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ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor

Culture



Sam Harper, a Chick-fil-A Services Representative, recently graced us with rich insight concerning the term *Culture* in one of our hospitality sessions. As she proudly shared the culture of Chick-fil-A; I pondered about the culture of the Zion Church. Cambridge Dictionary defined the term *culture* as the way of life, especially the general customs and beliefs of a particular group of people at a particular time. The definition of *culture* indicates that the way of life can change at some point for society. Although Cambridge provides a broad and general description of culture, the term *culture* also has specific trends, practices and beliefs for various groups.

Cultural trends and practices have not just arrived in the 21st century. However, culture has existed since the beginning of time. It is interesting that Jesus the Christ teachings exemplifies how He address cultural practices. It appears in the scripture that Jesus would either **EMBRACE** cultural practices if it was relevant and liberated humanity. However, Jesus would **ELEVATE** the culture in areas that was oppressive and not effective for the Kingdom of God. Allow me to share with you some of the cultural practices that Jesus embraced as the Son of God; the Lord's Supper, Passover Festival, and Worship. However, Jesus did not embrace Jews and Gentile being separated. In the gospel of John 4:9-10 the scripture says, "The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Also, Jesus did not embrace the restraints of the Sabbath Day. In fact, the scripture says in Mark 3:2-4 "And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent."

Zion, as we embark upon a new year, the question is what are the cultural practices that we need to build on? What are the cultural practices we need to bury? What cultural practices that needs to be embraced? What cultural practices that needs to be elevated?

Zion, remember the "the grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."

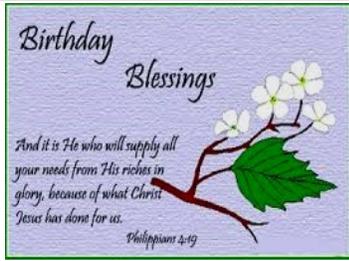
Pastor Davis

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 a unwavering love, steadfast faith and effective witness.

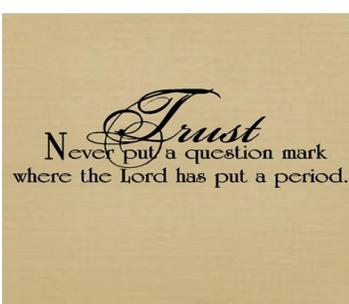
*Remembering our History
Rendering Help
Reaching forward with Hope*



- Jacqueline K. Wood
- Sherry Ford
- Rev. Fletcher Tucker
- Theodore Brown
- Denise Hodges
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- Ruth Ann Etheredge
- Tameka Harris
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Men's Day—October 28, 2018



Zion celebrated its annual Men's Day on Sunday, October 28, 2018 focusing on the theme...“Christian Men: Setting the Example for Future Generations.” The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Alphonso T. Houston, Pastor of New Foundation Missionary Baptist Church, Easley, SC. His message “What it Takes to be a Man” was taken from book of Acts 13:22. He emphasized

David was a man among men because he Loved God; and to be a man among men (1) one must possess a attitude like David to love the Word of God because it gives you freedom, hope and prosperity; (2) Learn to pray and Love to Pray...more prayer more power; (3) Love to Praise God; (4) To love in unity among your other brothers; and (5) Just be mean sometimes in authority of God...meaning David hated falsehood. Rev. Houston really fed us “spiritual food.”

In addition, **Deacon Wilson Mack** was presented as Zion's 2018 Man of the Year. He enjoys gardening, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He graduated from North High School in North, SC where he grew up and spent his career working on diesels for 40 years. He's a 32nd degree Master Mason and was previously married for 36 years and father of three children.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON WILSON MACK !!!

ZION'S FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY—09/30/18



Upcoming Events

November 6—ELECTION DAY !!! (PLEASE VOTE)

November 7—Pastor Davis Pre-Anniversary Services; Rev. Anthony McCallum, Speaker; Bethlehem Baptist Church; 7:00 pm

November 9—Deadline for Referrals for Thanksgiving Boxes; 2:00 pm

November 11—Pastor Davis First Anniversary Services; Rev. Edward Davis, Speaker; Gum Springs Baptist Church, Pageland, SC; 10:45 am

November 22—Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30—Zion Community Foundation Gala; SC State Museum; featuring Gospel Artist Beverly Crawford; 7:00 pm

Scripture

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
thankful
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Sunday School Lessons

NOVEMBER 4

“A Troubled Birth”
Genesis 25:19-34

NOVEMBER 11

“Jacob Receives Isaac’s Blessing”
Genesis 27:5-10, 18-19, 21-29

NOVEMBER 18

“Jacob Forms a Relationship with God”
Genesis 28:10-22

NOVEMBER 25

“God Blesses Jacob and His Family”
Genesis 30:22-32, 43



GOOD NEWS



On October 9, 2018, at the Koger Center, **Deacon Isaac Washington, Sr.** was one of the honorees for the unveiling of the 2019 South Carolina African American Calendar. He was recognized for his participation in Civil Rights demonstrations, pioneering the WIS TV Awareness Program, on the job training programs at WIS and ETV for Benedict and Allen students enrolled in media related studies, and for his military service to his country. As President/Publisher of The South Carolina Black Media Group, he earned several local and national awards including the A. Phillip Randolph Messenger Award for Journalistic Excellence in the field of Civil Rights, the National Newspaper Publishers Association Publisher of

the Year Award, and the NNPA Merit Awards in Civil Rights, Advertising, Sports and Outstanding Editorial Content.

In addition to his serving in numerous capacities at Zion, Isaac is a lifetime member of the NAACP, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto and Key to the City of Columbia, and is featured on the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame. He has served as a commissioner for the South Carolina State Housing Authority Board. Also, August 14 has been designated as **Isaac Washington Day** in Columbia.

Isaac and his wife, Clannie, are the parents of one son, Isaac, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON ISAAC WASHINGTON !!!

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Dinner
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