



AUGUST 2021 EDITION

Welcome to Mt. Zion Church of Christ! Thank you for attending today. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions regarding our worship to the Lord. We strive to do the will of the Father. For your convenience, we have the following available:

- Nursery:** located in the foyer.
Allergy Room: located in the foyer
Radio Program: Sundays at 11AM on WKAC 1080AM
Sermons on Website: <http://mtzionchurchofchrist.org>
Facebook: @mtzionchurchofchrist
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YouTube: subscribe to MtZion ChurchofChrist
Classes: Babies to PreK; Kg-2nd; 3rd-6th; Teenage, Young Adult, Auditorium Class

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CURRENT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Sunday AM Worship: 9:30AM
Sunday PM Bible Study: 4:50- start of drill class
Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM
Vacation Bible School: TBD
Fall Gospel Meeting: September 19-22 w/ Lowell Sallee

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Israel Gonzalez	Bobby Hall	Gaddy Hall
Professor Mashoko	Robert Nichols	Scott Tope

AUGUST Announcements

Please contact Chad Pressnell at 256-431-1647.

Please pray for the following:

SHUT-INS: Grady & Julie Bain, Elease Barksdale, Betty Brackeen, Oklena Looney, Freda Putman, Marvin Ruf, Kathleen Wales, Lorine Woodfin

PRAYER LIST: Hannah Alexander, Carol Blackwood, Dudley Brewer, Frances Bowers, Natalee Emerson, Dianne Kilpatrick, Wade & Connie Shannon, Linda Smith, Talmadge & Edith Waddell, Mike Walker

UPDATES:

- Shirley Braden, mom of Debbie Biggerstaff, will have hip replacement surgery on Aug. 2.
- Pauline Chamblee, sister of Lorine Jones, had 2 infusions that brought her platelets to normal. She is now home. Her address is 5778 Old Railroad Bed Road Toney, AL 35773
- Kathy Crafts is recovering from her knee replacement.
- Glenn Gregory is recovering from his skin cancer removal from his arm.
- Brenda Neeley will have shoulder surgery on August 10.

Zacchaeus: Overcoming Obstacles

Joe Slater

There are always obstacles that can keep you from Jesus if you let them. Luke 19:1-10 shows how Zacchaeus experienced and overcame such obstacles.

We know Zacchaeus best for being short. Little children sing, "Zacchaeus was a wee little man . . ." Luke informs us that Zacchaeus "sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way" (19:3-4).

Remember what it was like for you as a child being unable to see over the heads of taller people. It's still a challenge for short adults. Zacchaeus overcame the obstacle by climbing a tree! We might expect such from a young boy, but Zacchaeus was a grown man, old enough to have advanced to the rank of "chief tax collector" (19:2). Imagine the hoots, jeers, and snickers as the crowd saw him up in the tree!

Being short, however, wasn't his greatest obstacle. Zacchaeus was a social outcast. Collecting taxes from fellow-Jews for the pagan Roman government marked him as a traitor in the eyes of many. Besides, tax collectors, including Zacchaeus, had a well-earned reputation for lining their pockets with extorted money. No wonder the crowd grumbled that Jesus had "gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner!" (19:7).

The good news is, Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (19:10). Under Christ's influence, Zacchaeus repented, restored fourfold what he had taken wrongfully, and gave half of his goods to the poor (19:8). "And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham'" (19:9).

Zacchaeus didn't let obstacles keep him from Jesus. Your obstacles may be different than his, but I urge you to overcome them as Zacchaeus did!