February 17, 2021

 **John 12:24 (NIV)**

**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.**

The theologian Henri Nouwen said that our death may be the end of our success, our productivity, our fame or our importance among people, but it is not the end of our fruitfulness. The fruitfulness of our lives shows itself in its fullness only after we have died.

 We ourselves seldom see or experience our own fruitfulness. Often we remain preoccupied with our accomplishments and have no eye for the fruitfulness of what we live. But the beauty of life is that it bears fruit long after life itself has come to an end. Our doing brings success, but our being bears fruit. We are often concerned about what we do or still can do, but we are mostly remembered for who we were.

**Did You Know?**

**Installation of Officers**

Mt. Zion will officially install all elected ministry officers **on Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 PM.** All elected officials are requested to be present (virtually of course) so that you can be properly installed. The Zoom Link is listed below:

Topic: Officer Installation

Time: Feb 21, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87828212270?pwd=NHF1SE42MHhkQytqem9VOHkwQmJTQT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2821 2270

Passcode: 226759

**Pulpit Search Committee**

The Pulpit Search Committee is asking that we keep them lifted in prayer as they enter this critical phase of their work. They have begun receiving resumes and they will be reviewing all of those resumes.

**Spring Revival**

Please mark your calendars for **March 3rd, 10th, and 17th** as we will have our **Spring Revival** beginning at **7:00 p.m**. each night. Our revival theme is **“Reclaiming the Lost”** and our scripture text is **Luke 15**. We have three dynamic preachers who have agreed to share the Word with us: Rev. Darnell Lee, Rev. Tiffany Cooper and Rev. Dr. Carlos Brown.

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.

**Senior COVID-19 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. You do not have to go online to make your appointment, just call on the phone. Closing the Health Gap is looking to identify seniors who want to participate in the COVID 19 vaccine. Their registration form is attached. Once the form is completed you can return it to the email address listed on the form or if you prefer to use snail mail the address is: Ms. Jerita Simpson, 3120 Burnet Avenue, Suite 201; Cincinnati, OH 45229. 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.

**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

Topic: Monthly Fellowship

Time: Feb 28, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82675893801?pwd=MFA3V0ZtNnJ2THJPUmFxS09EQ1c2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 826 7589 3801

Passcode: 044910

**Home going**

Please keep Deacon Jimmie Ruth and family lifted in prayer as they prepare for the home going service of our beloved Sister Gloria Ruth who passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021. Arrangements are incomplete at this time however expressions of sympathy can be sent to Deacon Ruth at the following address:

 Deacon Jimmie Ruth

 11485 Newgate Ln.

 Cincinnati, OH 45240

**Thank you**

There aren’t enough words to express the gratitude that I have for all of you. Thank you for the beautiful sympathy cards, telephone calls and monetary gifts that you sent to me and my family during our time of bereavement for the loss of our beloved mother Frances Slaughter. We will never forget your kindness, caring and love that you showed us. May God continue to bless and keep you all safe and well as we journey through this pandemic. Sister Gayla Hall, Sister Georgia Calhoun and family

We, the family of the late Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele, acknowledge with deep appreciation all acts of kindness, your prayers, donations and church resolution extended during the passing of our beloved one. We thank you so much for every part. Sister Tammy Fussell and Brother Joshua Fussell

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

Thank you for remembering to support your church financially while we are sheltering in place. As a reminder you have the choice to stop by the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to drop off your tithes and offerings. You still have the ability to use Givelify and of course your checks are still welcomed and accepted. Place your check (no cash) in a secure envelop and mail to:

 Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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 Woodlawn, OH 45215

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:** John 1

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361 Freeconferencecall.com

**Sunday School (Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

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

**Teacher: Sister Sharon Pittard**

**Study Scripture: Acts 18**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10:45)**

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

**Sermon: Straight Outta Nazareth**

**Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15**

 **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