May 26, 2021

**Deuteronomy 5:31-33 (NIV)**

**So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days on the land that you will possess.**

Larry Burkett said that a Christian must transfer ownership of every possession to God. That means your money, time, family, material possessions, education, even earning potential for the future. Doing so is essential to experiencing the Spirit filled life in your finances. A Christian must realize that there is absolutely no substitute for this step. If you believe that you are the owner of even a single possession, anything affecting that possession will affect your attitude. God will not input His perfect will into our lives unless we first surrender our will to Him. If, however, we make a total transfer of everything to God, God will demonstrate His ability. God will keep God’s promise to provide every need we have through physical, material, and spiritual means. It is simple to say, “I make total transfer of everything to God,” but it is not simple to do.

**Did You Know?**

***Church Conference – June 8, 2021***

**Please hold the date, Tuesday, June 8, 2021 for our bi-annual Church Conference which will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ministry leaders, your reports should already be in the office. You will receive the agenda and documents that should be reviewed prior to the meeting on next week. I have attached the recommendation from the By-laws Committee to this communication. Please review and feel free to contact any of the committee members with questions. We will discuss the recommendations at the June 8th meeting.**

**Attention High School Seniors**

In planning our **2021 Graduation Celebration Program**, we need your assistance. The Education Ministry is asking each high school graduate to complete a Scholarship Application and submit several (at least 6) photographs at different times in your life from birth to now. Please make sure that you are dressed appropriately, especially in your senior photo. Your pictures will be scanned for the use of the program only! All photos will be handled with care and returned.

Please include the photos with your application. Applications may be picked up at the church office on Tuesday thru Thursday between the hours of 11AM & 4PM.

**Woodlawn/Wyoming Memorial Walk**

On Friday evening, May 28, 2021 there will be a Woodlawn/Wyoming Memorial Walk in honor and remembrance of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Woodlawn Parks and Recreation parking lot (10050 Woodlawn Blvd.) and walk the community trail. We will end at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (10180 Woodlawn Blvd.). Put on your walking shoes and masks and join members from the Woodlawn and Wyoming communities as we light lanterns and candles and remember our fallen comrades.

**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. Please see the attached update from the Pulpit Search Committee.

**Help Needed: City Gospel Mission** could use our help in providing supplies for their residents. Mt. Zion let’s provide sample sizes of shampoo, deodorant, body wash or soap, as well as razors and flip flops for the men of City Gospel Mission. There are currently 80 men living at City Gospel Mission. Please drop off your donation at the Church between May 13th and May 27th. We will ensure that these items are delivered. Thank you in advance for helping out our brothers.

**The Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women** can also use our help. Mt. Zion let’s provide sample sizes of shampoo, deodorant, body wash or soap, as well as sanitary supplies and flip flops. There are currently 30 women living at the Esther Marie Hatton Center. Please drop off your donation at the Church between May 13th and May 27th. We will ensure that these items are delivered. Thank you in advance for helping out our sisters.

**Prayer Request**

Please keep Sister Mattie Anderson lifted in prayer as she prepares for the home going service for her sister, Janet Gamble . The arrangements are as follows:

Place: Walker Funeral Home 2625 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45206

Date: May 27, 2021

Visitation: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Home going Service: 11:00 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: Sister Mattie Anderson

150 Forest Ave; Cincinnati, OH 45220

Please keep Sister Diane Byrd lifted in prayer. Her brother, Richard Dangerfield, passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Per his request, there will not be a service. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to:

Sister Diane Byrd

6130 Elbrook

Cincinnati, OH 45237

**Thank You**

To the Official Board of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and my Mt. Zion Baptist Church family, I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love, support, and generosity to me and my family as we mourned the death of my sister, Elmira McCalla Smith. It reminds me of the loving power of my spiritual family here at Mt. Zion. Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24-25) Love and God’s Blessings, Sister Ruth M. Edwards

Thank you, my Mt. Zion family, for the calls, prayers, and cards I received for my 92nd birthday. May God continue to bless you. Sister Emma Mincy

 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 without a reservation. 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 3**

**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, May 30, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Jonah: Fiery Harbinger of Doom**

**Teacher: Deacon Johnny Stone**

**Study Scripture: Jonah 3**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 10:45)**

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

**Sermon: They Came By Night**

**Sermon Text: John 3**

**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