

Red Lion Zion Church

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"Therefore, go and make disciples
of all nations....." Matthew 28:19



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E-GIVING

In order to set up e-giving, please use the QR code to the left or visit our website at www.redlionzion.com and follow the link on the homepage to sign into your ChurchTrac account with your email. Please note, you must be set up in our system, with an email listed, in order to sign in. If you are in our directory, or have given to us before, you are most likely already in our system and are able to follow the link to set up your giving from there. If not, please contact Jane Neff at 717-873-9647.

Under Red Lion Zion, on the left of the screen, you will find three small lines. These bring up a menu. Click online giving. **** Please use a ACH/Debit option (routing/checking # only) as we are not accepting credit cards at this time.** This includes debit cards and credits, even if they are linked to your checking, as they cost us much more to process. We can't eliminate

the option to sign up that way, but ask that you do not use it. It is very important to make sure you sign up using your routing/checking info and not card info. To sign out, click only right side of the screen.

Stewardship Corner

The Stewardship Corner, from time-to-time, will provide ways to support our church. This note is to suggest the qualified charitable distribution or QCD. Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 1/2 years old or older? Did you know you can transfer from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as the church, tax-free? Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these contributions become tax-free as long as they are paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charity. Transferred amounts are not taxable, and no deduction is available for the transfer. The transfer may be considered part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). Should you be interested in learning more please call the church office or check with the holder of your IRA.

Submitted by: Shawn Stine

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Red Lion Zion Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we move through these warm summer days, I want to pause and speak from my heart—to offer a word of encouragement, support, and gratitude for each of you. No matter where this season finds you—busy, rested, overwhelmed, or somewhere in between—please remember: God is with you. You are loved, you are seen, and you are not alone.

A Word of Thanks

I want to take a moment to thank every single person who took part in our outdoor Spring-Cleaning Day. What an incredible success! From pulling out bushes and mulching to weeding gardens, preparing, and painting, and certainly the power washing —the energy, teamwork, and joyful hearts made a real difference. The church grounds and facilities look great-, and that is because of your dedication.

A special thank you goes out to those who donated supplies, monies, food, tools, or simply showed up ready to serve. Your generosity and willingness to contribute helped make this effort not only well-coordinated but truly blessed. I am so proud of the way our church family came together with purpose and love to help to beautify God's house.

Spiritual Journey: Walking Through Matthew

As a congregation, we continue our spiritual journey through the Book of Matthew, walking chapter by chapter through the life and ministry of Jesus. This gospel draws us closer to Christ—not only as our Savior but as our Teacher, Shepherd, and King.

We have reflected on His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, witnessed His compassion in healing the broken, and marveled at the way He turned expectations upside down with the power of grace. As we press deeper into His words and ways, may we continue to grow in discipleship, learning not only about Jesus but learning how to walk with Him more closely each day.

Whether you have been following along on Sundays or reading at home, I encourage you to stay engaged. Let God's Word speak to your heart, challenge your spirit, and renew your faith.

Looking Ahead: Board Leaders Retreat

Our next major event is the Board Leaders Retreat, scheduled for Saturday, August 23. This time of prayer, planning, and fellowship is vital as we continue seeking God's direction for our church. I ask the entire congregation to keep our leaders in your prayers—pray for wisdom, unity, and vision as we work together to serve you faithfully and follow God's call.

Though we may not have a full calendar of events right now, this season of simplicity is also a sacred space—an invitation to slow down, draw near to God, and reconnect with one another in meaningful ways. Let us continue to be present, intentional, and encouraging to one another.

Staying Connected

If you are needing prayer, someone to talk to, or just want to share a cup of coffee—I am here. The doors of the church and my heart remain open. Do not hesitate to reach out. Let us be reminded of Hebrews 10:24–25:

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another.”

Thank you for being part of this family. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your faithfulness. I truly believe the best is yet to come.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Delass Johnson

AUGUST 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						ONE Brunch 9:00am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion	55+ 11:30am	Craft Club 6:00pm	Warrior Worship 10:00am			Red Lion Street Fair
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Kitchen Angels 8:30am	Praise Team 6:00pm	SOS 6:30pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Craft Club 6:00pm	Warrior Worship 10:00am Choir 7:00pm			Board Leaders Retreat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Kitchen Angels 8:30am	Praise Team 6:00pm	SOS 6:30pm		
31	PRAYER SHAWL MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. Meeting times and days for prayer shawl group will be changing. It will be in the bulletin announcements after we have selected a new time.					
	Praise & Pizza 11:15am					



Serving Us in August

Ushers/Greeters

Peter Paris HU
Michelle Paris
Pam Emswiler
Andy Emswiler

Security	9 a.m. SGG	10:15 Service
8/3	Scott	Andy E.
8/10	Keith	Keith
8/17	Andy E	Scott
8/24	Scott	Keith
8/31	Andy	Scott

A/V	10:15 Service
8/3	Cele
8/10	Christian
8/17	Sammy
8/24	Christian
831	Tom K.

Serving Us in September

Ushers/Greeters:

Martin Hake HU
Barbara Hake
Shawn Stine
Brenda Peters

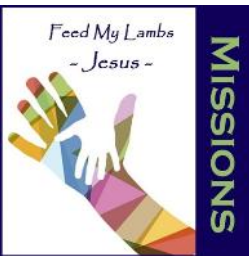
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9/7	Keith	Andy
9/14	Scott	Andy
9/21	Keith	Scott
9/28	Andy E.	Keith

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World Central Kitchen: The Kitchen Angels have been blessed lately with a surplus of donations. In light of the travesty that unfolded in Texas, we decided to take a portion of our donations to share with this organization, which does far more than our little operation could ever do...Makes us feel like at least a part of us is helping out in some small way!

Visit them at <https://wck.org> to learn more.



Lifepath “Corners of your Field” program: Zion Church is now registered with our local LifePath Thrift Store’s “Corner of Your Field” program. When you drop off donations at LifePath, you may ask them to give the credit to Red Lion Zion Church. Quarterly, LifePath will send a gift card to our church for a percentage of the value of the items that have been donated in the name of our church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If anyone does not receive offering envelopes and wants them, please call Pam Emswiler at 717-424-5548 or let the church office know.



Red Lion Zion Board

Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month until further notice.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Chair - Patty Greer

Vice Chair - Judy Kauffman

Chair of Finance and Administration -
Shawn Stine

Chair of Trustees - Judy Kauffman

Chair of Worship - Pastor Delass

Chair of Ministries - Jeff Shelley

Treasurer - Shawn Stine

Secretary - Jeff Frey



LIBRARY
-ON THE SHELVES CLOSEST TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, WE HAVE FICTION, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORICAL, CD'S & DVD'S. THERE ARE BOOKS BY KRISTEN HANNAH, HISTORY ON THE CIVIL WAR, AND EVEN AN AUDIO BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

-THE SHELVES CLOSEST TO THE WINDOW INCLUDES DEVOTIONALS, BOOKS ON PRAYER, SELF-HELP BOOKS, THE CHOSEN, ETC.

- WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SIGN OUT BOOKS AND WHEN RETURNING OR DONATING BOOKS TO PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET.

-QUESTIONS- CONTACT SUE OBLOY (717) 246-2211.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 55+ 11:30am	2 Craft Club 6:00pm	3 Warrior Worship 10:00am Scouts Leader Meeting 6:00pm	4	5	6 ONE Brunch 9:00am
7 Communion	8	9 Kitchen Angels 8:30am	10 Scouts Parent Meeting 6:00pm Praise Team 6:00pm	11 SOS 6:30pm	12	13
14	15	16 Craft Club 6:00pm	17 Warrior Worship 10:00am Scouts Planning Meeting for Leaders 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm	18	19	20
21	22	23 Kitchen Angels 8:30am	24 Scouts 6:00pm Praise Team 6:00pm	25 SOS 6:30pm,	26	27
28 Prais & Pizza 11:15am	29	30 Craft Club 6:00pm	30 Warrior Worship 10:00am Scouts 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm	31		



Susan's Music Notes



“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation”

Psalm 95:1

I Count My Blessings

It's impossible to be thankful and grumpy at the same time. Johnson Oatman wanted to teach young people this lesson in his song, “Count Your Blessings.” Johnson was born in New Jersey before the Civil War. His father had a powerful voice, and some people regarded him as having the best singing voice in the East. For this reason, Johnson wanted to always stand beside his father in church, so he could hear him sing and learn from him. Johnson joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained into the ministry. He preached but never became a full- time minister because he enjoyed the money he made working in his father’s dry goods business.

Remembering his father’s voice, Johnson began writing hymns in 1892. He averaged 200 hymns and gospel songs a year, totaling 5000 in his lifetime. These include

“No, Not One,” “Higher Ground,” and one of my favorites, “Count Your Blessings.”

We tend to look at blessings in a reverse fashion. “The greater God’s gifts and works, the less they are regarded.” (Martin Luther) For example, a hungry man is more thankful for his small bite of food than a rich man who has a food-filled table. If the birds only sang once a year, we’d all pay close attention, but because they are singing every morning, we scarcely bother to listen.

When I count my blessings, I count some very special people more than once. We are truly blessed to have Zion’s Choir and Praise Team. These groups of people give of their time and talents Wednesday evenings. These groups are true servants! I rely on each and every one of them to always give their best, and they never disappoint! They are true blessings! I hope you will take opportunities to thank them for all they do!

Regular rehearsals of the Choir and Praise Team will begin Wednesday, September 10th.

We always have a place for anyone who would like to join us. If you like to sing, we’d love to have you. You do NOT have to be able to read music. We have lots of fun and fellowship as we rehearse. If you’d like more information, please see any member of the Choir or Praise Team, or see Susan Druck.

Remember this chorus:

Count your blessings.
Name them one by one.
And it will surprise you
What the Lord has done!



Thank you
Christian Ott!

There's a guy in our midst who deserves lots of cheers,
Someone who shows up each week without fear.
This guy does so much without ever complaining.
Helping the tech staff with direction and training.
If you've never met Christian, let us tell you about him,
He's a most beloved grandson of Sherri and Tim!
He started at Zion while just a young teen,
For many a year, his talents were unseen.
But his interest in computers provided a passion most dear.
As he began blessing us as tech commandeer!
You may have missed noticing, he springs to his work.
He keeps our tech running, which is surely a perk!
Did we mention he shows up a little before nine?
Checks out the system and each hymn line by line.
Scouting for glitches, over each slide and file,
He assures that our services pass by with a smile!
He's helpful and dependable without ever a doubt.
So much so we decided to give him a shout!
So, our thanks are a-flowing for your service undying.
Please know you're appreciated by all of us at Zion!

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Security: Safety and security of our staff, members and guests is a priority at Red Lion Zion. Accordingly your leadership has approved the installation of another camera. This new camera will expand coverage of the parking area, with enhanced resolution. Installation is scheduled for August.



BEFORE



AFTER

This week the masonry around the church restored. The deteriorating mortar was ground out and replaced. The masons used different color mortar to match the existing color as close as possible. The original church was dedicated in 1942. This repointing restored to areas most in need in hopes that it will last for many years.



Photo of shrub removal on Saturday, July 26th. We do plan to plant fresh shrubs as soon as we receive a plan from the landscaper.

Contact Information

Should you need to reach Pastor Delass Johnson , please email delass@redlionzion.com. In an emergency, her Google voice phone number is 443-478-3457.



SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday's schedule is Spiritual Growth at 9:00 AM, followed by Worship at 10:15 AM.