December 9, 2020

**Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)**

**For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his Kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

Advent or the “Coming” is that time of the year leading up to our celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is also the time for Christ to come afresh into our conscious awareness. Advent serves as a reminder that for over four hundred years God had been silent in Israel. As we struggle to understand what is happening in our world today, let’s hold firm to faith in God who is able to deliver us from this pandemic. God allowed His Son to be born knowing the end from the beginning and yet He sent His Son for us. O come, O come Emmanuel!

**Did You Know?**

**Your Help is Needed!**

Please consider becoming a member of the Mt. Zion Audio/visual ministry. If you feel comfortable around electronic equipment, and/or you like to learn new skills, and you want to help Mt. Zion provide a consistent quality of the spoken Word, then we are the ministry for you. Contact Brother Steve McCullom through the Mt. Zion Church office at (513) 772-6230.

Attached to this correspondence is the updated 2021 MZBC Personnel Compensation & Benefits Budget sheet. Please replace your previous copy with the attachment. Please remember to return your **voting ballots** to the Church by Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

It is time for ministries to elect officers for the next two years. Please ensure that all of your officers are **active members** of **Mt. Zion Baptist Church**. Please contact your Deacon liaison and hold your election by December 31, 2020.

We are in the process of preparing our Church calendar for 2021. Please submit any special dates you may have to the office by Tuesday, December 29, 2020.

**Home Going Service**

The home going services for Brother James Brownlow, brother of Sister Alice Bullock will be on

**Friday, December 11, 2020:**

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Service: 10:00 a.m.

Spring Grove Funeral Home

4521 Spring Grove Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45232

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Alice Bullock at the following address:

 Sister Alice Bullock

 11150 Maple Knoll Terrace; Apt. J301

 Cincinnati, OH 45246

Sister Judy Boyd’s mother, Sister Gertrude Childress passed away on December 8, 2020 and arrangements are incomplete at this time. Please keep Sister Boyd lifted in prayer as she prepares for the home going of her mother. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Boyd at the following address:

 Sister Judy Boyd

 6707 Deerview Dr.

 Loveland, OH 45140

Home going services for Sister Cynthia Caulton, daughter-in-law of Sister Rita Caulton, were held on Monday, December 7, 2020 in Massachusetts. Sister Cynthia was the wife of Brother Wesley Caulton, who grew up in Mt. Zion. Please keep the Caulton family lifted in prayer. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Rita Caulton or Brother Wesley Caulton at the addresses listed below:

 Sister Rita Caulton Brother Wesley Caulton

 11494 Newgate Ln. 2390 Amberbrook Dr. S.W.

 Cincinnati, OH 45240 Conyers, GA 30094

**Thank You**

The family of Sister Karen Rhodes would like to thank our Mt. Zion Family for the outpouring of love, support, inspirational thoughts, cards and calls during our time of loss. Your kindness is much appreciated. The Rhodes Family

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and compassion in the church resolution for my dad. Truly grateful,

Brother Aaron Tillman, III

Thank you so much for your love and consideration to the Carthaginian residents. The baskets for Thanksgiving were great. May God bless you. We also received three additional thank you cards from the residents.

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

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.

Our preacher this Sunday will be Rev. Chance Clark. Rev. Clark is the executive minister at Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, OH. Please keep Rev. Clark lifted in prayer as he prepares to bring the Word. The preachers for the next few Sundays will be:

 December 20, 2020 Rev. Reginald Moore

 December 27, 2020 Rev. Keith Turner

 January 3, 2021 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 12

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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

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

**Study Scripture:**

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

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

**Teacher:** Bro. Steve McCullom

**Study Scripture:** James 5

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

Freeconferencecall.com

**Sunday School (Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Called to Be Emmanuel**

**Teacher: Deacon John Burress**

**Study Scripture: Matthew 1**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Chance Clark**

**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

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