



OCTOBER 2020

ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



“Follow Through”

Beloved,

I recall Mr. Marc Richardson, the former Varsity basketball Coach of the Anson Bearcats, saying “follow through” when a player was shooting free throws. In sports “following through” is the completion of a motion, as in the stroke of tennis racket, as in the swing of baseball bat, as in the hand motion of shooting a basketball. In life “follow through” is the “act of continuing a plan, project, scheme, or the like to its completion.” The common word that involves “follow through” is “completion.”

A completion is to finish what has been started. Zion, let us be intentional about completing what we started concerning “VOTING” in the year of our Lord 2020. The Black Church 75 is an organization that is encouraging all African Americans churches to have at least 75% of persons registered and ready to vote. According to Black Church 75, Zion church members have over 80% of persons registered to vote. Voting registration is the start but VOTING is the “follow through.” Zion, you have registered now “strengthen your fellow brothers and sisters” by having dialogues with others about voting. Please consider marking your calendar for your family voting date. Take every measure possible to make sure that you do not miss an opportunity to express your voice as a citizen. Every Vote counts!

Please take note of the following dates: The deadline to request absentee ballot is October 30; In person Absentee Voting is October 5- November 2, 2020. Election Day is November 3.

Zion, when we look at the social climate of racism, health and economic disparities in these United States of America it can appear that the odds are against the oppressed. However, when you put your faith into action nothing is impossible with God. The late Nelson Mandela said “It always seems Impossible until it’s Done.” Zion let us “follow through” and get it done.

Philippians 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus the Christ.”

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 a unwavering love, steadfast faith and effective witness.

*Remembering our History
Rendering Help
Reaching forward with Hope*

OCTOBER Birthdays

Dea. Robert C. Mack
Shirley Levy
Gwen Dixon
Kathy Hope
Jennifer Seymour
Lavonda Gladney
Sherry Moore
Leatha Osborne
Rev. Gene Brown
Archie P Williams III
Cadaisa Hallman
Jalynn Brooks
Edith Fogle
Dea. Cleveland
Etheredge
Carla Moody
Deloris Walters
Jeremiah Washington
Renee Martin
Alma Strozier
Cederia Walters
Norvell Pettus
Agnes Hardison
Doris Jumper



October Anniversaries

Dea. Robert & Dorothy Mack
Dea. Donnie & Jackie Mack
Merrick & Lakeisha Phillips



2020 Zion Virtual Revival "Re-Up"



Zion started their fall revival on Monday, October 14, 2020. The speaker for Monday was **Rev. Jeffrey L. Williams**, Pastor of Golden View Baptist Church, Fountain Inn, SC. His subject "Receive Strength to Get Past

It" was taken from Acts 3:1-4. Rev. Williams emphasized that when you find yourself in an ugly situation, depend on God and not man. Check who you have in your life.....some of us have some Judas in our lives!

He also emphasized (1) you are not your condition; (2) you can get past what people say; and (3) when you get up, get up with strength and power. It's time to Re-Up...The Lord has work for you to do. Don't need to be religious, but spiritual.

On Tuesday our speaker was **Rev. Julian Thompson**, Pastor of Mt. Prospect Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC. His message "Can I Get a Refill" was taken from Judges 15:18-19. Rev. Thompson emphasized when you've got God's strength, you can do anything, but you must be (1) aware of act of celebration. In other words, don't let your condition cripple your celebration; (2) be aware of act of separation... sometime God has to separate you from people who are not cut like you; and (3) observe the act of separation. God opens up the hollow places. When God opened the jawbone, Samson had water to drink. God knows how to keep water in a jawbone until after the fight. God specializes in things impossible. Don't let victory separate you from God!

On Wednesday our speaker was **Rev. Henry McNeill**, Pastor of New Horizon Baptist Church of High Point, NC. His message "Be Strong" was taken from Ephesians 6:10. He emphasized you have to be strong in the Lord as the devil is real, but the whole desire of the Lord is to save. Every believer here has conflict and battles with Satan! God has not changed as he's still in the business of healing and compassion. Nothing about the Lord is diminished. We have to (1) be strong in our character and (2) strong in our faith. We need to feed ourselves the Word of God and when we step out on faith, God will do his part.

What an awesome three nights of being fed God's Word. Thank you to our guest speakers and to our praise team for musical selections each night.

Upcoming Events

October 29—World Stroke
November 1—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3—Election Day
November 11—Veterans Day
November 26—Thanksgiving
December 21—First Day of Winter
December 24—Christmas Eve
December 25—Christmas Day
December 26—Kwanzaa
December 31—New Year's Eve
January 1—New Year's Day

Scripture

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:18

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

OCTOBER 4

“Love and Devotion to Others”
1 Samuel 19:1-7

OCTOBER 11

“Love Your Enemies”
Luke 6:27-36

OCTOBER 18

“Loving Your Neighbor”
Luke 10:25-37

OCTOBER 25

“Love Divine”
1 Corinthians 13



Good News



We are proud to inform you that Reverend Ernest Hare has earned his Master of Ministry degree from Anderson University. The commencement was held at 10:00 a.m. on October 2, 2020 at the school. **Congratulations Reverend Hare !!!**

2020 Family and Friends Day

Zion celebrated its annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, September 27, 2020 with our very own Pastor Andrew Davis as speaker (filling in for our scheduled speaker, Rev. John Mendez, who took ill and was hospitalized).

Pastor Davis' message was “Following God Faithfully” and taken from Proverbs 3:3-6.

He emphasized following God faithfully is (1) demonstrated through God leading you; (2) God living in us; (3) put you in position to receive God's lavishness; and (4) direct you into a life of learning God's knowledge and insight.

Pastor Davis emphasized when you trust God, you have to ride on the passenger side of life !!! We serve a God who will lead us safely...just be faithful !!!

Even though the services were virtual, it was a beautiful day !!!

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Sister Cleo Fair
Sister Annette Hill

Reverend Israel Gist
Sister Elise Myers

Sister Daisy Amaker
Sister Hazella Baylor
Sister Mary Bowden
Sister Ojetta Flemming
Sister Tonja Knightner
Sister Leatha Osborne
Reverend Fletcher Tucker
Brother John Turnipseed
Brother Jeremiah Washington
Sister Thelma Whitney
Sister Annie Williams

Deacon Herbert Barnette
Sister Shirley Bookhart
Judge Jasper Cureton
Brother William Hope
Brother Julius Marshall
Sister Elnora Robinson
Sister Margaret Tucker
Sister Clannie Washington
Sister Marilyn West
Brother Archie P. Williams III
Sister Artless Williams

Plan Your Vote !!!

Let's take advantage of the opportunity to vote on each election. Our General Election Day is November 3, 2020. This is a very important election. We will elect the President, the Senators, the Representatives and several local officials.

The deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election is October 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The deadline to register to vote by mail for the General Election is October 5, 2020 (must be postmarked by this date).

County offices will be open for in-person absentee voting beginning on October 5 for the 2020 General Election. Under the new voting law, absentee ballot applications must be received by county voter offices by 5p.m. on October 24 if sent by mail and by 5 p.m. on October 30 if applications are received in person. The law also allows county offices to open the outer envelope of absentee ballots two days before Election Day and start counting the action ballots starting at 7 a.m. on November 3.

One of the very important things to keep in mind is to register to vote if you have moved. Another is to make sure your address is correct. Make sure you sign (with black ink) your absentee ballot well with a regular signature. **Please no fancy signatures.** Your ballot will get rejected (thrown out) if the signature is not your proper signature (does not match).

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