



OCTOBER 2022

# ZION INFORMER

## From Your Pastor



### Essentials of the Word of God

Zion, God wants us to have faith and to increase our faith. Perhaps one of the most careless things we can do as believers is to lose the desire to grow. To stop striving for growth as a believer can lead to a decline in your relationship with God. The decline starts off with missing a week of corporate worship or forgetting to pray because you are busy or skipping tithing for two pay periods and in the end the lack of commitment declines in actions and eventually inwardly.

The theologian David Guzik says "Because when people feel so familiar with Jesus, sometimes we do not honor him appropriately. In this we recognize that we are not familiar with Jesus; if we were, we will honor Him all the more. There is such a thing as a false familiarity with Jesus; a dangerous feeling that we know all about Him. Such a dangerous feeling leads to a lack of honor towards Jesus."

Zion, God does not desire for us to decline in our faith but to grow in the faith. One of the most powerful ways of growing in the faith is to devote quality time to the word of God. The word of God is essential to our growth.

- The word of God is an essential because it provides LESSONS on how people should live their lives. Psalm 119:11 "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." The Word empowers us to live noble and Christ-like lives.
- The word of God is an essential because it provides LIGHT to our lives. Light allows us to see clearly. Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." In a world full of darkness, the Word allows us to see what is righteous.
- The word of God is an essential because spiritual nourishment that helps us Live. Matthew 4:4 "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." We need to feast on the word of God regularly. It helps us live victoriously.
- The word of God is an essential because of its longevity. The word of God will always remain relevant and powerful. The Word will not fade away over time nor will it ever become extinct.

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."  
"Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord; Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole."

Peace & Blessings,  
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

## **October Birthdays**

Dea. Robert Mack  
Shirley Levy  
Kathy Hope  
Jennifer Seymour  
Jazzeem Bethea  
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

## **November Birthdays**

Deborah Forbes

## **In Memoriam**

Deacon John L. Bookhart

## **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lives. The **good news** is that many women who are diagnosed with breast cancer can successfully be treated. Having an annual mammogram can help find breast cancer during the early stages when it's easier to treat.

The following suggestions are offered to ensure that women stay informed on their breast health through screenings and follow-up recommendations: know your risk factors based on family history and talk with your doctor about when and how often to get mammograms; have a clinical breast exam at least every 3 years starting at age 20 and every year starting at age 40 in addition to a mammogram; know what is normal for you – no one knows your body better than you; and make healthy lifestyle choices.

If you are interested in supporting a local community event, Prisma Health will have its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Life and Famously Hot Pink Half Marathon + 5K on October 22, at Segra Park in Columbia. For more information and registration visit: [https://give.phmf.org/site/TR/Events/General?fr\\_id=1200&pg=entry](https://give.phmf.org/site/TR/Events/General?fr_id=1200&pg=entry).

In our lifetime, we will all be impacted by breast cancer either directly or indirectly. If you or someone you know is battling breast cancer, please be encouraged, offer words of support to others and remember God's word "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9 NIV*

## **2022 Delta Assembly**

Azariya Davis, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Melvin Andrew Davis and Aniya Fluker, daughter of Mrs. Jessica Fluker will be presented during the 2022 Delta Assembly at the Township Auditorium. These young ladies are being sponsored by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Walters, a member of the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter. If you would like to assist the young ladies in their fundraising efforts, please reach out to them individually by October 31, 2022. The funds are used to provide scholarships and services within Richland, Fairfield and Newberry Counties.

## Upcoming Events

**October 10**—2023 Budget Request Forms Due

**October 12-23**—South Carolina State Fair

**October 17**—National Boss Day

**October 23**—ZBC Men's Day Annual Celebration

**November 6**—Daylight Saving Time Ends

**November 8**—Election Day

**November 10**—Carolina Panthers vs Atlanta Falcons NFL Game Trip, Charlotte, NC, Cost is \$100, Contact Deacon Moore or Bro. Philipps for Info

**November 11**—Veterans Day

**November 24**—Thanksgiving Day

## Scripture

"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

**Proverbs 16:24 NIV**

## 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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## Good News

On October 2, 2022, there were two ladies that got baptized at Zion Baptist Church. These persons are Sisters Jazzeem Bethea and Destinee Jamison-Whitfield.

***Congratulations Sister Jazzeem and Sister Destinee !!!***

On September 17, 2022, the Legends in the Making who were recognized at the Richland One Hall of Fame Induction Gala were Hank Overbay, A.C. Flora High School; Ana Maria Creed, Dreher High School; Sam McConnell, Richland One Middle College; **Armon Williams, W.J. Keenan High School**; Keionna Bates, C.A. Johnson High School; Yanae Williams, Columbia High School; Katlyn Elizabeth Byrd, Lower Richland High School; and Shakari Shanell Jones, Eau Claire High School. These students are called "Legends in the Making" because they may be inducted into the Hall of Fame themselves one day. The students excel in academics, the arts and athletics, and they give back to the community through volunteer service.

***Congratulations Brother Armon Williams !!!***

On September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's sanctuary, we had a Meet and Greet for our new spiritual very talented Music Director, Minister Wayne Robinson. We presented him to the group that was present and read his resume. Afterwards, he told everyone about himself and answered questions from the group. In addition, he also celebrated his birthday on that day.

***Welcome Aboard Minister Wayne Robinson !!!***

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

Reverend Israel Gist  
Judge Jasper Cureton  
Brother William Hope  
Brother Robert Kearney  
Brother Julius Marshall  
Brother John Turnipseed  
Brother Jeremiah Washington  
Sister Thelma Whitney  
Sister Artless Williams

Sister Annette Hill  
Deacon Cleveland Etheredge  
Sister Patricia Ann Kearney  
Sister Tonja Knightner  
Sister Leatha Osborne  
Sister Clannie Washington  
Sister Marilyn West  
Brother Archie P. Williams III

## ***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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