

# ZION'S NEWZFLASH

August 2025

## Letter From Our Pastor

Greetings Church Family,

When this newsletter comes out, that will mark three months that our family has been at Zion's Church. My prayer is that everyone has felt God's grace in this transition. I have often spoke from the pulpit about this being a "supernatural transition," and I believe that. This simply means that God is in it, God is behind it, and we can see his fingerprints on it. The church itself is not a normal or ordinary entity but a supernatural one. We are here because of God, because of Jesus, and because of the Spirit, so it should not surprise any of us that God shows up and involves himself in what we do, sometimes in more dramatic ways than others. But, it is all supernatural—God is with us in very personal ways.

I am of the conviction that God wants all of us to begin to live in such a way that the spiritual and supernatural side of things is a given. Isn't this the life of faith? By God's grace, as we open our hearts to believe, we can know that faith really is the "evidence of things unseen." We can know that we live "by faith and not by sight." We can know that we are "seated with Christ in heavenly places." We can know that we don't wrestle flesh and blood but "against principalities and powers in heavenly places." We can know! The spiritual realm is real, and our relationship with God touches that wonderful reality. After all, God is spirit, as Scripture says.

My prayer is that, over time, we will not only be talking about a "supernatural transition" that took place, but, more and more, we'll eagerly and naturally share testimonies about supernatural answers to prayer, supernatural stirrings in our worship, supernatural power in our ministry, supernatural help in our conversations, supernatural expectations in our homes, and a supernatural order in our church. Even if it doesn't feel supernatural, faith says that it is so, because we live by faith and not by sight. And God honors that faith.

Be encouraged, my dear brothers and sisters, there is no limit to what we can experience together as God himself continues to unfold the many deep layers of our faith. Let's conclude with Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:16-17, and this is my prayer over you: "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being (the supernatural and spiritual side of things), so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith (the deep layers of faith)." Amen.

God bless you,  
Pastor Roy

# What's NEW?

## Women

**Ladies High Tea at The Journey Cafe,  
Saturday, August 16th at 11:00am**

It's our first "HIGH TEA" and we are super-excited about it! We'll have a variety of teas, mini quiches and finger sandwiches, and of course some tasty sweets too. You're welcome to dress as proper or comfy as you'd like! If you've got some dainty tea cups or teapots and are willing to bring them along, we'd be happy to have them out for the event. As usual, an RSVP would be quite appreciated at [inspiredsisters.org](http://inspiredsisters.org). ♥

## Meet the Pastor

"Meet the Pastor" for coffee!

- August 14 or 28 @ 7 am
- Hazel's in Hamburg
- Please choose only one date so Pastor Roy can meet as many people as possible.
- Sign up on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

## Men

### **9:40 Sunday school**

How to Find Jesus in the Old Testament

### **Tuesday Knights**

We are continuing to better understand our Identity, Purpose and Assignments.

Knights program starting September 23rd.

### **Men's Retreat**

October 10-12th

Camp Orchard Hill

Contact Matt or Nate

## Moms of the Vine

Moms of the Vine will be hosting a **"Make Your Own Sun Catcher"** event along with light refreshments on Sat., August 9th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Young Adults

- Kickball & Pizza
- August 17 from 1-4 pm
- Zion's Church Lower Lot
- Anyone in high school through age 35 is welcome to play!

## Baptisms

We are doing baptisms! If you feel moved, join us on August 24, 2025 at Jim Hoch's pool after the 3<sup>rd</sup> service to be baptized into God's eternal family.

Please sign up on the bulletin board as lunch will be available.

# What's NEW?

## Car Show

The 2025 Zion's Church Car Show is quickly approaching and is poised to be the biggest yet! With food vendors from Backwoods Brothers BBQ to Johnny's Pizza there is something for everyone. Any vehicle can register from cars, to trucks, to motorcycles, to tractors we have room for everyone! Free water and ice cream will be available to the entire event and there will be major surprises that we are releasing on Facebook as we make the deals with local businesses. Come by September 7th from 12:30PM-5PM and be ready to spread Christ's love of Fellowship... and see some cool vehicles!

## Consistory Corner

The Journey Cafe renovations are just about complete! The opening ceremony for the renovated Cafe was held on August 1. If you missed the ceremony, come check out the Cafe next time you're in the area.

## New Member Class

Want to take that next step and become a member here at Zions? Pastor Roy will hold a New Member Class after the 3<sup>rd</sup> service on September 14 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have pizza for lunch!

## Zion's Cemetery Company of Perry Township

- Meeting Date: August 14, 2025 in Room 201
- Website: <https://zionsperrytwp.cemetery.network>

## Note From the Business Team

Reminder: It has been brought to our attention that lights have been left on and doors have been left unlocked when activities are held at the church. For the safety of all our members, if you are the one holding the meeting/activity, please be sure to turn off all lights and lock all the doors which were unlocked when leaving the building. Thank you.

-The Business Team

# PRIME TIMERS

## Thank You Linda

For the last few years, the Prime Timers' Group was led under the leadership of many individuals, one of whom was Linda Schappell. After losing the connections of both Vernon Stoop, and Sandy Kunkel, the Prime Timers were in desperate need of someone to take the helm and plan events, reach out to individuals in need, and move forward with nurturing the group so that one day when she left, the group wouldn't fall apart.

On June 8th, Linda let Consistory know that she would be stepping back for personal health reasons and as the Consistory member in charge of the Prime Timers, I wanted to personally thank Linda for everything that she has done. From planning the Oldies Dances, to generating interest from people who don't even come to our Church to give it a try, her efforts have been incredible and Zion's Church was blessed to have her. We will miss her inspiration, pizzazz, hardworking attitude and her infectious smile as the Prime Time group moves into newer waters.

Vernon often said to me that some of the greatest interactions a person can have is between intergenerational communications. Both old and young have a chance to not only meet, but interact and learn from experiences the other may never face, and hopefully will never have to. I know Linda believed this as well, and the Prime Time group will have two semi-groups to make sure that all ages from 55+ are met.

We live our lives to be more like Christ, more loving, more encouraging, more inspired, and definitely more hopeful of the future.

Linda has Loved Us, Linda has Encouraged Us, Linda has Inspired Us, and Linda has given Us a Hope that the future of the Prime Time group is in strong hands.

Linda. Thank You.

-Dan Smith

## Prime Timers

The Prime Time group has been a staple of our church for nearly 30+ years and in that time they have had so much success in their targeted demographic but sometimes things need to be adjusted to fit the ages we are in. Now splitting into 2 sub groups still a part of the Prime Time name: **The Second Wind** group will focus on those 55+ that want to do a little more adventurous things with their new found time, going on trips, and exploring the world God created. Whereas **The Friendship Circle** will focus on those 55+ that want to do more relaxed and low-key things, like the monthly game days and bible studies. Both are equally important but in this change we wanted to reiterate how much Fellowship means in your relationship with Christ. So reach out to Dan Smith to find out more info!



# CHILDREN & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

August 2025

## B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am  
3 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

School may be on summer break, but Sunday school does not take a break at Zion's. Join us for summer fun.

Promotion Sunday

August 24th

Children 3 years old and up will be promoted to their new class

## Planet Shakers

Where K-5<sup>th</sup> grade kids learn to shake up the world for Jesus

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

September 10th

First night of the school year with a family meal at 5:45 and rides on the Alpine slide for the kids

## Save the Date

Fall Festival

October 4th

4:00-7:00 pm

Pumpkin carving, Alpine slide rides, farm animals, hay rides, games, food, and more

## Moms of the Vine

Where moms & kids share life together & grow in Christ

Suncatchers

August 9th - 10am-12pm

held in the fellowship hall

## More Info

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