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ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



Power of Relationships

Beloved, during our Bible study sessions we have read and discussed the book entitled "Simple Church: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples." The instructions from the authors, Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger, have been informative and inspirational. The book encourages churches that desire to be vibrant to capitalize on the power of relationships.

Zion, there is strength in unity. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says "*And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*" Let

us strive to be a relational church. We are more effective when we are relational oppose to being informational. A relational church sees an exchange of care, conversation, and support. Ministering to people requires developing relationships. As we capitalize on building relationships let us consider the following tips.

Relational Churches **communicate**. Not a forceful level of communication but a flowing level of communication. Let's share ideas, insights, and information with one another without fear of senseless rejection. Let us be open to sensible feedback. Let us communicate.

Relational churches **support** one another in word and deed. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 says "*And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*" Support when you are not on a committee or if you are not on the program. When you are supportive you will receive support. Let us not be people haters but people supporters.

Remember the key to building relationships is to **be friendly**. Friendship does not mean you cannot address problems. However, the true essence of friendship is when a proper bonding happens between people that build trust. Proverbs 18:24 says "*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*"

Zion, let us capitalize on the power of Relationship!

*"I need you, you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body."*

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*

October Birthdays

Dea. Robert Mack
Shirley Levy
Kathy Hope
Jennifer Seymour
Lavonda Gladney
Sherry Moore
Leatha Osborne
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

In Memoriam

Sis. Elnora D. Robinson

Family & Friends Day / Mortgage Burning

"GIVING THANKS AND PRAISING GOD FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE." As this was the theme for Family and Friends Day/Mortgage Burning 2021, it was certainly exemplified during this thankful and fun-filled weekend of activities on September 18-19, 2021. Family and Friends Day kicked off Saturday, the 18th with a Family Fun Day/Tailgating event. There were tailgaters, Family talent, games, prizes and tons of fun had by all. On Sunday, September 19th, as our Family and Friends worshipped together, we burned the mortgages on two properties - the Reeder House and the Rental Property. What a spiritual and memorable ceremony!! It was a blessing. It was to **"GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE GOD FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!"**

Our Family and Friends Day guest speaker, Rev. Marcus Fairley from the St. Luke Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC., reminded us that "Things Happen When We Pray!" Rev. Fairley's message was taken from Acts 12:1-7, and he encouraged us that (1) God Still Cares. He's never late, but always on time. (2) God Will Respond. He will respond to the prayers of the righteous. He hears our prayers and will answer. (3) God Still Gets the Glory. Our thoughts are not His thoughts; His ways, not our ways. Amen.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!"

Zion's Annual Fall Revival

Come, Restart, Return and Reimagine

Zion's Annual Fall Revival was held nightly September 13-15, 2021. Our guest speakers truly blessed us with inspiring and thought provoking messages.

Monday's speaker, Dr. Jerry Carter, Jr. of Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, NJ spoke from Acts 28:1; "Surviving Snake Bites." Tuesday's message, "Mementoes of the Battle" was delivered by Dr. James Victor, Jr., of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Arlington, VA. His message was taken from 1 Samuel 17:50-54. Our Wednesday night speaker was Bishop Anthony L. Jinwright of GAP Church International, Charlotte, NC. His message "The Characteristics of a Great Church" was taken from Acts 2:42; 4:33; 8:1.

Even though they all had different subject lines, the message was loud and very clear....Praise God for the Holy Ghost in you and for being covered in the Blood of Christ. Remember, God never provides vision without provision.

THANK You to our speakers and may God continue to bless you and your ministries !!!

Upcoming Events

October 16—Ready, Set, Reset Virtual Fellowship on Zoom, Meeting Id 477 792 0040, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Guest

Speaker: Rev. Jackie Fair

October 22—ZBC 2022 Budget Request Sheets Due

October 24—Men's Day Celebration

October 30—Brotherhood Homeless Feeding, 11:00 a.m.

November 2—Election Day

November 7—Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 11—Veterans' Day

November 25—Thanksgiving

December 21—First Day of Winter

December 25—Christmas

Scripture

"Fear not for I am with you; Do not be afraid for I am your God who will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

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 3

"Make a Joyful Noise"
Psalm 100

OCTOBER 10

"Praise God for Justice and Righteousness"
Psalm 9:1-12

OCTOBER 17

"Give Thanks for Deliverance"
Psalm 107:1-9, 39-43

OCTOBER 24

"The Joy of Worship"
Psalm 84

OCTOBER 31

"Praise God with Music"
Psalm 149:1-5; 150:1-6



Good News



The U.S. National Park Service has announced a \$500,000 grant for the preservation of historic Wilkinson Hall on the South Carolina State University campus.

This grant is funded by the Historic Preservation Fund and administered by the National Park Service, an agency of the Department of Interior. The funding is part of \$9.7 million in NPS funds allocated for 20 preservation projects for historic structures on campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in 10 states.

"HBCUs have been an important part of the American education system for more than 180 years, providing high-level academics, opportunities, and community for generations of students," NPS Deputy Director Shawn Bengé said. "The National Park Service's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program provides assistance to preserve noteworthy structures that honor the past and tell the ongoing story of these historic institutions."

This latest \$500,000 grant represents the third round of NPS funding SC State has received for the Wilkinson Hall preservation project.

Congratulations South Carolina State University !!!

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Reverend Israel Gist
Sister Shirley Bookhart
Brother William Hope
Sister Tonja Knightner
Sister Leatha Osborne
Sister Clannie Washington
Sister Marilyn West
Brother Archie P. Williams III

Sister Annette Hill
Judge Jasper Cureton
Brother Robert Kearney
Brother Julius Marshall
Brother John Turnipseed
Brother Jeremiah Washington
Sister Thelma Whitney
Sister Artless Williams

National Depression Education & Awareness Month

This is an annual designation observed in October. According to the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, about 14.8 million adults in the U.S. are affected by Major Depressive Disorder. Because of this, suicide is the third leading cause of death for people ages 15-24, and those numbers are currently on the rise. Depression is very difficult for the individual suffering with it, as well as for their friends and family. Depression makes its victims feel hopeless, distressed, worthless, and anxious, to name a few. Perhaps the most difficult part is that those who suffer from depression rarely see a light at the end of the tunnel, even if everything in their life is seemingly "going well." It's hard for others to grasp because many times, there's not an obvious problem in that person's life that would make them feel depressed. This is why it's important to get the conversation going, even if it's uncomfortable at first. It will save lives.

Spread the word about the negative effects of depression. Too often, depression is misunderstood as simply "feeling sad." The fact of the matter is, depression is the opposite of simple; it's a complex condition that can affect people no matter the age, gender, race, or life situation. Some symptoms of depression include **depressed mood, loss of pleasure in all or most activities, weight/appetite change, change in sleep and activity, fatigue and loss of energy, lack of concentration, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, and suicidal thoughts**. If someone has several of these symptoms lasting two weeks or more, they need to see a medical professional as soon as possible. It's more than sadness. *It's a chemical imbalance in the human brain that needs immediate medical attention.* Here are a few other facts you may not fully understand about Major Depressive Disorder.

- **Depression has different triggers.** It can stem from a major life event, or can come without any recognizable "cause" at all.
- **Some depression is genetic**, but not all. The genetic predisposition to depression is becoming better and better understood every day.
- **It affects your physical body.** Frequent headaches, stomach issues, or any other physical symptoms along with mental symptoms are common for those with depression.
- **Depressed people may not look depressed.** It's called the hidden illness for a reason. Some people are good at masking their depression with upbeat and cheerful attitudes.
- **Exercise can help manage depression**, because it releases endorphins and improves your mood.

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