April 28, 2021

**Obadiah 15-18 (NIV)**

**“The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will; be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had bever been born. But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and the house of Jacob will possess its inheritance. The house of Jacob will be a fire and house of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will set it on fire and consume it. There will be no survivors from the house of Esau.” The Lord has spoken.**

Kevin Harney says that when we understand divine judgment and the justice of our Lord our view of God is more balanced. We live in the dynamic tension of experiencing the compassion and love of Yahweh and also acknowledging his coming wrath of sin. When we get a glimpse of the nature of God’s wrath and judgment, we begin to understand the price Jesus paid on the cross to set us free from sin and condemnation. Looking judgment in the face and knowing we have been forgiven brings praise and adoration for God’s amazing grace revealed in Jesus Christ. A clear view of divine judgment brings a sober understanding of the need to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people. When we live with a vivid image of the reality of divine judgment, a fire burns in our hearts to share the gospel with family, friends, neighbors and even our enemies.

**Did You Know?**

Although Sunday is the first Sunday in May, we **WILL NOT** have communion. Since we will have our outdoor service on the **second Sunday** in May for **Mothers’ Day,** we will celebrate communion on the **second Sunday in May**. We pray that you will be able to join us as we praise God outside on May 9, 2021.

Primary elections will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**. We realized that this is not a national election, but we want to encourage you to let your voices be heard on the local level. If your community has issues on the ballot, please vote.

Mt. Zion will be hosting the food giveaway on this Saturday, May 1, 2021. This event is sponsored by the Valley Boosters. Like last year, this will be a drive thru our parking lot. There are three time slots where you can volunteer:

 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Set Up and Packing Boxes

 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Loading Vehicles

 11:00 a.m. -- Clean Up

Thank you in advance for volunteering to help bless our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

**Men’s Day**

Thank you to the Men of Mt. Zion for a very informative and spirit filled Men’s Day weekend. Men’s Ministry, please remember to show up on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for our food giveaway. Details are listed above. We are excited to see what the future holds for the men of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. I do need to make a correction from last week. I had said that the sacrificial offering was used for our building fund however I was reminded that the Church had voted to put all special days’ offering into the general offering. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give your sacrificial offering, please feel free to do so. Please see the attached note to the men.

**Pulpit Search Committee**

Please continue to **lift up the Pulpit Search Committee in prayer as they make their way through the many resumes and profiles that they have received**.  They expect some significant challenges, in view of the COVID-19 constraints, but with God on their side, they will be successful. Listed below are some Biblical prayers that you can pray as we continue our search:

**Biblical Prayers for the Congregation**

1. Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek

God Himself more than just a new pastor. *Lord, teach us to draw*

*closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church* (Jeremiah

29:13; James 4:8).

2. Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal.

*Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing and*

*renewal in our church* (Psalm 66:18; 139:23-24).

3. Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the

church. *Please grant great power to our interim pastor and to our*

*staff. Protect us from any spirit of lukewarmness or losing our first*

*love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor* (Revelation 2:1-4;

3:15).

4. Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of

the church. *Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within*

*our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a*

*patient, forbearing love* (John 13:34; 17:21).

5. Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing and settle for nothing

less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man/woman of God and a great leader (Hebrews 6:12).

6. Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace

a new day of ministry.

 **COVID-19 Vaccination**

The Lincoln Heights Health Department has the vaccine, and you can call them to make an appointment. You do not have to go online to make your appointment, just call on the phone. If you are 70 or older, you can go to the front of the line. Listed are phone numbers you can call to make an appointment for the COVID vaccination:

Lincoln Heights Health Center (513) 554-4100

Mt. Healthy Family Practice (513) 728-2125

Kroger 1(866) 211-5320

You can also call Walmart at (513) 825-3804 to schedule an appointment for the vaccine. This Walmart is located at 1143 Smiley Road in Forest Park.

As vaccine supply begins to increase, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have identified employee vaccinations as a priority.  As a trusted partner in caring for the health and safety of your teams, we want to make the COVID-19 vaccination process easy and efficient for your employees. With multiple vaccine clinic locations throughout Cincinnati, TriHealth offers convenient appointment scheduling online or by phone:

• Self-Scheduling Directly through [MyChart](https://trk.cp20.com/click/a4hj-2dty3p-2cb4d4-cvk7ucq6/)

• Self-Scheduling through [TriHealth.com](https://trk.cp20.com/click/a4hj-2dty3p-2cb4d5-cvk7ucq7/)

• TriHealth COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center: **513-86COVID** or **513-862-6843**

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. The sooner we are vaccinated, the sooner we can return to worship.

**Prayer Request**

Please keep Sister Mattie Anderson lifted in prayer as she prepares for the home going service of her sister. Arrangements are incomplete at this time, but we will pass them to you as they become available.

**Thank You**

Thank you, Mt. Zion, for providing new socks for the men and women of City Gospel Mission. Your generosity will help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. We were able to deliver 394 pairs of socks to the men, women, boys and girls at the City Gospel Mission. To God be the glory!

Thank you, Mt. Zion for your generous gift to Easterseals Serving Greater Cincinnati. Your support is especially important as we respond to the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The people served by Easterseals are especially vulnerable to the social and economic impacts of the corona virus. Many nonprofits have made the very difficult decision to close their doors, further reducing available services in the community when they are needed most. Because of you, Eastersesals will be ready to answer calls and create breakthrough moments on the journey to employment. Thank you for making employment dreams come true!

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

 10180 Woodlawn Blvd.

 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.**

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 15**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher: Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Scripture:** **Amos 2** **& Obadiah**

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

**Saturday Morning Bible Study (Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.) THIS CLASS WILL RESUME MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021**

**Teacher:** **Bro. Steve McCullom**

**Study Scripture: John 1**

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

**Sunday School (Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Micaiah: Speaking Truth to Power**

**Teacher: Brother Earnie Womack**

**Study Scripture: I Kings 22**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 10:45)**

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

**Sermon: How Is Your Fruit?**

**Sermon Text: John 15**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Facebook Live and YouTube is also available for this event: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn; YouTube—Type in MtZionWoodlawn (It is case sensitive)**

**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