October 14, 2020

**Psalm 139:14 (NIV)**

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Do you realize that your body, even underneath wrinkles or fat, and despite the ravages of illness or old age is made in the image of God? Your heart, mind, hands and feet are stamped with the imprint of the Creator. Satan wants us to be ashamed of our body. We need to plug our ears against the lies of the tempter and remember **that we are fearfully and wonderfully made**. God has a plan for each of us. Satan is only a fallen angel. He is a deceiver and he is doomed for destruction. Until then, he has one goal in mind: your spiritual defeat and physical frustration. Let us thank God today that we have Jesus Christ in our lives and we can defeat the enemy.

**Did You Know?**

The Official Board is calling a special Zoom Church business meeting which will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There are two items to be discussed:

1. Recommendation for Interim Pastor
2. Recommendation for Committee Members to update the By-Laws

You will receive a Zoom link as well as a dial in number so that you can participate in this meeting,

We have received a thank you note from Rev Irv Moore:

Thank you, my Mt. Zion family, for your cards and prayers during my time of bereavement of my paternal aunt, Mrs. Margie Moore Scott.  Your words of comfort and peace helped strengthen me and were greatly appreciated.

 Our outdoor worship was so successful until we are planning to have another one on October 25, 2020 (weather permitting). Please stay tuned for additional information.

This is an election year and you have the right to **vote by absentee ballot**. Many of you have received your ballot and we encourage you to complete it as soon as possible. Although we will not be able to return your ballot for you, we encourage you to complete it and mail it as soon as possible. Please pay attention to the amount of postage required: some ballots say **$.70** and other ballots say **$.55**. We want your ballot to count.

The Children’s Ministry will have a drive-by **Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off at the church no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2020. This will be a socially distanced event with parents driving by, opening their trunks and we will place bags of candy in the trunk for each child.

**National Domestic Violence month** is recognized each October through educational events, community gatherings and support groups. Domestic violence was already an epidemic before COVID-19, but the health crisis has caused a tremendous spike in abuse cases. Even though the lockdown has been lifted the abuse hasn’t ended.

Traditionally Mt. Zion Baptist Church Usherettes have made a donation to the Greater Cincinnati area shelters. We are planning to make a donation to the shelters again this year. If you would like to assist the Usherettes with this project, send your donation to Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Please use a church offering envelop and write in the section other “Attention Usherettes”. Make your check payable to Mt. Zion Baptist Church and write in the memo section **“Domestic Violence Project”**. The deadline for submitting donations is November 1, 2020.

Did you know that if you have any ministry related questions/issues, you can direct them to Deacon Sanford Kirksey and Rev. Patricia Stone? They will work with you to provide direction.

Did you know that you can still submit questions to the Official Board and you will receive an answer in the weekly correspondence?

 **Women’s Season 2020** – This year’s theme is **Overcoming Fear in Faith** and our scripture is II Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”   We will celebrate with the following events:

Fun Day Fellowship – Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm (**Virtual event**)

Estate Planning – Wednesday, October 28th 7:15-8:15 p.m. (**Everyone is invited to participate in this virtual event)**

Mas**K**querade – Thursday, November 5th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.  Our guest speaker will be Pamela Bowers. (**Virtual event where we will have our mask and we will wear our corsage**)

Women’s Day – Sunday, November 8th during regular service.  Our preacher will be Rev. Patricia Stone.

 We will be using the same corsage that we used last year. The corsage will be worn during the MasKquerade. If you need a corsage, please contact Sister Lolly Sanders who may have one or 2 additional corsages. Sister Lolly’s phone number is (513) 887-2626.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for upcoming information

It’s time to register for the **annual Matthew 25 Ministries’ HUNGER 5K run/walk**. Online registration is open now thru November 7th.
**This year’s event will be virtual due to COVID-19. You may run or walk your own 5K(3.1miles) anywhere, anytime and even on a treadmill between November 1st- November 7th.** Whether you are a previous participant or never participated we hope you will join in this year. Register using the link shown. Go to join an existing team. Team name is “**Mt. Zion Woodlawn Walkers”**. The registration fee is $19 if you register under the team.

<https://m25m.org/event/virtualhunger5k/>

T-shirts will be mailed when registration is completed and can take 2 weeks to receive. So register ASAP.  We hope that you will join in or make a donation to help fight hunger.

If you have any questions call Sister Judy Boyd at 235-3009 or email at judithboyd8@gmail.com.

Did you know that we are entering “budget season” here at Mt. Zion? Ministry Leaders, your budget request was due on October 2, 2020. If you do not return your budget request by the end of this week, Brother Rodgers will assign a budget for you.

We will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets again this year. We are asking that all requests be received by November 13, 2020. If you are in need of a basket please call the office and leave your information. The baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

If you are having trouble receiving Church Correspondence, please let us know and we will make every effort to ensure that you receive the correspondence. Also if you know of any member that is not receiving the correspondence, please have them to notify the church.

As a reminder, Sister Mary Bennett is in the Church office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

 October 25, 2020 Rev. Irv. Moore

 November 1, 2020 Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey

 November 8, 2020 Rev. Patricia Stone

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 10

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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

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

**Study Scripture:**  Proverbs 20:3; 21:9; 26:21; James 4:1-3; Phil. 2:1-4

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

[Freeconferencecall.com](http://freeconferencecall.com/) - Video Access is available if you download the app

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

**Teacher:** Bro. Steve McCullom

**Study Scripture:** James 4 & 5

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

Freeconferencecall.com

**Sunday School (Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Love For Neighbors**

**Teacher: Deacon John Burress**

**Study Scripture: Luke 10**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Eddie Martin**

**Sermon:**

**Sermon Text:**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Facebook Live and YouTube 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

**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

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.

Did you know that you can now watch Sunday service on **You Tube?** All you have to do is go to YouTube and type in: MtZionWoodlawn. It is case sensitive and should be typed as one word.

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