



APRIL 2022

# ZION INFORMER

## From Your Pastor



### Presenting the Gift of Salvation

Beloved, during my early childhood I recall presenting my mother a gift every Mother's Day. Unfortunately, because I did not have funds at the time, my father would purchase the gift for my brother and I. Nonetheless, presenting the gift to my mother was a pleasure and exciting each year. Gift presenting may differ in certain cultures and countries. However, one of the universal gifts that believers of Jesus the Christ can present to others is the gift of salvation. Ephesians 2:8 ESV "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Humanity cannot afford salvation. The wealthiest people on the planet cannot afford the high price of salvation for humanity. Salvation was paid for in full with the precious blood of Jesus the Christ. Moreover, every believer has the privilege of presenting the gift of Salvation! Zion, we can offer Jesus to others. How can a person present the gift of salvation? After living a Christ-like life, a person is qualified to offer the gift of salvation to others. Please keep in mind that a person that win souls is wise. As we witness to others, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in the process. Cookie-cutter witnessing may not be best practice. Please ask the spirit for guidance and direction.

**1.** Ask a person to ADMIT that he or she is a sinner, and they need Jesus the Christ. **2.** Ask a person if they believe that Jesus the Christ is Lord, and he was raised from the dead. **3.** Ask a person to confess that they believe in Jesus the Christ.

You can simply ask a person to declare the following prayer with you:  
Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Romans 10:9-10 ESV " **9** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Peace & Blessings,  
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

## *April Birthdays*

Dea. Robert McDuffie  
 Tonja P. Knightner  
 Camille Williams  
 Randy Brown  
 Ethel Walters  
 India Walters  
 Kathy Javis  
 Nathaniel Abraham III  
 Sarah Harper  
 Merrick Phillips  
 Nicole Banyan  
 Shenika Waring  
 Margaret Tucker  
 Eva M. Gordon  
 Cherelle M. Dantzler  
 Linda Richardson  
 Patricia Ann Kearney  
 Charlie Mae Gunn  
 Harold Summers  
 Gail Settles  
 Judge Jasper Cureton  
 John Turnipseed  
 Nate Dawson

*Happy Birthday*



## *2022 Woman of the Year*



Our Woman of the Year was born in Lexington, SC and raised in Mullins, SC. to parents who nurtured and instilled in her qualities and character to become a well-rounded person with Christ as the center of her life. She joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church and participated since childhood in the SC E&M, Gethsemane and other organizations that she to this day continues to be part of these organi-

zations.

After graduating from high school, she attended and received a BA Degree from North Carolina Central University. She received a Master of Social Work from Howard University and a Doctorate from USC.

She was a Social Work professor at Benedict College for a number of years. She was also the faculty advisor to the Social Work Club at Benedict College. She has been a member of Zion Baptist Church for over 40 years and served in many capacities including serving as Chairperson of the WOW, a Sunday School teacher and the Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday school. She has worked with the Youth to include assisting with the ZYPCOS and Girl Scouts.

Her hobbies include traveling, shopping and enjoying being newly retired.

She is the mother of a beautiful daughter, Natalie, grandmother to two beautiful girls and a wonderful mother-in-law to Vinson Herbert, Jr.

Our 2022 Woman of the Year is Sister Brenda A. Clark.

## *"Remember Me" Memorial Service*



## **Upcoming Events**

**April 7**—World Health Day

**April 9**—SC Easter Giveaway for Prison Inmates

**April 9**—GYWA Community Baby Shower, Zion Baptist Church, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**April 10**—Palm Sunday

**April 15**—First Night of Passover

**April 15**—Good Friday

**April 17**—Easter Sunday

**April 17**—Easter Walk-Thru, Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 9:00 a.m.

**April 17**—Gethsemane Mission Day, Donate \$3

## **Scripture**

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

**Romans 8:11**

## **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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LIVES  
MATTER**

## **Sunday School Lessons**

**APRIL 3**

“The Passover with the Disciples”

Matthew 26:17-30

**APRIL 10**

“Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem”

Matthew 21:1-11

**APRIL 17**

“The Paschal Lamb Lives!”

Matthew 28:1-10

**APRIL 24**

“Freedom in Christ Jesus”

John 8:31-38



## **Protecting the Family with Faith and Knowledge**

What a great time was had by those who participated in the Married Couples Ministry sponsored Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) class on Friday, November 19, 2021 and Saturday, February 5, 2022. Due to delays as a result of the pandemic, this class was part of our 2021 "Love in Marriage and Family" worship service theme, "Protecting the Family with Faith and Knowledge", with scripture from 2 Timothy 1:7, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

The two-part class included a six-hour classroom course and a shooting range qualifying segment, taught by Mr. Stanley Leaks, a Christian certified CWP Instructor. Mr. Leaks was outstanding in his teaching which provided for a lot of information, which he presented in a fun and enjoyable way! He helped us to understand the importance of knowing that weapons are for protection and how important to know how to operate a weapon is key when it comes to protecting ourselves and/or our loved ones. Mr. Leaks' goals were to help us become comfortable and to know the rules and regulations as it relates to gun weaponry. All participants passed the written exam. Yes, there was an exam! The participants also had a great time for the outdoors shooting range activity portion of the class. This was something new, different, interesting and a little scary. There was much prayer for calmness, comfort and protection! It was a beautiful day.

And yes again, we all passed the required shooting portion! However, we must note that Sister Alisha Seymour, Deacon Donnie Mack and Sister Teresa Canzater were the top shooters with almost perfect scores. We know that our source of protection is having faith in our God and knowing His word, because He is our ultimate protector!

## **Good News**

On February 14, 2022, Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis got engaged to be married to Sister Sabrina Samuel. They will be joined in Holy Matrimony on June 4, 2022.

**Congratulations Pastor Davis and Sister Sabrina.**

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

Reverend Israel Gist  
Sister Shirley Bookhart  
Deacon Cleveland Etheredge  
Brother Robert Kearney  
Brother Julius Marshall  
Brother John Turnipseed  
Brother Jeremiah Washington  
Sister Thelma Whitney  
Sister Artless Williams

Sister Annette Hill  
Judge Jasper Cureton  
Brother William Hope  
Sister Tonja Knightner  
Sister Leatha Osborne  
Sister Clannie Washington  
Sister Marilyn West  
Brother Archie P. Williams III

## ***Easter Word Search***



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BASKET  
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CANDY

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EASTER  
EGG HUNT  
EGGS

FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDS  
HOP  
SPRING

## ***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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