



JUNE 2021

ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



We Are Back

Zion, the wait is over! We will return to in-person worship at the Zion Baptist Church sanctuary. The address is 801 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The date is June 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. We will have in-person worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month until further notice.

We have waited patiently on the Lord. Waiting does not mean that we have done nothing. But while we waited, we prayed constantly, we planned, and we evaluated our in-person

worship process.

We have made adjustments that will make the worship experience as safe as possible. Please keep in mind that each person will have to govern themselves according to the church protocols.

Please arrive to the church by 10:30 a.m. or earlier to go through the check-in process in a timely manner. Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

I am extremely excited to see you again! Do you realize that we have not gathered as a collective group for in-person worship in 15 months due to COVID-19? A lot has changed within the past 15 months, but the goodness and mercy of God remains the same. Therefore, as you come back consider the following points of Power.

Return with a Praise: Let us return giving thanks unto the Lord for all the benefits that He has rendered unto us.

Return with a Progressive mind: When you come back, please do not expect worship to be like it was 15 months ago. Let us move forward and embrace our new way of ministry and worship. Isaiah 43:19 ESV "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Return with a Purpose: Beloved, our purpose is to give God glory in what our endeavors are as a church. When we give God glory souls will be saved and people would become authentic disciples.

I will see you in the sanctuary. We will enter to worship and depart to minister to people.

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

June Birthdays

Gwen Richardson
Rena Walters
Tashaundra Williams
Alana Fluker
Roman C. Taylor
Christopher Moody
Tenia Pittard
Kayla Springs
Calvernetta Brown
Devan Pittard
Cynthia Dantzler
Dorothy Mack
Christopher M. Davis
Rebecca Barnette
Brittney Gist
Ronald Hammock
Julius Marshall
Tori West
Willodene Blanding
Armon Williams
Sierra Flynn
Clente Flemming

June Anniversaries

James & Carolyn Jones
Archie P. & Calvernetta
Williams
Dea. Herry & Teresa
Canzater
Randy & Calvernetta
Brown
Rev. Fletcher & Margaret
Tucker
Dea. Robert & Joan
McDuffie
Kenneth & Alfreda
Burkley
Everett & Carol Dargan
William & Kathy Hope
Dea. Derrick & Michele
Brown
Richard & Joyce Flynn

The Jubilee Choir 108th Anniversary

Zion's Jubilee Choir is celebrating 108 years of praising the Lord in song. It was organized in 1913 during the pastorate of Reverend J. C. White and under the leadership of James Bailey, who served as president.

Zion's Jubilee Choir is one of the oldest jubilee choirs in the state. We thank God for the longevity of the Jubilee Choir and pray that the future will bring continued growth to the choir as it continues to praise God with song in the traditional jubilee style – acapella.

Vacation Bible School

Zion's 2021 VBS will be held on June 21-24 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We will use the hybrid model which will include in person days on Monday and Thursday and virtual Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a celebration planned for Saturday, June 26. Registration is imperative, so drop by the church office to complete the registration card. We look forward to seeing you.

Unveiling and Retelling Our History

The Baptist Educational & Missionary Convention of South Carolina presents the book "Unveiling and Retelling Our History." The cost of the book is \$20 and is available for pickup at the church office. Please call the church office at 803.779.2809 and reserve your signed copy today.

July Birthdays

Dea. Isaac Washington 01
Lewis P. Graham, Jr. 02
Everett Dargan 03

July Anniversaries

Nathaniel & Patricia
Abraham 01
Robert & Carla
Moody 01

Upcoming Events

June 1-30—We Care Ministry collecting non-perishable food for Harvest Hope Food Bank, Please take to the conference room

June 19—Juneteenth

June 20—Father's Day

June 20—First Day of Summer

June 27—ZBC 156th Church Anniversary, 11:00 a.m., Love Offering \$56, Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dominique A. Robinson

July 11-16—SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education Annual Session, Contact the Church Office by 7/1 if interested

Scripture

"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another."

John 1:16

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

JUNE 6

"Why Do You Worry?"
Matthew 6:25-34

JUNE 13

"Why Are You Afraid?"
Matthew 8:23-27

JUNE 20

"Healed by Faith"
Matthew 9:18-26

JUNE 27

"Why Do You Doubt?"
Matthew 14:22-33



Good News

Sister Brenda A. Clark retired from Benedict College in May 2021 at the end of the semester after teaching for forty-four (44) years. **Congratulations Dr. Clark !!!**

Recently, Brother Armon Williams was inducted into the National Beta Club. He is a student at W. J. Keenan High School. The National Beta Club is an organization for 4th through 12th grade students in the United States. Its purpose is "to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership and service among elementary and secondary school students." Brother Armon is the son of Sister Rena Walters and grandson of Rev. Dr. Cynthia Walters and Brother Otis Walters. **Congratulations Brother Armon !!!**

Juneteenth Celebration



There will be a Juneteenth celebration at the Historic Harriet Barber House and Grounds on June 19, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. The address is 116 Barberville Loop, Hopkins, SC 29061. This is a free drive-in concert (Family Day) event. Bring your own mini tables and chairs. **Please wear a mask to attend !!!** Be safe with social distancing !!!

John P. Kee and others will be in concert.

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Reverend Israel Gist

Sister Daisy Amaker

Judge Jasper Cureton

Brother Robert Kearney

Brother Julius Marshall

Sister Elnora Robinson

Sister Clannie Washington

Sister Marilyn West

Brother Archie P. Williams III

Sister Annette Hill

Sister Shirley Bookhart

Brother William Hope

Sister Tonja Knightner

Sister Leatha Osborne

Brother John Turnipseed

Brother Jeremiah Washington

Sister Thelma Whitney

Sister Artless Williams

Celebrating Black Music Month

June is African American Music Appreciation Month! Created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, this month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage. Formerly called National Black Music Month, this celebration of African American musical contributions is re-established annually by presidential proclamation.

Sacred music, which includes spirituals and gospel music, illustrates the central role that music plays in African American spiritual and religious life.

African American folk music links back to African cultural traditions. The blues form the foundation of contemporary American music. As did sacred and folk music, the blues also greatly influenced the cultural and social lives of African Americans. Beginning with the Revolutionary War, African Americans have always held a significant role in the armed services' military band tradition. Jazz evolved from ragtime, an American style of syncopated instrumental music. Jazz first materialized in New Orleans and is often distinguished by African American musical innovation. The predecessor to soul music, Rhythm and Blues is another stylistically-diverse genre with roots in jazz, the blues and gospel music. Rock and roll music incorporates elements from all African American music genres and combines them with American pop and country music components. Hip-Hop and rap are musical traditions firmly embedded in African American culture. Like jazz, hip-hop has become a global phenomenon and has exerted a driving force on the development of mass media.

A Special Thank You

Greetings Zion,

Thank you for your support to the Scholarship Future Funding. For the month of May, Zion collected \$1,670. In one month, we doubled the amount that was collected in one year.

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