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ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



"Let Us Keep Going"

Ancestry is the family lineage from generations to previous generations. Black History month is time carved out to remember our rich lineage. The observance of Black History month was greatly influenced by blacks who undoubtedly made a mark in the world. Likewise, the observance of Black History month was influenced by the late Carter G. Woodson who is depicted as the father of black history among other persons. Carter understood the importance of not only having knowledge of black persons, black institution imprints, intelligence and inspiration but it is also equally important to share the richness of our story from generations to generations.

Let us share without a fallacy that paints a picture of perfection. Certainly, there are dents, damages and dullness in our history. Our ancestors had different points of views and perceptions about various matters. Yet our ancestors shared a commonality of inner drive and tenacity. It is my observation that many of our ancestors had an overwhelming inward power given by God that kept them beyond dangerous and desolate times.

Let us share the richness of our history. Let us share the bravery and the courageous stories of those that FOUGHT for freedom, but they were lynched because of speaking out. Many were killed because of their conviction and pursuit of human dignity such as Malcom X, Martin Luther King Jr., Sam Cooke and others. Certainly, their fight was not in vain. Let us share the stories of those that have recently fallen to murder by the corruption of police. Unfortunately, many blacks have experienced 18th century treatment in a 21st century world. Human indignity should not have been permissible during any time period. Surely, we would have expected a heart of repentance within these United States. The unjust treatment reminds us to keep fighting by voting, by community awareness and by loving. Let us fight until our future generation can say our ancestors defeated injustice, oppressive systems and unjust law. Let us keep going, we still have a way to GO!

"Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday."

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

February Birthdays

James D. Richardson
Rev. Israel Gist
Danyia Thames
Sharon Hall
Dorothy Terrell
Cynthia Franklin
Otis Walters
Deborah Summers
Virginia King
Taylor Higgins
Payton Walters
Alicia Graham
Andrena Mack
Dea. Donnie Mack
Dea. George Fogle
Lila M. Hammock
Caroline Floyd
Zachary Brown

March Birthdays

Dea. King Ross
McKayla Moore
Clannie Washington
Amber Abraham

February Anniversaries

Clente & Ojetta
Flemming
Bernard & Audrey
Deloach
Dea. George & Edith
Fogle

In Memoriam

Sister Doris Butler
Sister Annie Williams

Leadership Commitment Principles

Leadership: the action of guiding and directing a group of people or an organization.

Commitment: an agreement or pledge to do something; the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity or vision.

Numbers 30:2 - If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Psalms 37:5 - Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass.

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Colossians 3:23 - And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

As a leader, You vow to advance the kingdom of God and the vision of Zion Baptist Church.

As a leader, You vow to maintain integrity: A person of integrity doesn't claim to have it all together in every area. On the contrary, a person of integrity knows their strengths and areas for improvement. When you have integrity, you live out what you say you believe. You do not just teach truth; you model it too. If you are going to lead, people must trust you. All leadership is built on trust, which stems from having a reputation for telling the truth.

As a leader, You vow to walk in a spirit of forgiveness. People out front always get the arrows! You must serve as leader to all in your ministry/auxiliary. If you allow bitterness to "grow up" in your life, it will choke your heart for God—and it'll choke your love for people until your heart shrivels. People will talk, but as leader you must constantly forgive. Even Jesus, who was a perfect leader, was betrayed. It is not always your fault, but it will be your fault if you carry bitterness in your heart, as it will keep you from being the leader God wants you to be.

As a leader, You vow to do your work and unto the Lord and to trust God. Remember, God is in control and ultimately, it is God's responsibility to make your ministry/auxiliary grow. Your job is to be faithful. How do you trust God more in your ministry, so stress does not overwhelm you? You pray more. You meditate on God's promises and remember his track record of faithfulness in your life. And do not forget to laugh more, humor is a tremendous stress reliever in ministry.

As a leader, You vow to be a peacemaker. Leaders should work toward reducing conflict in their ministry/auxiliary—and certainly should not add to it. Our world has plenty of conflict already. This means refusing to participate in gossip and challenging it when you hear it. No one likes to be called out for gossip but addressing gossip for what it is will help to shut it down. Another way to be a peacemaker is to encourage diversity of thought. Do not force those you lead to be like you. Everyone has a different personality and different strengths. A peacemaking leader seeks unity, not uniformity.

Upcoming Events

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 14—Love in Marriage Worship Service, 11:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Gary Miller
Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Bowman, SC

February 17—Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 14—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14—ZBC Women's Day Observance, 11:00 a.m.

March 20—First Day of Spring

March 28—Palm Sunday

April 2—Good Friday

April 4—Easter

Scripture

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Galatians 6:9

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

FEBRUARY 7

"Called to Evangelize"
John 4:25-42

FEBRUARY 14

"Mary Magdalene:
A Faithful Disciple"
Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40;
John 20:10-18

FEBRUARY 21

"Priscilla:
Called to Minister"
Acts 18:1-3, 18-21,
24-26; Romans 16:3-4

FEBRUARY 28

"Lydia:
Called to Serve"
Acts 16:11-15, 40;
1 Corinthians 1:26-30



Leadership Commitment Principles (cont.)

As a leader, You vow to be an encourager and allow others to use their talents/gifts. "How can you do that?" Regularly praise the people you are leading. Focus on what they are doing that is positive, including their potential to grow and improve. People often live up to the expectations placed on them. Most importantly, listen to the people you lead. When you are listening, you are loving. Listening tells people they matter, and you value them. Christian leaders are dispensers of hope. If you are enthusiastic and hopeful, you will encourage those you lead.

As a leader, you should never stop growing. "Learning is the lifestyle of leadership." Growing ministries require growing leaders. One of the best ways to keep growing as a leader is to meet new people. The best ideas you will have for your ministry will come from people who know nothing about it. Creativity is the ability to take ideas from many diverse sources and see how they relate to what you are doing. Additionally, be open to feedback; ask what is going well in your ministry/auxiliary and what is not. Be open to change.

You are a product of the commitments you make. How committed are you? (<https://pastors.com/6-commitments-every-spiritual-leader-must-make-part-1/>, <https://pastors.com/6-commitments-every-spiritual-leader-must-make-part-2/>)

Water Heater Energy Tips

- Make sure the water heater is set to 120 degrees.
- Drain a few gallons from the bottom of the tank each year to remove sediment build up.
- Insulate exposed hot water lines.
- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Fix dripping faucets or leaks immediately.

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Sister Cleo Fair
Sister Annette Hill

Reverend Israel Gist

Sister Daisy Amaker
Judge Jasper Cureton
Sister Tonja Knightner
Sister Leatha Osborne
Brother John Turnipseed
Brother Jeremiah Washington
Sister Thelma Whitney
Sister Artless Williams

Sister Shirley Bookhart
Brother William Hope
Brother Julius Marshall
Sister Elnora Robinson
Sister Clannie Washington
Sister Marilyn West
Brother Archie P. Williams III

Heating and Cooling Energy Tips

- Set the thermostat to 78 in the summer and 68 in the winter.
- Upgrade to a programmable thermostat if possible.
- Change the filter (s) on a regular basis, usually once a month during the heating and cooling season.
- Check attic insulation, and add insulation if you have less than R-30. R-30 is usually about 8-10 inches depending on the type of insulation.
- Make sure all supply registers and returns are not blocked or closed off.
- Make sure windows and doors are properly weather-stripped.
- Have your HVAC system serviced once a year by a qualified technician.

A Black History Moment



Mrs. Kamala D. Harris has made history. She was sworn in as the 49th Vice President of the United States on January 20, 2021. She is the first African American, the first Asian American and the first female Vice President of the United States. She is the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history.



Mr. Raphael G. Warnock became the first African American senator from Georgia on January 20, 2021. Vice President Kamala Harris administered the oath of office to Senator Raphael Warnock and Senator Jon Ossoff hours after her own swearing-in.

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