

# MANBECK'S ZION EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*Worshiping the Lord in Spirit and Truth*

March 8, 2026

Announcements/Prelude

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 27

\*Opening Hymn: #151 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

\*Opening Prayer

\*Greet One Another

"God Moments" (Praise and Testimony)

*Praise Song: "Hallelujah for the Cross"*

Offering of Tithes & Gifts to the Lord/Ushers: Willis & Betsy

Offertory

\* #815 "Doxology"

Special Music: Ardella & Judy

"Carry the Light"

\*\* Time of Prayer

Children dismissed for Jr. Church & Nursery: Lisa

Scripture: John 12:20-36

MESSAGE: "Victory Over Darkness"

*Closing Hymn:*

#353 "Victory in Jesus"

\*Benediction

\**Recessional Hymn:*

#670 "Make Me a Blessing" (Ref. only)

LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Please Stand

\*\* Please Kneel if able

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## Welcome guests!

We're so glad you're with us. Please fill out an info card so we can serve you better and stay connected. You're welcome to join us for light refreshments downstairs after the service.

We love kids – Activity packs are available for them to use during the service; PreK & elementary ages can go to Jr. Church during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our service and our nursery is available downstairs at any time if you need space (or changing table) for little ones.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### TODAY:

☞ Benevolence Fund Offering

☞ Baby Bottles are due

☞ Sunday school for all ages

10:45 A.M.

☞ Youth Gathering

6:30 – 8 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY:

☞ Prayer Gathering and "The Awe of God"

6:00/7:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY:

☞ Kids Ministry Appreciation Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

### NEXT SUNDAY:

☞ Sunday school for all ages

10:45 A.M.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

☞ March 17 – Official Board Meeting

7:00 P.M.

☞ March 20 – Praise Night (\*moved from 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)

7:00 P.M.

☞ March 26 – Ladies Luncheon/Friedensburg

11:00 A.M.

☞ March 27 – Easter Egg Packing (\*moved from 3/28)

☞ March 28 – District Meeting at Reedsville

9:00 – Noon

☞ March 29 – Egg Hunt Outreach with brunch

### **Statistics: March 1, 2026**

Attendance: 56

Church Offering - \$1,867.00

Special Offering/Church Planting - \$35.00

### **2026 Community Lenten Services:**

**Schedule of services is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ **Isaiah 61: heal the broken hearted and set the captives free**
- ❖ For Clair Newswanger/for body not to reject new kidney)
- ❖ Willis (military personnel)
- ❖ Betsy (Chris & Royal in their traveling)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Harold is home from by-pass surgery/also Carol)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Jazmine, car accident/out of coma/6 month recovery)
- ❖ Katie (develop a deeper relationship with God)
- ❖ Ardella (Tom Reed/ daughter in hospice at age 51)
- ❖ Louise (Erica Bennett/difficulty breathing)
- ❖ Lisa (Stacey/MRI on Tuesday)
- ❖ Mark (John & Caroline/John not doing so well)
- ❖ Kathy (Carol Keeseey and Judy)
- ❖ Willis (Shawn Reed, home and living with his Dad)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Uncle Jim Guesto/in hospice)
- ❖ Harold (brother Danny/tumor in prostate)
- ❖ Those battling cancer: Mark Wolfe; Brenda; Linda; Everlee Fessler; Deneen Sonon; Bob Kramer; Ellie; Mike; Tony; Stacey; Jim; Ed; Bob W.'s brother; Wade; Lindsay;
- ❖ Military: Keith Gillespie; Lois's grandson; Betsy's 1 grandson
- ❖ Nursing home: Nancy Wildsmith Sue Stump Bob Trout
- ❖ Assisted living: Sue Reiter

## PRAISE

- ❖ Mark (joy & laughter when coming in this morning/we're family)
- ❖ Deb L. (thanks for church family)
- ❖ Marion (for cards, prayers, and for church on Zoom)
- ❖ Lisa (the sunsets)
- ❖ Ardella (Zach going to states)
- ❖ Sandy (Pete/treatments worked/he's good)
- ❖ Florence (Janeen passed away but family is thankful for our church prayers)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Nehemiah's issue/everything seems to be okay)
- ❖ Jen (Lily's shoulder/nothing structurally wrong/over use/rest)
- ❖ Rob (his son is sick)

## MISSIONS

- ❖ Joe Toy (Street ministry in North Carolina)
- ❖ Jamie and Anita Farr (Wycliffe in Florida)
- ❖ Robert and Bettina Schaeffer (L.I.F.E. Ministries in NY)
- ❖ Wagner's & Stoltzfus's (Rift Valley Academy in Africa)

## RESPONSIVE READING

### "Seek and Wait with Confidence"

(from Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

*Though an army attacks me, my heart will not fear;  
Even if a war breaks out against me, I will be confident.*

One thing I ask from the LORD, only this do I seek:

*That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful and answer me.

*Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.*

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

*Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path; Keep my feet firm on the Rock.*

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

*Be strong and take heart, wait for the Lord, and seek His face.*

*ALL: We praise you Lord with shouts of joy and sing to your name, for you have saved us!*



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"Victory Over the Darkness"

John 12:20-36

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Jesus' death was a temporary \_\_\_\_\_ to the Enemy.

Jesus' died in order to break \_\_\_\_\_ power  
& undo his work.

The \_\_\_\_\_ has the last word!

VICTORIOUS LIVING

Walk in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Worship \_\_\_\_\_.