

# ZIONS NEWZFLASH

March 2025

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Friends!

“What are you going to do when you retire?” That’s the question I get asked frequently.

The most truthful concise answer: Have fun!

I am. I’m going to have fun. I’m going to organize (my workshop and my books, etc.) which is not going to be fun, and then I could do lots of different things. Build things and work on projects around the house. Plant lots of plants that I’ve started from seed. Learn to play the tenor saxophone. I’d like to go on some Samaritan Purse trips. I was thinking about hiking the Appalachian Trail, but I decided it would be more fun to go on two hundred 10-mile interesting hikes than one 2,000 mile hike. I might learn a little bit about photography. And travel. Lately I’ve been thinking about going to Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada and taking a train ride to Churchill to see the polar bears in their natural habitat!! I might do all of those things or none of those things. We’ll see.

As I was walking and thinking about this newsletter article, a song came to my mind. It’s surprisingly old, written in 2001 by Michael W. Smith. Here’s some of the lyrics:



Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin’ in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you



I think that’s what I want to happen in my retirement too. I want the eyes of my heart open to see the Lord. The Scripture says, “Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.” I want to love the Lord more with my heart. I’m looking forward to that. I look forward to stepping aside from formal ministry, taking a deep breath, and having my eyes more fully open to see the Lord with my heart.

That would be a great retirement experience that I would like most of all.

That’s a prayer that I pray, and perhaps it’s a prayer you would like to pray too. Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you.

In Jesus’ love,  
Randy

## BELL CHOIR

*IN A RECENT EMAIL TO THE MEMBERS OF ZION'S BELLS, I ASKED THEM IF THEY KNEW WHAT GETS ME GOING!?!*

*It's all the energy, enthusiasm and determination they commit to ringing handbells!!!*

*THEY ARE THE BEST...I AM ABUNDANTLY BLESSED!!!*

*March 2 is the Last Sunday of Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday). We will be offering music to honor our King of Kings and Lord of Lords!*

*But, that's not all for March!*

*We will then play the end of the month on the Fourth Sunday of Lent! So, we'll start the month and end the month with handbell music!!!*

*WE'LL SEE YOU MARCH 2 AND MARCH 30 AT THE 8:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE!  
Thank You! Linda and Zion's Bells*

## PICTURE DAY

*Pastor Roy is going to be starting soon and he has HUNDREDS of us to meet. So we are going to make it a little easier for him. Starting March 9th we will have a Photo Booth available to take pictures with you and your family. This will be available every Sunday in March, or even better, if you have pictures, send them to [Zionschurchfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:Zionschurchfellowship@gmail.com) and we will put them in for you. Everything including names and photos will be put into a personal Directory for Pastor Roy until he gets to know us. So please help us out! All photos MUST be in by March 31st.*

## SPRING CLEANING

*Zion Cemetery Co. Inc. of Perry Township has set the week of March 16-23, 2025 for spring cleaning. All decorations not planted in the ground will be removed if not claimed before this week by lot owners. The Cemetery Board is not responsible for decorations remaining on graves when spring cleaning begins. New and existing decorations may be placed March 24, 2025. Single or multiple grave lots are available for sale. Please contact David Geschwindt, Cemetery Manager, 610-562-7421.*

## WHAT ABOUT GIVING?

*Zion's Church offers several ways to donate to the ongoing operations of the Church. From dropping checks/cash into the offering box, using member designated offering envelopes, to Realm online giving. While Realm online giving puts giving right in your hands allowing you to set up recurring gifts, view your giving history, and make changes at any time, it does come at a cost to Zion's Church. We have been notified that the fees for processing credit card transactions have been increased reducing the amount of your contribution to Zion's Church by 3-5%. We do recognize that the amount and method of giving is very personal to you and encourage you to review your method of giving. If giving online is the right method for you, you may want to consider using a checking/savings account versus a credit card as these transactions process at a minimal cost to Zion's Church without the added 3-5% credit card transaction fees.*

# WOMEN

## SPRING CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 15, 2025, Journey Cafe**  
Join us for a day of community and working together as we focus on prayer. Our conference will begin with a lite breakfast at 8:30am, and a catered lunch mid-day. We'll be learning from speakers like Jen Wilkin, Jada Edwards, Jackie Hill Perry and others as they study prayers in the Bible that can inspire our own to strengthen our faith and unite our hearts to Christ. Ticket price is \$35.00 through March 9th (ticket price increases to \$40.00 from March 10 until the day of the event). For more information and to register online, visit [inspiredsisters.org/womens-spring-conference](https://inspiredsisters.org/womens-spring-conference). Questions? [admin@inspiredsisters.org](mailto:admin@inspiredsisters.org).

## SPRING CHICKEN 5K

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, Hamburg Park**  
It's time again to lace up your sneakers and give your legs a stretch! Join us to walk, run, skip or sashay to support LC Medical, an organization that supports local families. You'll receive a swag-bag regardless of how you go from start to finish, but runners will be eligible to medal in all age categories. There's also a "Chick Chase" for the kiddos. Registration comes with a t-shirt too and the all-important Chick-Fil-A sandwich!!! Visit [inspiredsisters.org](https://inspiredsisters.org) for information to register with our "Zions Church" team or on your own.

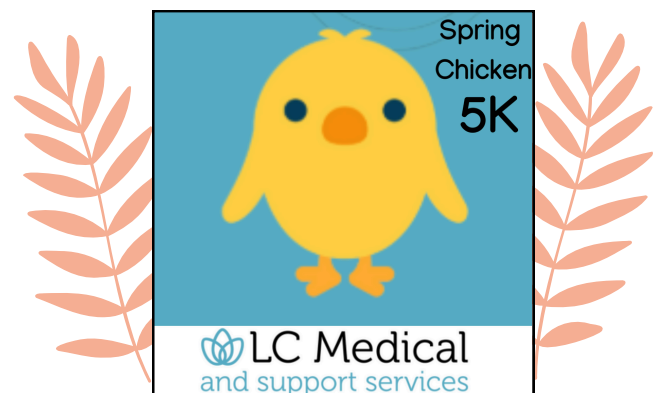
## SPRING DAYTIME WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*"If you're feeling overwhelmed lately; just remember who your Father is, and then straighten your crown."*

-Unknown

So what is it like to be a child of the High King of Heaven, ruler and operator of all the universe? What should our lives look like as we are growing up in the palace of our Heavenly Father—right here and now? What royal duties are expected of us? Starting on Wednesday, March 26, the Women's Daytime Bible Study will explore answers to these questions throughout their spring session. The group continues to meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 201 (the Meeting Room) here at Zion's Church.

If you can't attend a weekly Bible study regularly, you are always welcome to stop in for a visit and enjoy a morning of women's Christian fellowship and perhaps gain a few new insights into the Bible during your visit. Since meeting dates are sometimes changed due to holidays or events, check the calendar in our church's weekly bulletin or call Faye Weidenhammer (610-562-3302) to verify a meeting date.



# WOMEN

## MOMS OF THE VINE

### **Succulents & Bingo**

Sat., March 8th, 10am, Fellowship Hall  
We're itching for spring and are kicking off this event potting mini succulents with our littles, playing spring bingo, and noshing on some green themed treats. As always, kids or no kids- if you're interested, come along. It's relaxed and all about the fellowship 🍷❤️

## MUDRUN

### **Obstacle Course & Horseback Trail Ride Activities • Saturday, May 31, 2025**

Sure it's a random combo, but it also sounds fun! We'll be heading up to Pocono Raceway to participate in the MUDRUN MudGirl obstacle course again this year (currently at \$48 per person), but we've changed our Wave Time to 12:30pm to add a new morning activity - horseback riding at Mountain Creek Stables (\$49 +tx per person), just 30 minutes north.

Visit our website for all the information, physical specifics, options, and links to register for the mudrun and horseback riding: [inspiredsisters.org/mudgirl-and-horseback-riding](https://inspiredsisters.org/mudgirl-and-horseback-riding). Please note - visiting [inspiredsisters.org](https://inspiredsisters.org) helps us in the planning and possible carpooling of who's coming, however, YOU MUST register and pay on your own through the specific activity links listed in our registration.

Questions? [admin@inspiredsisters.org](mailto:admin@inspiredsisters.org).

# MEN

## SCHEDULE

Men's Breakfast: Saturday March 22nd  
8:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall  
Men's Game Night: Saturday April 12th  
Men's Hike: Saturday May 3rd  
Men's Sunday School: Sundays at 9:40am  
Studying 1 Peter

## DRIVEN

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
New series begins Tuesday March 11th. We will begin the first CORE for Men study "Redeemed". The CORE for Men studies are a series of studies created by the men behind Promise Keepers. "Redeemed" includes short films that tell stories of real men who learned that God has a specific calling for us despite circumstances we think disqualify us. God takes these circumstances and turns them into fulfilling life purposes and new identities, as God's sons.

## PRIME TIMERS

**March 1-** Friendship Breakfast  
9am ~ Perry Restaurant  
**March 10-** Bingo & Lunch  
11:30am ~ Fellowship Hall  
**March 21-** Game Day  
10am ~ Journey Cafe  
**March 29-** Lunch Bunch  
12pm ~ Fiore's

# Children & Family

## Events March 2025



### PLANET SHAKERS

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

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm

March 26th

Kids are encouraged to come in their favorite white or neon clothes to see themselves "glow" at our special night with a lesson and games under the blacklights



### BLACKLIGHTS 'N BRUNCH

March 23rd - 9:40 am - 12:45 pm

Join us for a morning of family fun under the blacklights. The fun begins with blacklight games and activities for the kids at 9:40 am. Brunch will be served for the entire family at 11:00 am with family activities and challenges under the blacklights to follow. It's sure to be a fun morning for the whole family!

RSVP at [zionschurch.org/register](https://zionschurch.org/register)



### B.L.A.S.T. KIDS

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am

March 23rd

Blacklight Party

### MORE INFO

[Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org](mailto:Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org)

610-562-2300, option 6

### MOMS OF THE VINE

Where moms & kids can share life together & grow in Christ

March 8th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Succulents & Spring Bingo

Come welcome spring by planting succulents, playing spring bingo, and enjoying green treats with our kids. It's a relaxed time of fellowship for both the moms and the kids.

Held in the fellowship hall

