



ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH THE VOICE OF ZION

November 2024

SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURE READINGS

- November 3 Pastor Nate
"Many Were Added to the Church"
Acts 2:29-41
- November 10 Pastor Nate
"Form a Community"
Acts 2:42-47
- November 17 Pastor Nate
"Peter Heals a Man"
Acts 3:1-11
- November 24 Pastor Jan
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow..."
Psalm 100; Psalm 118:24;
Thessalonians 5:18; Proverbs 14:4



BIBLE READINGS

- November 3 James 4-5, Deuteronomy 7-9, 2 Chronicles 29-32, Psalms 125-127, Ecclesiates 3-4, Zephaniah, Acts 11-12
- November 10 1 Peter 1-3, Deuteronomy 10-12, 2 Chronicles 33-36, Psalms 128-130, Ecclesiates 5-6, Haggai, Acts 13-14
- November 17 1 Peter 4-5, Deuteronomy 13-15, Ezra 1-5, Psalms 131-133, Ecclesiates 7-8, Zechariah 1-7, Acts 15-16
- November 24 2 Peter, Deuteronomy 16-19, Ezra 6-10, Psalms 134-136, Ecclesiates 9-10, Zechariah 8-14, Acts 17-18



Please have your articles for the Voice into the office by **November 19** for the **December Voice!**

NOVEMBER—LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING?



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 @10:45 A.M.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE STAY AFTER CHURCH!

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Are you comfortable with your faith? What do you find interesting or exciting about your relationship with the Lord? That might seem like an odd question, but I've been thinking more and more about the conversations we have with the people in our lives.

What do you usually talk about with the people who are in your life? You talk about things that you are comfortable with. Things that you have knowledge of and the things that are important to you. You might talk about the Packers, the weather, or your favorite restaurant. Or you might talk about things that excite you or interest you.

For example, you just learned some interesting information regarding financial planning or a restaurant where you had an outstanding experience. You share it because it is helpful to the person you're talking with. They will now know how to plan for their future better, or they will know where to get a tasty bite to eat.

So, that brings us back to the original questions: What about God makes you interested, comfortable, or excited? Because what we talk about starts with our experience. Second, it continues with the good things we want to share with other people. When we experience good or interesting things in our lives, we share them with the people around us.

As I examine my own life and engage in conversation with fellow church members, I find a common theme: we don't share these things about faith with others unless we are in the confines of the church. Why is that? We don't keep things that we are comfortable with, excited about, or interested in other areas of our lives from our friends and acquaintances. But when it comes to our relationship with the Lord...we often don't.

No judgment here! This is a pattern I'm noticing in my own life. So take a moment with me and reflect on your life. What is holding you back from having more conversations about your faith with your friends? And in particular, people in your life who don't have a relationship with Jesus. Spend some time in prayerful self-reflection and ask God what needs to be different in your life. And maybe, as the disciples did in the book of Acts, pray that the Holy Spirit would bring boldness to your life so that you would share the good news and hope of the Gospel with the people that you know.

There is a short book our GMC conference recommends, which our leadership team has gone through, called "Pray and Go." This is a helpful resource we will use in our bible studies and small groups in the new year. If you'd like to go through it yourself before we start in groups, please contact Nate or Jan.

One Sure Guide

Our thoughts seem to be consumed with one thing lately - the elections. No matter how things turn out - whether the candidates you and I vote for win or lose - one thing is sure, God is still in control, and He is still on His Throne. He won't be taken by surprise. Always keep in mind, there is only "One Sure Guide" as Christians. God is our authority, and our compass is the Word of God.

In the midst of a thousand different voices, all claiming their own authority and clamoring for our allegiance, only one Voice will tell us the truth. That Voice? The written Word of God, given to us by God to tell us what we are to believe and how we are to live. As the Psalmist said in **Psalms 119:130**,

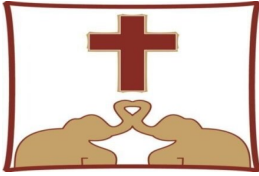
"The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

- In a letter to a friend, Abraham Lincoln said, *"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance upon faith, and you will live and die a better man."*
- Coleridge said he believed the Bible to be the Word of God because, as he put it, *"It finds me."*
- *"If you want encouragement"* John Bunyan (author of Pilgrim's Progress as well as nearly sixty other titles), *"entertain the promises."*
- Martin Luther said, *"In Scriptures, even the little daisy becomes a meadow."*

There are so many voices clamoring for our attention and allegiance these days. Voices trying to get to us, but there is only one sure guide in an unsure world: The Bible. Is it your guide?

In HIS Grip,

Pastor Jan



SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARIES

MAO & NHIA HER, THAILAND NOW

“Serving Thai People with the Love of Jesus”

They have returned to Thailand as missionaries in November.

THAILAND NOW serves Thailand—10/40 nation.

Please pray for us as we serve Christ in these ministries:

Zion will be financially supporting the Her's with a \$25.00/month gift. Members are free to donate in addition to Zion's monthly gift.

There are “LOVE” offering envelopes for you to use as a special offering throughout the year on the worship center in the narthex.

Please continue to support and keep Mao & Nhia in your prayers.



Helena the hurricane that hit North Carolina went through Boone, North Carolina. Boone is the home to the International Samaritans Purse headquarters and Operation Christmas Child processing center. Fortunately they sustained minimal damage and were up and running in 3-4 days. Samaritans Purse volunteers then went out to help those affected in Boone and surrounding areas.

OCC collection week, November 18-25 is fast approaching. Our church wide packing party will be on Sunday, November 10 in fellowship hall. Barb and I will be setting up in the fellowship hall for the party on Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 am. We are pretty well organized so it should only take about an hour with some help. At this time we will also be assembling the shoeboxes.

Volunteer sheets for sign up for the shifts will be coming soon. We will again have envelopes available in Sunday's bulletin, starting in November. If you are writing a check you can make it out to Samaritans Purse with the understanding it may not clear your financial institution until late December or January. You can also make the check out to Zion, designating it for OCC. These funds are used to cover shipping costs and other expenses incurred for the project. A big thank you to all who have donated items.

We all know prayer is powerful. Please keep staff of OCC, all volunteers and those donating items in your prayers. May all shoeboxes make it through customs and to the children they were meant for. Most importantly may the children feel the love of the donor and learn about the love of Jesus as they become Christians.

GOD BLESS,

Deb Kirslenlohr

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANIVERSARIES

- 2. Tony Farr
- 6. Lois Chilson
- 9. Isaac Dagit
- 11. Eddie Cravillion
- 21. Ron Tomlinson
- 22. Les Sholly
- 26. Liz Cravillion
- 29. Norbert Riedel



LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 A.M.

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



PRAYER TIME FOR ALL WOMEN—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 & 19 , 1: 00 PM Sandy Neumann will open her home on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We will be gathering to pray for whatever God has put on our hearts and minds. Pray for strength in these troubling times and anything that God may lead us pray for!



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ!

As I sit here at my kitchen table it would be difficult for me not to be filled with gratitude. The wind is blowing rain against the patio door and I am glad that I am in here, and not out there!! The smell of beef tips and mashed potatoes mingle with the scent of warm apple pie fresh from the oven. The dishes are washed. I hear the murmur of my boys in the next room. I am blessed and grateful.

This past weekend our family enjoyed our last camping trip for the season. Soon all will be in storage for the winter. The fall leaves fell around us like a beautiful blanket. Trees of gold and russet and sapphire were a backdrop that could only make one wonder at the glory of God. Paul and I took our coffee cups and headed for the boat landing that early Sunday morning. We watched as the sky turned from the warmest rose color to a flaming orange sun reflecting across the water. The geese in full fall mode, flew across the sky, sounding their horns and adding to the symphony of a fall morning.

It is a wonder to me how so many beautiful, God given blessings can settle so near to chaos and destruction. The gift this fall has been to us sits juxtaposed to such heartache and disaster along our southeastern border. My heart cried out for them in tandem, as it sang praises of thanksgiving for my own current blessings. A dear friend offered me this today: Jeremiah 29-11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Heavenly Father, we thank You, for all the beautiful, whole, good things that you offer us. Open our eyes, and help us to count them one by one, and to cherish them with our whole heart. May our voices lift in grateful praise. Help us likewise to remember that You promise to walk with us through the worst of times. That You will never leave us when our hearts are broken and darkness surrounds us. Keep in our hearts that knowledge that You work all things for good for your children. We may not understand the how, the why or the when. Only You have that perspective. Help us to hold that promise just as close, just as dear. In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen

I finish this letter to you with the words of a beautiful old hymn. May they embrace you in your season, wherever you may be.

"No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of
(How Can I Keep from Singing, Robert Wadsworth Lowry)

Yours in Christ

Kate



VETERANS OF ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH

Wally Anderson — Navy
Brian Baasch — Army National Guard
Donald Baasch — Army
Andrew J. Balciar — Armed Forces—Korea
Jerry Becker—Army *
Bill Birge — WWII*
Robert J. Birge — WWII (Killed in action in Luxembourg) *
Kurt Bornbach — Army
Mary Bornbach — Army*
Norman Brown — Marines *
Rebecca Collins — Air Force
Gary Cummings — Army
Matt DeGrand — Wis. Army National Guard (active)
Chris Donovan — Army (active)
Chris Egger — Army—Vietnam
Don Fischer — WWII*
Eugene Fischer — WWII
(Hawaii, Philippines, Aleutian Islands) *
Melvin Fischer — Germany*
Betty Foemmel — Women's Army Corp
David Foemmel—Army
Carlos Forman — Marines
Lee Forman — Air Force—Vietnam
Joe Fouts—Army *
Melvin Fuchs — WWII (Battle of the Bulge) *
Doug Gray—Air Force—Vietnam
Raymond Griep — Korea *
Jon Gripentrog — Army *
Alex Gunn—National Guard (active)
Bill Haeni— Army (during Korean Conflict) *
Jeffrey Hederer — Persian Gulf (Active)
Mark Hubble — WWII & Korea *
John Israel — Korea *
Nate Johnson — Army
Nikole Johnson — Army (active)
Ralph Kopp — WWII*
Dave Lane — Army — Vietnam
Ernest Matson — Army—Korea; Navy Chaplain—Vietnam*
Ernest Matthes — WWI *
Marvin Matthes — WWII *
John Neumann — WWII (D-Day, Invasion of Normandy) *
Ron Neumann — Vietnam Era*
Elias Noble — WWII *
Dick Olson — Korea *
Jerry Olson — Marines & Army (stationed in Asia & Germany)
Mike O'Neill — Marine — Vietnam
Robert Peterson — Army—Korea *
James Petrie — Vietnam
Lee Petrie — WWII *
Dave Pfahning — Army
Floyd Pfahning — WWII *
Nick Poeschel — Army
Dennis Post-
Norman Prior — WWII*
Jim Reynolds — WWII*
Everett Roehl — Army
Kenneth Roehl — Army National Guard
Charles Roehrborn — Army *
Daniel Roehrborn — WWII *
Elmer Roehrborn — WWI *
Erv Roehrborn — Air Force*
James Roehrborn — Navy *
Linda Roehrborn — Air National Guard (active)
Dave Root — Army National Guard *
Kevin Schmidtke — Army National Guard
Troy Otto Schmidtke — Army National Guard (active)
Otto Schmidtke — Army *
Larry Schultz Sr. — Army *
Don Schultz — Air Force *
Randy Schultz — Navy
Les Sholly — Navy
Phil Smith — WWI *
Morris Sorby — Army
Willard Specht — WWII *
Glenn Spindler — Air Force—Korea*
Shanen Swart — Navy
Andy Swenson — Army National Guard
Lester Swenson — WWII*
Erik Tollefson—National Guard (active)
Shannon Tollefson—Army National Guard—Iraq
Thora Tollefson—Army Nurse Corp.
Ronald Tomlinson—Air Force-Vietnam Era
Steve Vayda — Army—Korea *
Harold Utne — Navy — WWII *
Lyle Westover — Marines—WWII *
Bruce Winer — National Guard
David Yonker — Vietnam — Army
John Yonker — Vietnam — Army *
Jala Zahn — Army — National Guard (active)
Julia Zahn — Army — National Guard (active)
Jerry Zepplin — Navy
Walter Zepplin—Army *
Mike Ziaya — Air Force



On November 9th at 9:00 Zion women will be having a social morning event (room in church to be determined).

The social and craft event will include:

Coffee and desserts.

**Two pumpkin projects (supplies and laughter provided). For all ages and ability levels.
Games .**

We are asking everyone to register prior to the event and select which project they would like to make so we can provide the needed supplies.

All ages of female gender are encouraged to attend this event. Bring a friend.....

All types of transportation will be available (carpooling, Uber drivers, Pick up and Drop Off drivers, etc)

Please indicate on registration form if you would like to be a driver or if you would like transportation services.



On December 7th, at 9:00 am., there will be an event for Women of Zion church (WOZ). All ages are welcomed. The event will be a social, craft project time and Christmas Bingo activities.

The event will include:

Coffee and dessert.

An easy Christmas craft (all supplies will be provided).

Christmas Bingo and a Christmas paper game

Registration is required in order for us to purchase the supplies that will be needed.

Please register by December 1. Bring a guest!

Volunteer drivers will be available for pick up and drop off.

Craft example will be on display.