Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26
MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I am grateful for another opportunity to share with you about what God is doing in our beloved Church. I use this medium to bring you up-to-date about what is going on in our Church ministry. May God bless you as you read this message.

First, I will like to give thanks to God for all the praise reports. I am overwhelmed by your letters, email, text messages and calls about the goodness of God in your life and family. This is a good thing in any Church. I thank God for his grace and mercy over our lives and everyday that we are on top of the ground and not under the ground is a day of thanksgiving. I am pleased to report that we are getting great testimonies about financial blessings, new weddings, new job opportunities and job promotion, new homes, new automobiles, new baby born, new book published, and many physical healing reports. I am eternally grateful to all of you for believing God for your miracle. In this year of completion, I am confident that God who have started the good work in you is able to finish it until the day of Jesus Christ. Amen! (Philippians 1:6)

Second, I will like to express my sincere appreciation to all of our members for the way you received and honor my home Pastor from Nigeria, West Africa. His visit to Zion Hill was his first time of coming to America and he enjoyed every minutes of it. Thank you for being a blessing to him and to the saints in Nigeria, Africa. Also, I thank you for your love offering collected to help Christians in Nigeria, Africa. A total of Four thousand, One hundred and Fifty-One ($4,151.00) Dollars was collected between the three worship services. And for your information, in foreign exchange, one USA dollars is an equivalent of about Four hundred and Fifty Nigeria Naira. It means that in essence, our donation of $4,121.00 is about Two million (N2, 000,000.00) dollars of his own country’s money and it is probably big enough to build any church thorn down by terrorist.

As I have stated to you before, The Lord Jesus has called us to take the gospel to the whole world including our own community. I am challenging our church to be engaged in home and foreign mission work for the glory of God. I am not suggesting that we have done nothing up-to-date. If the truth be told, we have done a lot. In home mission, we are spending thousands of dollars every year to help people who are in need with their groceries, utility bills, emergency, etc. For your information, just about every week, someone would walk into our church campus from the
street asking us for help. I am pleased to report that our help ministry has been very helpful to many people in our community. Likewise, our foreign mission column is not completely empty. Several of our Church members have given to the Operation Christmas shoe effort during Christmas through Billy Graham Evangelical Association. Others have helped some of our youth to go on foreign mission field. We must continue to do the work of mission both at home and in foreign land. Remember, to whom much is given, much is required. For example, the Pastor and the Deacons ministry are currently exploring ways and means to renovate some of the condemned properties in the Rapides parish to put people are homeless back in the homes. We are also looking into the possibility of building a Washateria in neighborhoods in the parish where it is much needed. We will continue to update you as this vision unfold. Please, keep us in your prayers because we know that without God, we can do nothing.

Close to our call to mission is also the call of God upon all of us to evangelize the world. While, I am grateful to God that we are visibly present on radio, television, Livestream, social media, etc; we must equally engage our community with words of mouth. It is generally believed that words of mouth are the best advertisement for any organization. I believe that we have something good and positive going on in Zion Hill that is worth telling someone about. Therefore, I want to challenge every member of our church to develop the habit of inviting someone to visit our Church. It is good to come to church but it is even better when you come with a guest or invites someone to come and worship with you. That is exactly what Jesus was talking about when he commands us to go by the highways and hedges to compel men and women to come so that His house may be full. (Luke 14:23)

Finally, please permit me to remind you of some upcoming events in our Church. There will be a musical concert in our church on the weekend before Easter featuring Bishop Rance Allen. The concert is free and I want to encourage everyone to support it. What we are trying to do is to provide Christian and positive activities in our community which is very much needed. However, Christian artist, comedians, entertainers and the like will shy away from Cenla if they know that their coming will not be supported or appreciated. My prayer for Zion Hill is that we will step out and host most if not all Christian activities in Cenla. The goal is to make the world a better place.

Likewise, we are having our family and friends’ day on the weekend of April 30. It has been scheduled for us to have fellowship and fun on Saturday and have worship service on Sunday. Please, make plans to invite your friends and loved ones. Please take note that this event is not for fundraising. In fact, the church always loose money each for most event. So do not let anyone deceive you about these events. The only reason we are doing it is because it is a positive thing to encourage and build up families. The family is the foundation of every society. The harsh reality is that the devil is destroying societies by destroying our families. So all of us should be supportive of any effort to bring families together and not talk against it. Let’s come together to fellowship, have fun and worship together as a family. May God bless you for your cooperation and obedience.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Joshua Joy Dara, Pastor
A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Moses Adewole Adeyemo from Nigeria, West Africa. May the messages you preach continue to reach worldwide.

Christian Association of Nigeria is an Association of Christian Churches with distinct identities, recognizable Church structures and a system of worship of one God in the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This Association makes Christ the Centre of all its works and shall promote the glory of God, by encouraging the growth and unity of the Churches and by helping them to lead the nation and her people to partake of Christ’s salvation and all its fruits.

Rev. Dr. Moses Adewole Adeyemo

The CANN Project
www.canng.org

Theme: "Lord, Rekindle Our Hearts and Souls"
Topic: Promise: Divine Guidance

How can we receive divine guidance?
We must do it God's way. If we want direction from God, we must come to Him the only way He provides for such a relationship with His son, Jesus.

*We must know what God's word says.
There is much guidance given to us and we need only to read it in the Bible.

* We must ask for God's guidance.
James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask."

*We must be willing to obey when God gives us promises of guidance. God already knows the deep things of our hearts and many times will not Reveal His plan to a stubborn heart who will not obey. Surrender must accompany any prayer request.

The Lord is a communicating God and He delights in giving divine guidance to those who seek him.

The Senior Mission Ministry meet each Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Seed Thought: A change in behavior begins with Jesus changing our hearts.

Sis. Pat Hudson, President

Introducing our newest member of the Zion Hill Newsletter Ministry, Mrs. Karen Thomas. She is married to Chris Thomas and has three children: Ashton, Aaron & Collin. She is the contact person for the youth news. Please welcome Karen to the Zion Hill Newsletter Ministry.

Contact her with your news at:
youthnewszionhill17@gmail.com
Montessori Educational Center performed “Games of the Gods” at Coughlin-Saunders performing arts center in March. Its an original play written by the students. Zion Hill’s own Bethany Phoenix played “Hera,” the goddess of marriage and birth. And Bryson Phoenix played “Fabianos,” the strong and handsome god. Stars of the future!

Events
Our 8 to 10 year old youth are gearing up for the end of the year tests at school. They are praying about their success and know that God hears their prayers.

Many of our boys and girls are playing in various baseball leagues, they are ready for spring, spring break, Easter, and then summer fun and vacation.

Scripture
Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
Hebrews 13:7

FREE EVENT on the PARKING LOT
BLOCK PARTY!
Saturday, May 6, 2017
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - 19

Congratulations!!!
Its official!!! Keenon Hicks is going to be a Wildcat, he signed with Louisiana College in March. Keenon is a Senior at Pineville High School
When God favors you!!!!

There are certain people with character and traits that make them stand-outs. They lead, direct, inspire and encourage. Leaders are thinkers and doers in their communities. They make a difference.

For attorney Tiffany N. Sanders, the true measure of success in life is how many other lives a person can make better. Congratulations Tiffany for being recognized by Cenla Focus as one of Cenla’s emerging black leader for your dedication to the pursuit of your goal.
We had an enjoyable and relaxing cruise on the huge and beautiful Carnival Dream Ship to Belize, Maghoney Bay Roatan Island and Cozumel February 19-26, 2017.

Zion Hill Technical Institute

Purpose:
To provide training in:

**Foundational Skills**
- Improve Reading Skills
- Improve Math Skills
- Improve Computer Skills

**Technical Skills**
- Manufacturing
- Mechanical/Hydraulic/Pneumatic
- Electrical/Electronic
- Maintenance

**Soft Skills**
- Communication
- Employability
- Work Maturity

Target Audience:
- Under-skilled
- Under-employed
- Those with limited or no resources to access the workforce
- Those with limited or no access to community college/technical college
- Those who want a career change.

Outcome:
- Students will gain the skills to enter a high skill/high wage workforce with the technical skills necessary to succeed.
- Students will gain the knowledge to qualify for and take an industry-based certification exam.

Upcoming Class:

**Fluid Power (Hydraulics and Pneumatics)**

Class Description: This course covers the function, operation, application, and troubleshooting of common components used in fluid power (hydraulics and pneumatics) circuits and systems. It also assesses the understanding of how fluid power components and accessories are placed together to create circuits and systems for powering industrial machines.

Class Times: The class will meet two Saturdays every month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Additionally, there will be outside class assignments.

Class Start: April 1st, 2017
Class Location: Zion Hill - Baptist Street Location (Old Church)
Contacts: Zion Hill Church Office for more information.
The Theater Ministry will be showing a family movie, "Amazing Love," on **Friday, April 21, 2017 in the FLC Theater at 7:20pm.**

Please invite your family and friends to see what happens when a weekend camping trip of teenagers led by their youth group leader and his wife, becomes a time of passion that leads to a journey, into God's Holy word. As he tells this powerful love story of Hosea, is it enough to inspire the teens to open their hearts of such amazing love.

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The Zion Hill Motorcycle Ministry will be traveling to Lafayette, La on 4/30/2017 following 11:00 services.
Greetings, my brothers and sisters, I pray that this month in your observation, participation, and celebration of Resurrection Sunday, you will experience the breadth, length, depth, and height of God’s love for you culminated in the events surrounding Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. So mindful of Resurrection Sunday, this month’s article will focus on three words spoken by Jesus on the Cross. And, these three words will be “it is finished.”

These words, most accurately referenced as a declaration of Jesus, can be read in the Gospel of John, chapter 19, verse 30. The entirety of this verse reads in the King James Version, “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, ‘It is finished’ and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.” In the traditional church, this statement of Jesus is numbered as “one” of the seven last sayings of Jesus. This article will not address this statement in reference to this context. But I want to ‘cut it straight’ as to what was finished.

The statement, “It is finished” in the Greek consists of just one word, “tetelestai.” Literally that word means “paid in full, canceled.” It was the word that merchants of that day wrote on bills, when they were paid in full. It was the word stamped on a document declaring that a prison sentence has been commuted. Jesus literally said from the Cross that He paid in full, canceled your debt and commuted your sentence for every sin you have committed. “It is finished” means it is made an end of; it is paid; it is performed; it is accomplished.

Here are some questions and answers that you may want to review. What was made an end of? Your sins and the guilt that them. What was paid? The price of redemption. What was performed? The righteous requirements of the Law. What was accomplished? The work the Father had given Jesus to do. What was finished? Satan’s stronghold on humanity.

Again you may ask, what was finished? The history long plan of redeeming man. The message of God to man. The works done by Jesus as a man on earth. The task of selecting and training ambassadors. The job. The song had been sung. The sacrifice had been made. The sting of death had been removed. Jesus had done it all. At the time of His utterance of this statement Jesus was saying, “I have done it all. I have left no prophecy unfulfilled, no work unfinished, no love unshared, and no suffering unaccomplished. I have completed salvation – no more sacrifices are ever to be needed. No more rituals would ever need to be performed. No more human effort would ever be required.” Why? Simply because “it is finished.”

Because it is finished, the wrath of God is satisfied (by the suffering and beatings of Jesus). Because it is finished, the holy curse against sin is fully absorbed. And the price of forgiveness is totally paid. Jesus has allowed your moral debt of holiness to be paid in full by Him. Note the posture of Jesus in this verse, “he bowed his head,” a bowed head is the posture of condemnation. And according to the Apostle Paul, “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1, NIV) Why? Because it is finished.

You do not need to make payment installments of church attendance, tithing, good works, and service to others to purchase your salvation. Salvation is not an installment plan. Why? Because it is finished. Your church attendance, tithing, good works, and service to others are the evidences of your acceptance of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus uttered the words, “it is finished,” it was His victorious cry from the Cross. But, it was also the proclamation of a priest. You see, during the Passover, when the priest finished the last sacrifice of the lamb, the priest would declare, “it is finished.” How significant the words of Jesus on the Cross was to those of Jewish descent at the time of the celebration of the Passover, when He made such a declaration from the Cross.

As you go about this month reflecting upon the finished work of Christ, be encouraged, strengthened, and comforted by His declaration of three words, “It is finished.” Be secure in the knowing that your salvation is by the finished, completed, accomplished work of Jesus Christ.

So as I conclude another month’s article, I pray that God bless you and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you. May He grant you peace and favor with Himself and man. Until next month, remember, whatever you do with The Word of God be sure you “cut it straight.”

April 14, 2017

April 9, 2017
Family Friends Day

April 29, 2017
Church Fellowship 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kelso Park, PINEVILLE, LA

April 30, 2017
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Our Family
A circle of strength and love, founded on faith,...
joined by love,... kept by God,...
Zion Hill Church Family supports healthy Living.
Vaccines Saves lives “Get Immunized”

Bridge Builders is now the Saturday before the 4th Sunday.
Time for baptism is 4:00PM on that Saturday evening also.
Baby Dedication is on the same day at 4:30PM
Also on that same day New Members will meet during this time for 5:00PM where they will fellowship with everyone.

Thanks,