January 27, 2021

 **Romans 12:9-13 (KJV)**

 **Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

Jesus calls us to community where we live and share together. We are called in unity and love for one another to be a sign of and a witness to something very special—the life of the Spirit, a rebirth, the good news. We know that we need brothers and sisters if we are to grow in the Spirit. They help us by the way they live and they encourage and strengthen us. Community is one of the most beautiful realities—brothers and sisters loving and being together. It is also one of the most difficult to accomplish. The road to community means the passage from our own interests to those of the community; the passage from my choice for me to my choice for others. It is only when the Spirit changes our hearts that we can love all those of our community, regardless of their age, background and character, because Jesus has called us to be together, because the other person is a gift of God to us today.

**Did You Know?**

The Pulpit Search Committee has been busy working for us. They have included their monthly update this week.

We have several books that we would love to bless someone with. Both books are by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III and they are free to the first ones that call and ask for them. The first book is: **The Gospel According to the Wiz (and other sermons from cinema)**. The second book is: **Preach! The Power and Purpose Behind Our Praise.** This book is co authored with Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. Several of these books are available and you are welcome to have the set. Just call the office and we will leave them for you in the vestibule or we can mail them to you.

**COVID Vaccination**

The state of Ohio has begun the process of vaccinating those that are 75 years of age and above. If you live in the city of Cincinnati, please contact your local Health Department to have your name placed on the list to receive your vaccination. If you live in Hamilton County you can contact the Hamilton County Health Department to sign up for your vaccination. The Lincoln Heights Health Department has the vaccine and you can call them to make an appointment if you are 65 years of age or older. Those members living in Butler County will need to contact the Butler County Health Department to sign up for your vaccination. We encourage everyone to talk with their primary care physician and determine if you can receive the vaccine. If your **primary care physician** and **you** decide that you can receive the vaccine, please register for your vaccination. We will schedule a Zoom meeting with a local physician to answer your questions about the vaccine. We are planning to have this Zoom meeting in February. We will give you more information as our plans are solidified. Attached to this correspondence is information about transportation for the COVID-19 vaccination.

**First Sermon**

On Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Brother Clayton Newberry will give his first sermon at Liberty Baptist Church in Toledo, OH. You can witness this by going to the Liberty Baptist Church’s Facebook page. His parents, Brother and Sister Cedric Newberry are asking that we keep Brother Clayton lifted in prayer.

**Black History Month**

February is Black History Month and our Education Ministry has prepared some Black History facts for us. The theme this year is: “The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity.” We are excited that our brothers and sisters will be sharing their families’ personal stories as we celebrate a “New Day and a New Beginning” in American History.

You are cordially invited to join us (Virtually) on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM to help us celebrate our "Annual Black History Program" as we gather together to Praise God.

We would love to have you join us in an evening of Praising the Lord for all He has done, is doing and is going to do in the future for Mt Zion Baptist Church. Our worship will be enriched by your attendance!!!

In Christ Jesus,

The Education Ministry

**Thank You**

Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the love you showed us during the death of my sister, Delores Norris in North Carolina. We felt the prayers and the love expressed from the Mt. Zion family. We are grateful to God for your continued love, care and support. To God be the glory for having a church family so caring and supportive in all seasons!!! Servant Eddie L. Martin and family

Thank you so much for the kindness you showed my family and me as we mourned the passing of my niece Wendy Harris. Your cards and prayers have made the transition to life without her easier to bear. Please continue to pray for us as we continue on this journey. May God’s grace, love and blessings continue to be with you. Sister Diane Byrd

**Home going Service**

Please keep Sister Evelyn Jackson and Sister Lolly Sanders lifted in prayer as they mourn the passing of their Uncle James Hall.

The home going services for Brother Hall will be as follows:

**Visitation:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

**Home going**: Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Thompson Hall Jordan Funeral Home

11400 Winton Rd.

Cincinnati, OH 45240

The service will be streamed. At the request of the family, please keep them lifted in prayer.

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 our own Rev. Patricia Stone. Please keep Rev. Stone lifted in prayer as she prepares to bring the Word.

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 13

**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:**  **The Parables**

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

**Saturday Morning 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, January 31, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Called to Prophesy**

**Teacher: Deacon Johnny Stone**

**Study Scripture: Luke 2**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Sermon: Something Evil Is In the House**

**Sermon Text: Mark 1**

 **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

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