



NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Zion's Church family,

Summer has a way of changing the pace of life. Families travel. Evenings stretch a little longer. Some routines loosen up for a season, and that can be a gift. But I want to gently encourage us not to let summer become a season where we become spiritually passive. Even in the middle of vacations, cookouts, ball games, yard work, pool days, and full family calendars, Jesus is still calling us to walk intimately with Him and stay attentive to the people around us.

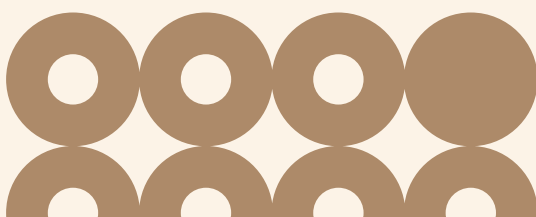
One of the things I'm praying for our church is that we would grow in seeing our everyday lives as mission fields. Not in a forced or awkward way, but in a Spirit-led, loving, natural way. Every one of us has people already in our lives who need the love and truth of Jesus. These are family members, neighbors, coworkers, friends, classmates, and regular acquaintances. They are the people we already know, already see, and already have some connection with. This is long-term missionary work. It usually doesn't happen in one conversation. It happens through prayer, patience, listening, meals, kindness, service, and the willingness to share what Jesus has done in us when the door opens.

That's where the BLESS pathway helps us. Begin with prayer. Listen. Eat. Serve. Share your story and Jesus' story. It's simple, but it's deeply powerful when we actually live it. Imagine what could happen if each of us spent this summer praying by name for a few people God has already placed in our lives. Imagine if we listened more carefully, opened our homes or schedules a little more freely, served with more intention, and stayed ready to speak about Jesus with humility and love.

But there's another mission field too. Not only the people we know but also the people we meet. These are the waitresses, cashiers, people at the park, people at sporting events, people at the gym, parents at school functions, or someone standing beside us in line. They aren't strangers to be conquered but people to be noticed. Every person has a story, and a need. Every person matters to God. And sometimes a simple conversation, a kind word, a genuine question, or a natural invitation can become a doorway the Holy Spirit uses.

This is where I want us to grow in the art of invitation. Here is an INVITE acronym to remember: Initiate a conversation. Notice needs. Value the person in front of you. Invite naturally. Trust the Holy Spirit. Expect God to work. Not every conversation will lead to an immediate result, and that's okay. We aren't responsible for controlling outcomes. We are called to be faithful, loving, attentive, and available.

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So this summer, I want to invite you into a simple rhythm. Pray for three people you already know who need Jesus. Take one intentional BLESS step each week: listen, share a meal, serve, or speak about what God is doing in your life. Start one new conversation with someone you might normally pass by. Extend natural invitations when the opportunity comes: to church, to coffee, to a Bible study, to a small group, to a church event, or simply to another conversation. And when God gives you a story, share it! Tell someone about an answered prayer, a God moment, a lesson Jesus is teaching you, or a simple way you've seen His faithfulness.

Church, this doesn't need to be complicated, but it needs to be intentional. Let's not waste the ordinary places of summer. Let's walk with Jesus in them. Let's stay awake to the Holy Spirit. Let's notice people. Let's pray with expectation. Let's speak with love. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't only gather in a building but lives as a people sent by Jesus into neighborhoods, workplaces, homes, restaurants, ball fields, grocery stores, and everyday conversations.

The mission field is closer than we think...

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Roy

“BLESS”

SAFETY TEAM

- June marks the beginning of summer. Some safety topics to consider are:
 - **Internet Safety:** June is also recognized as Internet Safety Month, highlighting the need to protect young people and adults against online risks.
 - **Sun & Heat Safety:** Implementing proper hydration and shade protocols.
 - **Tick and Mosquito Prevention:** Be sure to wear protective clothing and use insect repellent when outdoors.

MEN

9:40 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Room 108

Men, be encouraged as we learn from inspiring stories of Christian men living their faith and look to do the same in our own lives.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Fellowship Hall

Men, join us Tuesdays at 6:30-8:30pm as we learn what it means to be godly men living for Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

MEN & WOMEN

GRILL & COMEDY NIGHT for Men & Ladies:
Saturday, July 11th, 6:00pm

Join us for a combined ministry event for men and women. We'll gather in the lower parking lot of Zions Church for burgers and dogs, and socializing. We'll finish the night off with lots of laughs as we watch a popular comedian outside in the parking lot and under the stars! More details to follow...



MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The week of May 31st – June 5th, Katie Keck, Jeri Sievert, Ralph Sievert, Jeff Smith, Joe Martin and I traveled to western North Carolina to serve with Samaritan's Purse in their ongoing effort to restore and rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Helene. We stayed at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove along with 26 other volunteers from around the country. Our team spent five days working on a home that had suffered significant flood damage. We assisted with framing, insulation, wall paneling, stucco work, self-leveling concrete installation, cleanup, and final preparations for completion. Beyond the physical work, the week provided opportunities to encourage one another, pray with our homeowner (Sissy), and hear how God has been at work through the rebuilding process. Sissy shared that while the storm tested her faith, the steady stream of volunteers serving in Christ's name has strengthened it. The trip was a powerful reminder that disaster relief is not only about restoring homes but also about demonstrating the love of Christ through service, encouragement, and presence. Our team returned grateful for the opportunity to serve and encouraged by the ways God continues to work through Samaritan's Purse and local churches to bring hope and healing to those affected by storms. So often these trips turn from "I have to go" when planning and being concerned about filling out the team, taking care of logistics, making sure everyone packs what is needed and we leave soon enough to arrive on time to "I get/got to go" after the week is over.

In Christ,
Hugh Browder



*For even the Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve...
Mark 10:45*



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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

July 2026

Z-World The Quest for the King July 25th & 26th

A free family event

Activities include silly skits, Zipline, 200ft. Alpine Slide, giant Slip 'n Slide, camping, & more

Invite a friend & sign up today

More info and register at www.z-world.org

Water Donations

Bottled water donations are requested for Z-World. 8-oz. bottles are preferred, but all donations are appreciated. Water can be placed in Room 102 along the wall.



Z-World Opportunities to Serve

- baking desserts or serving meals
- helping at an activity
- setting up or tearing down

Contact Jenn Scott for more info
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B.L.A.S.T. Kids Sunday School

Being Light & Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am

School may be out for the summer, but learning about our great God does not stop, and classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer.

Planet Shakers

Where K-5th graders learn to shake up the world for Jesus

Summer Break

See you in September

