



JANUARY 2022

# ZION INFORMER

## From Your Pastor



### “Worship is a Priority: To Zion Members”

Zion are you excited about the New Year? Are you excited about new opportunities and new possibilities? I am excited! Typically, persons make a New Year wish list. Within the faith community, it is more appropriate to call it a “Hope List.” Nevertheless, this year I will like to encourage persons to make worship a priority in 2022. The Bible says in Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

The scripture teaches us that when people make worship a priority, all other things will be added to their life by God such as daily bread, health, strength and motivation. Remember God is the source of our lives, and he has everything we need.

Zion, our spiritual focus for the year is “Worship” in particular Returning to Worship Together. *At the present moment due to the omicron virus spread, we will continue to be cautious and careful during in person worship service. I encourage all persons who have underlined conditions to choose our virtual worship option at this moment. I also encourage all persons to continue to wear your masks, practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and get vaccinated if you are medically able to. For persons who have been vaccinated, if you are not feeling well, please get tested before gathering in public settings. Moreover, this too shall pass. Our God is Alpha and Omega and Omicron will not get the victory!*

In 2022, our aim is to embrace the totality of worship. When we embrace the totality of worship we will do Worship, We will become Worshipers, We will be Worshipers. Worship at its peak is when it becomes a way of life. Worship involves honoring the Lord in everything we do. Those who make worship a priority understand that God is worth the worship.

Is the Lord worth the worship to you?

My answer is yes! Nobody is like our God.

Isaiah 25:1

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”

“Let us worship the Lord together, He is worthy.”

Peace & Blessings,  
Dr. M. Andrew Davis

### ***January Birthdays***

Tonja M. Greene  
Alfreda Polite-Burkley  
Samiya Holmes  
Nathaniel Abraham Jr  
Archie P. Williams IV  
Thurston Brown  
Michele T. Brown  
Tarryl Canzater  
Joshua Etheredge  
Nakia R. Franklin  
Virginia J. Beasley  
Flossie M. Hall  
Dea. Thomas B. Levy  
Evetta Ross  
Thelma Whitney  
Linda F. Davis  
Joielle D. Knightner  
Danielle Conyers  
Marcus Fraizer  
Barbareta Smith  
Bridge Smith  
Patricia Abraham  
Rosa Trapp  
Norma West  
Sydney Worth  
Aniya Fluker

### ***January Anniversaries***

Harry & Anita Taylor

### ***February Birthdays***

James D. Richardson  
Rev. Israel Gist  
Danyia Thames  
Sharon Hall

### ***New Officers for 2022***

#### **Trustees—Term Expires 2023**

Golie Augustus  
Teresa Canzater  
Norvell Pettus  
Dr. Angela West-Barnett  
Jackie Wood

#### **Trustees—Term Expires 2024**

Dr. Brenda A. Clark  
Clente Flemming  
Sherry W. Moore  
Gwen Richardson  
Kayla Springs

#### **Christian Education—Term Expires 2023**

Dr. Kenneth Burkley  
Rev. Ernest Hare  
Alisha Seymour

#### **Treasurer**

Flossie Hall

#### **Assistant Treasurer**

Jacki Calvi-Mack

#### **Clerk**

Sarah Harper

#### **Assistant Clerk**

Beverly Springs

#### **Church School Superintendent**

Renee Martin

#### **Church School Assistant Superintendent**

Gloria James

#### **Budget**

Gloria Edmond  
Joy Flemming  
Deacon Robert Mack  
Michele Taylor-Brown  
Margaret Tucker  
Rena Walters  
Tyrone Washington

#### **Deaconess—Term Expires 2023**

Donna Brice

#### **Deaconess—Term Expires 2024**

Ojetta Flemming  
Hattie Zimmerman

## Upcoming Events

**January 2**—First Fruit Worship Service (\$22)

**January 10**—Installation of Officers and Leaders Service

**January 15**—SCBCCCE Mid-Winter Workshop, Benedict College, 8:00 a.m.

**January 17**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**January 27**—ZBC Quarterly Leadership Meeting

**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.

## Scripture

"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

**Psalm 24:1-5 ESV**

## 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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MATTER**

## Sunday School Lessons

### JANUARY 2

"Justice, Vengeance, and Mercy"

Genesis 4:1-16

### JANUARY 9

"Hagar and Ishmael Not Forgotten"

Genesis 21:8-20

### JANUARY 16

"The Laws of Justice and Mercy"

Exodus 23:1-12

### JANUARY 23

"Justice, Judges, and Priests"

Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:8-13

### JANUARY 30

"Justice and the Marginalized"

Deuteronomy 24:10-21



## Good News

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, our Pastor (Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis) was honored. City Councilman Edward McDowell, Jr. presented him with the Keys to the City of Columbia at Zion Baptist Church during the Morning Worship Service.

**Congratulations Pastor Davis !!!**

On Saturday, December 18, 2021, the South Carolina State Bulldogs rolled over the Jackson State Tigers 31 to 10 in the Cricket Celebration Bowl. The football game was held in the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA. Jackson State is coached by Deion Sanders. The Bulldogs were heavy underdogs for this game. This Bowl game is often referred as the HBCU national championship game.

**Congratulations SC State University !!!**

Reverend Cynthia J. Walters, who celebrated 47 years with Prisma Health in December, was the first African American woman to become a director at Baptist Medical Center, in the early 1980s. She began her career as a unit secretary, and advanced through the years to Director of Education and Organization Development for Palmetto Health. In 2013, she was tasked with creating a department to strategically build a culture of belonging for all team members and patients.

**Congratulations Reverend Walters !!!**

### ***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

### ***Deacon Assignment by Zip Code***

**Zone One – 29063, 29072, 29169, 29210, 29212**

**Zone Two – 29033, 29073, 29127, 29170, 29172**

Herbert Barnette, **Chairperson, Coordinator**

James Franklin Moore                      Malcolm Walters, Sr.

**Zone Three – 29044, 29053, 29061, 29201, 29205, 29208, 29209**

Gregory Brown, **Coordinator**

Donnie Mack                      Wilson Mack                      Melvin Pearson

**Zone Four – 28091, 29009, 29016, 29045, 29223, 29229**

Isaac Washington, Sr., **Assistant Chairperson, Coordinator**

Robert Mack

**Zone Five – 29204, 29206, 29207**

Samuel Littlejohn, **Coordinator**

John Bookhart                      Robert McDuffie

**Zone Six – 29113, 29203**

Derrick Brown, **Secretary, Coordinator**

Cleveland Etheredge, Sr.                      George Fogle, Jr.

### ***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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