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 Sunday School 9:00 am
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 AWANAs/Youth 6:30 pm
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 Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
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Proclaimer
 MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
 "Let Us Tell You About Our Jesus"

Address Service Requested

Valentines Banquet
 Saturday, February 11th
 6:00 pm
 \$25.00 per Ticket

Menu includes:
 Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad,
 Dessert & Drink. Proceeds to benefit the
 Youth Group. See a member of the Youth
 Committee to purchase your ticket.
 Nursery will be provided.

God is Love

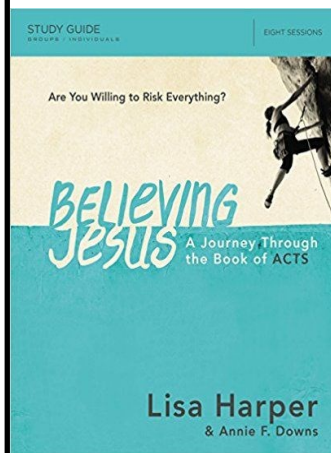
1 Corinthians 13:1, "If I do not have love, I am only a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal."

During the month of February, we will hear the word love mentioned many times. The scripture from Corinthians tells us that without love, we are no more than a loud noise in the ears of the Lord. Love is not just something God does, it's who He is. Love is God's greatest character, and we were created to be like Him in every way.

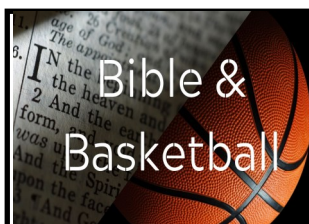
1 John 4:16 tells us, "God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them." We can also see how God has demonstrated His love by creating you to love Him and then He sent His only Son to earth to die for you so that you would have eternal life with Him. Every good thing you have is a gift from God and is given because He loves you! But, in order to really love others, you first need to understand how much God loves you. 1 John 4:19 tells us, "We love because He first loved us." You can't just know about God's love through head knowledge. True agape love requires that you receive a personal experience of God's Love through the Savior, Jesus Christ. It's not enough to simply give a definition of love, you must taste and try His love for yourself. His love is perfect, and you can't do anything to earn more of it. You can't hide from it, and you can't outrun it. Don't ignore His love because His love includes forgiveness for everything we've ever done wrong. His love replaces our guilt, shame, and resentment. The most amazing part of His love is when you fully understand that God loves you completely and unconditionally just the way you are, yet will change everything about you through His love. Then and only then will you become secure in the truth that you cannot make God stop loving you. If you have ever had a doubt about His love, I would tell you to look at the evidence of His character which has been seen throughout history of mankind. You will see clearly that God has never stopped loving you, and He has never stopped hoping that you will turn back to Him, even if you have walked away for a while. The Bible says in Nehemiah 9:31, "But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God." Romans 8:39 goes on to say, "There is no power above us or beneath us – no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!" Once you're secure in God's unconditional love, you'll be able to love others the way God loves you. You'll be more patient and less angry, more thoughtful, and willing to serve others. As you draw closer to God and begin to experience His love in your own life, your spirit will become full and start to overflow from your life into everyone you meet. May the love of God abound in 2023.

In **HIS** Service,
Pastor Keith

Believing Jesus by Lisa Harper



Our new *Women's Bible Study* will start on Thurs. February 2 at 6:30 pm in the old Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join us as we retrace the steps of the early Christians in Acts and read how they were willing to risk everything to follow Christ. Are we willing to do the same?



Beginning on February 2 The Mt. Zion Gym will be open Thursday Evenings from 6:30 until 8:30 pm for a Men's Devotion and a game of pick up Basketball.

This is an opportunity for our men (High School age & up) to fellowship with one another and provide security during our Women's Bible Study.

Community Memorial Service

Sunday, February 5th

3:00 pm

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To remember those in our community that we lost in 2022.

Memorials & Honorariums

In honor of Scotty, Millicent, Maggie Beth, Ty & Aaron Heavner by Larry & Kay Turner
In memory of Allan Black by Larry & Kay Turner
In memory of Lorene Beam by Polly Barrett
In memory of Glenn Jackson by Charlie Howell
In memory of Don Lavery by Charlie Howell
In memory of MaTha Gantt by the Friendship Class and the Richard Sigmon Family

February 12th support the **SOUPER BOWL** by bringing non-perishable and canned food items. Donations will benefit the local food pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church.



Baptist Women's Day Sunday, February 26th

8 am Breakfast
with special speaker
10 am Worship Service

Join us as our ladies share what *The Fragrance of a Victorious Life* looks like lived out in our prayer life and in our daily interactions with others, as well as what it means to be a Titus 2 Woman.

