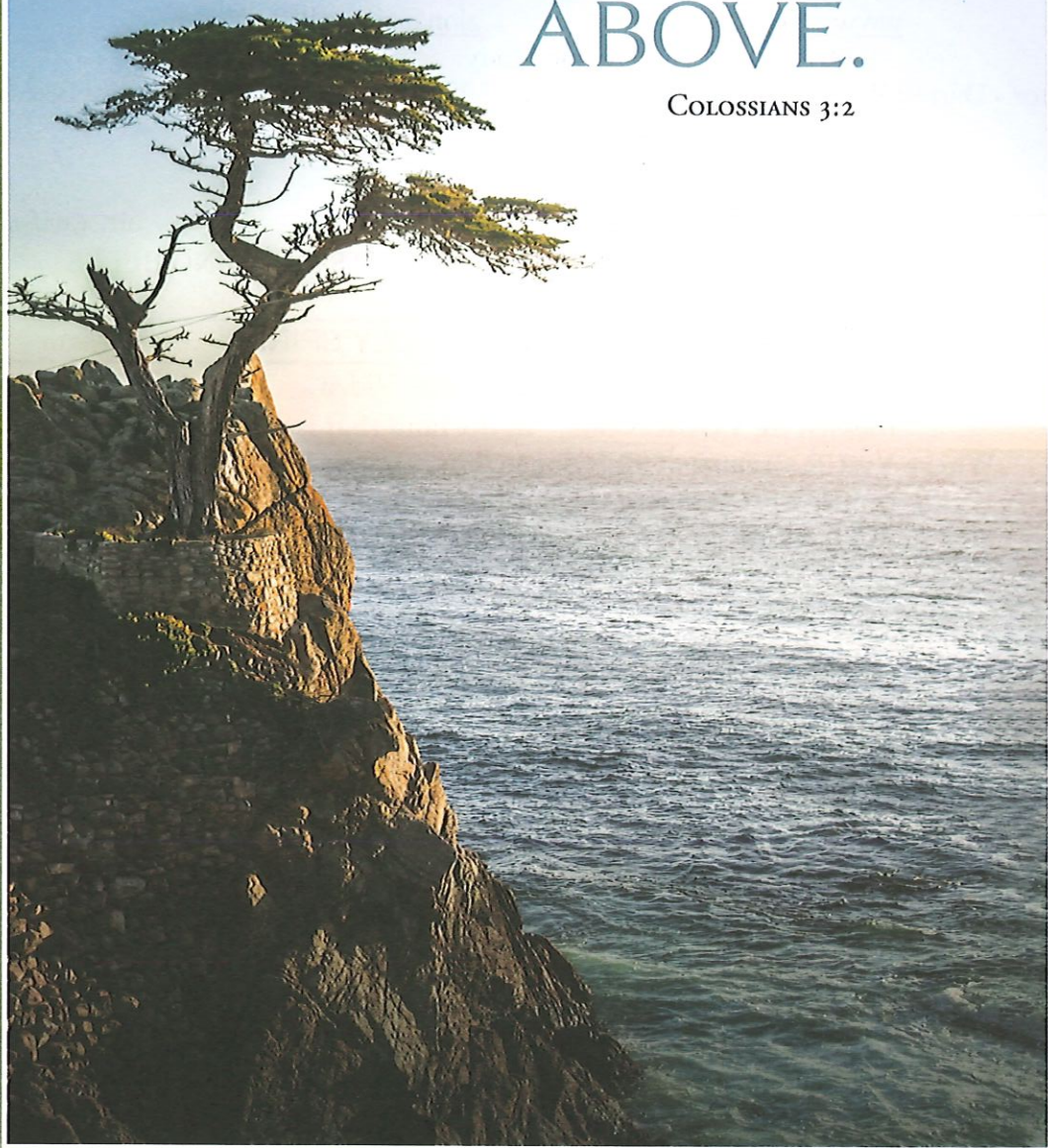


Set your affection on things

ABOVE.

COLOSSIANS 3:2



Zion Evangelical Church

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9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:15 - Worship

Pastor - Darrell Weber CCLI License # 1636898 Organist – Mrs. Mary Lu Bretsch

February 26th, 2023

PRELUDES

“Jacob’s Ladder” (Negro Spiritual)

arr. *Gordon Young*

LIGHTING CANDLES / WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING BELLS

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

* PRAISE SONG

“Blessed Be YOUR Name” Video

by Matt Redman

**Blessed Be YOUR Name, In the land that is plentiful
Where YOUR streams of abundance flow, Blessed be YOUR Name
Blessed Be YOUR Name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed Be YOUR Name**

Chorus

**Every blessing YOU pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in LORD, Still I will say
Blessed be the Name of the LORD, Blessed be YOUR Name
Blessed be the Name of the LORD, Blessed be YOUR glorious Name**

**Blessed be YOUR Name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be YOUR Name
Blessed be YOUR Name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be YOUR Name**

Chorus

**YOU give and take away, YOU give and take away
My heart will choose to say, LORD blessed be YOUR Name**

Chorus

**Blessed be the Name of the LORD, Blessed be YOUR Name
Blessed be the Name of the LORD, Blessed be YOUR glorious Name**

**YOU give and take away, YOU give and take away
My heart will choose to say, LORD blessed be YOUR Name**

- * CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) the Beatitudes - Matthew 5:3-12
- Pastor* *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- People** **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**
- Pastor* *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*
- People** **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**
- Pastor* *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*
- People** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see GOD.**
- Pastor* *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of GOD.*
- People** **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- Pastor* *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on MY account.*
- People** **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Amen and Amen!**

Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!

- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
- Abba FATHER, we hear the beautiful words of the beatitudes given to us by YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, yet we struggle to live by them. Hear us in this moment as we confess our failings.**
- (please pray in silence)*
- Abba FATHER, we thank YOU for YOUR continued Grace to us in JESUS CHRIST, and ask the YOUR SPIRIT to bring these Words to fullness of life within us. For we seal this prayer in JESUS' Saving Name. Amen and Amen!**

- * ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Acts 3:19b-20a
- Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the LORD*

- * RESPONSE #170
- "Oh, How HE Loves You and Me"***
- Oh, how HE loves you and me. (2 times). HE gave HIS life, what more could HE give?**
- Oh, how HE loves you; Oh, how HE loves me; Oh, how HE loves you and me!**

Listening to the LORD!

- SPECIAL MUSIC – sung by Mr. Jawuan Pearson ***"Change Is Gonna Come"*** by Sam Cooke
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
- READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 6:14-29 (p 872)
- SERMON ***"John the Baptist Suffered for Righteousness Sake"***

Praying to GOD!

JOYS/CONCERNS *We Thank YOU / Hear Our Prayer, O LORD!* led by Annette Hund
INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, Hallowed be **THY** Name. **THY** Kingdom come, **THY** will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For **THINE** is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen.

OFFERING sung by Mr. Jawuan Pearson *"Deep River"* African American Spiritual
Envelopes or checks (with note on memo line) designated "AVOH," will support African Vision of Hope

* RESPONSE *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"* #581

We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the LORD. (2 times)

And we offer up to YOU, The sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to YOU, The sacrifices of joy

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going out to Serve GOD!

* COMMITMENT HYMN *"Count Your Blessings"* #585

* BENEDICTION from Ephesians 1:3

May the Lord JESUS CHRIST bless you with every spiritual blessing.

* SUNG BLESSING *"Go Now in Peace"* by Don Besig & Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. GOD will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know HE will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

GOD will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

* POSTLUDES *"Cebell"* by Henry Purcell

Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

Sunday, February 26 - Food Pantry

SS/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Monday, February 27

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Senior Center Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28

Z-Team 8:30 a.m.
 Garden Place Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Lenten Meal - Z-Team 6:00 p.m.
 Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

Quilting 9:00 a.m.
 Sisters in Faith 12:00 p.m.

Friday, March 3

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 5 - Communion

SS/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Council Duties

Sunday, February 26

Darren Doerr
 Mary Lou Peter

Lenten Service, March 1

Kurt Pellmann
 Annette Hund



Food Pantry - Our food pantry list for the month of February is: pasta side dishes, peanut butter, canned fruit, and cleaning supplies. The month of March is: instant potatoes, jelly, Hamburger Helper, and jello or pudding.

Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House -- Congregation Member Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Amanda will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.

February 19, 2023

Giving: \$3,758.00
 Attendance: 77

February 22, 2023

Giving: \$245.00
 Attendance: 29



February 20, 2023
In the Hospital
Donna Altameier
Delores Lang

PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna Altameier
Wanda Basse
Marilyn Beil
Roche Beine
Cindy Berlelsmann
Roberta Billhartz
Lindsay Bourn & Family
Baby Levi Boyle
Joyce Brand (Janice Seidlitz's Mother)
Shirley Brandenburger
Darwin Bretsch
Bob Cotter
Roger Davis
Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother)
Wayne & Tricia DeCloux (Mark Riemann's Uncle and Aunt)
Andrea Dill
Bill Ditch
Jessica Doerr
Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-in-law)
Mark Eckman
The Family of Anna Lee Fischer
Gary Franke
Fritz Fritzinger
Lynn Gass
Mary (Boerke) Graham
Greg
Pearl Griebel
Baby Adalyn Harres
Carol & Jim Haury
Rick Holmes
Bart Hood
Mary Hund
Gary & Sharon Jones
Judy Jones
Joyce Kasper
Billy Klopmeier
Jerry Klotz
Scott (Barbra Knoth's Son)
Jim Kostelac
Elizabeth Koval
Brian Kreher
Tom & Renee Kreher
Kathy Kuehner
Family of Jessica LaDuke

Delores Lang
Lucille Lang
Richard Madden (Kathi Trent's Brother)
Erin Mahoney
Charlotte Mehrstens
The Family of Don Mehrstens
Lindsay Mueller
Anna Belle Muskopf
Dean Norrenbem
Andrea Nunnally (Bill Savering's Niece)
Doris Obernagel
Baby Ariela Oliver
Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister)
Janet Pauketaut
Janice Pellmann
Bruce Reese
Dottie Rickard (Adam Hubb's Grandmother)
Rich Riemann
Cole Robinson & Family
Mark Robinson
The Family of Jim & Susan Savering
Bob Seidlitz
Nancy Smith
Shelly Smith
Mike Speichinger
Sharon Stallmann
Mary Stevenson
Kesia Sutton
Pat Sweet
Ray Teliczan
The Family of Jeff Terveer
Elaine Toenjes
Mike Toenjes
Rich Trent
Elizabeth Tubbs
Baby Ty
Lacey Grace Valentine
Mark Vandermyde
Helen Vigna
Megan Vogt
Jason Walker (Cindy Walker's Son)
Bill & Donna Ward
Milton Weber
Rachel Weber
Scott & Julie Weber

Mary Weldele
Matt Westrich
Joan Wilkins
Jeffrey Willey
Bart & Kelley

JOYS

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request - place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY. Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Kasey Launius, Al Wirth, Tristen & Stefan Cashwell, and Joshua Trent serving in the States; Samantha Glaeser serving in Vietnam. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.

Community Bulletin Board

Chair Yoga led by Joyce Herman - Fridays, Zion's Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Zion's Trivia Night - Saturday, March 11th, Father Freund Parish Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. \$15 per person (includes 10 mulligans), 6-8 people per table. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Soda available for purchase, popcorn provided. For reservations or information, contact Stacy Woehlke (618-719-5512), email trivia@zionmillstadt.com. Proceeds benefit Zion Evangelical Church.

Trinity Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday, March 12th, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, plus bread sticks, salad (featuring Papa Vito's salad dressing), dessert, and beverages. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 4-10) and FREE for children under 3. Trinity's address is 503 East Washington. The building is walker, wheelchair, and stroller friendly.

Sisters in Faith/Cre8tive Souls would like to challenge everyone to share one card per week with someone. The cards will be: thank you, thinking of you, praying for you, etc. This person can be part of our congregation, community, or beyond. We would like for you to prayerfully consider who could use a card to let them know that they are thought about, prayed for, cared for or you wish that they would come join us at church, bible study, etc. Other persons who could use a card, police, firefighters, and servicemen, anyone who you feel could use a card. We will provide cards with envelopes or you are more than welcome to use your own cards. If you are willing, we would also like to hear back if you receive a response from someone whom you have shared a card with that their life was impacted in some way. Please sign the cards as an individual and include - "A Member of Zion Evangelical Church".