

Zions Newzflash



A Letter from our Pastor

Expect!

That's the word that God has really been impressing on my heart. When we pray, we should pray with expectation that God is going to be at work as He knows is best.

I've shared many times over the years how God has worked in my life in the area of praying for healing of people. While sometimes my prayers aren't answered, (as one example, I prayed for my mother and she still died of cancer), years ago I somehow became increasingly bold in my prayers.

I love to pray for healing for people, and it's gotten to the point where I'm surprised when God doesn't answer those prayers. I don't know how to explain it, but I have a tremendous amount of confidence when praying for people for healing. That's been part of my spiritual journey.

But here's a new thought. I should pray for Z-World with the same sense of confidence and expectation that I have when I pray for physical healing. And I'm encouraging you to really hold up that event in prayer this year, as well, praying with a greater sense of expectancy and boldness than ever before.

The goal of Z-World is to see children and their families come to a genuine, meaningful, lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. The weekend of July 27 & 28 is going to be a time when the course of some people's future will be forever changed. But this won't happen because of our own human efforts. It will happen because of God's activity moving and stirring in the lives of people. And our most important job is not to run activities, act, park cars, or lead music. Our most important task is to pray that God's Spirit would powerfully move among us.

A Letter from our Pastor (continued)...

One more thing that I've come to do many times when I pray for people regarding healing is to ask them, right after praying, if they've sensed any change in their bodies. For example, if I'm praying for relief from pain, I'll ask them if they detect that God has already done anything in response to our prayers. That question often catches them off guard, but I can't tell you how many times, after thinking about it, they do detect some improvement or even complete removal of the pain. It's been pretty amazing sometimes.

That's the other thing I would encourage you to do this year if you are helping at Z-World. Keep your eyes open to what God is doing. I have a feeling God does more things all around us than we often even notice. So if you're leading a small group or you're working an activity or whatever other involvement you have, pay attention to what God might be doing and share with others what you've seen Him do.

Just as my faith grew when I really came to pray for healing in people's lives, I think our collective faith is going to grow as we see God working at Z-World this year. I can't wait to see what God does and I praise Him in advance for his activity!

Pray with expectancy for Z-World and watch to see what God does! It's going to be great!

Expectantly,
Randy Bond

FAMILY KAYAKING & COOKOUT

Why should the ladies have all the fun? Bring your other half, your spouse, your kids, your mom, your dog... bring 'em all, and join us on Sun., August 4th for a family (aka Anybody) Kayaking & Cookout Event.

The location is still being determined, but we're planning to visit a lake where we can swim or kayak or canoe or paddleboard while enjoying time on the water and sharing a meal. We'll take care of the burgers and dogs, condiments, chips, and refreshments, but you can bring a side dish or dessert to share.

You can bring kayaks, floats, canoes, or paddleboards – whichever you'd like. If you've never kayaked, this is a great way to try it out. Please let us know by completing the RSVP at inspiredsisters.org. And after you RSVP, visit the event on our Facebook page and let us know what kind of side or dessert you would like to bring.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

- Sunday, July 14th from 3-7pm
- At Zion's Church. Pizza meal served.
- If you would like to learn more about Jesus, the workings of our church, and join the membership of the congregation, we'd love for you to come!
- Please call the church office at 610-562-2300 or email info@zionschurch.org to let us know of your interest so we have an idea of how many people to expect.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anyone interested in providing special music at the 8:15 AM service on Sunday mornings during the months of July and August should contact Sharon Stump at 610-756-3476 or email sls2horses@gmail.com.

JULY DATES

- WEDNESDAYS @ 6 PM
 - ONE Youth Group (grades 6-12)
 - Journey Cafe
- SUNDAY, JULY 14
 - Baptisms (after church)
 - New Member Class @ 3 PM
- SUNDAY, JULY 21
 - Summer Communion
- SAT & SUN, JULY 27 & 28
 - Z-World
 - Bottom Parking Lot/Sanctuary

Z-WORLD

Z-World Weekend Edition will be on July 27 & 28 this year.

Z-World is a free 2-day family event filled with time to share laughs and make memories as a family.

Activities include Zip-Line, 200'

Alpine Slide, giant Slip 'n Slide,

Pirate Ships, Human "car" Wash,

and more. Families have the option

to camp overnight with us or return for Sunday activities. It's sure to be

an out of this world weekend!

Sign up is required by July 20th at

z-world.org or 610-562-2300, option

6. Any questions, contact

jennifer.scott@zionschurch.org.

Z-WORLD:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Wanted to set-up tables, chairs, and canopies for Z-World on July 25th and to put them away on July 28th. Contact Jenn Scott if available to help:

jennifer.scott@zionschurch.org or 610-562-2300, option 6

PRIME TIMERS

- SATURDAY, JULY 6 @ 9 AM
 - Friendship Circle Breakfast
 - Perry Restaurant
- SATURDAY, JULY 27 @ 12 PM
 - Lunch
 - Fiore's in Shoemakersville