

**MT. ZION
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
EXISTS TO:**

**WORSHIP GOD
SHARE JESUS
LOVE OTHERS**

We are glad you chose to worship with us and hope you feel at home!

Please fill out the communication card the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

As our guest, be sure to pick up your gift at the information desk in the lobby.

Again, thank you for being with us today.

**WORSHIP
CELEBRATION**

Praise Band

Welcome—Meet & Greet

Praise & Worship

Communion
All baptized believers are invited to participate as the emblems are passed. Please place empty cups in the holder located under the seat in front of you.

Offering
This is our opportunity to return to God a portion of His blessings to us.

Message—Whit Criswell

Invitation Song
At the end of each message we offer a time of decision. If you want to accept Christ, be baptized, or join this church, please come to the front during this time.

Baptisms (if applicable)

NURSERY

Our nursery provides a loving, warm environment for infants through age three. It is divided into three sections; sleepers, crawlers, and walkers, to ensure your child's safety.

Child registration is located at the main nursery entrance, located directly off the main lobby. When registering, you will receive a pager in the event you need to be reached.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Preschool through 5th graders meet in fellowship hall, located through the breezeway, off the east hall. They enjoy refreshments and praise time before going to their individual classrooms (where they should be picked up following the service).

Children are encouraged to attend their own worship groups and classes. Here they learn about Jesus through drama, music, and videos that relate especially to them.

JUNIOR HIGH (6TH, 7TH, & 8TH)

The "Live Wires" meet at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays (during worship) and at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the classroom off of the small sanctuary. In addition to learning about God and His Word, they enjoy foosball, games and snacks.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

(In God Nothing Is Too Extreme)

The Sr. High age group meets in the "barn" located directly behind the church, on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7pm. They enjoy lots of activities, events, and fundraisers throughout the year, however, their main ministry is an annual summer mission trip.

Due to minor repairs being done in the children's area, there will be no children's church for grades 1-5 today. Parents, please take your children in the main sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Immediately following church choir practice in the main sanctuary.

4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas practice. Following the practice, (weather permitting) the children will go to Andover Baptist on Todd's Road to see the live outdoor nativity.

7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

MONDAY

5:15 pm Women's exercise class

6 pm Women's Bible study

WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m. Women's Exercise

6:30 p.m. Prayer time in the adult Sunday school room—led by Ed Jernigan

6:30 p.m. Christmas Bible School for grades 1—5

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the kitchenette—led by Kenny Speakes

7 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups

SATURDAY

10 am Women's Exercise Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

>Adult Class
Whit, Kenny & Jim rotate teaching (last room on left off side entrance hall)

>Singles Class
Led by Ed Jernigan (room directly off of the front foyer)

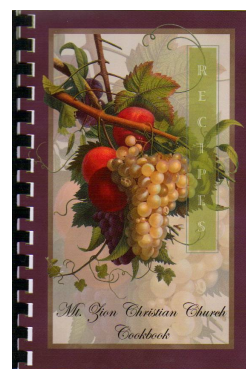
>Camo Class
Led by Brandeon Hampton (room off of gym) For kids of all ages interested in hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities

>Jr/Sr High Class
Led by Darlene Newsome (Youth "barn" behind church)

>All classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to be part of a medical emergency team at Mt. Zion, please attend a brief meeting in the conference room (off the main foyer) immediately following the service. If you cannot attend but would like more information, please contact Carol Neace at 859-293-5462.

MT. ZION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS' BILL & DEBBIE BRANNON. THEY ARE NO STRANGERS, AS BILL SINGS IN THE PRAISE TEAM AND DEBBIE SIGNS!



Christmas is just around the corner and we have the perfect gift for you to give! Mt. Zion Cookbooks can be purchased for \$10, and are available in the foyer. Be sure to pick one up on your way out today.

You are invited to the wedding of Debra Denny & Ed Jernigan Sunday, December 4, 5:30 p.m. Mt. Zion Chapel

Reception following In the gym.



Please R.S.V.P. to Judy Blackwell (745-2446) for food purposes.

a Christmas with DAVID PHELPS

Tuesday, December 20th, 7 p.m.
Mt. Zion Christian Church

Tickets available at www.itickets.com
Tel: 859-335-9344 or at Bethany Bookroom in Winchester

David Phelps is part of the Gaither Vocal Band.

Operation Happiness

Mt. Zion has been asked to collect two toys for 128 girls, age birth through 2 years. Please see below:

- Total spent should not exceed \$20.
- Gifts should be individually wrapped
- Each gift labeled "Girl age 0-2"
- Both gifts should be placed together in one plastic bag.

The bags will be collected at the church on December 18th.

COMMUNICATION CARD **NOVEMBER 27, 2011**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

CHECK HERE TO RECEIVE KENNY & WHIT'S WEEKLY BLOG.

_____ ADDRESS/PHONE NO. CHANGE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

_____ I AM A MEMBER OF MT. ZION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

_____ I ATTEND MT. ZION ON A REGULAR BASIS

_____ I AM A VISITOR. THIS IS MY _____ FIRST, _____ SECOND, OR _____ THIRD VISIT

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A MINISTER

AGE _____ 12-18 _____ 18-21 _____ 21-30 _____ 30-40 _____ 40-50 _____ 50+

CHILDREN & AGES _____

To assist the ministers and congregation, the following ministry groups have been assigned to the Elders:

Facilities Mgmt. and Outdoor

Maintenance

Steve Haskins—859-621-6581
email: shaskins777@gmail.com

Worship & Music

Bill Holskey—859-737-0330
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Shepherding & Evangelism &

Missions

Ed Jernigan—859-771-4940
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Business & Communications

Jim Lane—859-230-9743
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Kenny Speakes— Preaching Minister
859-771-8087 kws0077@yahoo.com

Whit Criswell— Preaching Minister
859-621-9012 whit@waterfordpg.com

Jim Farmer—Worship Minister
859-749-2237 jimfarmer2006@yahoo.com

Darlene Newsome—Youth Director
859-533-7438 darlenenewsome@gmail.com

Nancy Gray— Children's Director
859-771-2446 or 859-745-2481

Sharon Blackburn—Calendar & Kitchen
859-737-1401 snblackburn@aol.com

Terri Bryant—Hospitality
859-771-8913 gtbryant@gmail.com

Judy Speakes—Weekly bulletin
859-771-8088 jspeakes@kyanaabc.com

SERMON NOTES

THE UNOPENED GIFTS

@ Christmas

“JOY”



Luke 2:8-12, 20

_____ is a good gift from God.

Ecc. 3:4 *“There is a time to weep but there is also a time to laugh. There is a time to mourn but there is also a time to dance.”*

Galatians 5:22 *“The fruit of the spirit is love, joy . . .”*

Proverbs 17:22 *“A cheerful heart does good like medicine. But a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”*

Laughter will _____.

_____ will last forever.

Happiness depends on the _____. Joy is based on a _____.

Three lessons from the shepherds that joy does:

1. Joy _____ the mundane way of life. (vs 8)

The good news of great joy which should be to all people that breaks through the mundane is the joy of knowing _____.

I Peter 1:8 *“Though you have not seen him you love him. And even though you do not see him now you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”*

2. Joy eliminated _____. (vs 9)

Three reasons God frightens us:

- We fear _____ won't be in charge of our lives.
- We fear _____. 1 John 4:18 *“There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear.”*
- We fear _____. Jesus said whoever seeks to save his life will lose it but whoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel will find it.

3. Joy _____ because it is based on _____. (vs. 11-16)

So how can we experience lasting and enduring joy?

J= _____ (a personal relationship with Jesus Christ)

Get in the **Word**; spend time in **prayer**; attend _____ (one thing we all have in common... _____)

O= _____ (serve, give)

Y= _____ (focus on the _____, not the temporary)

Lasting and enduring JOY...you don't get it under a Christmas tree, but you can find it at a CROSS! Have you opened it?

GREETING & SERVING

Greeting this week:

Paul & Judy Blackwell
Dawn Raines
Terri Bryant

Greeting next week:

Tad & Nikki Cain
Francis Chism
Ed Haddix

Serving this week:

Shane Oldfield
Donovan Mitchell
Willis Jackson
Ed Haddix
Thad Ferrell
Bo Rushing
Tad Cain
Marvin Grashel
Paul Blackwell

Serving next week:

Steve Newsome
Jim Hawkins
Morgan Howell
P. J. Throckmorton
Dennis Belcher
Randy Palmer
Steve Haskins
Ricky Oldfield
Gary Stanfield

PRAYER CONCERNS

Date: December 4, 2011

For _____

___ Attends Mt. Zion

___ Sick at home

___ In the hospital
(name of hospital) _____

___ Death

___ Other Special Needs _____

Submitted by _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DECEMBER 4, 2011

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