



AUGUST 2021

# ZION INFORMER

*From Your Pastor*



## This is A New Season

Beloved, we have reached the eighth month of the year of our Lord 2021. Did you know that numbers have spiritual significance? The number eight symbolizes new beginnings. I'm excited that this is a new season. The Lord is providing the sweet aroma of newness to His people. Isaiah 43:19 says "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth..."

Zion, let us embrace the new season. We must allow the Lord to download new ways into our minds and hearts to fully embrace this new season. Mark 2:22 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

I recently purchased a new laptop computer because my old computer was outdated, slow and it did not work anymore. However, I downloaded "my old word documents" into the new computer. Much like the old word documents was still needed for my new computer it dawned upon me that the Word of God is relevant in a new season. In this new season let's remember that methods change but the message is still the same.

I must admit learning the new process in working my computer required time for me to learn the new way. After I acclimated myself to the new computer it was for the better.

Zion, the Lord is doing a new thing in our church. We have small group Bible studies, Zoom business meetings, passion activities and hybrid worship services. Also, the Lord is still speaking, and I am open to hearing directions. Therefore, please be intentional about getting acclimated to the new thing. God has included you in this new season of blessings. Embrace your new season!

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*

## August Birthdays

Oliver Washington, Jr.  
 Kiyana Brice  
 James A. Moore  
 Dolores Scott  
 Neketta Ramsey  
 Doretha Thompson  
 Annette Hill  
 Joy K. Flemming  
 Joan McDuffie  
 Elnora D. Robinson  
 Frances Tillmon  
 Hazella Baylor  
 Corey Moody, Jr.  
 Rheda M. Simmons  
 William Gunn, Jr.  
 Dea. John Bookhart  
 Gloria James  
 Rev. Cynthia J. Walters  
 Hattie Zimmerman  
 Anita Taylor  
 Marilyn Moody  
 Cynthia Gist  
 Daisy Amaker  
 Michael Alston  
 Ronald Davis  
 Erica Craft

## August Anniversaries

Dea. Greg & Gail  
 Brown  
 John & Luvenia  
 Turnipseed  
 Dea. Malcolm & Ethel  
 Walters  
 Michael & Deloris  
 Walters  
 William & Charlie Mae  
 Gunn  
 Dea. Herbert & Rebecca  
 Barnette

## September Birthdays

Rev. Ernest Hare  
 Joyous Davis  
 Briana Abraham

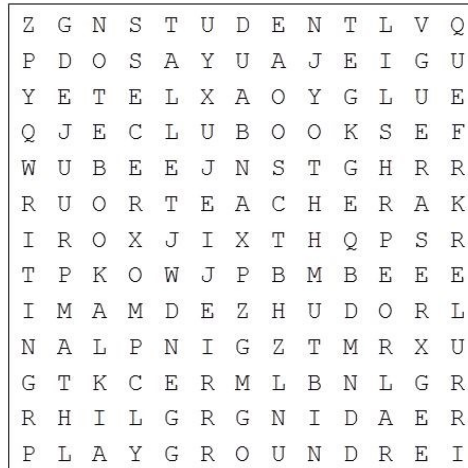
## In Memoriam

Sis. Gwendolyn LaVerne  
 Dixon

## Back to School



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BOOKS	NOTEBOOK	RULER
DESK	PAPER	STUDENT
ERASER	PENCIL	TEACHER
GLUE	PLAYGROUND	WRITING
LUNCHBOX	READING	
MATH	RECESS	



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## YWA Worship Service



On YWA Sunday, July 18, 2021, the YWA's and Zion were blessed with a very inspirational message from our guest speaker, Rev. M'Lilian Scott from First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, SC. The message entitled "How Bad Do You Want It," was taken from Matthew 15:21-28. Rev. Scott's encouraging and uplifting message reminded us that we should always pray about our circumstances, that our problems serve a greater purpose, and that there is a reward for being persistent and persevering. We should always praise and worship God; keep the Faith and God will give you what we need.

## Upcoming Events

**August 6**—ZBC Worship on Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**August 10-11**—ZBC Ministry Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**August 10-11**—ZBC Goforth-Graham Church Institute Part II, 7:00 p.m., Facilitator: Dr. Walter T. Richardson

**August 15**—Virtual Youth Day, 11:00 a.m., ZBC, Speaker: Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis

**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

**November 2**—Election Day

## Scripture

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”  
**James 1:5 KJV**

## 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)



## Sunday School Lessons

### AUGUST 1

“Salvation for All Who Believe”  
Romans 10:5-17

### AUGUST 8

“Meaning of Faith”  
Hebrews 11:1-8, 13-16

### AUGUST 15

“A Preserving Faith”  
Hebrews 10:23-36

### AUGUST 22

“A Conquering Faith”  
1 John 4:2-3, 13-17; 5:4-5

### AUGUST 29

“Hope Eternal”  
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10



## Good News

Sister Joretha Evans, a former member of Zion, officially retired on July 1st after a total of 33 years, 7 months and 1 day !!! During this chapter of her life, she plans to follow her passion of working with young people or senior citizens (like meals on wheels or helping with exercises and more). **Congratulations Sister Evans !!!**



Reverend Dr. Tonetta Killens has heard some wedding bells. She was married to Mr. Bobby LaGrone on May 15, 2021. Please join me in congratulating her and her husband. We pray that God will bless this marriage.  
**Congratulations Reverend Dr. Killens LaGrone !!!**



Dr. Rhudine Woods Wilkes, a former member of Zion, has earned her doctorate degree in Education. She is the daughter of the late Sister Francis Woods and the granddaughter of the late Sister Rhudine Johnson.  
**Congratulations Sister Wilkes !!!**

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Malcolm Walters and Deaconess Ethel Walters. On August 16, 2021, they will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. **Congratulations Deacon and Deaconess Walters !!!**

Please join me in wishing Sister Elnora Robinson a Happy Birthday. She will be celebrating her 96th birthday on August 10th. **Congratulations Sister Robinson !!!**

## ***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 Book Lovers Day***

National Book Lovers Day on August 9th harnesses all the excitement bibliophiles feel about books into one celebration.

A day for all those who love to read, National Book Lovers Day encourages you to find your favorite reading place, a good book (whether it be fiction or non-fiction) and read the day away.

Bibliophile – a person who has a great appreciation for or collects books.

Step back in time

The very first books used parchment or vellum (calf-skin) for the book pages.

The book covers were made of wood and often covered with leather.

Clasps or straps kept the books closed.

Public libraries appeared in the Middle Ages.

Public libraries often chained the books to a shelf or a desk to prevent theft.

Moving forward

Along with several recent developments, book manufacturers use digital printing. Book pages are printed using toner rather than ink. As a result of digital printing, print-on-demand opens up a whole new realm of publishing. In this case, distributors don't print the books until the customer places the order.

More and more, people read E-books. E-book (electronic book) refers to a book-length publication in digital form. They are usually available through the internet. However, they can also be found on CD-ROM and other systems. Read an E-book on a computer or via a portable book display device known as an e-book reader, such as a Reader, Nook or Kindle.

Sit back, relax and READ! Don't forget to share the joy of reading with young people in your life. Inspire them with your favorite novel or find out about the last book they took off the shelf. Read to the littlest of the up and coming readers, too.

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