

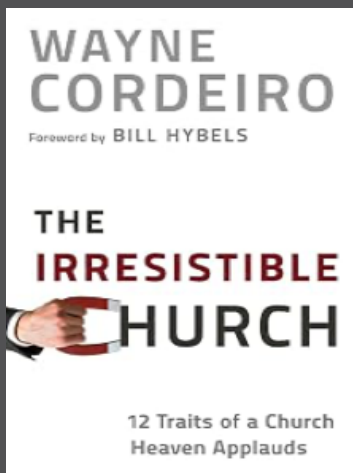


# Pastor's Niche

## October 2026

**"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance."  
— 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NLT)**

### BOOK OF THE MONTH



**The Irresistible Church**  
*12 Traits of a Church  
Heaven Applauds*  
By: Wayne Cordeiro  
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### SCRIPTURES: *Anniversary Celebration*

**October 1-3**  
*Jeremiah 2:2*

**October 4-10**  
*Colossians 1:18*

**October 11-17**  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

**October 18-24**  
*Ephesians 2:19-22*

**October 25-31**  
*Ephesians 2:19-22*

## **ONE BODY. MANY PARTS. UNITED IN CHRIST.** ***One Mission. One Shepherd. One Family.***

As Mount Zion Baptist Church celebrates **161 years of Kingdom ministry**, we pause to give God glory for a history that is far greater than a number—it is a testimony of His faithfulness through generations. Paul reminds us in **1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NLT)** that the body of Christ is one body with many parts, and every part has a God-given place and purpose. For 161 years, Mount Zion has been blessed with generations of people who have prayed, served, sacrificed, taught, worshiped, loved, and labored together, each contributing something essential to the continuing story of this church. We celebrate the generations who laid foundations before us, the faithful members serving today, and those who will carry the work forward tomorrow. We remember that Christ is the Head, He is our Cornerstone, and His love must remain the heartbeat of everything we do. Our mission is not simply to preserve what has been, but to faithfully continue what God has entrusted to us. **We are many parts, but we belong to one Body—and that Body belongs to Christ.**

This anniversary also gives us an opportunity to honor **35 years of pastoral leadership under Pastor Daniel Simmons**, with the love, strength, partnership, and support of **Mrs. Diane Davis Simmons and the entire Simmons family**, whose journey has become woven into the story of Mount Zion. We honor the generations represented in that story, including **Mrs. Pinkie Norwood Simmons, a centenarian whose life reminds us that one faithful life can become a blessing that reaches far beyond one generation.** Yet our celebration is ultimately bigger than any individual, because the story of Mount Zion continues through a church family committed to loving one another, living by Kingdom principles, serving the mission, and remaining loyal to God without division. As we look toward the future, we do so with confidence that the same God who has carried us through 161 years is already preparing the way for what comes next. Therefore, let us embrace our place, honor one another, serve faithfully, and keep our hearts united around the One who called us together. **One Mission. One Shepherd. One Family—and one unwavering commitment to glorify Jesus Christ through it all.**

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