil unrest of the world, the apostle Paul says: “*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*” And is my prayer and hope, that God will give you the peace that surpasses all understanding and that he will guard your minds and hearts as you come to him in this season with gratitude.

May you have a happy thanksgiving!!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Norma



The Loaves and Fishes items for the month of November are items to prepare a holiday meal such as gravy mixes, soups for casseroles, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, yams, rice, can vegetables, cake mix, etc.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available for pick up in the sanctuary. Ideas and directions for what to pack in the box as well as the labels for the top of the box are inside each box. The boxes are due back by Sunday, November 15th.

Poinsettia Order Forms: If you would like to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one please fill out an order form and return it to the back of the church by Sunday November 15th. All the proceeds will benefit Zion's Mission of Meals at the Community Center. *Note: The due date has been moved forward and the order forms are due earlier than usual this year. Thank you!*

Angel Tree: Please watch for the angel tree in the lobby next month! More details to come.

We sent 300 Birthday Card to Meals on Wheels clients! Each homebound client will receive a personalized card on their birthday. Thank you to all of you who wrote cards and put a smile on the faces of many lonely people.



We sent 46 loaves of bread and a devotion book to Emergency Medical Services to thank first responders. They were very honored and excited to receive our boxes of goodies! Thank you to all the ladies who baked for this mission!

If you would like anything added to next month's newsletter please email it to zionumcmonroe@gmail.com by the first of the month
Thank you

*I give thanks to you,
O Lord my God, with my
whole heart, and I will
glorify your name forever.*

PSALM 86:12



October 2020 Collections

Online Collections (Tithes)	\$900
10/4 Tithes	\$4,432
10.4 SS Book	\$10
10/18 Tithes	\$4,150
10/18 UC Com Shelter	\$1,500
10/18 UMCOR	\$50
10/25 Tithes	\$1,785
Total	\$12,827

This Months News:

- The bulletins will be posted onto the website and Facebook every Sunday
- The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 25 thru the 27



Andrew Mullis
 Kim Mullis
 Mitzi McManus
 Joe and Helen Greene
 Kay Medlin
 C.W. Price
 James and Shirley Lowery
 Jimmy and Susan Clontz
 Teachers and Students
 Military
 Peggy's nephew- Brett Adams
 Jim Beam
 Rondal & Eloise Purser
 Angie Eudy



Music Notes from Barbara!



Hi! Everyone! Here it is November already! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I can think of so many things to be thankful for this year! God has truly blessed me and my family this year as well as my church family! Last Sunday it was wonderful to sit at the organ and re-acquaint myself with the beautiful music that can come out of that amazing instrument!!

Music is so important in our church service and we are reminded during this pandemic how we take it for granted. We sure are missing our congregational singing and our wonderful choir! Music has been delivered to the choir for our Christmas cantata and the date is December 20th! Put the date on your calendar and be in prayer that I will figure out how I am going to make this happen — safely!!

*Love to all of you!
 Barbara*

Happy Veterans Day to all those who have served in the military. Thank you for your Service!



NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
RA Kindley- 4	Phil Douglas - 3
Maggie Hinson- 9	Zach Plyer - 3
Todd Donaldson- 10	Bobby Clontz- 4
Jo Ann Rowell- 11	Randy Warlick - 11
Chip Harris- 14	Jerry Clontz - 12
Tyler Price- 26	Kenneth Stegall - 15
Tyler Wiley- 27	Grier Donaldson - 18
Bob McCall- 28	Dwight Brooks - 26
Jim Beam- 29	
Kenneth Purser- 30	



Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Jason and Dana Taylor- 13	Gary and Ashley Price- 4
	Neal and Connie Gaston- 7
	Tommy and Scarlet Helms-9
	Calvin and Diane Helms-19



Upcoming Meetings:

Charge Conference: This year the charge conference will be held in the Sanctuary on *Sunday November 8th at 11 AM.*

UMM: The United Methodist Men will be holding a breakfast and devotional on *Sunday November 15th at 8am.*

UMW: The next meeting will be on *November 24th at 6 PM.* There will be no refreshments

UMW: Will meet at church on *Saturday, November 28 at 9AM* to decorate for Christmas.

Sunday School Classes:

High school and Middle school: Will start meeting in-person indoors on Sundays at 9 AM

Gift Class: Please join us at 9 AM Sunday mornings for Sunday school, we will start meeting indoors.

*Let them give thanks to
the Lord for His unfailing
love and His wonderful
deeds for mankind, for He
satisfies the thirsty and
fills the hungry with
good things.*

PSALM 107:8-9



Fairview Festival

The Fairview Winter Festival will be on Saturday December 12th at 4:00 PM. We will be having another booth this year and if anyone is interested in volunteering to help Pastor Norma with this please call or see her.

Thank you!



Announcements and Updates

- **Christmas Secret Pal event is canceled.** Please send your pal a gift in December and reveal yourself to them with that gift.
- The Annual Christmas lunch has been canceled.
- The next blood drive will be on *February 3rd, 2021*
- UMW officers were elected, and no changes were made
- The spring Chicken and Dumplings dinner has been canceled