September 8, 2021

 **Hosea 2:14-17**  **(NIV)**

**"Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. "In that day," declares the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.' I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked.**

The Valley of Achor is the symbol of defeat, failure and the fainting heart. Everyone has a Valley of Achor but each Valley of Achor has its **door of hope.** Sin leads to death but the grace of God leads us to eternal life. Through our sins we have learned to appreciate God’s forgiveness; through our failures we have been taught our own weakness. We are led to magnify God’s grace which is made perfect in weakness. It is out of these experiences come the song—“She will sing as in the days of her youth.” You may believe that the spring and gladness of life are gone forever. You may believe that you must go mourning all your days and that life will only bring added grief. **But God says that you will sing**! God wants to give you a new revelation of His love to draw you into His friendship and fellowship, to lift you into the life of victory and satisfaction. When all these things come to pass, you will find that **He has put a new song into your mouth, even praise unto our God.**

**Did You Know?**

**A Service of Remembrance: 9-11**

We remember but will our children remember? **Joel 1:2-3**  Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. You are invited to join us as we pause to remember the events of **September 11, 2001**. We remember the civilians and first responders who lost their lives; we remember all of the military men and women who have lost their lives since; we remember the wounded warriors who have come home to us. We pause, we reflect, we remember and we give thanks. This will be a **Zoom Service of Remembrance** and the link is listed below:

Topic: 9/11 Remembrance

Time: Sep 11, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82353973013?pwd=M2s4dDNVNzZqNmEvbS9ldFpzeDcrdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 5397 3013

Passcode: 960768

One tap mobile 1 (312) 626-6799 or 1 (646) 558-8656

**Seasoned Saints Day**

On Sunday, September 12, 2021 we will celebrate Seasoned Saints Day. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Kenneth Bibb, Sr., Pastor of Second Trinity Baptist Church. Rev. Bibb just recently completed his 25th year as Pastor at Second Trinity. He is a member of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is actively involved in the District and State Baptist Associations. He serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Ohio Baptist General Convention and as the Assistant Treasurer of the Western Union Baptist District Association.

**Personnel Change**

Ms. Samiah Walker is no longer our Office Manager. She has resigned so that she can further her education.

**Order of Service**

I have attached a copy of our **Order of Service** that we have been following since we shut down due to COVID-19. This service is different from what we are accustomed to having especially for our special days. **COVID-19** is different from anything that we have seen or experienced before. We believe that **COVID** or some variation of it will be with us for a long time. Because of that, we are asking that everyone follow the outline on the attached. We will attempt to give major days additional time during our **monthly Zoom fellowship** meetings which happen on the fourth Sunday night of each month. Thank you for your spirit of cooperation.

**Prayer Request**

Please keep the following families lifted in prayer as they are going through the Valley of the Shadow of Death:

The home going service for **Sister Mattie Anderson** will be held on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**, at Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church located at 9991 Wayne Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45215

                                             Visitation: 11:00 a.m.

                                             Celebration of Life: 12 noon

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Anderson’s daughter at the following address:

                                             Ms. Judith Anderson

                                             3971 Wess Park Dr.

                                             Cincinnati, OH  45217

The home going service for **Sister Brenda Walker** will be held on **Friday, September 10, 2021**, at Preston Charles Funeral Home located at 400N. Wayne Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45215

                                             Visitation: 10:00 a.m.

                                             Celebration of Life: 11:00 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Walker’s daughter at the following address:

                                             Sister Aswana Laskey

                                             844 Jackson St.

                                             Cincinnati, OH 45215

**Thank You**

To The Education Ministry: Thank you so much for supporting me as I move on to the next chapter of my life. I’m looking forward to becoming a Badger at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Sincerely, Jordan Scott

Thank you for remembering to support your church financially while we are sheltering in place. As a reminder you have a 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. Some of the nursing homes have eliminated the need for reservations in order to visit. Please check with the nursing home prior to your visit. 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.)**

**Not meeting on September 8, 2021 due to funeral services for a member**

**Teacher:** **Deacon Sanford Kirksey**

**Study Scripture:** **Philippians Chapter 1**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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

**Teacher: Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Scripture: Amos 7**

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

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

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

**Study Scripture: John 2**

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

**Sunday School (Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: David Dances Before the Ark**

**Teacher: Sister Sherlyn Beason**

**Study Scripture: II Samuel 6**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Kenneth B. Bibb**

**Sermon:**

**Sermon Text:**

**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.**

**ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 WE WILL HAVE A ZOOM SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. PLEASE SEE THE ZOOM LINK ABOVE.**

**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