June 17, 2020

**Habakkuk 3:2; 17-19 (NIV)**

***Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.***

Let’s try praising God instead of complaining. God turns our sighing into singing if we like Habakkuk take time to wait before God in prayer and listen to His Word. We know that God worked in the past and we can trust God to work in the present and the future. Habakkuk knew that he had no strength of his own, but that God could give him the strength he would need to go through the trials that lay ahead. As we look at the protests taking place in the various cities across this nation, we know that God can give us strength to face the challenges of an unjust system. Habakkuk shows us how to deal with life’s problems: (1) admit them honestly; (2) talk to God about them; (3) wait quietly before God in prayer and meditation on the Word; (4) when God speaks, listen and obey.

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that sixty nine (**69**) ballots were cast to approve the recommendations from the Nominating Committee? All of the recommendations were approved.

Did you know that sixty four (**64**) ballots were cast to determine whether the Deacons should seek a candidate to serve as Interim Pastor? Thirty three (**33**) ballots said yes the Deacons should seek a candidate and thirty one (**31**) ballots said no. Therefore it is the desire of those voting that the Deacons begin a search for an Interim Pastor.

Did you know that we are reaching more people using technology than we did when we were meeting inside the walls of our beloved church? This past week, we had over **381** ministry contacts. This number does not include the people that watched our Sunday video after the service had ended. Participation in our weekly Bible studies continues to grow and for that we are thankful.

Did you know that the Education Ministry will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 21, 2020? You will be able to watch the celebration on Mt. Zion’s Facebook page as the celebration will be streamed live.

Did you know that when you dial in to our Bible studies that you have the ability to mute your phone? When calling from a cell phone please press **\*6** to mute yourself. When calling from a land line please press **\*62** to mute yourself. If you have access to a cell phone, you will always have better quality using the cell phone versus using the land line.

Our preacher this Sunday will be our own Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey. Please keep Rev. Bailey lifted in prayer as he prepares to bring the Word. The preachers for the next few Sundays will be:

 June 28, 2020 Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward (Dayton, OH)

 July 5, 2020 Rev. Eddie Martin

 July 12, 2020 Rev. Mike Gaines

 July 19, 2020 Rev. Irv Moore

Please continue to pray for those who are sick, shut-in and in nursing homes/care centers. I have

attached a list of our sick and shut-in members as well as those that are in the nursing homes. Please remember that you cannot visit the nursing homes during this time. Please pray that all the residents will remain safe.

Please join us for the following weekly worship services/Bible Studies:

**Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher:** Deacon Sanford Kirksey

**Study Scripture:** I Corinthians 7

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

[Freeconferencecall.com](http://freeconferencecall.com/)

**Wednesday Evening Prayer Time and Bible Study (Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher:** Rev. Albert Bailey, Jr.

**Study Scripture:**  James 1:13-15, 18; I John 5:4-5; Romans 8:8-9

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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**Saturday Bible Study (Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.)**

**Teacher:** Bro. Steve McCullom

**Study Scripture:** James 2

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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**Sunday School (Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Receive Wisdom’s Gifts**

**Teacher: Deacon Wayne Lane**

**Study Scripture: Proverbs 8:8-14; 17-21**

**Pre-work: Discuss situations you or someone you know, made choices to follow or NOT to follow God’s wisdom.**

**Discuss the results of your/their choices.**

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**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey**

**Sermon:**

**Sermon Text:**

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**Facebook Live is also available for this event: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn**

**Saturday Evening Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Saturday Evening at 4:15 p.m.**

**Evening Prayer: Deacons**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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**Monday Morning Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Monday Morning at 8:15 a.m.**

**Morning Prayer: Rev. Eddie Martin**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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If you have Facebook, when you **like** Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn’s Facebook page, the live feed will be available to you. You can also access Facebook through our website. Conference calls can be made from a land line or cell phone. If you need assistance understanding how to access the conference call or with downloading the app, please contact

Sis. Bonita Layson (513) 702-1668 or Sis. Whitney Tarver (334) 552-2159. They will assist you with this process. We are making every effort to keep you informed and connected.

We encourage you to continue to reach out to each other to minister the Good News. Most importantly, our hope rests in the Lord Almighty, Emmanuel, God-with-Us. In the words of the Psalmist:

**If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. (Psalm 91:9-10 NIV)**

During this time of isolation, we are not alone! God is with us, and we have each other as members of the Body of Christ.

In His Service

Rev. Patricia Stone