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ZION INFORMER

From Your Newsletter Ministry

Being Thankful for What We Do Have: A Christian Perspective

In a world that often encourages us to focus on what we lack, it's easy to overlook the blessings we already have. As Christians, gratitude isn't just an attitude—it's a spiritual practice and a profound acknowledgment of God's provision and sovereignty. The Bible continually calls us to be thankful, not just in moments of abundance but in all circumstances.

A Heart of Gratitude Is God's Will

In **1 Thessalonians 5:18**, Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This verse doesn't say to be thankful only when things are going well. It challenges us to adopt a posture of gratitude even in trials. Why? Because thankfulness aligns our hearts with God's will and reminds us of His ultimate control over our lives.

It's natural to focus on our unmet desires: the promotion that didn't come, the relationship that didn't work out, or the healing that hasn't yet arrived. But when we pause to reflect, we see God's faithfulness in our lives. The roof over our heads, the meal on the table, the friends who support us—these are all evidence of His goodness.



April Birthdays

Dea. Robert McDuffie	02
McKayla Moore	02
Camille Brewer	03
Tonja P. Knightner	03
Randy Brown	06
Ethel Walters	07
India Walters	07
Kathy Jarvis	11
Nathaniel Abraham III	12
Merrick Phillips	14
Nicole Banyan	15
Shenika Waring	16
Margaret Tucker	16
Eva M. Gordon	17
Cherelle D. Cureton	17
Linda Richardson	17
Patricia Ann Kearney	18
Charlie Mae Gunn	20
Gail Settles	25
Nate Dawson	30

2026 Annual Women's Day Celebration



The Women's Day theme was "Zion Women Preparing With Purpose"

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual favor, serving the Lord" Romans 12:11

The guest speaker for the day was Rev Lashon A. McCarthy and she is a member of Rehoboth Baptist Church and an Associate Minister there. Her sermon was a blessing to all in attendance. Sister Calvernetta Williams was selected as Zion's 2026 Woman of the Year. **Congratulations Sister Williams !!!**



May Birthdays 1st Week

Alvin Long	01
Evelyn Stearns	01

In Memoriam

Deacon Melvin Pearson

Women's Prayer Breakfast



Upcoming Events

April 5—Easter

April 15—Tax Day

April 18-19—Columbia International Festival, Saturday: 10AM-7PM, Sunday: Noon-7PM, 1200 Rosewood Drive

May 4-7—South Carolina E&M Convention 148th Annual Session, North Charleston, SC

May 10—Mother's Day

May 12-14—107th Annual Session of the Gethsemane Woman's Auxiliary, Antioch Baptist Church, Koon Rd

May 25—Memorial Day

June 19—Juneteenth

June 21—Father's Day

June 28—Annual Church Anniversary, Zion Baptist Church

Scripture

“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 NKJV

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)

*Continue to Pray
for
Zion Baptist Church
and for
our
Nation !!!*

Sunday School Lessons

APRIL 5

“The Future Life”

1 Corinthians 15:13-20, 51-58

APRIL 12

“Respect for Rightful Authority”

Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8; 1 Peter 2:13-17

APRIL 19

“The Child in a Christian World”

Mark 9:36-37, 42; 10:13-16

APRIL 26

“The Christian Home in a Modern World”

Deuteronomy 6:3-9; Matthew 19:3-9



Good News



On March 24, 2026, Sister Kathy Jarvis was presented with three Professional Development Certificates. One of the certificates is “Recognizing and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse in South Carolina.”

Another certificate is “Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning for Family Child Care.”

The third certificate is “Emergency Preparedness: Better Safe Than Sorry !!!”

Congratulations Sister Kathleen “Kathy” Jarvis !!!

He Lives, So We Can Live !!! Easter Victory Over Death !!!

"Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also." — John 14:19 (ASV)

Dear Church Family,

Christianity stands or falls on one truth: He lives.

If Christ had remained in the grave, we would have inspiring teachings—but no salvation. We would have an example—but no empowerment. We would have memories—but no living presence.

But the tomb is empty.

"Revival of the Vote- The Political Power of the Church"

*You must be registered 30 days before voting time. Voting is June 9, 2026

*Early voting begins May 26, 2026

*New polling places: 1. Columbia Mall, Old JC Penny's (2020 Hampton Street closed)

2. USC Blatt Building
3. Brookland Baptist Northeast
4. Ballentine

For more info www.richlandcountysc.gov

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Sister Ruby Burton

Sister Annette Hill

Sister Tonja Knightner

Reverend Fletcher Tucker

Brother Jeremiah Washington

Brother Archie P. Williams III

Brother Donald Counts

Brother William Hope

Sister Evelyn Stearns

Sister Clannie Washington

Sister Thelma Whitney

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

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