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ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



Pass the Word to Others

Beloved, did you know that gossip and gospel both involve sharing and spreading news? Gossip is when people spread things of confidentiality or negative things pertaining to a person, place, or thing. However, Gospel is when a person spreads good news to others. Unfortunately, in this modern society many are skillful in gossiping and are unskillful in spreading the gospel. Zion, let us be skillful and consistent with spreading the gospel.

Zion, we need your help with passing our Simple Church process on to others. It is important that people know how we help people from Salvation to Spiritual Maturity and to Minister to People.

Our process is to:

- Embrace the Word.
- Prepare the Believer. Preparing the believer will happen through Christian Education. Our Christian Education settings are Sunday School, Bible Study and other teaching sessions at Zion.
- Minister to People. Ministering to the people will take place through our witnessing and our ministries.

We will illustrate this process. We will measure this process by gathering data of how many people are participating in each level of the process. The levels consist of measuring/counting our Sunday morning worshippers. We will also count our Christian Education participants and we will also measure our Ministry participants.

Please spread the good news.

Matthew 28:19 ESV - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

Peace & Blessings,
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

Vision Statement "Victorious People"

The vision is to minister to people by Remembering our History, Rendering Help while Reaching forward with Hope to be victorious in our future demonstrating an unwavering love, steadfast faith and effective witness.

*Remembering our History
Rendering Help
Reaching forward with Hope*

September Birthdays

Rev. Ernest Hare
Briana N. Abraham
Dwana Walters
Dea. Herbert Barnette
Gail Brown
Louise Dawson
Gloria B. Edmond
Rev. Tonetta Killens
LaGrone
Thurman
Zimmerman, Sr.
John Dixon
Dea. Malcolm
Walters, Sr.
Dea. James F. Moore
Shenice Wilson
Avril Richardson
Brenda A. Clark
Annie Helper
Michael Walters
Daniel Williams
Jessica Williams
Katrayll M. Brice
William Hope
Shirley R. Johnson
Beverly Springs
Teresa Canzater
Gordon McRae

September Anniversaries

Archie P. & Pamela
Williams IV

October Birthdays

Dea. Robert Mack

In Memoriam

Bro. Nathaniel Abraham Sr.

Goforth Graham Institute

Our Goforth/Graham Leadership Institutes were held virtually August 10-11, 2021. Our guest presenter was Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Pastor Emeritus of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. He indicated that a "Steward" is one who manages the property of another and that "Christian Stewardship" extends far beyond money management; it is the spiritual administration of **time, talents and treasure**. According to Proverbs 3:9-10 we should Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with **first fruits** of all thine increase. He also elaborated on 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 KJV. Dr. Richardson also indicated these are desperate times and we shouldn't waste our **time** on useless work. He indicated there are two types of talents... **Spiritual** – abilities imparted by the Spirit and **Cultivated** – abilities developed by instruction and learning. 1 Corinthians 12:18,27. He also elaborated on Malachi 3; Robbery Without a Weapon! His TIME priorities included manage relationship with Jesus; manage relationship with Family; manage relationship with Local Church and manage relationship with Source of Income. Thank you Dr. Richardson for an insightful presentation and may God continue to Bless you.

Annual Youth Day Celebration

The Annual Youth Day Service was held on Sunday, August 15, 2021, and the Youth and Zion were blessed with a very inspirational message from our very own Pastor, Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis. Rev. Davis' message from the Youth Day Theme, "The Year of the Reset" was taken from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Rev. Davis' encouraging and uplifting message informed us that whenever we are "Reset" in Christ, we must be: **(1)** Reconciled to Christ. Reconciliation allows us to be one with Christ and be intentional about being better in Christ; **(2)** We must be eradicated through Christ. As we reset, the old life is gone; a new life emerges. We are new creatures in Christ. With a Reset in Christ, we get a **(3)** Fresh Start through Christ. We get another chance. With "Reset," we become **(4)** Exalters of Christ. We are Christ's representatives. And finally, when we are "Reset" through Christ, we are **(5)** Transformed by Christ. Our lives are changed. Pastor Davis encouraged the Youth that it is okay to be yourself and to become friends with Jesus. Let Jesus be your friend as you "Reset."

Upcoming Events

September 6—Labor Day
September 13-15—ZBC Annual Fall Revival, 7:00 p.m. nightly,
September 19—ZBC Family & Friends Day & Mortgage Burning Ceremony
September 22—First Day of Autumn
October 24—Men's Day Celebration
November 2—Election Day
November 7—Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 11—Veterans' Day
November 25—Thanksgiving
December 21—First Day of Winter
December 25—Christmas

Scripture

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

James 1:17

REMINDER

Our ZBC Worship Service broadcast is every Sunday morning from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on the Big DM (WWDM 101.3 FM)

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Sunday School Lessons

SEPTEMBER 5

"Moses and Miriam Praise God"
Exodus 15:11-21

SEPTEMBER 12

"David Dances Before the Ark"
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19

SEPTEMBER 19

"Glorifying God"
Mark 10:46-52

SEPTEMBER 26

"Believers Praise God"
Acts 2:32-33, 37-47



Good News

Deacon Isaac Washington received the Order of the Palmetto, the Key to the City, and August 14th has been designated as "Isaac Washington Day" in the City of Columbia. He is portrayed on the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame and served as a commissioner on the South Carolina State Housing Authority Board.

Congratulations Deacon Washington !!!

On August 26, 2021, Sister Brenda Clark was honored for 44 years of distinguished service to Benedict College in the Swinton Campus Center, Ballroom C at 12:00 noon. The attendants were asked to wear something festive and red, as a longtime member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., red is Sister Clark's favorite color !!! Cards, notes and letters were also presented to Sister Clark for her memory box.

Congratulations Sister Clark !!!

ZBC Annual Revival

The Year of Spiritual Reboot: Restart, Return & Reimagine

7:00 Nightly

Mon., Sept. 13—Dr. Jerry M. Carter Jr., Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, NJ,

Tue., Sept. 14—Dr. James E. Victor, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Arlington, VA,

Wed., Sept. 15—Bishop Anthony L. Jinwright, GAP Church International, Charlotte, NC

Zion Members are asked to give a \$30 Seed Offering.

Please call the church office, 803.779.2809 to RSVP and include the night (s) you will worship in person.

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Reverend Israel Gist

Sister Daisy Amaker

Judge Jasper Cureton

Brother William Hope

Sister Tonja Knightner

Sister Leatha Osborne

Brother John Turnipseed

Brother Jeremiah Washington

Sister Thelma Whitney

Sister Artless Williams

Sister Annette Hill

Sister Shirley Bookhart

Sister Agnes Hardison

Brother Robert Kearney

Brother Julius Marshall

Sister Elnora Robinson

Sister Clannie Washington

Sister Marilyn West

Brother Archie P. Williams III

National Day of Encouragement

September 12th recognizes the National Day of Encouragement each year. This day is dedicated to uplifting people around us and making a positive impact.

Offering encouragement to someone is free. It never costs us anything to say a few words to inspire a student, coworker, or friend. Even a reassuring word to a stranger may make a difference in their lives.

Encouragement lifts up someone when they are down. It also motivates a person who has their eye on a goal. When we've failed, the right words remind us to keep trying. A little dedication to finding the right message may create a spark that changes a loved one's perspective.

Sometimes, the act of noticing a job well-done improves someone's day. Developing a habit of recognizing emerging talents motivates us to speak up and offer a kind word or helpful tip. It's a practice worth having, to improve relationships at work, home, and in the world around us. There really is no simpler way.

Make deliberate acts of encouragement. Provide reassurance and inspiration to the people around you. High five someone for a job well done. Take notice when a friend is getting close to a hard-earned goal, encouraging them to keep going. Send a card or give a call or text to a family member who may be struggling. Remind them how important they are to you.

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Thursday Morning Prayer / 7:00-7:15 a.m. / 1-605-313-4912 / AC 511288#