



### A Message from Pastor Mathew

Last month in worship, we heard these words from **Ephesians 1...**

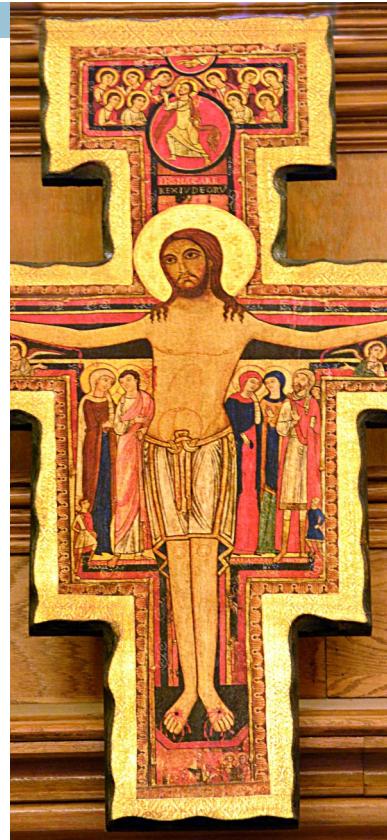
*"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."* - Ephesians 1:11-14

Last August at the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh, those gathered were introduced to four words that should encompass everything that our congregation embodies. Those four words are: **invite, retain, disciple, and send.** These words fit well into Paul's words to the Ephesians, to the passing on of the faith and value of the inheritance we receive in Jesus. This is something we want to share.

Everything we do in Zion's ministry, what we're currently doing, or what we sense God is leading us in, should fit into one of these four categories. And if something doesn't, then we must seriously consider why we're doing it and whether we should adjust. Last December, our ministries began to discern how these four words were present within their ministry. They also brainstormed ways to ensure that all we do contains a little of all four, even if it means making changes to the way we carry out what we do. But, this doesn't have to just be a big picture brainstorming session. This can take place on an individual level as we ask ourselves how our lives embody these four things. Ponder this with me as it relates to your life as a follower of Jesus.

**INVITE:** How do you create a welcoming environment where people feel at home, making Zion, your home, or even your workspace a place where faith conversations can come easily?

**RETAIN:** How do you provide ways for people to connect with you on a faith level, how do you help meet peoples' needs, and make their relationship with you a safe space?



*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."*  
*Romans 1:16*

#### **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*

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**RETAIN:** How do you provide ways for people to connect with you on a faith level, how do you help meet peoples' needs, and make their relationship with you a safe space?

**DISCIPLE:** How do you educate people in their faith and develop their ability to share that faith with others?

**SEND:** How do you bring people out into the world with you to serve in your community and invite others into the greater mission of God to redeem and restore all people?

I invite you to sit down and discern a bit on how these four words fit into your daily life. Name the places you find yourself throughout the week and consider how these words might become part of your time in those places. And then, ask yourself, how does my daily discipleship live itself to the praise of His glory?

In other words, how does our discipleship show our excitement for and the importance of this salvation we have received in Jesus?

God's peace,

Pastor Mathew



## In Our Prayers

**Joshua Alukonis**

**Bob Ammon**

**Kevin Barrett**

**Lynn Broman**

**Joe Coreno**

**David Detwiler**

**Mary Ann Dunlap**

**Corey Fischer**

**Daniel Fowler**

**Jon Galland**

**Marshawna Hill**

**Casey Hirsh**

**George Langford**

**Glenn Ribblett**

**Suzanne Roberts**

**David Sheridan**

**Worship Times**  
**Saturday 5 PM**  
**Sunday 9 AM**



**Faith Education**  
**10:30 A**

### **ConnectFor**

Families with children in  
pre-K—5th grade

**Confirmation**  
6th-8th grade

**High School**

**Adult**



### **NOTE CHANGE**

**February 8, 2026**

**10:30 A.M.**

Following 9 A.M. Worship  
Pot Luck Brunch during meeting  
If able, please bring a dish to share.  
If not able, please join us anyway.

### **FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Vienna Demi

February 4, 2023

Shaymere McDougald

February 4, 2024

Bella Morrow

February 15, 2015

Justin Thatcher

February 21, 2021

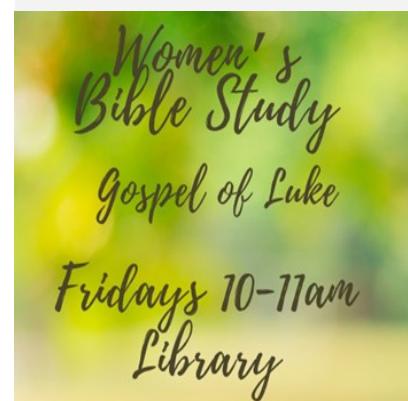
Josiah Pierce

February 28, 2015

Reed Taylor

February 29, 2020

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





## Community Clothes Exchange

**Saturday, February 7, 2026  
10A - 2 P**

If you are interested in helping with this exchange or future ones, contact Lane Magera.



## **BRING YOUR BEST CHILI OR JUST YOUR TASTEBUDS TO SEE WHOSE CUISINE REIGNS SUPREME!!**

**WHAT:** CHILI COOKOFF YOUTH FUNDRAISER

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, MARCH 7 @ 6:00PM

**WHERE:** FELLOWSHIP HALL

**WHY:** PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ZION YOUTH

**DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR**

**More details to follow – watch the bulletin**



## **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER**

Come and support this  
Youth Fundraiser  
Date TBD