



AUGUST 2022

# ZION INFORMER

## From Your Pastor



### LOVING WITH ACTIONS

Beloved, love is the greatest gift that can be given to humanity. Love consists of an inward feeling that a person has towards a person, place, or God. Moreover, love is mobile and moveable, and it begins inward and moves outwardly. Love consists of actions that can be seen, felt, and heard by humans. Believers of Christ are charged, commissioned, and commanded to love God and others.

The gospel of Matthew 25 provides a beautiful description of how love is an action. Notice the actions that Jesus teaches in Matthew 25 is deeper than a check off box on the church calendar. Yet, as

we minister to people, we are also doing it unto God.

Matthew 25:34-40 NIV says 34 *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 'Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Matthew 25 is not designed to cause people to be driven by fear and guilt. Therefore, the ultimate motivation and fuel that fills your heart for others should be Love. Likewise, the characteristics of love must be expressed beyond a person's immediate circle of family and friends. Love even your enemies and your fowls. Luke 6:32 *"If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!"*

Perhaps one of the best methods of putting love into action is through missions. Zion missions are designed to lift up and love "the least." When we lift up and love the least, we actually do it unto Jesus the Christ!

Zion, I was fortunate to be selected to be a part of Pilgrimages entitled "Striving and Thriving in Ministry" hosted by the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society. The Pilgrimages consisted of a plethora of training, mentoring, and bonding among other clergy in the United States of America and internationally. It was an honor and privilege to receive a certificate and be awarded a crystal for completion of the pilgrimage. After the robust training and seeing the heart of Lott Carey closely, I am convinced that Lott Carey is one of the most impactful mission organizations in the world.

Therefore, I'm encouraging Zion and other local churches to support Lott Carey prayerfully, financially and through other services when given an opportunity. Lott Carey has put love into action for over a century. Millions of dollars have been raised for missions and thousands of persons have volunteered to serve people for the purpose of missions. In 2021 over 850,000 meals were prepared and given to "the least".

Zion, let us remember "the least" locally and let also remember "the least" by partnering with Lott Carey to express love to the world!!!

Acts 1:8 *"But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."*

Peace & Blessings,  
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

## **August Birthdays**

Oliver Washington, Jr.  
Kiyana Brice  
James A. Moore  
Dolores Scott  
Neketta Ramsey  
Doretha Thompson  
Annette Hill  
Joy K. Flemming  
Joan McDuffie  
Frances Tillmon  
Hazella Baylor  
Corey Moody, Jr.  
Rheda M. Simmons  
William Gunn, Jr.  
Dea. John Bookhart  
Gloria James  
Rev. Cynthia J. Walters  
Hattie Zimmerman  
Anita Taylor  
Marilyn Moody  
Cynthia Gist  
Daisy Amaker  
Michael Alston  
Ronald Davis  
Erica Craft

## **August Anniversaries**

Dea. Greg & Gail  
Brown  
John & Luvenia  
Turnipseed  
Dea. Malcolm & Ethel  
Walters  
Michael & Deloris  
Walters  
William & Charlie Mae  
Gunn  
Dea. Herbert & Rebecca  
Barnette

## **September Birthdays**

Rev. Ernest Hare  
Joyous Davis  
Briana Abraham

## **In Memoriam**

Theodore R. Brown

## **First Lady Meet and Greet**

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, the Deaconess Ministry of Zion Baptist Church had a Meet and Greet gathering for our First Lady Sabrina Davis.



## **Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for mental health crises, it now takes only three digits: 988.

On Saturday, July 16, 2022, Vibrant Emotional Health, the nonprofit that operates the lifeline on behalf of the US Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), launched the 988 dialing code available to everyone across the United States.

So far, the dialing code to reach the lifeline has been 1-800-273-TALK, which will remain operational during the current expansion to 988. Text messages can be sent to the three-digit number as well.

Veterans can now dial 988 and press 1 to reach the Veteran Crisis Line.

"One of the goals of 988 is to ensure that people get the help that they need when they need it, where they need it. And so, when a person calls 988, they can expect to have a conversation with a trained, compassionate crisis counselor who will talk with them about what they're experiencing. Since the FCC's approval in 2020 of 988, the federal government and Vibrant have been gearing up for the nationwide implementation of the three-digit number by providing grants to states to support call centers and actively trying to recruit more crisis counselors.

## Upcoming Events

**August 7-12**—Progressive National Baptist 61st Annual Convention, Orlando Florida

**August 21**—Youth Day Celebration, Speaker: Evangelist Anya Dixon of Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gadsden

**September 5**—Labor Day

**September 11**—Family and Friends Day, Zion Baptist Church

**September 11**—Grandparents Day

**September 22**—First Day of Autumn

**October 17**—National Boss Day

**November 8**—Election Day

**November 11**—Veterans Day

**November 24**—Thanksgiving Day

## Scripture

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**Romans 12:21**

## 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)

## Sunday School Lessons

**AUGUST 7**  
“A New Home”  
Revelation 21:1-8

**AUGUST 14**  
“A New City”  
Revelation 21:9-21

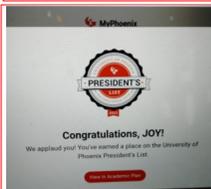
**AUGUST 21**  
“The River of Life”  
Revelation 22:1-7

**AUGUST 28**  
“Come and Enjoy”  
Revelation 22:10-21

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**



## Good News



Sister Joy Flemming has earned a place on the University of Phoenix President's List. We applaud you. The President's List recognizes students who earn approximately 95 to 100 percent, or high A's, in their studies.

***Congratulations Sister Joy Flemming !!!***



Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis was selected by Lott Carey Foreign Missions as one of 25 pastors under the age of 40 throughout the country for a special training. This training was free.

***Congratulations Pastor Davis !!!***

On July 3, 2022, there were five persons that got baptized at Zion Baptist Church.

Those persons are as follows: Sister Joyous Davis  
Brother Anthony Holmes  
Sister Doris Jumper  
Sister Alayah Kelley  
Brother Merrick Phillips, Jr.

***Congratulations to All of You !!!***

## ***ZBC Sick and Shut-in***

Reverend Israel Gist  
Sister Shirley Bookhart  
Deacon Cleveland Etheredge  
Sister Patricia Ann Kearney  
Sister Tonja Knightner  
Sister Leatha Osborne  
Sister Clannie Washington  
Sister Marilyn West  
Brother Archie P. Williams III

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

## ***Upcoming General Election***

**October 7 5:00 p.m.** Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours).

**October 9 11:59 p.m.** Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.

**October 11** Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election (must be post-marked by this date).

**October 24** Early voting for General Election begins at county voter registration offices and other early-voting locations. • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday – Saturday) • Closed Sunday, October 30

**October 28 5:00 p.m.** Deadline to apply for absentee-by-mail ballot for General Election.

**November 5 6:00 p.m.** Deadline to vote early in person for General Election.

**November 6 7:00 a.m.** Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.

**November 8** General Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

## ***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#