



## A Message from Pastor Mathew

Sven lived a long life but one day his time in this world was over. His wife called the newspaper in order to place an obituary in the paper. Caught up in the moment and with memories just flooding her, she went on and on about Sven while on the phone. At one point, the man on the phone interrupts her, "There's a cost per line." Immediately she stopped talking and started thinking. Funeral expenses were pretty hefty nowadays and she could not afford to incur any extra expenses.

"Okay," she says, "then just put 'Sven is dead.'"

The man on the line said, "If you want, you can get three more words for the same price."

"Okay. Put 'Sven is dead. Boat for sale.'"

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Getting the point across in the simplest way. Yes, those words achieved that. Of course there was much that could be said, so much so that Sven's wife could've gone on and on. But, what did people need to know in the simplest form? Her husband had died. Oh yeah, and she was selling his boat.

What do we spend our time telling people? There's a lot we could say. But if we had to sum it up, I wonder if we would be able to do it. John's Gospel ended this way: "*Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.*" ~ John 21:25

John was being very candid at the end of his 21st chapter. There is so much more that could be said. In the end, what were the most important things for him to write? We have that now in the Gospel of John. This is John's way of saying, "Sven is dead. Boat for sale." This was John's one line. This is John's way of getting the point across in the simplest way. He told people about Jesus, who he was, and what he came to do.

What are the most important things you want people to know? What are the stories you could share about your life? I'm sure we've told them a number of times. When you think about these important parts of your life, the stories, the memories, if you were to write your one line, would it talk about Jesus? Of the many things we could say, would Jesus be there? Would you tell of how he saved you? How he loved you?

The way we live our lives should reflect how John wrote, that while there is much to share, we should take that time to share the most important information about Jesus. If we do that already, then that's great. If we do but not as much, it's time to make some improvements.

I pray that at the end of your day, at the end of your week, at the end of this month, this year, your life... I pray that at the end of all of these you might be able to say, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." What's on your line?

God's peace,

~ Pastor Mathew



*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

**Colossians 4:2**

### OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST

To bring people into a covenantal relationship with the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), and to equip them for personal growth and impact.  
Ephesians 4:11-26

## In Our Prayers

Kevin Barrett  
Marilyn & David Detwiler  
Mary Ann Dunlap  
Corey Fischer  
Merlyn George  
Casey Hirsh  
Pat Jason  
George Langford  
Family of Frances "Dee" Reck  
Glenn Ribblett  
Dani Richey  
George Schubert  
Sara Smerkar

## PASTOR'S SUMMER SERMON SERIES

### Real Life Discipleship: Meditations on the Life of Jacob

Life can be a struggle. The Old Testament figure Jacob embodies such struggles. The series will cover the events of Jacob's life from birth to when he wrestles with God. We can learn a lot about discipleship from Jacob's life and God's interaction with him.

## JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Ryder George	June 03, 2023
Waylon Matus	June 18, 2017
Evan Schubert	June 18, 2011
Leif Galland	June 30, 2012

\*If we are missing your child's baptism date, please advise the church office.

## ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, **June 9, 2024**, Zion will be honoring all graduating members (High School, College, Technical Schools). If you or someone in your family is graduating, please forward his/her name and photo to the church office, include the school name and degree.

## Altar Flowers Price Increase

The price for altar flowers has increased from \$30 to \$40 effective 06/01/24. Please keep this in mind if you are adorning the altar with fresh flowers.

## Council of Elders Vacancy

The COEs is in need of a willing servant to fill a current vacancy through the end of the year.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Starting **May 26, 2024**, Sunday Summer Worship will take place at **9:30 AM**.





On May 5, 2024, Charles Eperthener and Nate Luy were welcomed to the Lord's table to receive their first Holy Communion.

## Women's Daytime Monthly Bible Study

All women are welcome and encouraged to join us to focus on the Epistles in the New Testament and learn to discern where God wants us to serve according to His will.

This study will meet monthly in person in the Heritage Room.

Join us by registering on the Zion website or calling the office. Books can be picked up from the office at no charge.

2nd Thursdays 10-11am  
Starts June 13th





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**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**  
**In-Tents Church Camp, Somerset County**

**GRADES 3-5 July 15-17, 2024**  
**2 night Elementary Camp**  
**Cost \$125.00**

**GRADES 6th—12th July 8-12, 2024**  
**Middle and High School Camp**  
**Cost \$225.00**

Pastor Mathew is hoping to get a group together to attend each In-Tents camps for fun, games, campfires, food and Jesus. Please reach out to him for more information or to let him know your interest. These camps provide an opportunity for youth to unplug, enjoy nature and deepen their faith.

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**GAMES NIGHT** (dates pending)

The Ministry of Disciple Life has been contacted about coordinating an indoor games night event in Fellowship Hall. If you or your family would be interested in participating, please contact Jack Reck at jackhoo76@aol.com.

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**CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC**

**August 11, 2024 12N-3:30pm**

**South Park-Woodland Crest Pavillion**

Games, s'mores, great food, fellowship—Bring a dish to share!  
Sign-up will be forthcoming.

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**GRANDMA'S ATTIC**

Zion's Grandma's Attic flea market will be held on August 3rd from 8:00am – 2:00pm and after worship services on August 3rd & 4th. Further details to follow.

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**NEXT COMMUNITY CLOTHES EXCHANGE**

September 14, 2024

10A - 2P



**PITTSBURGH MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 AM – 3:00**  
**Victory Family Church, Cranberry Township**

Maximize your impact in your home, neighborhood and city. Keynote speakers, local pastors and sports personalities will challenge you to be the best godly leader you can be and raise awareness of the devastating impact of fatherlessness among youth today. Breakouts, breakfast and lunch are included with the event. Recommended for ages 15+. Tickets are \$39 for registration by April 30 and \$49 starting May 1. If interested in attending, please contact the church office.

**“LOCK ARMS WITH US AS WE GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST”**



## ZION'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY



On April 27, the Property Committee along with willing servants spruced up Zion during Spring Cleaning Day. **Thanks** to these amazing and willing servants!

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*



# The CHOSEN

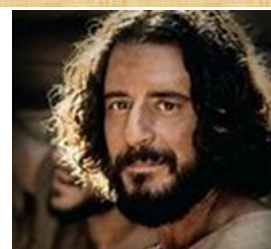


**July 10 - August 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

Join The Ministry of Disciple Life for summer "movie nights" featuring Season 1 of "The Chosen." Join in the viewing of each episode to be followed by fellowship and discussion on Wednesdays this summer.

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season drama series about the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. It allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

**REGISTER at [zxcbrentwood.org/events](https://zxcbrentwood.org/events)**

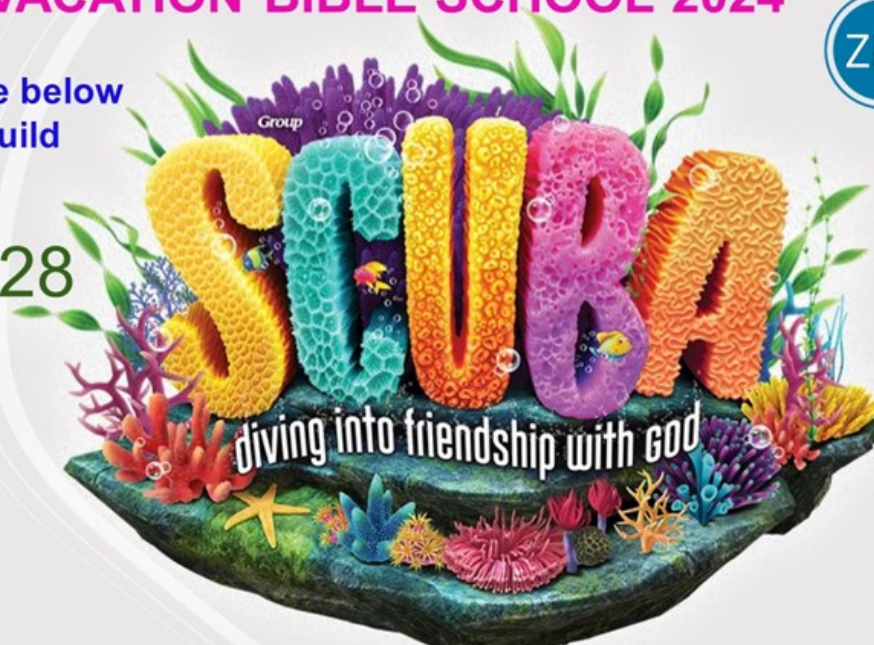


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



**Join us and dive below  
the surface to build  
a strong faith**

**June 24-28**



Both children (preschool through fifth grade) and teen/adult volunteers can register using the QR code above or via the Zion Website.

For questions, contact Dan Fisher at [danfish169@gmail.com](mailto:danfish169@gmail.com) or 412-884-3247

If you are interested in donating a craft or food item, please take a tag from the "**Ministry Needs**" crosses located in the Narthex or the lower level entrance.

## We're Looking for a Few Good Men!

In the 1980s, the Marines used "We're Looking for a Few Good Men" as a recruiting slogan. While we are looking for a few good men and women, there is a shortage of men to serve with the Homebound Ministry.

According to a fairly recent article in the Wall Street Journal (Barbara Abbott, 11/10/23) "Recent research shows that loneliness and social isolation were linked to an increased risk of death from any cause." The study, published in the BMC Medicine Journal tracked people for a decade **before the pandemic** and concluded that "loneliness can be bad for health, contributing to health problems including anxiety, heart disease, and depression." Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, reporting last May on loneliness and social isolation stated, "that a lacking of social interaction could be as dangerous as smoking 15 cigarettes a day." The uncomfortable distressful feeling of being lonely, overtime, has a negative effect. As Zion's Visitation Pastor (VIP), I am the keeper of the visitation list, the roster of members, who for some reason or other, cannot attend worship on a regular basis. Our mission is to bring church to them, with Bible reading, prayer, and Holy Communion. This is at least on a monthly basis, with advanced scheduling. My visits have brought me many blessings, but one thing for certain: Many of the homebound are **LONELY**, even if they won't confess this. Therefore, we are looking for a few good men and women. No, you won't need to run an obstacle course, shine your boots or brass or stand at attention. We are looking for "Adopters," people who can commit to making contact, at least monthly with a person on the visitation list. This can be in a variety of ways: phone calls, texts, notes, letters, emails, or even face-to-face visits, as mutually agreeable and convenient. No special skills are required – just the **four C's**: Christ-like, Conversation, Concern, and Compassion (read *Matthew 25:35-46*).

Please contact me. I can get you started!

**Alive in Christ!**

**Pastor Bill\***

**Sign up to bring something:**

**JUNE**

[mealtrain.com/4egrl6](https://mealtrain.com/4egrl6)

**JULY**

[mealtrain.com/6z9v2q](https://mealtrain.com/6z9v2q)







## In HIS WORD - Men's Bible Studies

"Your word is  
a Lamp to  
my feet and  
a light to my  
path."

*Psalms 119:105*



**Above:** First Thursday of the Month Men's Bible Study

**Left:** Bibles and Brews Bible Study—Thursday evenings

**Below:** Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

"If we want to know the will and Word of God, we must look deep and apply our hearts to wisdom. God opens the Word to those who want to learn."

Dr. J. Vernon McGee







## In HIS WORD



### Women's Evening Bible Study

The Thursday night women's group met virtually and in person to study God's Word.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



*"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*  
Matthew 4:4

For information on opportunities for small group study or Sunday School see Faith Education on the Zion website.