



FEBRUARY 2022

ZION INFORMER

From Your Pastor



We Are Black History

The African diaspora consisted of thousands of Africans who were enslaved and shipped from Africa through the Atlantic slave trade. Many slaves were shipped to Charleston, South Carolina and were sold to many slave owners throughout the South. Between the 16th and 19th century, slaves experienced oppression, obstacles, and great opposition in South Carolina by white supremacy. The list of cruelty involved lynchings, beatings, and unjust laws just to name a few.

Unfortunately, the inhumane treatment was not exclusive to society, but the white church was involved with the affliction of slaves greatly. Blacks were not allowed to pray at the altar, preach in the pulpit or hold an office within the protestant white church for several hundred years. The white preacher would teach the slaves to obey their master. Blacks were only allowed to sit in the balcony of white churches. In the city of Columbia, South Carolina, the story is told how slave parishioners of the First Baptist Church Columbia signed letters of resignation to depart from the Southern Baptist Church. The slaves expressed their desire to worship with black persons, and they desired a black preacher.

In 1865, disgruntled Blacks decided to organize their own church in Columbia, South Carolina. Immediately, the slaves practiced their Baptist democracy. A group of Blacks discussed who would be their preacher. A group wanted Rev. Samuel Johnson, and another group wanted Rev. Frank Dobbins. The group that desired Rev. Samuel Johnson organized First Calvary Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. The group that desired Rev. Frank Dobbins as their leader organized the First African Baptist Church, now known as Zion Baptist Church, that was formed in 1865 with only 25 members in a small house located at 1400 Gadsden Street.

The Blacks desired to worship a God that was on their side rather than a God that would keep them in captivity. Zion has been an example that with God nothing is impossible. Zion has provided support to the health care business, funeral morticians business, Conventions, and a plethora of Civil Rights matters. Zion has hosted and provided spiritual counseling to dignitaries such as Judges, Political Leaders, and several Presidents. Zion has the heart of God and has demonstrated its love for humanity by providing education, missions, and the freedom to assemble and worship.

Zion, our footprints are engraved in the stony roads traveled. We ARE Black History and our story matters! Let us speak our story, write our story, and share our story with others. Our story Matters!!!

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say;" - Psalm 124:1

Peace & Blessings,
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

February Birthdays

James D. Richardson
Rev. Israel Gist
Danyia Thames
Sharon Hall
Dorothy Terrell
Cynthia Franklin
Otis Walters
Deborah Summers
Virginia King
Taylor Higgins
Payton Walters
Alicia Graham
Andrena Mack
Dea. Donnie Mack
Dea. George Fogle
Lila M. Hammock
Caroline Floyd
Zachary Brown

February Anniversaries

Clente & Ojetta
Flemming
Bernard & Audrey
Deloach
Dea. George & Edith
Fogle

March Birthdays

McKayla Moore
Clannie Washington
Amber Abraham

In Memoriam

Sis. Bernice Harmon Bailey

Love in Marriage and Family Worship

On Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM, there will be a Love in Marriage and Family Worship Service at Zion. The guest speaker is Minister Quentina W. Gregg of Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Rembert, South Carolina. The theme is "Through Thick and Thin."

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"

Ephesians 4:2-3

The Power of Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



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Sunday School Black History

The Youth of Zion will be highlighting an African American or historical event every Sunday during Sunday School for Black History month. Each participating youth will choose whomever they like. It may be a person or event. The spotlight only lasts 2 to 5 minutes starting at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 20—Black History Day

March 2—Ash Wednesday

March 13—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13—Annual Women's Day Celebration

March 15-16—Goforth Graham Leadership Institute

March 20—First Day of Spring

March 20—ZBC Memorial Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

April 7—World Health Day

April 10—Palm Sunday

April 15—First Night of Passover

April 15—Good Friday

April 15—Tax Day

Scripture

"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate."

PSALM 127:3-5

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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Sunday School Lessons

FEBRUARY 6

"Nathan Condemns David"

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15

FEBRUARY 13

"Ezra Seeks God's Law"
Ezra 7:1-10, 23-26

FEBRUARY 20

"Bildad Misunderstands God's Justice"

Job 8:1-10, 20-22

FEBRUARY 27

"Serving a Just God"
Job 42:1-6, 10-17



Good News

Blythewood, Richland Northeast and Spring Valley High School students excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork to earn these awards, which colleges use to identify academically competitive underrepresented students.

Twenty-seven students at Blythewood, Richland Northeast and Spring Valley High School have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process.

These students may have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST) or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

At Blythewood High receiving National African-American Recognition are TyMaya Sims, Christopher Gidney, Izuchukwu Emetu, Malaika Snyder, Sarah Speed, Chad Averette, Donovan Goins and **Zachary Brown**. Receiving National Hispanic Recognition are Caroline Cadena and Joceline Paez. And receiving National Small Town and Rural Recognition is Zachary Brown.

Congratulations Zachary !!!

Lewis P. Graham, III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Graham, Jr. and grandson of Sister Mary Alice Graham and the late Dr. Lewis P. Graham, Sr., represented Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a Black History Program in his Kindergarten Class at Windsor Elementary School in Richland District Two.

Congratulations Lewis III !!!

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

February is Heart Month Across the USA

Often considered to be a condition for the older generation, heart disease and other associated illnesses are on the rise across all age groups. That is why Heart Month is so important to us all. It is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the warning signs and symptoms as well as the things that we can do in our ever day lives to mitigate risk to our hearts.

Obesity, alcohol, smoking and high blood pressure are all things that people of all ages are affected by but yet are all things that we can do something about.

Supported by all the major health organizations in the US, there are huge amounts of information available, but if you have specific concerns, please contact your health provider.

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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