



FEBRUARY 2019

ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Black History Observance

In reflection on our Annual MLK Day Prayer Service it was filled with a vast amount of people including clergy, politicians and the media. Beyond hearing echoes from the community of how hospitable the members of Zion were to our guests, I also reflected on the thought-provoking message that compelled us to think about action steps that can help us continue the movement of justice and equality. The following are action steps that can help us continue the King movement.

1. **Action to Serve**- Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement was about service for the good of people. Let us continue with the good work we have started in service. Brotherhood, We Care, Women of Wisdom, Deacons and Deaconess Ministry your service to the people is not in vain. Matthew 23:11 (ESV) says "the greatest among you shall be your servant."

2. **Action to Stand** - Dr. King said during one occasion "The ultimate measure of a man or woman is not where he or she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he or she stands at times of challenge and controversy." Zion, our local community and our nation is experiencing challenging times. It is imperative that we, as a people, stand for our rights. As African Americans, history reminds us that our vote makes a difference in the outcome of who is elected in governmental offices. Stand on the Word of God. Through teachings of the scripture we are to stand and let our light shine throughout the world. Our standing is not limited to the four walls of the church. Remember standing is not always popular but when it's purposeful your standing always counts.

3. **Action to be Spiritual** - The essence of spirituality is not within a building. Spirituality is not predicated upon the size of a pulpit whether it is small or large. Spirituality is not centered on wearing a \$200 suit or dress or a \$400 name brand casual outfit. Buildings, objects and clothing material is not the core of spirituality. Dr. King's effort to lead a movement that requested racial, economic and educational justice involved spirituality. Amos 5:24 (ESV) "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." The root of all people receiving social justice holistically is love for God's creation. Without love according to Pauline epistle we have nothing.

Zion let us not make the mistake of majoring in the minor things and minoring in major things. Let us Serve. Let us Stand. Let us be Spiritual!

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*

Birthdays

James D. Richardson
 Rev. Israel Gist
 Danyia Thames
 Cleo Fair
 Elise D. Myers
 Dorothy Terrell
 Otis Walters
 Deborah Summers
 Virginia King
 Elaina Williams
 Taylor Higgins
 Payton Walters
 Alicia Graham
 Andrena Mack
 Dea. Donnie Mack
 Lila M. Hammock
 Annie D. Williams
 Dea. George Fogle, Jr.
 Caroline Floyd
 Zachary Brown



Clente & Ojetta Flemming	09
Bernard & Audrey Deloach	13
Dea. George & Edith Fogle	15
Jeremiah & Frances Washington	23



What a lot of people don't know is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to come to Columbia in April of 1968. INSTEAD he canceled his trip and went to Memphis where he was assassinated.

From 1968 Newspaper Articles ...

King To Speak At CR Rally In Columbia—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will appear at a rally in Columbia next Wednesday night. A SCLC spokesman said Thursday that King may speak at the meeting at **Zion Baptist Church**, but will not present a formal address. The civil rights leader intends to drive through South Carolina meeting as many “poor people” as possible, the spokesman said. He will come to the state following a tour of Georgia. After the rally he will go to North Carolina.

King Cancels Columbia Trip For Memphis—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has cancelled a visit to South Carolina scheduled for Wednesday. A spokesman at King's headquarters in Atlanta says “because of the Memphis crisis, he felt he needed more time there.” Last week in Memphis, a march organized by King in support of striking garbage collectors turned into a riot which claimed one life. King had planned to appear at a rally in Columbia at **Zion Baptist Church** Wednesday night. He had also scheduled visits to homes of low-income families on his way through the state to North Carolina.

Upcoming Events

February 9—Baptist E&M Congress VBS Training, Benedict College; 8:30 a.m.

February 9—Red Dress/Red Bowtie Luncheon; Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church; tickets \$25; 11:00 a.m.

February 10—Couples/Marriage Ministry Day; 10:45 a.m.; Speaker(s) Rev. Antonio Smith and Minister Pam Smith; Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Ansonville, NC

February 22—Morris College Mid-Winter Rally & Banquet

February 23—State Woman's, YWA & Youth Planning Meeting; Morris College; Sumter, SC

March 10—Daylight Savings Time Begins

Scripture

"To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
Mark 12:33 (NIV)

ATTENTION !!

The Zion Community Foundation is seeking a part time, temporary Executive Director skilled in program management, administrative support, and grant writing. Please submit your application (<http://www.zioncommunityfoundation.org/executive-director.html>) and resume to Zion Community Foundation at 1328 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Sunday School Lessons

FEBRUARY 3

"Renounce Everything for Christ"
Philippians 3:7-14

FEBRUARY 10

"Pondering God's Steadfast Love"
Psalm 48:1-3; 9-14

FEBRUARY 17

"Praising God's Mighty Works"
Psalm 66:1-9; 16-20

FEBRUARY 24

"Living with God's Loving Assurance"
Psalm 91:1-8; 11-16



GOOD NEWS

Dr. M. Andrew Davis

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There were only 25 pastors chosen for the pilgrimage and Pastor Davis was among those chosen

Brother Tyrone (Ty) Washington is the Supervisor of Transportation on the Richland campus and will now be serving as the Supervisor on the Baptist campus as well. Ty is in his 46th year with Prisma Health (formerly Palmetto Health), working all of his years in Transportation; first as a Transporter and then as a Lead Transporter. He has been in the Transport Supervisor role since April 2018. **CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER TY WASHINGTON !!**



Few Black History Facts You May Not Know!!

1. It's a sure bet you know about *Dr. Luther King, Jr.*
⇒ But maybe you're not aware of **Bayard Rustin**, a civil rights leader who was jailed repeatedly for his association with social disturbances and open homosexuality.
2. You probably know that *Maya Angelou* was the first African American Woman to write a non-fiction best seller.
⇒ But perhaps you don't know **Phillis Wheatley** was the first **published African American female** author. She was a servant who published her first poem at the age of 12 in the mid 1700s.
3. Surely you know that *Halle Berry* was the first African American to **win an Academy Award** for Best Actress for her role in *Monster's Ball*.
⇒ But it's possible you don't know **Dorothy Dandridge** was the **first African American Woman** nominated for the Best Actress Academy Award for her lead role in *Carmen Jones*.
4. If you're really smart, you already knew *George Washington Carver* made several agricultural advances and used the peanut to create over 100 new products.
⇒ Another African American responsible for scientific advances you may not have learned about is **Henrietta Lacks**. Though her cells were taken *without her consent*, they were responsible for what scientists know as *HeLa* cells, or the first immortal cell line. This was critical in medical research and the creation of vaccines for polio, advances in cloning, vitro fertilization, and much more.
5. There's a good chance you know that *Thurgood Marshall* was the first African American appointed to the *Supreme Court*.
⇒ But did you know that before that he played a pivotal role in the **Brown v Board of Education** case? The results of this case made it possible for all children to attend school together, regardless of their race.
6. Maybe you know about the riot that broke out in **Watts, California** in 1965. Rioters ransacked and burned the city over a span of several days making the Watts Riot the most costly disturbance of its day.
⇒ One you may not have heard of is the **Tulsa Race Riot**. In 1921, an entire city was burned to the ground due to a racial disturbance and retaliation. It is estimated over 300 people were killed overnight during the riot. The thriving city that was once called "Black Wall Street" has never regained it's status.

These figures and events—along with so many others—shaped not just African American History, but everyone's history. Take the time to learn a few more facts this year.

Happy Black History Month !!!



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