

**Icebreaker:** Who is the best encourager you know? What about their words set them apart?

**From last week:** Abraham and Rahab both practiced their faith by showing hospitality in their lives (Genesis 18 and Joshua 2). Practice hospitality as evidence of your faith (e.g. show hospitality to someone at work, at home, or at church in worship or in the hallways). Were you able to show hospitality this past week?

**Read this week's scripture and discuss:**

1. Why do you think James sets apart teachers in this passage?
2. James compares the tongue's power to a bit in a horse's mouth, a rudder on a ship, and a spark which starts a fire. Which image do you find most accurate or compelling? What do these images say about the tongue and our words?
3. Please read Matthew 12:34-37. How does these words from Jesus connect with what James says and how does it make you feel?
4. James can be abrupt in the language he uses. Jesus was tough on the Pharisees and money changers in the gospels. Were they "tame" with their tongues? When is it acceptable to use strong language?
5. In your everyday conversation, how well do you do with verse 9? Is it a challenge for us to praise God and not "curse" others?
6. According to James in verses 15-18, what is "heavenly wisdom" and what is "earthly wisdom"?
7. From the list in James 3:17-18, what qualities do you need to develop? Is there one or two you are already developing?

This sermon series is called "Working Out Our Faith." Each week, we will recommend a practice to work out your faith.

**Working out your faith:** James says that with the same mouth we can praise God and curse His creation. Who is someone that you don't easily see the image of God in and are tempted to curse? Pray each day this week for that person (or persons) instead of thinking about cursing them.

**Prayer:** As your group closes in prayer, please remember the following requests from our church family.

- > Prayers of comfort for the Pike family in the death of Jim's father.
- > Prayers of healing for Phil McCauley.

**Requests from ZPC's May Prayer Calendar:**

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- > Pray for the McDowells and their basketball ministry in the Philippines.

## what's coming up!

**All Church Brunch Today**

This morning | after each service | Gym  
Join us for brunch in the Gym!

**Prayer for Middle East & Africa**

Thursday, May 10 | 7:45-8:45 am | Chapel  
We gather each month to pray for our mission partners and others serving in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).  
> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

**Volunteer at the Food Pantry**

Saturday, May 12 | 3-5:30 pm | Room 108  
The Zionsville Food Pantry is the beneficiary of the Post Office Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Volunteers are needed to help with receiving these donations. This is good for children age 6 and older with parents. Come for 60 to 90 minutes to help others eat this summer.  
> Catherine Coscia [ccoscia@indy.rr.com]

**Garden Party at the Jeremiah House**

Sunday, May 20 | noon | Behind the Jeremiah House  
Make your way over to the Jeremiah House backyard and enjoy a hot dog and lemonade while you learn about ZPC's community garden and meet the residents of the Jeremiah House. No need to sign up. Just come on over!  
> Greg Lanham [mrgmham335@yahoo.com; 317.833.4941]

**Join the ZPC Softball Team**

ZPC will participate in league softball again this summer. Practice is during the week. Games are on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Tim for more information.  
> Tim Millar [timmillar95@yahoo.com]

## prayer requests

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**Join the fun at Str8Up Summer Camp**

June 5 - 7, | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | 1010 W 64th St, Indianapolis  
Put on your bug spray and sunscreen and volunteer for ZPC Week at Str8Up's faith-based summer camp. Volunteers will assist teens in traditional camp activities, provide lunch, or serve as camp nurse. Contact Margaret to volunteer for one or more days.  
> Margaret Gordon [cggiemom@gmail.com; 317.219.9017]

**Donate at ZPC's Blood Drive**

Sunday, May 20 | 10 am-1 pm | South Gym  
Each day patients at 60 Indiana hospitals rely on the generosity of fellow Hoosiers to donate 550 units of blood. Blood drives help to meet the demand. Give the gift of life. An opportunity to donate is coming up on May 20 here at ZPC!  
> Lisa Price [lisap@zpc.org; 317.873.6503]

**ZPCMen Summer Events**

Save the date for these upcoming events:  
Hog Roast | Saturday, June 16 | 1 - 7pm | Struehs' House  
Dinner | Wednesday, July 11 | 6:30 - 9 pm | Bru Burger  
Father-Kid Canoe Trip | Saturday, July 28 | Turkey Run  
Contact Greg for more information.  
> Greg Rankin [greg@deeringdowntown.com]

**Open Job on ZPC Facilities Team**

There is an opening on the ZPC Facilities Team. The position involves assisting with duties related to ZPC's building and grounds. It is a part-time job, 3 days a week. Contact Tim for more information.  
> Tim King [timk@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1011]

# working out our faith

## THE BOOK OF JAMES

**Welcome to ZPC!**  
**We are so glad you're here.**


**Sunday, May 6, 2018 | 9 and 10:30 am**

Called together by God to make disciples  
and release them for service in our broken world.

**zionsville**  
presbyterian church

4775 West 116th Street  
Zionsville, IN 46077  
317.873.6503 | [zpc.org](http://zpc.org)

Church office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm





## worship

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Working out our faith | James

Scripture: James 3:1-18

**Prayer after service:** If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove in the Sanctuary after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

Assistive listening systems are available upon request. Check in with the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

## who we are

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

1. **Creating a Caring Community**
2. **Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ**
3. **Encouraging Hands-on Missions**

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today's worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## the week ahead [zpc.org for more]

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### Later Today, Sunday, May 6

All Church Brunch | 10 am-12 pm | Gym

ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | 9th-12th grades | Youth Center

### Monday, May 7

ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 pm | Gym

### Tuesday, May 8

Boone County Voting Center | 6 am-6 pm | Gathering Space

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

### Wednesday, May 9

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Mission Commission | 7-9 pm | Room 201

### Thursday, May 10

Men's Bible Study | 6:15-7:30 am | Gathering Space

Praying for Middle East & Africa | 7:45-8:45 am | Chapel

Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

### Friday, May 11

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Noah's Ark Spring Fling | 5-6 pm | Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 12

Messy Mission Run | 9-10:30 am | ZPC Parking Lot

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic | 9-11 am | Room 108 [pro bono legal representation and preventive law education to low income families, including immigrant families]

### Sunday Mornings

#### Children

Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth - age three | check in at the Children's Welcome Center

Children's Classes | 9 and 10:30 am | age four - fourth grade | check in at the Children's Welcome Center or in the Gathering Space.

#### Students

Middle School Ministry [ZPCMSM] | 9 am | Room 205 [fifth - eighth grades]

High School Ministry [ZPCHSM] | 6 pm | Youth Center [ninth - twelfth grades]

#### Adults

Adult Bible Study | 9 am | Room 201

Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 205

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. **Matthew 6:20**

ZPC Stewardship Update: **[6/1/17-4/29/18]**

YTD Budget: \$ 2,153,634

YTD Offering: \$ 2,259,160

Sunday morning attendance: 514

## elder and deacon nominations

Nominations are being accepted for ZPC Elder and Deacon positions. As members of ZPC, it is a blessing and responsibility to nominate and elect these leaders, who will serve 3-year terms. This process should be undertaken with scriptural guidance and prayer.

Members of the Board of Deacons serve as leaders of ZPC's care team ministries and as spiritual caretaker. Elders, who along with the pastoral staff, make up the Session, are the spiritual and administrative leaders of the church. They exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibility for the life of our church and its mission.

The ZPC Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of nominees for the offices of Deacon and Elder. Needed are four Elders and eight Deacons who will serve through December 2021.

You may nominate anyone who is a current active member of ZPC, including yourself.

For answers about this process, please email Todd Nelson, tne1son07@yahoo.com.

For more information and to submit names, visit [zpc.org/nominating-committee](http://zpc.org/nominating-committee) or pick up a form at the Welcome Center and return it in the offering plate, the Church Office, or the drop box at the Welcome Center. Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, May 13th.



### Volunteer for VBS | Sunday, July 15-Thursday, July 19 | ZPC

Adults, high school students, and middle school students (who have completed 7th or 8th grade) please register to volunteer for Babylon-Daniel's Courage in Captivity! Sign up to volunteer or attend at [zpc.org/vbs](http://zpc.org/vbs).

> Jennifer Tillema [[jennifer@educationresourcesllc.com](mailto:jennifer@educationresourcesllc.com)]



### Messy Mission Run | This Saturday!

Saturday, May 12 | 9 am | ZPC | Cost: \$30

Join us for the Messy Mission Run, a fun, non-competitive, 5K run/walk/crawl. Proceeds benefit ZPC student ministries summer mission trips.

Register online at [zpc.org](http://zpc.org) or the day of the run beginning at 7:30 am at ZPC.

> Jon Graybeal [[jong@zpc.org](mailto:jong@zpc.org); 317.873.6503x1015]