

Welcome to Mt. Zion Christian Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us and hope you feel at home.

Please fill out the communication card in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate so we may know who you are!

As our guest, be sure to pick up a gift bag in the foyer as you leave.

Thank you for being with us today.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Praise & Worship

HERITAGE was born out of a desire of this group of friends who have united their voices in a ministry that will brighten your day and encourage you with the music of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Be prepared to be uplifted as you listen to the music ministry of HERITAGE.

Communion

All baptized believers are invited to participate as the emblems are passed. Hold the emblems and as you meditate and then partake. 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.

Today's Message

"Heart Surgery"
(Presented by Whit Criswell)

Invitation Song

"Change My Heart, O God"
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 (when applicable)

Mt. Zion
Christian Church
exists to:

Worship God
Share Jesus
Love Others

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). In addition to learning about God and His Word, they enjoy foosball, games and snacks.

I.G.N.I.T.E.

(In God Nothing Is Too Extreme)
The Jr. & Sr. High age groups meets in the "Youth barn" located directly behind the church, on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7pm. They enjoy lots of activities, events, and fundraisers throughout the year.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Worship Service
- Following the Service
Living Christmas Tree Choir
Pot-luck/practice in the front of the Worship Center
- 7:00 pm Jr./Sr High Youth Group
(Barn Behind Church)

MONDAY

- 5:15 pm Women's Exercise
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 5:15 pm Women's Exercise
- 6:30 pm Prayer Service
(Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm Jr./Sr High Youth Group
(Barn Behind Church)
- 7:00 pm Joyful Noise
(grades 1-5)
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study in
the Gym: Jim Farmer
Continues a study of
The Book of Revelation

THURSDAY

- 7:00 pm Worship Team
Practice

SATURDAY

- 10:00 am Women's Exercise
Class



You are encouraged to bring and donate your loose change until Sunday, December 9. So far, over \$400.00 has been collected. Proceeds will go to helping needy families (we'll choose them) provide Christmas gifts for their children and to cover other needs.

Dollar Ministry

For over a year, many of you have given an extra dollar, above your regular giving. Through this generous ministry we have assisted families and individuals in need. Most of the help has been to people in our church family, but some has been used to help other members of our community. Please keep giving!



On Sunday, November 18, we will be receiving a special Thanksgiving Offering to meet some special needs for our church facility and to assist various special ministries in our community. Please be in prayer about this opportunity to give to the Lord's work at this very special time of the year.

Congratulations (Chili Cook-off & Trunk 'n Treat)



Chili Supper Winners (there were 22 different recipes!!):

- 3rd place: Faye and Larry Lawson
- 2nd place: Rob Tackett
- 1st place: Dianne Tincher

Table Decoration Winners:

- 3rd place: Kim and Donovan Mitchell
- 2nd place: Erin and Randy Abshear
- 1st place: Jeannie Kruckas

Thank you to Nancy Gray, Sharon Blackburn and all who served!



Living Christmas Tree Choir

The choir will be having a potluck right after service today, to be followed with a 2 hour practice. Come and join us if you are currently involved with the choir, or are interested (even if you forgot to bring a dish!). If you've been thinking about joining us in choir, this would be a great opportunity to join us! **We need you!!!**



Drama for the Living Christmas Tree

There are still a few acting parts that need to be filled for our Christmas program. We need an older gentleman willing to play the grandfather role, a middle aged woman to play the role of the mother of a teenager and pre-teen.

See Jim Farmer for a copy of the script and an audition date.



Efforts are being made to begin a **Youth Worship Band** that will be a part of our Student Ministries. If you are a Junior High or High School musician who is interested, or you know of someone, **please contact Scotty Sanders** (scottyds92@yahoo.com), our Worship Intern.

COMMUNICATION CARD

November 4, 2012

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

To sign up for our Newsletter/Prayer Request Emails, go to our website
www.mtzioncc.com

____ ADDRESS/PHONE NO. 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 _____

Special Thanks

Thank you to all who help with our Church-wide Clean-up/Organization Day on Saturday, October 27. Our heart-felt appreciation is extended to:

Kim Sturgill, Andy Blakemore, Jim Farmer, Dan Geddes & the Basketball Players, "Kiss-a-Pig", Steve Haskins, Dr. Dan Manley, Jim Lane, Shane Oldfield, Scotty Sanders, PJ Throckmorton, and Whit Criswell.

A job well done, folks!

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

Facilities Mgmt. and Outdoor Maintenance

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Judy Speakes—Weekly bulletin
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Sermon Notes

OPEN HEART SURGERY

*“Above all else guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life.”
(Proverbs 4:23)*

*“...The most important one, Jesus answered, is...Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, Love your neighbor as yourself...”
(Mark 12:28-31)*

I. Symptoms of a Hardened Heart:

1. _____ frequently
2. Comparing
3. Criticizes others
4. Become Callous to God’s work
5. Compromises morals and values
6. Can’t focus on _____
7. Chaotic with _____
8. Living to _____ others and not God.

Bottom line of a hardened heart: My capacity to love God and love people is _____.

II. Causes of a Hardened Heart:

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|------------------------|----------|
| 1. _____ is everywhere | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

III. Surgery Tool and Procedures To S.O.F.T.E.N. a Hard Heart:

S= _____ what is really valuable and what is not. *(Phil. 3:7-8)*

O= _____ admit a hard heart and _____ God to soften it.
(Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51:10)

F= _____ about the things you have no control over.
(Phil. 3:13-14)

T= _____ into a _____ time with God.
(2 Tools to help you be with God: 1. _____ *(Matthew 6:6)*
2. _____ *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*)

E= _____ the help of others. *(James 5:16)*

N= _____ underestimate the cost of spiritual intimacy.
(Matthew 7:24-27)

**What does your EKG say?
Do you need surgery?
What instruments do you need to do surgery on your heart?**

Greeting & Serving

Greeting this week:

Paul & Judy Blackwell
Dawn Raines
Terri Bryant

Greeting next week:

Joe & Diana Tincher
Ed Haddix
Debra Jernigan

Serving this week:

Tad Cain
Ed Jernigan
Steve Haskins
Larry Lawson
Gary Lawson
Shane Oldfield
Jim Lane
Ed Haddix
Mike Provence

Serving next week:

Willis Jackson
David Drusicke
Louie Allison
Thad Ferrell
Gary Stanfield
Donovan Mitchell
Randy Palmer
Bo Rushing
Mike Cord

PRAYER CONCERNS

Date: November 4, 2012

For _____

____ Attends Mt. Zion

____ Sick at home

____ In the hospital
(name of hospital) _____

____ Death

____ Other Special Needs _____

Submitted by _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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