



MARCH 2021

ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor

One Year Ago



Beloved of the Lord, almost 365 days ago the world was shaken up by a global pandemic. COVID-19 has changed the way we conduct our daily lives. It has changed how our children receive an education, changed how businesses are conducted and it has also changed how churches gather for worship. The Zion Baptist Church has not gathered for in-person worship since March of 2020. But, by the grace of God, progress is being made to improve the daily lives of God's people.

Despite all the difficulties as a result of the virus, there are some divine lessons we have learned from this past year. We have learned the virtue of PATIENCE as well as the ability to adapt to change. In Galatians 5:22, patience is listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit. One writer says, "If patience is a virtue, then waiting is the best (and often most unpleasant) means by which the Holy Spirit grows patience in us."

We have also learned the importance of prayer. Beloved, prayer is sincere communication to God. So, as we continue to pray and fast for the eradication of COVID-19, we must be steadfast in our ability to be faithful to the word of God. We must have hope in the promises of God. One promise is that He will never leave us, nor forsake us. Moreover, we continue to count ourselves blessed and protected by the Lord's favor because He is a healer, a protector, and the guiding force in our lives.

"Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God."

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*

March Birthdays

Dea. King Ross
McKayla Moore
Clannie Washington
Amber Abraham
Keya Jackson
Naomi Dantzler
Donna Brice
Delphine Dais
Judith King
Joseph D. Hardison
Barbara Baker
James E. Jones
Delores M. English
Orlando Dantzler
Luna Mack
Tara Pearson Graham
Jarryd Walters
Alexia Coleman

April Birthdays

Dea. Robert McDuffie
Tonja P. Knightner
Camille Williams

March Anniversaries

Thurman & Hattie
Zimmerman
Otis & Rev. Cynthia
Walters
Dea. King & Evetta
Ross

In Memoriam

Sister Cleo Fair

2021 Love in Marriage and Family Worship

The "Love in Marriage and Family" Worship Service was held on Sunday, February 14th (Valentine's Day). Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and all its requirements, the married couples ministry provided a totally virtual worship service. We thank God for a blessed and beautiful service. The theme this year was "Protecting the Family with Faith and Knowledge" and the scripture to strengthen the theme was 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

The guest preacher was Rev. Gary Miller, senior pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Bowman, South Carolina, along with his lovely wife, Lady Charlene Miller, who brought greetings of encouragement. Rev. Miller provided us with a mighty word from God for all relationships that are bound in love. He reminded us that our faith is the foundation for protecting the family. And most importantly, love is the glue that holds us together. Love allows us to endure all things, good or bad. And finally Rev Miller reminded us that the power of faith is above the power of fear.

The service began with Sunday School, which was facilitated by Brother Gordon McRae and his wife, Diane McRae. The service also included a special video presentation of those couples who have been married for 50 years or more, as well as a special beautiful duet by Deacon Donnie Mack and his wife Sister Jackie Calvi Mack. If you missed it, please feel free to visit the church's website for the February 14, 2021, online service.

Zion's Married Couples Ministry is excited about what God is doing and will do in the future. We pray that He continues to use the ministry and its couples to be a witness for Him, understanding that He created marriages and fully gives marriages His blessings. If there are married couples in Zion who have not participated with the Married Couples Ministry, we encourage you to do so. Please do not hesitate to contact any member and we will be happy to add your name and email to our contact list. We welcome you and would love to have you be a part and participate.

To God be the Glory!

Deacon Frankie Moore and Sherry Wright Moore,
Co-Facilitators
Deacon Derrick Brown and Michele Taylor-Brown,
Co-Facilitators

Upcoming Events

March 13—Women’s Day Hat Tea, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Speaker: Rev. LaShonda Hayes via Zoom

March 14—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14—ZBC Women’s Day Observance, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom, Guest Speaker: Dr. Gwenda Richburg Greene

March 17-18—GoForth—Graham Institute, Speaker: Dr. Emory Berry, Jr., 7:00 p.m. Nightly via Zoom

March 20—First Day of Spring

March 27—Passover

March 28—Palm Sunday

Scripture

“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”

Jeremiah 17:14 NIV

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

MARCH 7

“Moses: Prophet of Deliverance”
Deuteronomy 18:15-22

MARCH 14

“Joshua: Prophet of Conquest”
Joshua 5:13-6:5,15-16,20

MARCH 21

“Huldah: Prophet of Wisdom”
2 Kings 22:14-20

MARCH 28

“Elijah: Prophet of Courage”
1 Kings 18:5-18



Good News

Jonathan Williams, Jr. is a Junior at Newberry College where he is majoring in Healthcare Management. Jon has been on the Dean’s list every semester since attending Newberry and has a 3.69 GPA. He is a Resident Assistant member of the Newberry College Black Male Success Initiative, member of Millennial Entrepreneurs of South Carolina and a member of the Track team. In the Fall 2020, he was awarded the most improved athlete. He competes as a Thrower - hammer, weight, discus and shot put. During Black History month, Jon was spotlighted by Student Engagement at Newberry College where he was quoted, “My Black is an Irreplaceable Gift for God.” Jon is the 2018 Zion Baptist Church scholarship recipient. He is the oldest son of Sister Camille Williams.

Changing of the Guard for WOW Ministry

Since the origination of the ZBC Women of Wisdom Ministry, Sister Charlie Mae Gunn started as a co-leader along with Sister Agnes Hardison. After a few years, she branched off into the role of President. The WOW Ministry has now changed the reigns of leadership for 2021 and is now led by Sister Brenda Clark as President. Our previous fearless leader, Sister Charlie Mae Gunn, has stepped down from the position but not (by far) from the mission! She has given several years of hard work, commitment and determination to lead a successful ministry. Although she has many other tasks on her plate and will focus her leadership in other areas, she will still be a working missionary within the WOW ministry. As we say “THANK YOU” for a job well done to the outgoing President, we welcome the new President, Sister Brenda Clark, with open hearts and minds to start a fresh new journey.

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

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 Annette Hill

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

Honor Rev. Dr. Lewis P. Graham, Sr.



During February 2021, the Kingston Lake Association honored Dr. Lewis P. Graham, Sr. dedicating the ministerial room at the association building to him. The late Dr. Graham loved God, Morris College, family, all of the churches and people of the Kingston Lake Association from where he was raised and was called to preach. Words will never express the joy and heartfelt thanks for continuing his life, love and legacy.

2021 Women's Day Observance

The theme for the Zion Baptist Church 2021 Women's Day Observance, which will be held on March 14 at 11:00 a.m., is "Women of God: Remaining Steadfast in Times Like These." The theme is based on 1 Corinthians 15:58. The guest speaker is Dr. Gwendolyn Richburg Greene of Benedict College.

Goforth—Graham Institute

Our leadership workshops for this Goforth—Graham Institute will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 and Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. nightly via Zoom. The focus is: Ministering to the people by maximizing potential thru managing our financial possession. The guest speaker is Dr. Emory Berry, Jr., pastor of Greenforest Community Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

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Thursday Morning Prayer / 7:00-7:15 a.m. / 1-605-313-4912 / AC 511288#